

## Origin of free oxygen in Earth's atmosphere.

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Earth's biosphere doesn't produce free oxygen ( $O_2$ ), but it absorbs  $O_2$ . Green plants use  $O_2$  by respiration and they accordingly excrete  $CO_2$  (about 1% of photosynthesis for wild plants and 20% for cultural plants). This  $CO_2$  was settled in carbonate sediments during the Phanerozoic in the number of  $280 \cdot 10^{18}$  kg or  $2 \cdot 10^{11}$  kg in year. The  $O_2$  consumption by respiration of wild plants exceeds in more than 5 times the mass of  $O_2$  that was remained by accumulation of organic substance. Endogenic flow of  $CO_2$  is equal about  $10^8$  kg in year. Excretion of  $CO_2$  and consumption of  $O_2$  have increased in about 100 times at the present time. Ocean regulates the  $P_{CO_2}$  in atmosphere and surplus of  $CO_2$  is settled as carbonate sediments. Half of atmosphere  $O_2$  will burn out during 10000 years under modern conditions. Genesis of  $O_2$  in Earth's atmosphere is proposed as a result of decomposition of water (reaction:  $H_2O = 0,5O_2 + H_2$ ) under the influence of electric discharges (lightning's) during thunderstorms. Ionic and one-atomic high-temperature (20000-50000 K) gas plasma is in canal of lightning under strong press (few tens or few hundreds bars). This plasma after electric discharge explodes and duration of percussion wave phase is 10-20 microseconds. Speed of hardening of plasma is faster than speed of relaxation reaction:  $2H + O = H_2O$ . Productivity of thunderstorms compensates deficiency in  $O_2$  of wild biosphere since the Ripheus, but it might not be enough for compensation of  $O_2$  consumption by world economy. Activity of thunderstorms and typhoons in urbanite especially humid tropic areas possibly is connected with deficiency of  $O_2$  in Earth's atmosphere.