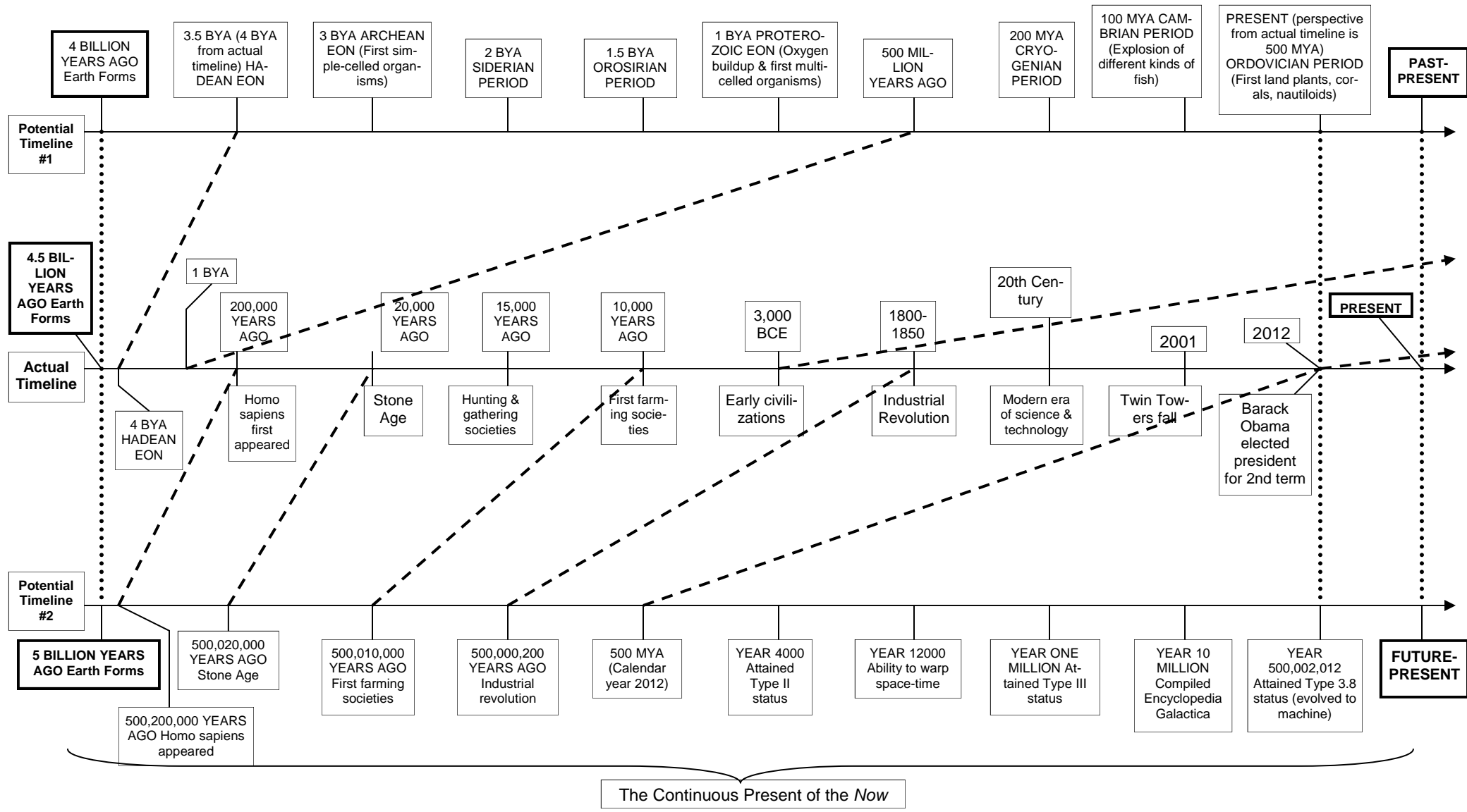


Figure 5.1: CONTINUOUS PRESENT

Based on potential for Earth to have formed either half a billion years earlier or later than it actually did. Also based on the many-worlds interpretation of alternate realities existing 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 in random motion.

----- 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 that exists throughout alternate realities at the same convergent moment within the *Now*.



*Had Earth began forming half a billion years later than it did, it would be stuck back in the Ordovician Period but still exist during the present "moment" of the entire Universe. We simply would not be here yet. Had it formed half a billion years earlier, this present moment would remain the same overall reality, but we may be walking around as machines rather than flesh-and-blood beings.