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Abiogenic synthesis of biologically important and optically active molecules adsorption on carbon in the early Archean

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Abstract

Reasons for appearance of optically active organic molecules in nature have not been ascertained up to the present, but clarification of conditions on the Earth during the period of their appearance can contribute to this. H₂ and gases, containing H₂, were oxidized by CO₂ with selection of carbon and H₂O or CH₂O and CHO(OH) in volcanic gas and in the early atmosphere. During adsorption by carbon of CH₂O dissolved in water there might take place synthesis only of R (rectus, in Latin) ribose, and with NH₃ and CHO(OH) synthesis of glycine and only of S (sinister) serine, and on its bases of other S amino acids. Adsorption on the carbon provided in complex of basic properties of organic molecules.