

# ORIGINS

## A Skeptic's Guide to the Creation of Life on Earth

By Robert Shapiro

In this controversial book, Shapiro reconsiders modern biology's hypotheses about the origin of life on earth, and notes that often what is promoted as scientific fact about our primordial beginnings must really be classified as "biomythology," heavily influenced by the human quest for finite answers; traditional creation myths; and, simply, bad ideas. The accepted "prebiotic soup" theory leaves much unaccounted for, and even such eminent scientists as Hoyle and the Nobel laureate Crick have proposed solutions that seem to have more in common with creationism than with the scientific method. Shapiro recounts the evolution of these ideas with marvelous clarity and gives us a fascinating inside look at the scientists who created them. More than just a history of one branch of science, **ORIGINS** is an exploration of the nature and limitations of the scientific method — what it can ultimately tell us, and what it cannot. In the end, as Shapiro makes clear, it is the joy of the search that leads us on. — from the book

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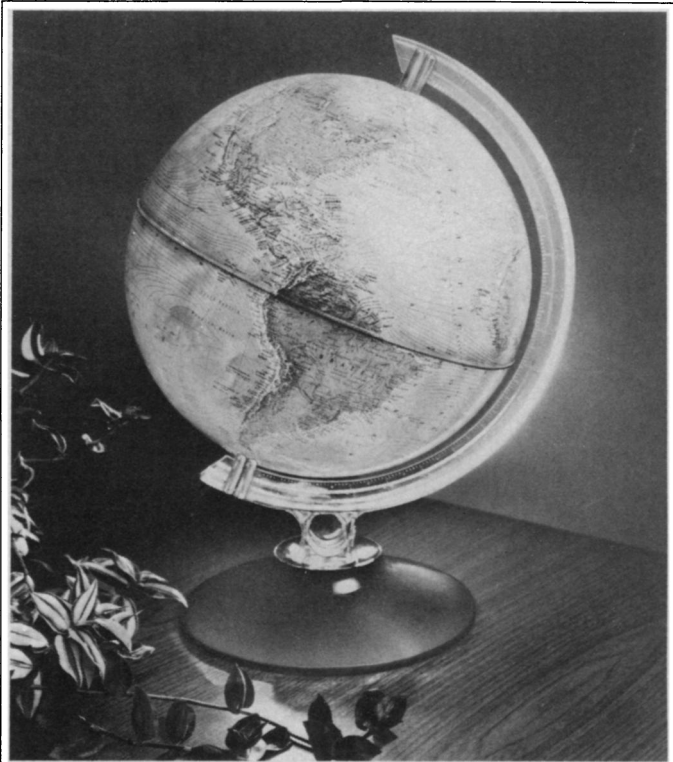
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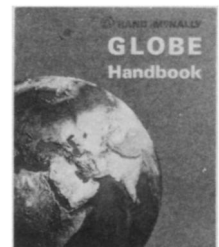
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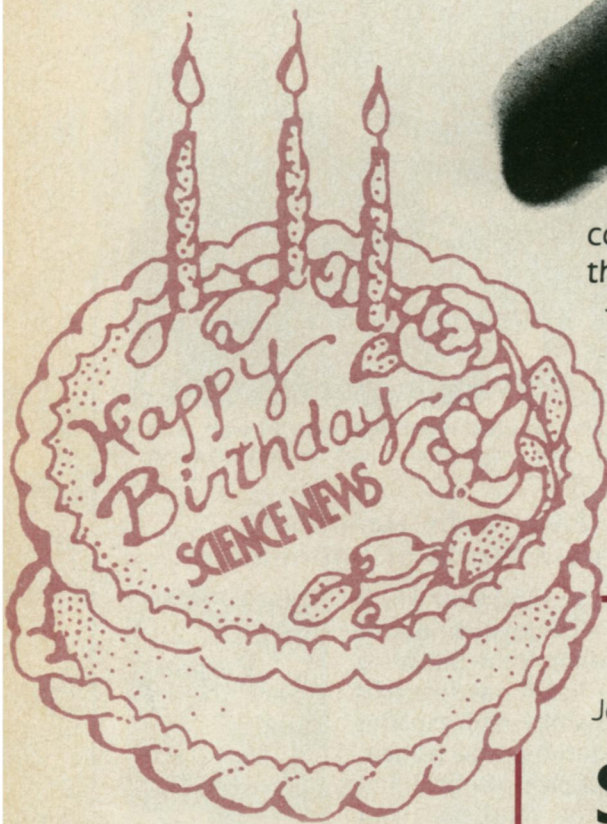
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