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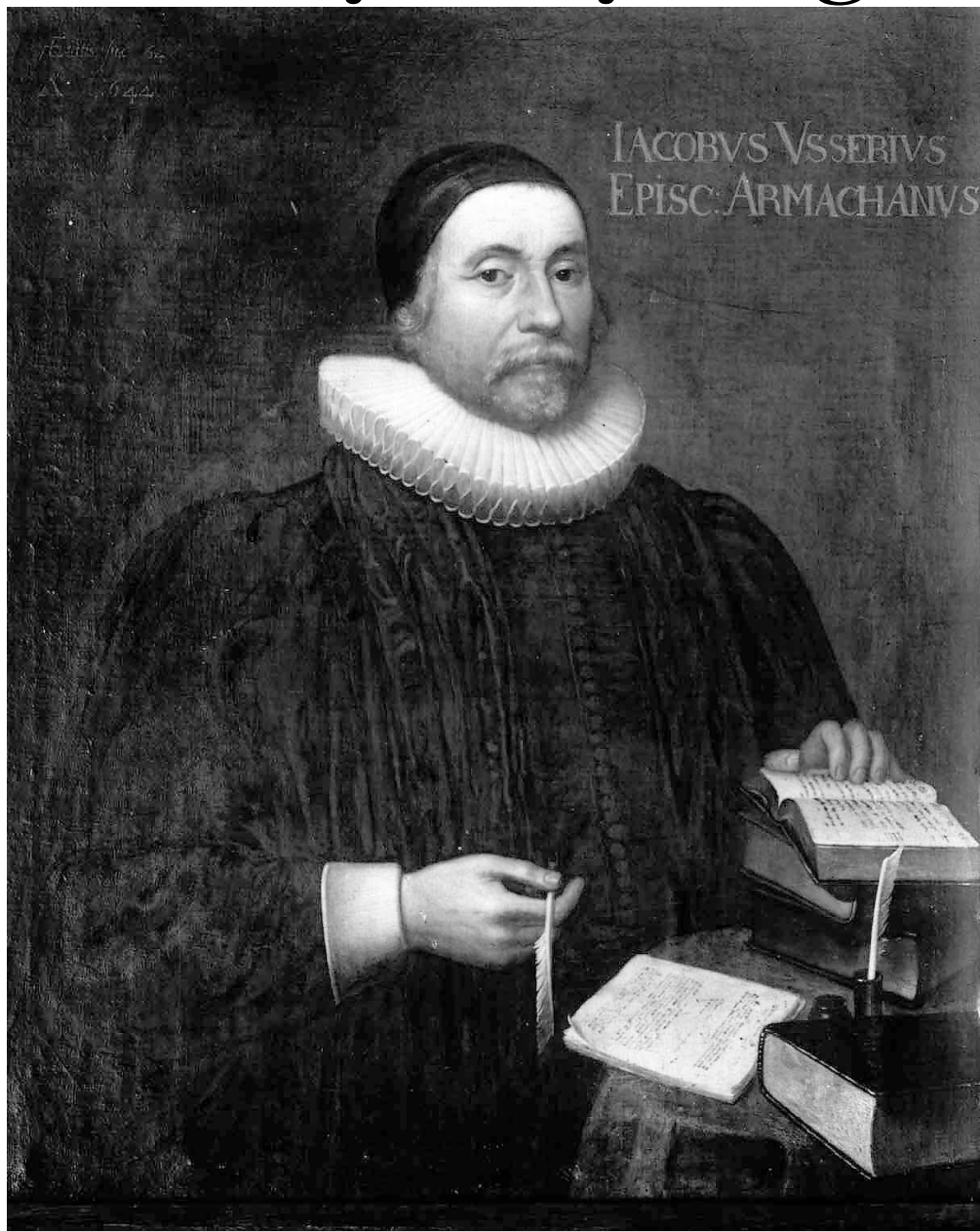
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Happy Birthday Mother Earth, 6,000 years young!



James Ussher was the Anglican Archbishop of Ireland whose AD 1654 book, Annals of World, covered the history of Earth from Genesis to the Roman Emperor Vespasian's destruction of the 2nd Temple in AD 70. It was by Ussher's scholarship that it was learned the Earth had been created on October 23rd, 4004 BCE, during the night. We are guessing it was a New Moon that night.

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Millennium Passes Unnoticed

Everywhere – The whole planet seems to be ignoring the 6,000th birthday of dear old Mother Earth. We were unable to find mention of it in any of the major news media: *CNN*, the *Sacramento Bee*, or even the *Racing Form*. We were planning on having a great big party for Cré Mháthair, as Mother Earth is known in Irish Gaelic, but things happened. Usually Irish pagans are eager to find any excuse to throw a party, but this Millennium fell on a Wednesday, a lot of us were still hung-over from last night, we did not think of it until this morning and, well, you know...

It might be that some people date the creation of the Earth from an old Jewish computation. By that reckoning it is only 5756 AM (*Anno Mundi*, year of the world). There is also another group of folks who place the genesis of our planet at a vague and imprecise date of about 5,000,000,000 years ago. They do not even give a calendar day, let alone mentioning a time of day.

Oddly enough all kinds of folks are making dire predictions about that other millennium, on New Year's Day AD 2000. Doomsayers are predicting the end of the World, the 2nd Coming, and a crash of all the computers (except Apples 🍏).

This is pretty ridiculous for 3 big reasons: 1) About the same things were predicted 1,000 years ago, at the 1st Millennium, and it did not happen then. 2) The **real** Millennium is not actually until New Year's Day AD 2001, because there was no year Zero between 1 BCE and AD 1. And 3) if the Democrats do not beat the Republicans in next month's election, then the World probably will not last that long anyway!

So to our dear old Mother Earth, from the staff of this newspaper, the people of our sect, and everybody else, we sincerely apologize for forgetting your birthday. But you just wait until your 7,000th comes around. We will really make it up to you then. We promise!

Editorial:

Vote!



No bigger picture of little Ross Perot was available.

Vote for the candidate of your choice, but vote.



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S. S. Catalina Abandoned

Ensenada – The owners of the magnificent, old ‘Great White Steamer’ have closed the night club that they had been operating on her, and have all but abandoned this septuagenarian nautical treasure in this sometimes sleazy and outlawish Mexican port. Her future is bleak.

Christened in AD 1924, the elegant S. S. Catalina had been built by gumshoe tycoon William Wrigley Jr. for a then-lavish sum of \$1 million. Wrigley owned the city of Avalon on Santa Catalina Island, Wrigley Field at 42nd and Avalon (where the Triple-A Los Angeles Angels, a Cub’s farm club, played), and was famous for inventing Chicklets, Juicy Fruit, and gum on the bottom of your shoes.

Even though she was built for the little jaunt of 26-miles across the Sea, where Santa Catalina is waiting for a fee, the Great White Steamer was ‘Old Money’ luxury in every detail: from the teak wood, the luxurious leather furniture, the exotic drinks, and the endless variety of entertainment that sometimes included the coolest names in Big Band music, all the way to the kids diving for coins on your arrival in Avalon Harbor.

Avalon is named for the mythical island where King Arthur was sent to get well. It is a Welch name for ‘apple orchard.’ The Cymric place ‘*Avalon*’ is called, in Irish mythology and Gaelic, *Tir na nÓg*, the Island of Eternal Youth. It is, in lore, far across the Sea, in the West, where the Sun sets. It is where the *Aes Sidhé*, the Fairie Folk of Irish mythology, live and where the spirits of the dead go. The beloved Irish druidic triple goddess Bridget has an apple orchard there.

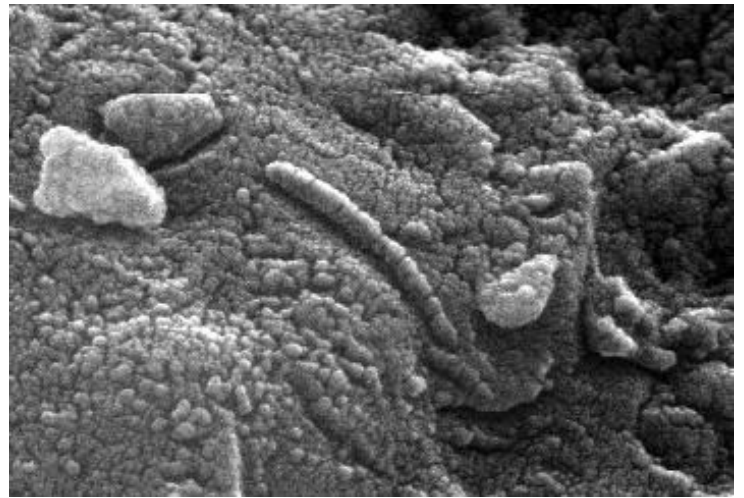
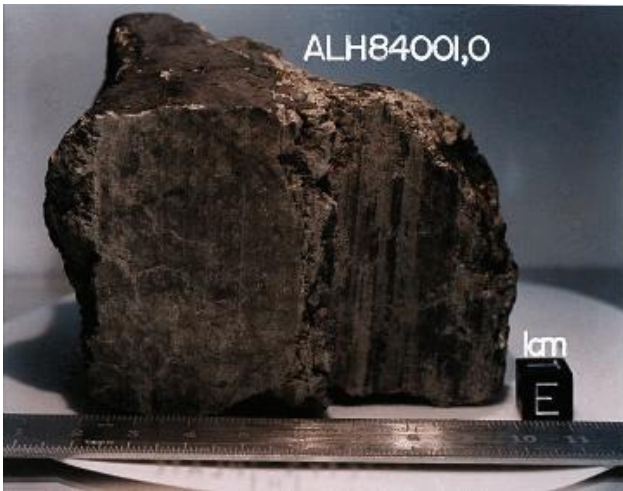
Time does not pass in the Otherworld, in *Tir na nÓg*, or *Avalon*, as it does in our world. The Irish mythical mortal hero Oisín went there for a few weeks with his goddess girl-friend, and it turned out to be 300 years in normal time.

The S. S. Catalina was retired from the Avalon crossing in AD 1975. In her 51 years she carried more passengers than any other steamship in history. And 51 years in Avalon would be like 6,000 in the mortal world, so that makes her as old as Mother Earth!



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Martian Life!

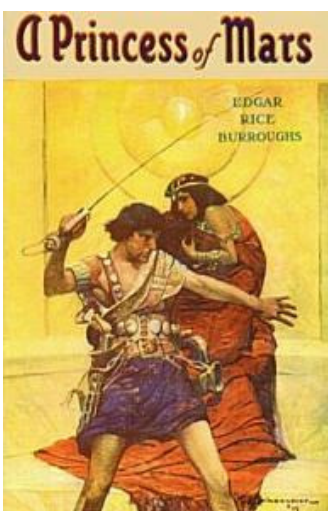


Palo Alto – Stanford University scientist, along with NASA geeks, shocked nearly everybody in the world in August with the announcement that evidence of life from Mars had been found in Antarctica. Science fiction nerds were less impressed than others. Heinlein associate Valentine Michael Smith responded to the news with “well, duh!”

A 4.2 pound, potato-sized meteorite found in the Allen Hills of Antarctica in 1984, and thus named ALH84001, is the now famed harbinger. The rock itself has been dated to 4.5 million years, but inhomogeneities that are suggestive of fossil bacteria-like bodies probably date to 3.6 to 4 billion years ago, when a younger Mars had substantial water. The rock was blasted off of Mars, by a comet or asteroid, about 16 million years ago, and landed on earth an estimated 13,000 years ago.

Unexplained so far are how the meteorite landed in Antarctica 7,000 years before Bishop Ussher says the Earth was created; if ALH84001 was part of a Martian war on our world that failed because they were not adapted to our bacteria; and what this story has to do with a bunch of imaginative, free-spirited, hippie-wannabes trying to practice an Iron Age Irish pagan religion on California beaches?

American Martian



Arizona – Civil war veteran John Carter, an associate of Edgar Rice Burroughs, fell asleep in this Republican heat-trap and woke up on Mars, in the middle of a war between the Greens and Reds, where he fell in love with a princess and had 11 more books full of Barsoonian adventures.

There are also 23 Tarzan books, 6 Earth’s core books, and 4 Venus books. Tarzan does go to the Earth’s core twice, but never to Mars.

English Martians



London – British soldiers, in World War II uniforms, found an ancient space ship from Mars in the mud beneath the Hobbs End Underground station. Professor Quatermass said it came to Earth 5 million years ago. “Hobbs” is an old name for the devil. Apparently the English are actually descended from dead Martians insects.

The Irish, however, were created by God 6,000 years ago.

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