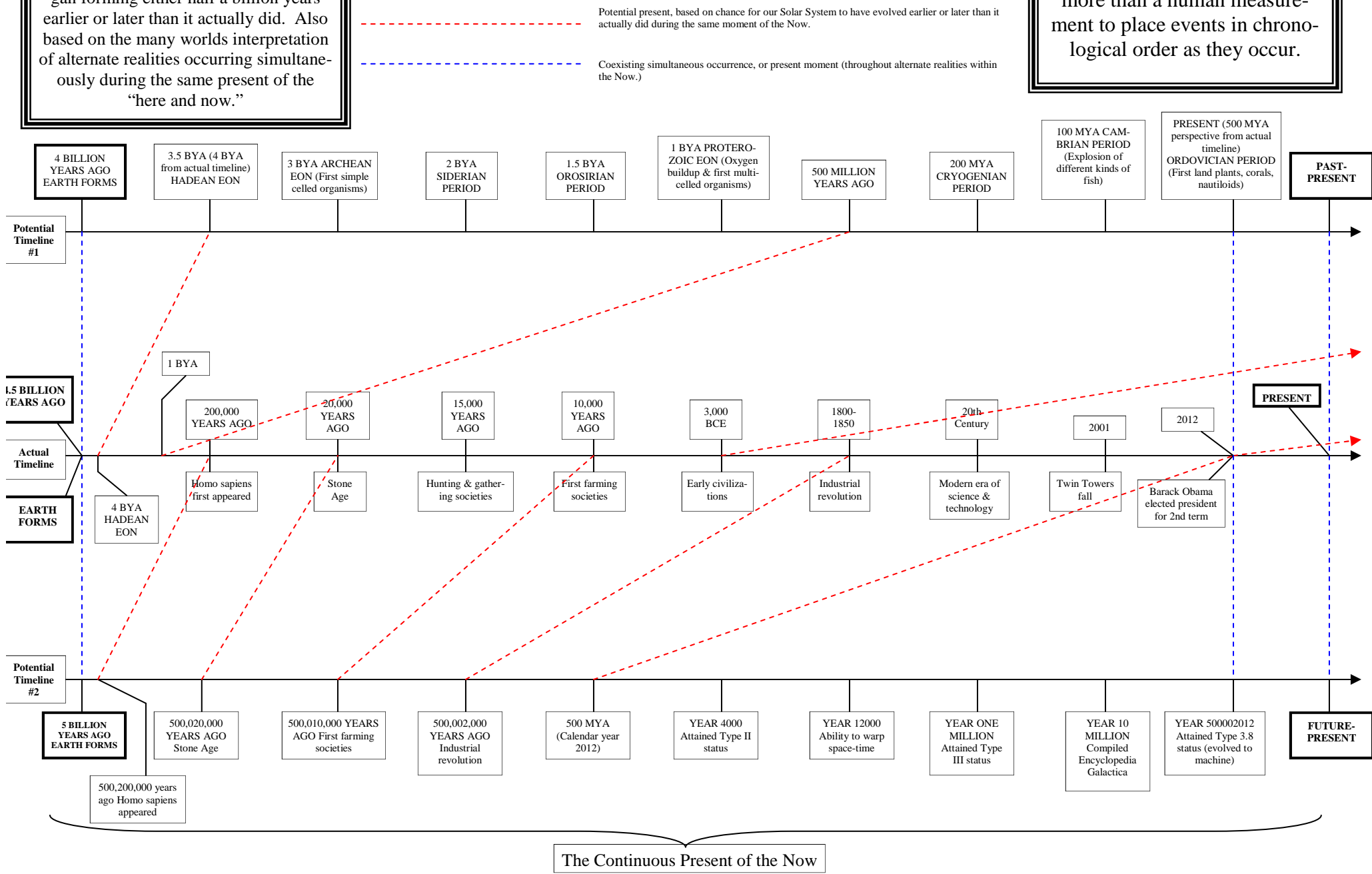


Figure 5.1: CONTINUOUS PRESENT

Based on potential for Earth to have began forming either half a billion years earlier or later than it actually did. Also based on the many worlds interpretation of alternate realities occurring simultaneously during the same present of the "here and now."

Time is an illusion and nothing more than a human measurement to place events in chronological order as they occur.



Potential present, based on chance for our Solar System to have evolved earlier or later than it actually did during the same moment of the Now.

Coexisting simultaneous occurrence, or present moment (throughout alternate realities within the Now.)

The Continuous Present of the Now

Had Earth started to form only half a billion years later than it did, it would currently be stuck back in the Ordovician Period, but still in the present "moment" of the entire Universe. We simply would not yet be here. Had it formed half a billion years earlier, this present moment would still be the overall reality, but we may be walking around as machines rather than flesh and blood beings.