

Do these happenings seem strange?

In this **world**, the *passage* of TIME brings increasing order.

Order is the **law** of nature, the universal trend, the cosmic direction. If time is an arrow, that arrow points toward order, The future is pattern, organization, union, intensification; the past, randomness, confusion, disintegration, dissipation.

Philosophers have argued that without a trend toward order time would lack meaning.

The future would be *indistinguishable* from the past.

Sequences of events would be just so many random scenes from a thousand novels. History would be indistinct, like the **mist** slowly gathered by treetops in evening.

When leave fall from the trees, the leaves line up like birds in V-formation.

