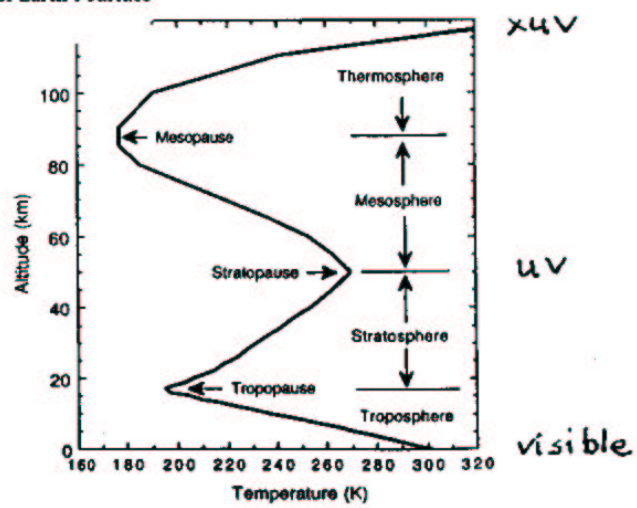


**FIGURE 3.1**  
Some important biological and physical trends and events in the history of Earth's surface environment during the Hadean and Precambrian.



**4.1**  
Fig. 4.1 The main zones of the atmosphere defined according to the temperature profile of the standard atmosphere profile at 15°N for annual-mean conditions. [Data from U.S. Standard Atmosphere Supplement (1962)]