



# Earth day

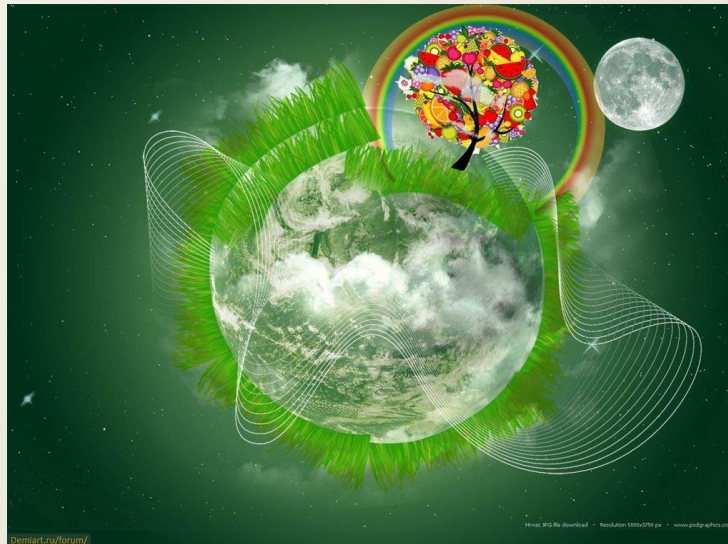
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# Age of our planet

It is known that the age of our planet is 4,6 milliard years. Scientists say that life on the Earth began about 4 milliard years ago.

Now try to imagine that those 4 milliard years would be shortened to one year. So one day of that year would be corresponded to 11 million years.

And now try to answer the question: 'When did life begin on our planet?'



It is interesting that the first inhabitants of the Earth were bacteria which arose on the 1st of January. The greater part of that year there were no living beings on Earth except them. The first typical to future plants and animals cells arose on the 1st of September. After that evolution began to proceed more quickly. The first invertebrate animals arose in September and October. The first fishes arose in November. Then the first amphibian arose. Dinosaurs arose in December. They existed on Earth until the middle of December. At the end of December the first birds and mammals arose. At last the first man arose on the 31st of December at 4 o'clock in the evening or 3 million years ago!



The scientific and technological revolution took place in 18th century and lasts only 2 seconds. But people had already had time to reduce the nature of our planet to ecological disaster for the last 2 seconds!

As the result of economic activities of man both the air, the water and the soil are polluted. The pollution of the environment is the most serious problem today and if we want to survive and live any longer, we must solve it until its too late.



The earth is our home,  
So let's cherish it!  
Less rubbish, dirt all down,  
After all, we are reasonable  
people!

We all need to save the forest  
Those that bring us fresh air,  
And never to tear flowers  
Those that are in the Red Book!

Let all the animals live quietly,  
After all, hunting is not fun!  
Let all people bring good into  
the world,  
Then the Earth is exactly waiting  
for salvation!

