

What is the World?

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A scientist may say:

“70 % water, 30 % land.”

A geologist may say:

“4.6 billion years old.”

An astronomer may say:

“The merest speck
on a cosmic coast
awash on the tide of time.”

A myth maker may say:

“A glorious orb
held aloft
by elephants
atop a giant turtle.”

A priest may say:

“A miracle.”

An astronaut may say:

“Home.”

An ecologist may say:

“Poorly.”

