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Subject: Re: How old is our planet, and the effect this question has on the Bible.  
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Idiots... when people say that the earth is 4.5 billion years old... they don't mean that humans/life have been established for that long. Our entire planet was molten, and then it took a couple (am I right?) to start to cool down enough to where liquid water could form, and so on and so forth. Clearly, humans weren't on the earth 4.5 billion years ago.

Overall, I've never discounted the fact that a supreme being could very well have "created" the universe. The thing is, it's been said before... it's only been in the past 1000 years that we've really started to understand the world that surrounds us. Science, compared to the world's and mankind's existence, is still in its infancy. Hell, at one point it was considered that everything had a soul because everything wanted to go toward the center of the earth. Gravity... wasn't even thought of.

How does history get remembered when it wasn't recorded? It was passed down from generation to generation through stories. Add that to the simplistic understanding of physical science and you end up with stories that are told (and eventually recorded) in a manner that was understood by the people.

Oh, and don't forget that Genesis was written in song form. Now, I don't have any resources for this besides what I heard during a sermon at my parents' church. The church doesn't interpret the Bible the way they see fit, so that it fits their lives. They actually take a step back and realize that the Bible was written by more than one person, in more than one language, and written in contexts that we may not fully understand or would completely miss if we don't have an understanding of the cultures represented.

So yes, science and the Bible can go hand-in-hand quite easily. It just means you have to understand Biblical cultures before you assume that the Medieval translators actually knew what they were translating (they didn't).

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