

DEBUNKING THE FLAT EARTH NOTION

A Biblical and Common-Sense Examination of Lunacy

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DEDICATION

I want to dedicate this book to my friend and brother in Yeshua, Jim Wilhelmsen who has worked with me tirelessly through times of illness, family sorrow and financial hardship to expose a myriad of false doctrine's and what seems like insane teaching from people that many people hold up as religious research Icons. While he did not contribute to the writing of this book, his dedication to YHVH and his search for truth has spurred me on more and more to count myself a fellow researcher who like Jim, when our deeds are brought before Mashiach Yeshua will be glad to hear those words echoed to him and me, "Well done my good and faithful servant." I have been and shall ever be your friend.

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PREFACE

Scripture tells us that when we come to a true faith in YHVH through Yeshua we become new creatures. We are also told in scripture that the work that Yeshua began in us when we were saved by grace is a continuing process. Ask anyone that is truly born again, one of YHVH's elect and they will tell you that those two things are true.

The whole idea about becoming a new creature is to become new, that means that old ways are worked out of us on a continual basis as we grow in faith in YHVH. It also means that we take an onward and upward approach in our walk with our master. Yes, we stumble along the way, but we continue to become better through what YHVH works in our lives.

As promised in the Book of Daniel, we in the last days are seeing an increase of knowledge. Yes, this growth is two-fold in that there is an increase in worldly knowledge and this has brought us and will continue to bring to us technological knowledge, which is sometimes good but many times bad. There is a different knowledge that a few of us acquire, and that is knowledge of what YHWH wants and requires of us, and also a better understanding of His Word, The Bible.

Men are given a choice when new things are introduced into society. Men can use the new knowledge for good or they can use it for bad, or they can refuse to use it at all. We can look at a rudimentary form of technology, something that call fire, and we can see that it can be used for all three categories of men. Fire can be used to keep us warm, it can be used to cook our food and it can be used to produce energy, to name just a few things. Fire can be used in wrong ways to burn others, destroy structures and it is great for use by guilty men when they want to destroy

evidence of their wrongdoing. Men can choose to forgo fire too. For instance, foods can be dried using sunlight and they can be cured using spices and the element of time.

Scripture interpretation and teaching can be used by all three groups of men. It can be used to understand YHVH more and to teach and to edify each other. People intent on evil can twist scripture and lie to people in order to accomplish the ambitions of their evil hearts. Others can ignore scripture and try to live their lives by their own moral code, however the latter two, just like the latter two of fire are unproductive and even harmful.

Back in 1999 I was commissioned by YHVH to start The Delusion Resistance Ministry. I have always liked falsehood, lies and the perversion of good things by bad people. It has not been an easy ministry. I have made a few friends and many enemies because people tend to lean toward the evil way of doing things rather than walking in righteousness.

As a whole, Christians are very dogmatic people. When they get an idea into their heads it is hard to dissuade them that they might be wrong. I guess most people are like that, but Christians have a faith to defend and it seems that the numbers of those that wish to attack the Christian faith grows in exponential numbers almost daily. Because of this, being stubborn and closed minded is not a bad thing. This same thing has kept Judaism alive for over two millennia. If there is a fault in this fault process it is that Christians are not willing to search the scriptures to see how something challenging is wrong, or if it is right. Another attribute of many Christians is that they are lazy. They would rather be told what to think rather than to think on their own. They are frightened of the notion of thinking for themselves which leaves them sometimes open to believing the doctrines of men rather than the doctrines found in Scripture.

There are too, Christians that dabble in what the world thinks and this causes them to mix their drinks, so to speak, mixing scripture with gnostic doctrine. People seem to be inherently desirous of power. Sometimes they get ideas into their minds (and hearts) and they want others to think the way that they do. They look for people who also desire power. We have all heard the phrase, “knowledge is power,” and to some extent this is true, but when knowledge becomes power it leads to power corrupting a person or people and after a while that corruption is absolute.

As a researcher who is a Believer in Yeshua I often am presented with the research of others. Many times, the research that I am presented with is good research because it renders correct interpretation of Scripture using the correct words in the correct context. Nothing makes me happier than to find this research and I strive to become friends with such people. Behold how good and how pleasant it is when brethren dwell together in unity.

When I run into bad research I often feel led to contact the researcher to find out where they are coming from. There are some people that have a hard time expressing thoughts and there are people who research out of ignorance. Many times, when I approach such people they listen to me and I listen to them and that allows me to understand better what they are talking about. I have corrected people and I have been corrected in turn. This is the way that things are supposed to work. We are told in scripture that YHVH searches for people with broken spirits and contrite hearts, these are the qualities of a person that He can work with. There are some that do not possess broken hearts and contrite spirits but instead they lash out with anger when they are approached with questions about their research.

What spurred me on to debunk the Flat Earth Notion is that people that hold to this notion often are the type of people that lash out, the kind of people that would rather debate and humiliate rather than converse about ideas. The Flat Earth Notion is one of the doctrines that people feel very strong about and by all of the interaction that I have had with everyone that I have talked to that believes that the Earth is Flat, they all seem to be passionately argumentative about their doctrine, or should I call it their new gospel.

In the past when I have encountered such people and I have not been able to have dialogue with them I usually research the topic and place it online so that people can read my findings and they can see both sides of the discussion if a discussion were allowed. As I said in the beginning of this preface, I despise deception and the deliberate teaching of lies to people who are thirsting for correct answers. Even more, I detest narcissists that come in sheep's clothing to deceive the sheep with false doctrine brought about by scripture twisting.

I make no apologies for what I have written in this book. We are exhorted to call out false teachers and as a pastor I am obligated to protect the sheep from harm by wolves and any other predator. I have presented the words of false teachers along with the sources so that you can research these things yourself should you so choose. Now, let's get on with the research, shall we?

CHAPTER ONE

THE FLAT EARTH NOTION – CIRCLE THE BIBLICAL WAGONS

Have you ever been approached with some sort of doctrine or belief that is so far out there that you scratch your head and think to yourself that there is surely nobody with common sense or Scriptural knowledge that could hold such a belief? Have you ever been presented with such a ludicrous notion that you know that it is not true simply on the merits of its own absurdity? Well, that is what I am left with when I hear that people who should know better are entertaining the notion that the earth is flat.

I've been researching strange beliefs and heresies for quite a few years. I blame it on Walter Martin, a wonderful man that used to travel around the country telling everyone that would listen that there were problems with some of the major cults of his day. He taught us how to research, how to rightly divide the truth in these matters and how to answer people who didn't want an answer.

Of course, Walter taught back in the day when the majority of people listening were from the Silent Generation (preceding the baby boomers) and the Baby Boomer generation. Both of these generations consisted of people who were willing to learn and to weigh the evidence on whether the Bible could back up what was being presented. We learned to accept truth and turn away lies. We also learned to agree to disagree. The young people nowadays have turned that all around and they disagree when it comes to agreeing.

Terminology and Such:

While writing this book I struggled with words to use in regard to the notion of a flat earth. My scientific mind wanted to refer to it as a theory or hypothesis, however I researched the meaning of both words and came up with:

*A **hypothesis** is either a suggested explanation for an observable phenomenon, or a reasoned prediction of a possible causal correlation among multiple phenomena. In science, a **theory** is a tested, well-substantiated, unifying explanation for a set of verified, proven factors. A theory is always backed by evidence; a hypothesis is only a suggested possible outcome, and is testable and falsifiable.*

The Flat Earth Notion cannot be a hypothesis because it is not an observable phenomenon, in fact observation proves it to be false. Nor can the Flat Earth Notion be a theory because it fails the hypothesis criteria thus negating it from every becoming a theory. I thought about referring to the Flat Earth Notion as a hypothesis using Hermeneutics or perhaps exegesis so I researched the meanings of those criteria:

***Hermeneutics** is the science of interpreting what an author has written. In Christian theology, hermeneutics focuses specifically on constructing and discovering the appropriate rules for interpreting the Bible. These methods and principles, however, are often drawn from outside of scripture in historical, literary or other fields. It inevitably involves exegesis, which is the act of interpreting or explaining the meaning of scripture.*

The goal in applying the principles of hermeneutics is to “rightly handle the word of truth” (2 Tim. 2:15), striving to accurately discern the meaning of the text.

There are key components to Hermeneutics. One of the components is to delve into the original languages to study the definitions that are associated with the words. This allows us to see different ways that the word can be interpreted. Secondly, there is the understanding that any word and/or scripture passage has to share context with the scriptures around it and the flow that is being conveyed correctly. Third, there is a rule that scripture verifies scripture, meaning that other scriptures will back up what you are studying at that moment. So in essence, the correct word meaning must flow with the context of the body of the whole message and there must be other scripture to back up that scripture.

What you are about to read is a study that I did regarding what I call the Flat Earth Notion. It is a notion, a thought or maybe even a fantasy. It is not a hypothesis nor a theory because it is not observable, and it cannot be reproduced. It does not follow proper hermeneutics, nor does it properly apply exegesis and it especially does not strive to accurately discern the meaning of any of the scriptures that its authors use to promote it. Good grief, it does not even take time and events into account where the scripture timeline is concerned.

Let Us Not Forget to Factor In Time And Events:

Before we get going I think that it is important to state that I do recognize a small amount of what flat earthers are saying to be true, or to have been true at one time. I do acknowledge that YHVH's plans and purposes never change. The very history of our whole creation has been to

lead men to the salvation of their souls and ultimately to the redemption of our whole creation. In light of that having been said, we do have to realize that some things have changed in the physical world since the creation week that occurred roughly six thousand years ago. For instance, we know that it probably didn't rain before the flood of Noah's time. We are told at the beginning of Bereshit (Genesis) that it didn't rain but that springs would water the face of the ground. We also know that it didn't rain because the rainbow was a new sign given to mankind "after" the flood, and we know that rainbows always in the company of rain. We know from observable things (fossils) that plants, insects and higher orders of animals were larger before the flood. And, where I agree with the flat earthers about a dome over the earth that is clearly mentioned in Genesis; where we differ is I believe that that dome, whether it was a thick ice canopy or a water canopy, is not there anymore and that it precipitated upon the earth being one of the causes of the flood. I also believe that the canopy wasn't a dome over a flat Earth, but a canopy that enveloped a spherical Earth

The fact that conditions were drastically altered after the flood is another reason why I believe that the canopy no longer exists. First, after removing himself, his family and the animals from off the Ark, Noah is told that he could now eat animals. Eating animal flesh would be necessary in the new world because of the sun's rays that would now reach the earth's surface and would bring much more rapidly the results of entropy to all living beings. Humans would have to have the added proteins and protective oils and fats found in animal flesh. It could also be the reason why we have carnivores in the cycle of life. Could that be why we're told that when Mashiach returns the Lion will eat straw.

The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. Isaiah 11:6-9

Since it appears that Yeshua will restore the physical earth to YHVH's original specifications, could that mean that the canopy will again be around the earth? I guess we will just have to wait and see. Scripture does point out that people will again live to ripe old ages:

There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed. Isaiah 65:20

In the same manner, I do believe that there are pillars that hold up the earth, if you define the earth as the crust of the Earth and especially the volcanic columns that come from the mantle in older volcano's that are all over the Earth. I do not believe however that those pillars existed before the flood and that they were built after the flood and after the life of Peleg, whom the Bible was named such because in his day the earth was divided. The word Peleg actually means channeled or separated by water.

And unto Eber were born two sons: the name of one was Peleg; for in his days was the earth divided; and his brother's name was Joktan. Genesis 10:25

The name Peleg could be a whole study on its own. Peleg is a noun because it's the name of a person, and it means:

פֶּלֶג Peleg, peh'-leg; the same as H6388; earthquake; Peleg, a son of Shem: —Peleg.

The first interesting thing is that Peleg is also associated with the earthquakes. Fact is that most Hebrew words have a verb that describes the noun. All Hebrew nouns have descriptors that go along with them. For instance, the David means “beloved.” In the same way, Peleg is the son of Eber, but his name means “divided.” We know this because the scripture tells us so, but if we look at the root word that describes Peleg (also Peleg) we see something interesting.

פֶּלֶג peleg, peh'-leg; from H6385; a rill (i.e. small channel of water, as in irrigation):—river, stream.

Now this is starting to get exciting. We are told that Eber named his son Peleg because during his (Peleg's) day the earth was divided. We see that the division could have come from an earthquake. We also see that the division was created by water, a channel of water, or river or stream. I believe that this scripture is telling us about the separation of continents and probably the creations of the highest mountains. No doubt there will be that some will say that the separation is only by streams and/or rivers. Let us not forget that there are rivers within the oceans, they are called currents. In fact, the current in the North Atlantic Ocean is called the Gulf Stream. If pillars would have been holding up the continents (or one large continent) before the

deluge, then scripture probably would have mentioned pillars having been broken during the days of Peleg. Instead it just mentions Peleg and that the Earth was divided. We know from studies that Peleg is also associated with “earthquake” which would have happened when the earth was channeled, and the continents were separated and when the large mountain ranges were created. Let’s not forget that the sediment layers of the earth were still relatively infused with water so colliding land masses and making mountains would not have been as earth shattering (no pun intended) as moving land masses are today. This event would also explain why some animals are unique in certain regions of the world and also why people with certain racial features were, until recently, unique to certain parts of the world. That is why stories like the migration of Asians from Siberia to the America’s is garbage. They were at their locations when the world was divided during the days of Peleg. In addition, Peleg was given his name because either at the time of his birth or during or just after is when the division occurred.

Before we move on we should look at Peleg’s brother Joktan:

יֹבְטָן? Yoqtân, yok-tawn’; from H6994; he will be made little; Joktan, an Arabian patriarch:—Joktan.

The verb that describes Joktan is very interesting and gives us a clue to what YHVH is trying to tell us about this particular time:

יָבַטַן qâṭôn, kaw-tone’; to make small; to reduce significantly.

Given the context that we have seen with the name Peleg, it would make sense that Joktan name would describe further the results of the division. Dividing a super-continent by

dividing it by seas does reduce significantly the size of one large land mass and does make it smaller. Some might argue that Joktan's name meant that he was actually a small man, and that is possible also, but doesn't fit the context seeing that he is associated with Peleg in such an interesting way. Also, some might say that by "small" it meant that his family would be small, and he would amount to nothing in history. However, the scriptures below the one that we are using show that Joktan had 13 sons and also that some of the Arabian tribes descended from him. Since modern day Israeli Arabs, Jordanians, Yemeni's and some Syrians descend from Joktan (probably) he nor his descendants were small in number. Contextually, his name can only mean that during his days it was realized that a super-continent had broken up by channeling and had become smaller, and that the event produced smaller land masses.

I do also believe that it is possible that some of the pillars may have been built while the earth was under water but not all of the pillars. Pillars are never mentioned in Genesis, and never in the Creation Account. Even the word "foundation(s)" is only mentioned after the flood. We will look at these pillars a little later.

So, you see that when we examine scripture we need to think of how physical characteristics of YHVH's creation may have changed over time. We know that Earth today is not the same as it was originally created. The flood waters of the Great Flood changed almost all of the earth. Hydrodynamics are powerful forces that can move incredibly heavy and large items. Today people search for the Garden of Eden, which was obliterated during the flood. Others search for the rivers that fed the Garden of Eden, also which are covered with many feet of sediment. I can remember stories from back in the 1970's where core samples of ground were being brought back up showing redwood trees buried hundreds of feet below the surface, the

core samples showing that they were trees that were upright deep under the surface of the ground.

The effects on humans as well as other animals changed after the flood waters dispersed and the water canopy was absent from around the earth. The average age of the patriarchal fathers before the flood was 857.5 years. Plants and animals grew larger than they do now, and the size of insects would have sent the average exterminator screaming into the night. Yes, it was much different than it became after the flood when the lifespan of the fathers spiraled downward until it reached into the late 40's during Medieval times. Advances in hygiene and in science have brought the average age of first world countries back into the 70's and now someone that reaches to be a centenarian is considered very old.

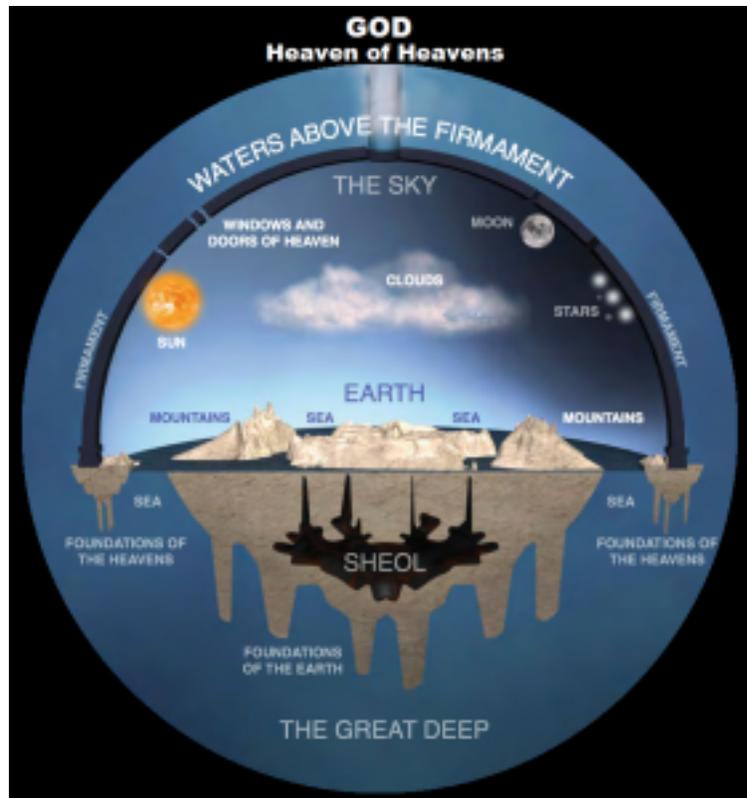
Scientists have learned in just the past hundred years or so that the effects of higher concentrations of barometric pressure can promote healing in people with burns and other ailments, leading to advances in barometric chambers. Perhaps the reason why people lived so long before the deluge was because the atmosphere was much more oxygen rich. Insects breath through their exoskeletons and if the oxygen level before the flood was much greater because of the weight of a water canopy upon the earth's atmosphere then perhaps that is why we find fossils of gigantic insects. In addition, reptiles never stop growing. If they lived in a perfect environment, free from harmful rays of the sun, and if they were not part of a food chain then perhaps they would grow into dinosaurs.

Again, I would exhort you the reader to remember, with to respect to physics and the world in general, to remember that the world changed drastically during and after the flood event in Bereshit (Genesis). Take that into account when you read about the flat Earth vs. the Spherical

Earth debate. Also take into account what sources outside of the Bible are being used and what ancient cultures are being cited.

Proof from Rabbinical Sources and Ancient Societies:

When all things are thought out we come to the realization that there are five sources where the idea of a flat earth can come from. First it can come directly from the Bible and/or possibly extra-biblical books once revered by the Hebrews, namely Jasher, 1 Enoch and Jubilees. There is evidence that indicates that these three books were once revered by ancient Hebrew scholars and were once considered canon by them. Second, you can get the inspiration by the Ruach Ha Kodesh, who will always mesh with Bible Scripture because He was the inspiring force behind the writers of the Bible. Third, you can get information on the flat earth via Rabbinical Commentators that are written down in the Talmud. Fourth, you can get it from studying what other religions and cultures contemporary to the writers of the Bible had to say about the subject. And lastly, fifth you can take the word of those deceived by the enemy who would love to cause confusion and dissension within the Body of Mashiach. Many times, the fifth one is incorporated into numbers three and four.



According to Christian flat earthers, this was the Hebrew concept of Earth and The Heavens

Being part of the Hebrew Roots movement, of the Messianic persuasion and being Ashkenazi Jewish by heritage, it saddens me that many of those who are the hardcore teachers of the Flat Earth Notion are those who too are part of the Messianic faith. Many of us who delve into Messianic study have found that when the Bible was translated into English that sometimes the translators didn't use the best word that could have been used for the context of the passage that we are exploring. Sometimes it is as if we are learning the Bible all over again because we are looking at word meanings in the Hebrew when studying the Tanakh and in the Greek when studying the Brit Hadasha. So, where the pendulum of our study is concerned, we delve into everything full bore causing the pendulum to swing completely to the right when it had been fixed to the left for so many years. The problem with this is that we tend to get into a hyper-study

mode and we start to look into things that yes, are interesting, but they have no bearing on what believers in Yeshua are supposed to be doing; that being preaching the Gospel and bringing people into the Kingdom of Elohim.

When you think about it, an obdurate motivation for looking into these gray areas is that when we do so we do not have to face the unsaved of this world and we do not have to face the rejection that often comes when presenting the Gospel of Mashiach. Preaching to the lost is difficult and they have hundreds of reasons and stories why they do not want to come to faith in Yeshua. To preach to the lost you have to be bible astute, knowing it inside and out and as scripture says, being ready to give each man an account of the hope that is inside of us. If someone isn't sure of their hope it is next to impossible to share it with others. Remember also that preaching Yeshua's Gospel to the lost requires an anointing of the Ruach Ha Kodesh, something that many researchers have failed to show me that they possess. In addition, when you have the anointing of the Ruach you acquire discernment which keeps you from getting hoodwinked and you also are given a conscience that keeps you from twisting scripture for personal gain or recognition. When a person is walking in righteousness and humility then the pendulum tends to fall to the center and then it starts to move back and forth again, allowing us to have grace when it is needed and abiding by Torah when it is needed even though we walk in both at the same time anyway. Notice also that the pendulum always moves and never stops moving. I have seen it get stuck so many times to the right and to the left on people and they have become ineffective for YHVH and/or very annoying to those whom they are around. Sadly too, there are times that the pendulum when it is forced in either direction, develops a break in the stem and it falls down to the bottom of the box, rarely to be fixed again.

Are Authorities Really Authorities?

Many times, when arguing for their flat earth doctrine, researchers (and their sycophants) will often cite that the Talmud says that the ancient Hebrews believed in a flat earth. First off, what is the Talmud? To put it bluntly, the Talmud and its adherents were the ones that gave Yeshua so many problems while he ministered here on Earth. The Talmud is a commentary written by Rabbis that explain the Tanakh (the Old Testament). According to Tradition, when YHVH gave Moshe the Torah on Mount Sinai, Moshe didn't write it all down. So some of the Torah became the Torah and some became Oral Torah. Around 200 BC the Rabbi's started to write down the Oral Torah in something called the Mishna. The Mishna became so complex that other Rabbis had to interpret it, and that interpretation became the Gemara. Frankly, I do not believe that Moshe was given Oral Torah and that the Mishna is simply the opinions of Rabbis in regard to Torah. The Rabbis of Yeshua's day, especially the Pharisees and Scribes were men who followed the Mishna and Gemara (the writing of the latter started at this time). When Yeshua rebuked the Scribes and Pharisees he was rebuking them for burdening down men with rules and regulations from the Mishna, many of which were perversions of the Torah that YHVH gave to Moshe at Sinai.

The preachers of the Flat Earth Notion will often say that the Tanakh talks about a flat earth and that the ancient Hebrews believed in a flat earth. Well, it is obvious that there are no Hebrews around from the days of Moshe to ask questions regarding the flat earth, so their proof has to come from readings in the Mishna and Gemara, when put together is called the Talmud. The funny thing is that it seems that flat earth people who draw from the Talmud pick only what they want to use as reference. If you read through the Talmud, you realize that in the

writings the Rabbis are split in opinion as to whether the earth is flat or a sphere. It is no different than in our day when pollsters go to democratic neighborhoods and the polls come out strongly in the democrats favor. Of course, they do because they didn't present the opinions of all people, just the ones you wanted to hear from; same with the flat earth and Talmud, you get the water from the well that you draw from.

Many times, flat earth people will refer to the fact that ancient civilizations believed that the Earth was flat. They often cite the ancient Mesopotamian's, the Babylonians, the Egyptians and even the Romans. Granted, each of these civilizations excelled in many beliefs that made them into civilizations that time will never forget. Because of their greatness in antiquity people often think that they excelled because they had great knowledge and wisdom. Well, yes and no. Each one of these civilizations did excel in engineering wonders and/or contributed to the world things that would enrich those in the future. However, they all have one thing in common, they were perverted societies.

Tradition says that Abram saw the fallacy of praying to idols and sought out the one and true God, and YHVH answered him. Abraham was told to get out of Ur of the Chaldees; Abram obeyed and moved. Jacob's children went to Egypt to prosper but became slaves for 400 years and had to be delivered by YHVH. Babylon originated with Nimrod and has been associated with opposition to YHVH from that time and through the time of Jacob's Trouble in the near future. Greece and Rome gave much to the world and with all of the wisdom that they possessed they still believed in a pantheon of false gods. Interestingly, the Greeks struggled with whether the Earth was flat, or a sphere as did the Romans. Early Greeks believed in a flat earth but the great thinkers such as Plato and Aristotle believed in a spherical earth, even proving it with

empirical evidence. The truth is folks, that as societies progressed in wisdom and knowledge they have always seemed to accept a spherical earth over their old flat earth doctrine. Contrary to popular opinion, while some in Roman Catholicism held to a flat earth doctrine (unfortunately it was some of its most accepted thinkers) most Roman Catholic thinkers accepted a spherical earth scenario and rejected the notion of a flat earth.

Finally, we are exhorted to not accept the testimony of other religions and societies that are opposed to YHVH. The Babylonians believed in the gods of nature and worshiped them. That being the case, and the fact that they couldn't get faith right, does that mean that we should trust them when it comes to endorsing a flat earth scenario? I think not. The Sumerians were also idolaters. We know that because Abram originated there. Again, if we are to use their account of a flat earth does that mean that mean that we should abandon our monotheistic view and faith in YHVH Yeshua to adopt the adoration of false idols? Again, if they got something so crucially wrong then it is suspect that their belief in a flat earth to be in great error. I could go into the other civilizations that I mentioned, but it would be repetition and we do not need that in what is rapidly becoming a longer document than I ever expected. The danger comes when people start borrowing from ancient societies that lived in error people start to borrow more of their false beliefs to prove their wanton theories. A good example of this comes when some supposed Christians state that the Bible borrowed the Flood Account from the Sumerian account of the Flood. While there a scant few similarities in the two accounts people who claim faith in Yeshua should affirm that the testimony of the Creator of Heaven and Earth, and the same person that inspired Moshe to write the Flood Account has the story correct and that the Sumerian account is a corrupted account.

It is interesting how so called Christian Researchers and Teachers claim that the Bible is the Word of Elohim, and they borrow from the accounts of perverted societies to affirm their doctrines, yet these same people claim that science is perverted (and in some ways it is) and the evidence that science proves regarding a spherical earth is dismissed because of sciences' supposed perversion. If the perversion of science dismisses all of science, then the perversion of ancient societies should also be totally rejected. You cannot have it one way and not the other. If you cannot weigh and meet out everything that you read, then your veracity as a researcher is highly doubtful.

CHAPTER TWO

ARGUMENTS THAT FLAT EARTHERS USE AND THE REFUTATION THEREOF

In an attempt by any Christian to prove a flat earth and disprove a spherical earth, at least three things have to be done. First and foremost, scripture has to be contorted and taken out of context. Unfortunate for those that foster false doctrine, there are still some of us that study the scriptures and refuse to take the word of any man (or woman for that matter) blindly. Second you have to find outside sources that enforce your doctrine. Third, you have to discredit and explain away what people experience with their five senses. What I have endeavored to do is to pray for YHVH to show me the reasons why people argue for a flat earth and that He show me how their notions are flawed both in their use of Scripture and their denial of what they experience with their own five senses. Shall we begin?

The Earth Does Not Rotate Orbit the Sun Argument:

Many if not all people that argue for a flat earth say that the Earth does not rotate on its axis nor does it orbit around the sun. They will often cite the following scripture to prove their point:

Fear before him, all the earth: the world also shall be stable, that it be not moved. I

Chronicles 16:30

There are two words in this passage that could be confused as meaning the same thing.

The word for “Earth” in this passage is:

אֶרֶץ 'erets, eh'-rets; from an unused root probably meaning to be firm; the earth (at large, or partitively a land): common, country, earth, field, ground, land, nations, way, wilderness, world.

The Hebrew word for “world” has a different meaning than Eretz has. The word is:

תְּבֵלָה tēbēl, tay-bale'; the earth (as moist and therefore inhabited); by extension, the globe; by implication, its inhabitants; specifically, a particular land, as Babylonia, Palestine: — habitable part, world.

As is usually the case in Hebrew, many of the nouns that are used have root words that are verbs which are used to define how the noun is used. The root word for “tebel,” is:

יָבַל yābal, yaw-bal'; a primitive root; properly, to flow; causatively, to bring (especially with pomp):—bring (forth), carry, lead (forth).

Gesenius' Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon explains it even further to mean, “To flow, especially copiously, and with some violence.”

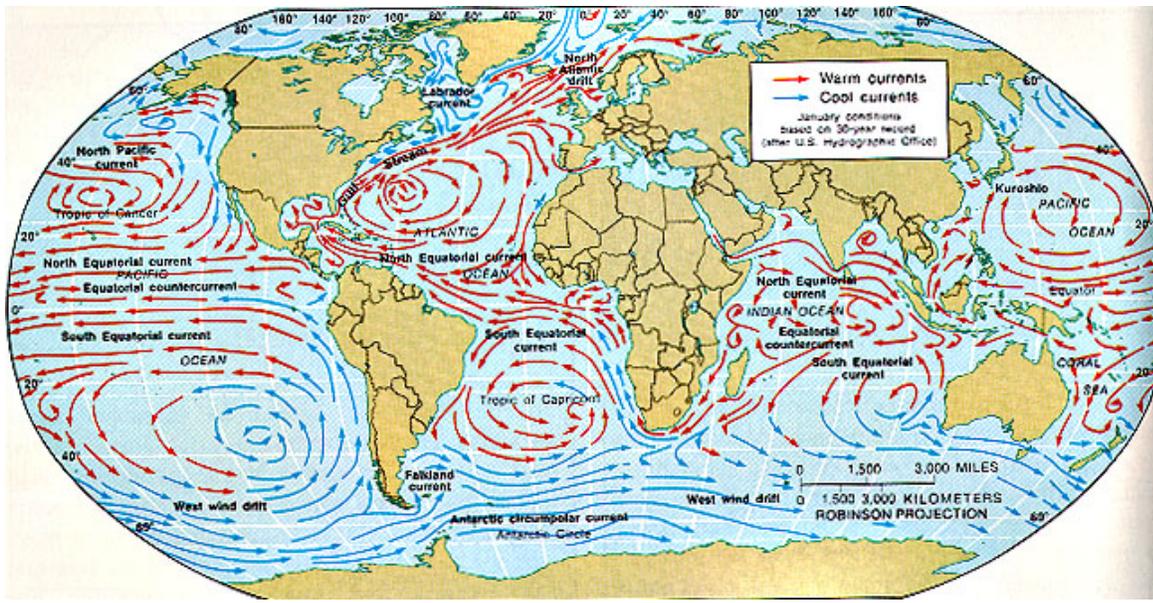
With all of this having been noted and knowing that this scripture is giving notice to the Earth (the planet) that YHVH is speaking specifically to Israel that their world (their lives, society and culture) will be stable and it will not be moved by violence. It has absolutely NOTHING to do with the earth spinning (or not spinning) on an axis nor does it refute an earthly

orbit around the sun. In modern vernacular, it is often said that someone or something is going to “rock your world.” This term means that someone or something is going to change a life in some drastic manner. It is used to show that things are going to change and nothing more, although someone not familiar with American slang could write other things into it in an incorrect manner. Context, Context, Context!

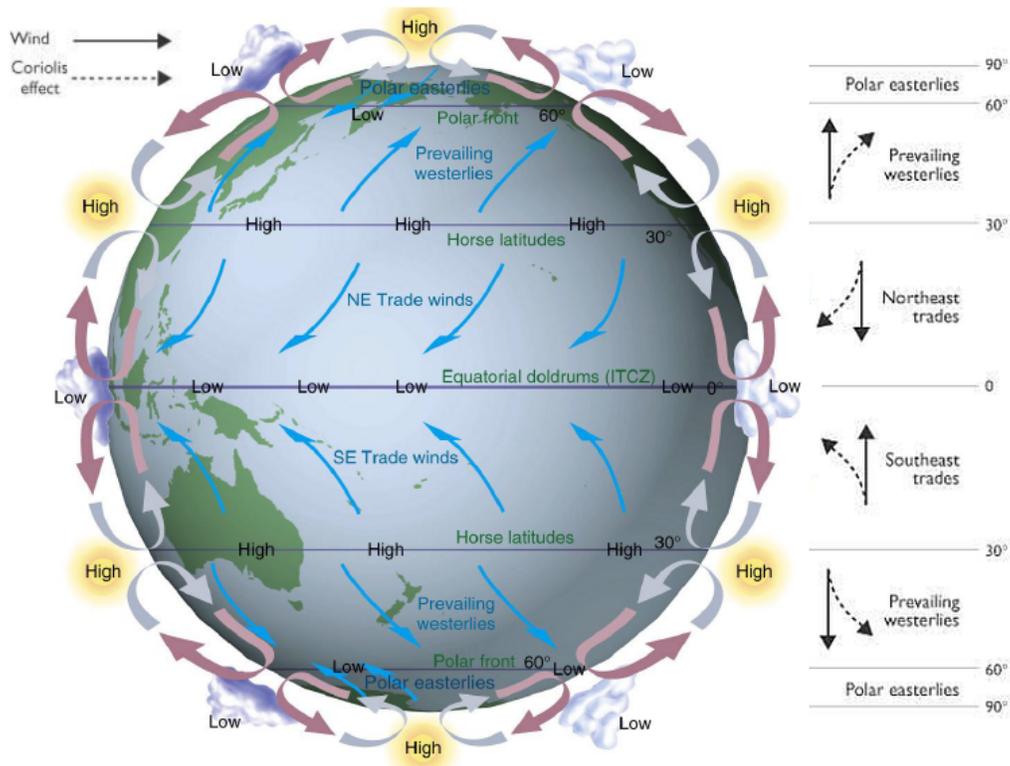
There are physical indications too that show that the earth is spinning on an axis. There is something called the Coriolis Effect that determines the way that water drains in the northern and southern hemispheres. It also determines the directions of ocean currents and winds. It can only occur on a moving object, and, the physics that YHVH instituted determine that it can only happen on a spinning sphere.

First, let’s look at how the Coriolis effect actually works in three parts of the world, the Equator, the Southern Hemisphere and the Northern Hemisphere. By the way, hemi = half and sphere = globe.

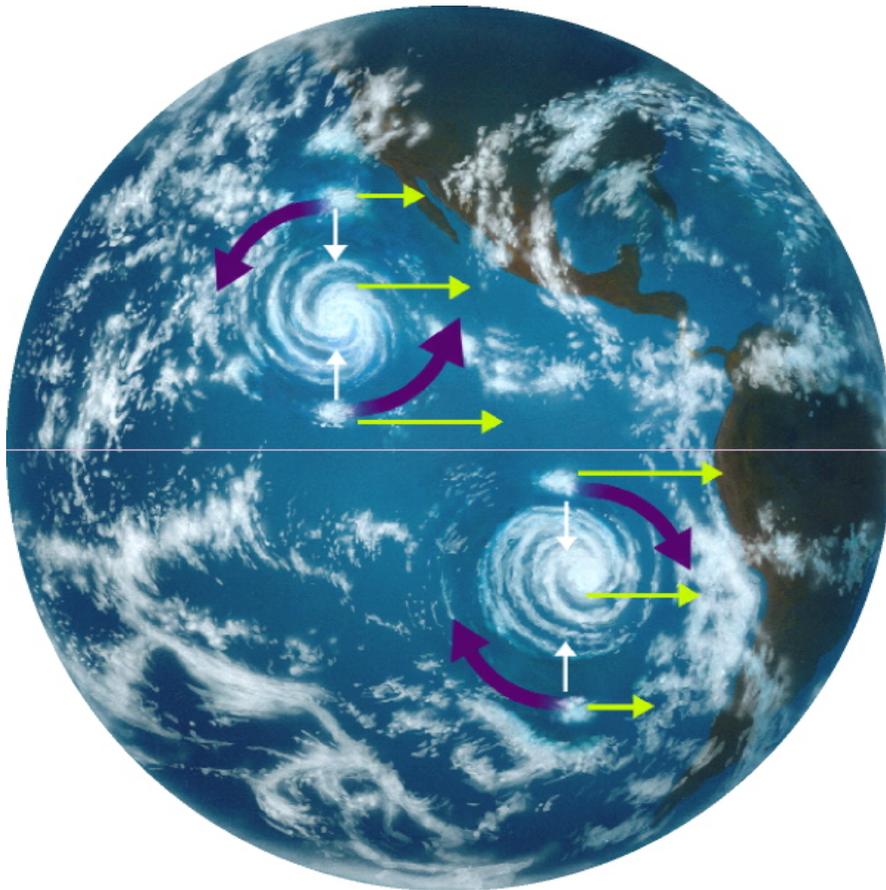
We know that the oceans on Earth have currents. If you’ve ever been caught in a rip current, you know how strong they can be. However, the currents that I want to talk about today are the major currents of the ocean. Here in the United States most people are familiar with the Gulf Stream Current. Since the earth is spinning at the rate of about 1000 miles per hour and the Coriolis Effect is a physical fact, we can expect that the currents would act just like the drain.



Notice that the rotation of the currents on the map run opposite depending on where you are, rotating clockwise in the north and counterclockwise in the south. Also notice that at the equator the currents have no spin direction.



In a manner much like the currents, the winds in the Northern Hemisphere trend clockwise and in the Southern Hemisphere they trend counterclockwise. The winds and the currents have a symbiotic relationship with each other. Of course, this is accentuated by the tilt of the earth and which hemisphere is tilting toward the sun in specific seasons. What other manifestations show rotation of the earth? Another is hurricanes or cyclones:



Someone might argue about the Coriolis Effect seeing that cyclones and hurricanes seem to be spinning opposite of the way that the winds and currents are flowing. The answer is simple, that answer being that such storms have extremely low pressure associated with them, hence they are vacuums compared to the air that surrounds them. Such vacuums seek to be filled so they spin toward the winds that can fill that vacuum.

What I have presented in this section throws a serious wrench into the Flat Earth Notion simply because these physical manifestations are things that we see and experience all too often. They are yet more examples of a spherical spinning earth rather than a flat round earth.

Earth on pillars Argument:

We will start firstly by looking at a scripture in 1 Samuel which alludes that Earth is set upon pillars. Then we will look at the words in the scripture and try to make some sense out of it.

He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth are the LORD'S, and he hath set the world upon them. 1 Samuel 2:8

Earth's foundation – the Hebrew word for pillars in 1 Samuel is *matsuwq* מצוץ and it means molten support, pillar, column. One has to ask if this scripture is using literal terms or if it is using a metaphor. Since we have no hard proof by observing our physical world, of any literal pillars holding up the earth, and since the evidence contained in the rest of this document proves that it doesn't, we have to say that there are no literal pillars. However, many things talked about in the Bible are indeed types and metaphors. For example, I can take a lightweight ball I can put four streams of air at the bottom that will elevate it. The pillars cannot be seen yet they exist. There are no physical pillars holding up the earth as the flat earth proponents suppose. Nor are there any turtles or elephants holding it up either.



The scripture in 1 Samuel is very interesting because it uses two words for earth and world; *eretz* and *tebel*. Eretz is a very complicated word because it has many meanings. It could mean the whole earth, or the land of the earth, soil, territory, district and a variety of other things. It is the word that gets mistranslated often because people take it out of context, many times to suit their own needs or doctrines. *Tebel*, which is used in this scripture for “world” could mean the moist inhabitable earth or the globe. The thing that we must do is to keep things in context and order. It is clear that *matsuwq* is being translated here as a pillar, but more importantly a molten support.

Volcanoes can be found all over the world, and in even greater numbers we can find extinct volcano's. When a volcano becomes extinct the magma inside of the chamber as well as inside of the vent tube hardens into what could be considered a post-molten pillar. Volcanoes can be found on dry land and under the sea. When I think of this sort of pillar or column I remember

a time when I would put supports into concrete so that I could anchor down machinery. The anchor resembled a pillar that held moving parts fast to the concrete. Modern science attributes magma in volcano's as coming from chambers within the earth's crust that result from friction between plates which melts rock into lava. I don't see it as inconceivable that the magma that hardens to become a column reaches down to possibly the mantle thus securing the continent to the mantle. That would make it the perfect locking column.

The word for Pillar in Job 9:6 and Psalm 75:3 is *`ammuwd* אָמּוּד and it is defined, pillar, column – pillar, column, upright, and column (of smoke)

Which shaketh the earth out of her place, and the pillars thereof tremble. Job 9:6

And:

The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved: I bear up the pillars of it. Selah.

Psalm 75:3

I really do not know why scripture uses this word except to maybe illustrate the ultimate pillars, that being the mantle. If the molten pillars secure the crust to the mantle, then an earthquake strong enough to shake the earth out of its place is strong enough to cause the mantle to tremble.

Just a few years ago the earth experienced two earthquakes, one in Indonesia and the other in Japan. After those quakes, scientists said that each quake made the Earth ring like a bell.

In addition, both earthquakes moved the axis of the earth. A fun factoid in this regard is that the earth rang as a “bell” denotes a shape not like a flat plate, but something more three dimensional. The only thing flat that resembles a bell is a chime, and they sound nothing like bells.

The word *Tebel*, used for “world” could mean the moist inhabitable world or the globe. The context of the verse is that the *tebel* rests on the *matsuwq* therefore *tebel* could not be the globe because the globe would not sit on molten pillars, but the habitable part of the earth (the outer crust) could easily sit on the *matsuwq*. Flat earthers would rather have it the other way, for the flat plate to sit on the pillars which doesn’t match up with our understanding of the earth’s structure and understanding of geology and volcanology.

Electromagnetics:

In the original article that I posted on the internet there was a video showing how by using electro magnetics, a person can cause metal sphere to appear to float in midair. The support isn’t visible, but it is there.

If we want to go a bit farther with this, we can look at Job chapter 26, verse 7 which states:

He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing.

Job 26:7

The word for hangeth (or hanged) is the Hebrew word, *talah* תָּלָה which means to hang, or to hang for display. When placed with “nothing” in that scripture, which is the Hebrew word, *běliyamah* בְּלִימָה which is defined as “nothingness,” we determine that the Earth is hanging

in space, not sitting on actual pillars. Objects are either hanged from something or they are set on something, rarely if ever are both methods of placement utilized at the same time.

Oh, and lest we forget about our time constraints where things are concerned, all of the scriptures that talk about the Earth being a circle, being still and unmoving and on pillars were all entered into Scripture after the flood account. Remember, many things changed the physical earth during and just after the flood. Since one major proponent likes to “enforce” that the law of first mention is so important, remember that the scriptures that the flat earthers like to use were first mentioned AFTER THE FLOOD.

Pillars of Heaven?

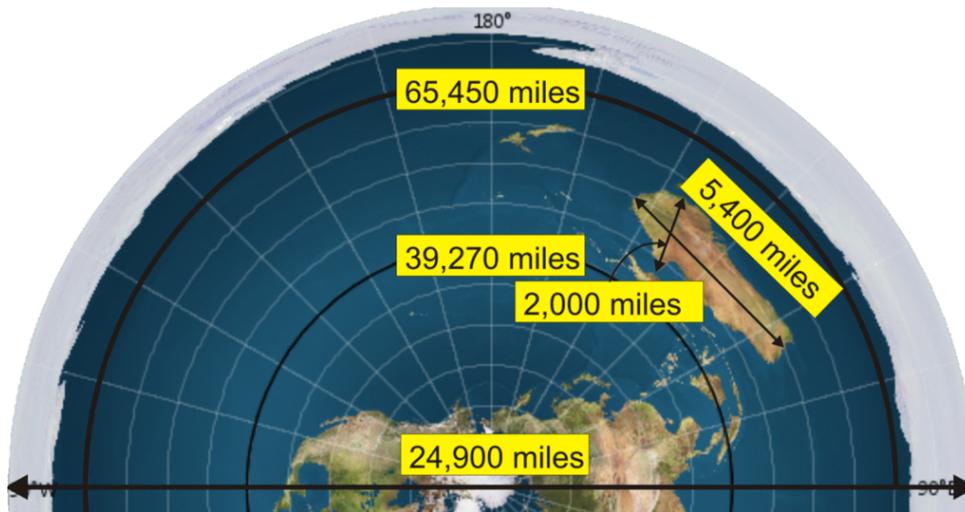
If flat earth adherents are going to insist that the Earth is established on actual pillars, then we have to look at another scripture in Job says pillars are located:

The pillars of heaven tremble and are astonished at his reproof. Job 26:11

The word for “pillars” in this scripture is the same word that is used for the “pillars of the earth.” The word for heavens, “*shamayim*” can mean either the sky, the cosmos or YHVH’s abode. Since the scriptures both before and after this one in Job’s 26th chapter are all talking about the creation we can pretty well dismiss that this scripture is talking about YHVH’s abode. In Gesenius’ Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon we are told that these pillars are the very high mountains. Well, this could be true in a sense. Metaphorically it could be said that some mountains look so

high that it looks like they are holding up the sky. In the flat earth model however, we are told that there is a canopy over the flat earth.

We are also told that there is a mountainous ice wall around the circular earth that keeps the water from running off of the earth and that it also holds up the dome that covers the earth. Let us do a little math. People who see the earth for what it is, a sphere, know that it is spinning at roughly 1,000 miles per hour because it takes 24 hours for the sun to make its circuit. From this we deduce that the earth at the equator has to be roughly 24,000 miles in circumference. Most flat earth illustrations show the North Pole at the center of the circle with the continents progressing down toward the edges of the plate. If we could take the surface dimensions of the global earth and press it onto a very large pizza pan so that there were no wrinkles, and everything fit perfectly, and according to flat earth believer's dimensions, you would need a pizza pan a little wider than 24,900 miles.



You may find it hard to believe that someone has actually placed a dome surface area and volume area generator on the internet. Using this with a diameter of 24,900 miles and a peak

height of 3000 miles here are some staggering statistics for what two types of domes; spherical and oblate that would be a covering over the earth, and that the “pillars of heaven” would have to support:

Spherical Dome	Oblate Dome
Diameter: 24,900 Miles	Diameter: 24,900 Miles
Height: 3000 Miles	Height: 3000 Miles
Radius of Curvature: 27,333.75 Miles	Ellipicity: 4. 15
Circumference: 78,225.66 Miles	Circumference: 78,225.66 Miles
Floor Area: 486,854,715.29 Sq. Miles	Floor Area: 486,854,715.29 Sq. Miles
Dome Surface Area: 515,229,049.17 Sq. Miles	Dome Surface Area: 548,174,377.66 Sq. Miles
Dome Volume: 744,569,239,873.23 Cu. Miles	Dome Volume: 973,906,070,061.67 Cu Miles
Level: 9	Level: 9
Radius at Level: 12,432.39 Miles	Radius at Level 12,449.94 Miles
Area at Level: 485,578,419.67 Sq. Miles	Area at Level: 486,950,332.7 Sq. Miles

Yes, the numbers seem big, even unrealistic at first, but when we're talking about a supposed dome that has to cover a disk that is close to 25,000 miles across and the dome is purported to be 3000 miles in height then the numbers are allowed to become staggering.

If there were pillars that held up any dome they would have to be enormous. Factor in the composition of the dome, the material, the thickness and how tightly the atoms are packed in the material and it starts to look impossible that such a structure could exist. Take also into account that this dome is supposedly holding back waters that exist outside of the terrarium that God has supposedly placed humankind within. I cannot speak for anyone reading this, but all of this dome hubbub takes away from the grandeur and majesty of YHVH creating a spherical earth, spherical planets and stars and the expanse of the cosmos. It makes me feel like I'm not part of a special creation. It makes me feel like some sort of titanic terrarium scene that YHVH has on his shelf and that he manipulates like some sort of Sim Earth game. That sort of scenario is not what His Word says we are involved in and it not something that loving God would call a "creation."

However, if we look at gravity (or the cessation thereof) being the pillar that is holding up a spherical earth then everything starts to make sense. I mentioned the video that showed that magnetic levitation can cause a ball to appear to float in midair without any visible pillar's. If the earth has pillars, which scripture says, and all of the heavens (cosmos) are governed by such a force then both scriptures make perfect sense. In essence you have two scriptures supporting each other and you have physics supporting scripture. It is a win/win situation and it blows a Flat Earth Notion out of the water.

Circle of the Earth – Circles are flat – Argument:

The word for “circle,” is *chuwg*: חוּג. It is a masculine noun that means 1. circle, circuit, compass, 2. vault (of the heavens). It has a root word, *chuwg* a verb, which is spelled and pronounced the same way which is defined as: to encircle, encompass, describe a circle, draw round, make a circle. 1.(Qal) to encircle, encompass

It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in: Isaiah 40:22

An interesting definition of the verb *chuwg* as we see above means to encompass. I like to look up English definitions using Webster’s 1828 Dictionary. It defines words without the bastardization of the English language that has occurred over the last two centuries Encompass is defined in that dictionary as:

ENCOMPASS

ENCOM’PASS, verb transitive [from compass.] To encircle; to surround; as, a ring encompasses the finger. 1. To environ; to inclose; to surround; to shut in. A besieging army encompassed the city of Jerusalem. 2. To go or sail round; as Drake encompassed the globe.

Isn’t it interesting that Drake sailed around the world and arrived at his starting point without falling off the end of the earth or running into a great ice wall? So “encompass” is a

three-dimensional word and denotes a globe, not a flat plane. To sail around the world on a globe you just keep heading east or west until you come back to you originated, or at least to the same longitudinal coordinates from where you first departed.

In addition, with all of the hubbub about “Circle” in the verse in Isaiah meaning a flat circle, Gesenius’ Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon says of this word:

כִּיּוּן a circle, sphere, used of an arch or vault of the sky, Prov. 8:28; Job 22:14; of the world, Isaiah 40:22.

We see that even Bible Scholars can attest that the word can mean a sphere, even when it is used in its masculine male noun form. There is just no getting away from the fact that YHVH knows that He created the world as a sphere, men like Galileo, Newton, Copernicus knew it and it has been proved by modern science, oh, and they lived before NASA was ever dreamed of.



Map from 1628 of Drakes's Journey. Oopsy, I guess they never told Drake about the great NASA Conspiracy.

On a flat earth you really cannot sail around the world. to get around the world you would have to continue to make angled turns to keep on your mark. For example, if using the flat earth model, you wanted to sail from New York to Spain, you would have to sail half way across the Atlantic Ocean and then make a left angle turn to head toward Morocco. Using latitude lines would no longer be viable because they would be very close near the center of the disk and increase in distance as they reached the end of the plate. Using longitudinal lines would be even more ludicrous because they would fan out from the center of the plate, touching at the plate center and being far apart at the plate end, or what the flat earthers call the Antarctic wall. Using latitude and longitude on a sphere works and is used on our world to map out trips like plane flights and shipping on the seas. GPS units use GPS satellites to tell us where we are at on the globe. This does not work on a flat disk of any shape.

Face of The Earth Argument:

Flat Earth believers often use the fact that the Bible uses the term, "Face of the Earth," in a multitude of places. They argue that something can have only one face and that every other part of the earth would have to be a side or back.

The word that Scripture uses for "face" in these scriptures is *paniyim* פָּנִים. It can mean: face, or faces, face or surface (of the ground), and it can mean the face or front of. One has to remember that any Hebrew word that ends in a sound like "eem" such as melechim or malackim (kings and angels) is plural. It is the same with Paniyim, it means plural. The word *Paniym* has a root word,

Panah, a verb which means to turn or to face. The flat earth people say that there can be only one face, but the fact that the word *Paniym* is plural means that the object can have more than one face. The word is used in the plural in Ezekiel:

And every one had four faces, and every one had four wings. Ezekiel 1:6

The word for faces is *paniym*, and it is obviously plural denoting that four faces existed at once on one entity.

The word face can also denote perspective. Looking at Mount Everest we know that there is a north face and a south face. Only one face can be seen at a time but there is more than one perspective so if the viewer moves they face other than the face they originally viewed. Let's look at the word facet, which is defined as "small face." A diamond can have many facets (small faces) and while only one face can be examined at a time, you still can see all of the other faces. So, the correct rendition of "*face of the earth*," should be rendered (for the purposes of refuting the flat earth) "*observable face*," meaning that it is the only face that can be observed now, and that is usually the illuminated face.

Ends of The Earth Argument:

Another phrase that is used in scripture is "the ends of the earth." Yes, this does sound like there is a terminal point on the earth, a place where you can go no further, but that is only true on a one or two-dimensional planes. When you add in a third dimension or even a fourth an end can mean different things. The scripture that flat earth people use is:

He directeth it under the whole heaven, and his lightning unto the ends of the earth. Job 37:3

The Hebrew word for “ends” in this scripture is *kanaph* כַּנָּף and it is defined as: 1. wing, extremity, edge, winged, border, corner, shirt, 2. extremity – a skirt or corner of a garment. Thinking about these words, the only three that could be close to the context of the scripture are extremity, edge or border. I had to rule out edge because that word denotes that there is something on the other side of the edge and border denotes that there is an area on the other side of the border. The only word that works is extremity. So, I went to the 1823 Websters Dictionary to look up the definition of “extremity.” The result is as follows:

EXTREM'ITY, noun [Latin extremitas.] The utmost point or side; the verge; the point or border that terminates a thing; as the extremities of a country. 1. The utmost parts. The extremities of the body, in painting and sculpture, are the head, hands and feet; but in anatomy, the term is applied to the limbs only.

Yes, it does have other definitions, but they do not fit into the context of the scripture. The utmost parts definition speaks for itself; it could denote a spherical earth. The other definitions fit into the flat earth scheme of things, but we have to remember that we live in a four-dimensional universe (well, that we can see anyway). Yes, paintings appear to be one dimensional and they are flat, but in reality, they are three dimensional because the canvas that they are painted on are three dimensional. Also, the extremities of the human body when seen on a piece of paper (as in a textbook) are one dimensional, yet on a real human being the legs are three dimensional, they possess dorsal, ventricle and lateral properties. Likewise, the extremity ends at the toes, but one

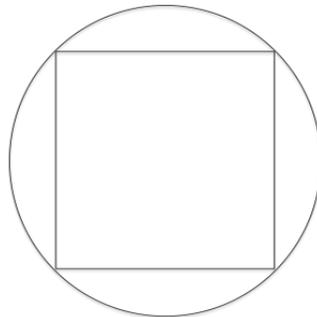
could reach under the toes, back up the heel and then back up the leg because of the three-dimensional world that we live in.

The “A Globe Doesn’t Have Four Corners” Argument:

Those who argue for a flat earth will always say that it is impossible for the earth to be a globe because a sphere cannot have four corners. They will usually cite Isaiah 11:12 as the crux for their argument. Let’s look at this scripture, shall we?

And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. Isaiah 11:12

Those who argue for a flat earth cite the scripture in Isaiah chapter 40 which says that the earth is a circle. Well, I have news for those people, you cannot get four corners out of a circle either, at least a flat Euclidean circle. People often forget to speak in three dimensions when they argue a point, and it gets them to appear like fools every time.



The square fits in a circle, but it never encompasses all of the space of the circle.

Let's look however at the wording of Isaiah 11:12 as it is rendered in the Hebrew. We only need to look at two words, "four corners," to blow this one out of the water. The word for "four" in that scripture is "*arba*" which even today means (4) Four. The Hebrew word for "corners" in the scripture is the real minefield for those who want to use this argument.

Corners: אַרְבָּע kânâph

wing, extremity, edge, winged, border, corner, shirt

1. *wing*
2. *extremity a) skirt, corner (of garment)*

Again, I have to stress that context must be used when looking at scripture. Wing is not at all applicable in this passage and edges doesn't work either because a circle doesn't have edges. Corner doesn't work because with this word corner only works with a garment, and we're told that the heavens are like a garment, not the Earth. The only word that works with the context of this scripture is extremity. So, the scripture, when correctly translated is better rendered:

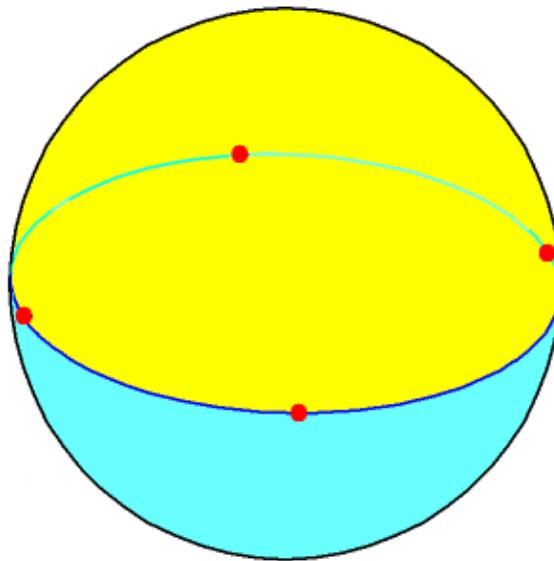
And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four extremities of the earth.

We do have a way of splitting the globe four ways, they are called hemispheres; north, south, east and west.

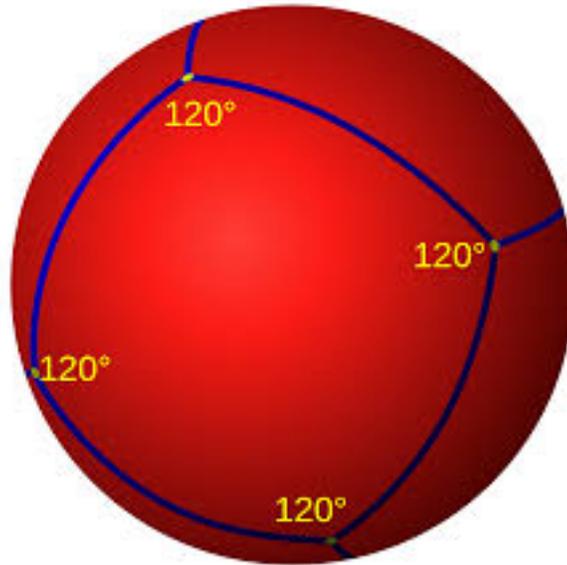
There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust

out. And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God. Luke 13:28-29

Oh, and for the naysayers that have never bothered to discover spherical geometry, there is a way to fit corners on a globe as I will now illustrate. And please, try to think in four dimensions from now on.



Two squares can tile the sphere with 2 squares around each vertex and 180-degree internal angles. Each square covers an entire hemisphere and their vertices lie along a great circle. This is called a spherical square dihedron. The Schläfli symbol is $\{4,2\}$. Note: Notice the four spots that make four corners???



Six squares can tile the sphere with 3 squares around each vertex and 120-degree internal angles. This is called a spherical cube. The Schläfli symbol is $\{4,3\}$

A typical model of a Flat Earth:

Before we can proceed with this discussion we need to look at the typical model of a Flat Earth. What is a central theme that most people that believe in a flat earth could agree on. Well, most flat earth people agree that there is a dome above the earth that lies anywhere from 2500 miles to 5000 miles; most adherents believe in the former altitude. Also, most flat earth people believe that the sun and the moon exist within that dome (although some believe that the two heavenly bodies are just outside the dome) and that they are much smaller than scientists hold it them to be; and that these two bodies move over the earth in a circular fashion. A few believe that the sun rotates behind the flat circular earth, but they cannot explain why this wouldn't result in 12 hours of perpetual darkness over the whole earth. Below is a typical model of a flat earth:



The Flat Earth Notion as illustrated above would denote that there would be some sort of sunlight over all of the earth 24 hours a day. Even in the illustration above we are able to see all of the continents at the same time. Also, take into account the highest mountains in the world. They would be lit in some way by ambient light coming from the sun shining on the other side of the flat earth. Conduct an experiment yourself. Some night, go to place that has a large white wall. Imagine a large circle on that wall and shine a flashlight onto about the first third of the circle. Notice that the light illuminates everything in that circle; some things to a large degree and others in a lesser degree.

Now let's cut the flat earth adherents some slack and say that the sun and moon are 5,000 miles above the earth. The picture above does not bear that out because if you stood Africa on its end and include the Mediterranean Sea and half of Turkey it would roughly extend 5000 miles into space because it is close to that distance from Istanbul, Turkey to Cape Town, South Africa. That is where the flat earth people say that the sun and moon exist, if we use their farthest computations. The Sun and Moon on the illustration look much closer than 5,000 miles, therefore the sun would illuminate more of the Earth than the image suggests.

Joshua's Long Day:

Joshua's Long Day presents a lot of problems for the Flat Earth people. Again, they present the model of a flat earth where the sun and moon are within the dome and are much smaller than the sun and moon that spherical Earth proponents present. As I mentioned above, in the flat earth scenario, the sun would always shine to some degree on every part of the earth. One big problem with this notion where Joshua's Long Day is concerned, is that there are traditions from people on the side of the globe opposite of Israel that tell of a long night.

North America:

- The Ojibways tell of a long night without any light.
- The Wyandot Indians told missionary Paul Le Jeune of a long night.
- The Dogrib Indians of the North-West tell of a day when the sun was caught at noon and it instantly became dark.
- The Omahas say that once the sun was caught in a trap by a rabbit who checked his traps at the break of dawn, presumably before sunrise. (This may be Hezekiah's sign, instead.)

Finally,

- the Bungee Indians from the Lake Winnipeg area of Canada also tell of a long night.
- [Source: http://www.geocentricity.com/astronomy_of_bible/jld/]

South and Central America:

“Turning to the southward parts of the Western Hemisphere, we find that Central and South America similarly experienced a long night. In the *Annals of Chauhtitlan*, the Mexican Indians tell of a long night. The Aztecs wrote of an extended period of time when the sun did not rise. According to their legend, there had been no sun for many years.

... So a conclave of the gods was called in Teotihuacan, and there it was decided that one of them should offer himself as a sacrifice that once again the world might have a sun ... The sacrificed gods had disappeared in the brazier's flames, but as there was no sign of the sun, the remaining wonder when it would first appear. At long last, the sun burst forth ... But the sun, despite his brilliant light, did not move; he hung on the edge of the sky, apparently unwilling to begin his appointed task.

Likewise, in their national book the *Popol Vuh*, (which translates into “Book of the Princes,”) the Quiché Mayans of Guatemala wrote about the people's reaction to a long night with these words:

They did not sleep; they remained standing and great was the anxiety of their hearts and their stomachs for the coming of the dawn and the day ... “Oh, ... if we only could see the rising of the sun! What shall we do now?” ... They talked, but they could not calm their hearts which were anxious for the coming of the dawn.”

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We have looked at some specific doctrinal issues regarding the flat earth idea and we have shown how scripture when interpreted correctly refutes that idea. We too looked at some native traditions in the Western Hemisphere which show us that they experienced a long night. Now we will look at how physics and the things that we see around us prove that the flat earth cannot be a viable idea.

CHAPTER THREE

REFUTING THE FLAT EARTH NOTION USING PHYSICS AND NATURAL PROCESSES

How the Sun Disproves a Flat Earth:

As was mentioned earlier, if the earth was flat, and the sun was only three thousand miles or less in elevation there would be no “total darkness” anywhere in the world. There would be times of light when the sun was visible that would be replaced with twilight conditions at best on the other side of the disk. Also, if there was a dome over the earth then when the sun’s light would reflect off of the dome and would create a condition of perpetual light all over the earth. Let’s not forget that according to the notion of some flat earth proponents, the stars that we see at night are a projected reflection of the center of the earth flashed up onto the dome from a hole at the north pole.

The north pole would not be the north pole anymore because it would be smack dab in the center of the disk of the earth. It would better be called the pole because technically it would have one of the magnetic designations, either positive or negative. In addition, since a pole indicates an axis the term “pole” would render useless since the flat earth does not spin. One also has to ask if there would be any reason to refer to north and south or even east and west since they are all designations dependent on a north and south pole. Designations would better render using pie terms because of the pie shape of the flat earth. You couldn’t use hemispheres because

that very term denotes a sphere or globe. Perhaps slices would be a good term or maybe helpings. To make things look sort a bit more sophisticated, let us not use the word slices, but use the Latin term for slice which is *segmentum*. Furthermore, we can use Latin for the numbering system, thus we would have Segmentum Unum, Segmentum Duo, Segmentum Tribus and Segmentum Quattuor. These make it sound like people live in places with distinction. Oh, and we couldn't use terms like North America because there is no longer a north. Terms like upper and lower as well as right and left could work for this flat world. Upper is *lacertus*, lower is inferior, left is *sinister*, and right is *dextra*. So, someone living in the lower left quadrant might be offended. Let's say that Brazil was in the lower left quadrant. Someone giving detailed directions to their location would be thus, I live in Brazil in Inferior America in the Segmentum Duo (or Inferior Sinister). I prefer the spherical earth and the terms that we use now, wouldn't you agree?

Now let's not fail to mention the high clouds. There are times when thunderheads reach to sixty-five thousand feet or more. If the sun was at an elevation of only three thousand miles above the earth's surface, then surely the sun on the other side of the disk would reflect on the tops of the thunder storm clouds.

What about airplanes flying five or more miles above the earth? If the sun was really only three thousand miles high, then airplanes at 5 miles in elevation would be bathed in perpetual sunshine. That means all of that darkness that I saw on our flight to Israel five years ago really did not exist for me or any of the other passengers that witnessed it.

That brings up another point, that point being the sunrise over the horizon. If the sun (according to flat earther's) really circled around the earth halfway along the disk diameter at an elevation of three thousand miles, then there could be no sunrise or sunset. When the sun finally did arrive in its brightness, according to their model it would just appear on the left, make an arch across the sky and disappear on the right side of our view, or in the opposite direction depending if you were standing looking toward the hole at the center of the disk or facing away from it. Remember, there is no longer any north or south.

Another thing that flat earth proponents cannot show is how eclipses fit into the scheme of things. Again, let us look at the model that they present. According to them the earth and the moon are both making a circuit around the disk at the same or close to the same altitude, so the moon would never come between the sun and earth nor could the earth come between the sun and moon. Things like solar and lunar eclipses could never exist.

Speaking of the moon, it would never set because at only three thousand miles above the earth it would be constantly visible. In addition to that, since the moon would be visible from both sides of the world then when it is on one side showing its familiar face, the people on the other side of the disk would see what we call the dark side of the moon. Now, here's another thing to mull over. If the sun shines on the moon and the back side of the moon isn't being lit by the sun, then would the moon cast a shadow on the dome? Furthermore, if the heavens are really only a projection, where is the projector? Some say that the projector is at the center of the earth (what sane people call the North Pole) and it projects onto the dome. Furthermore, with the Earth being a globe there are stars that we cannot see because they are far below the horizon. If the earth was a plate then technically the stars that would be projected onto the plate from the very

center of the plate to the very fringes of the plate. What about using the Polaris (The North Star) for navigation as has been done for hundreds of years. A flat earth scenario renders navigating via Polaris moot. Why aren't pilots and airline passengers bathed in light from the projection when their plane flies into the beam coming from the proposed projector?

Yet another problem arises with this model. If the sun is inside this dome, what constituents make up the sun. If their model is correct then the sun could not be an atomic fusion engine because the harmful rays that the sun possesses would not be filtered out by the atmosphere. Any creatures living on the earth would be harmed by x-rays, gamma rays and the ever-cancerous ultraviolet rays. This is a big deal that is not brought to light in the flat earth scenario by its proponents.

Those that monitor the sun know that the sun throws off clouds of ionization known as solar flares. These solar flares travel millions of miles and bombard the earth causing the aurorae at both polar regions. Yes, they see them in Alaska and Tierra Del Fuego. Now as mentioned above, the particles that cause the Aurora's are not beneficial for life on earth, as a matter of fact they are deadly. When those ionic plasma clouds are cast off of the sun, and if they are strong enough and they hit the earth they can actually disrupt electrical transmission and radio transmission on the side of the earth that happens to be facing the sun when they arrive. It makes sense that if the sun were inside of a large dome that covered the earth then a plasma burst would not only destroy all electronics on earth (remember that the whole earth would be facing the sun) and life as we know it would cease to be.

A Dome Above The Earth? Really?

The flat earth scenario says that there is a dome that covers the whole earth. I don't argue that there once was such a structure around the global earth, but it was destroyed and was part of the cause of the Global flood during Noah's time. It's pretty well accepted by Biblical Archaeologists that study the antediluvian era that the earth was once a garden and that the "waters above the waters" was a vapor or ice shield that surrounded the whole earth. Every year fossils of tropical plants and animals are found at both the Arctic and Antarctic regions. More proof arises every year to show us that the antediluvian (before the flood) world had a worldwide tropical environment which an increased atmospheric pressure which would explain the large insect and plant fossils found around the world.

The important part of this (for this discussion anyway) is that the vapor or ice shield caused uniformity in temperature and environment. If there was a dome that covered the whole disk of the world then one would expect that temperatures worldwide would be relatively the same. These conditions would mean that it would be impossible for there to be snow and miles deep glaciers at the poles and in many of the higher mountains in the temperate regions. Also, the uniformity of temperature would mean that the chance of violent storms such as hurricanes would be virtually nonexistent, seeing that variation in temperatures and air pressures cause winds and storms. One has to ask if there would be any rain if there was a dome above the earth? Rain happens when clouds form and humid air is carried to the upper atmosphere where it condenses into water droplets, or ice crystals which fall and melt into rain drops before they hit the ground. A dome would make temperatures uniform not only at lower altitudes, but also at higher ones too lessening the formation of clouds. A simple read of Genesis shows that before the flood it never rained and that any plant watering happened from fountains that poured forth from the ground.

If there is a dome that is over the earth then where do meteors and meteorites come from? Such a crystalline dome would prevent anything from space from penetrating it thus preventing anything from crashing to earth from space. We do know that such bodies crash to earth from time to time and they sometimes cause property damage, physical damage and on rare occasions they impact the earth with such force that they leave craters. A dome would not allow for this. Now we have to ask the question, what about Wormwood?

And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters; And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter. Revelation 8:10-11

This scripture tells us that a star falls from heaven and it pollutes a third part of all the fresh water on earth. It not only pollutes the rivers, but also springs of water and wells fed by springs. There are occasions in the Bible where the word “star” refers to angels, such as in Jude 1:13. Whether Wormwood is an actual meteor or asteroid, or it is an angel that poison’s the fresh water is immaterial in this case because the fact is that it is a star that comes from heaven and falls to earth. Problems exist here with a flat earth scenario. First, the star is burning like a lamp, yet it has to pass through the waters above the dome and it is not extinguished by the water. Secondly, there is that darn dome that would prevent the star from getting through in the first place. I suppose that the sky could roll back like a scroll to let the star through, but with as descriptive as the Book of Revelation is, such an opening is never mentioned.

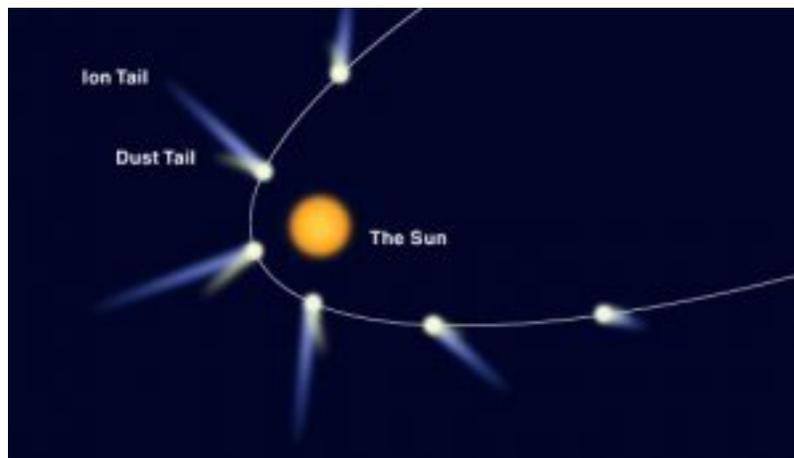
What about the stars and other heavenly bodies? Many inside the flat earther's sphere (no pun intended) of influence say that the stars and other heavenly things that we see at night are actually projections that come from inside the earth that emanate from the hole at the pole, which really isn't a pole because a flat object can't have a pole through the center. Remember we said earlier that a pole suggests an axis which suggests rotation and remember that we are told that the flat earth does not spin. So as not to offend our flat earth friends, let's say the projection turns thus creating the turning sky and such. Biblically speaking there are some problems here. Let's look at a few, okay?

Scripture paints the inside of the earth as being where Sheol exists. Sheol is currently a place of torments and where dead sinners and fallen angels, as well as demons exist. Yeshua called it a place of weeping and gnashing of teeth and Hebrew tradition holds it to be Gehenna, a place of flame with unquenchable thirst. When I look up at the beautiful Oregon sky at night I see nothing that compares with hell. No, instead I see beautiful stars, planets, the Milky Way and other galaxies. Another problem that I see with the flat earth model of the sky is that reflections of the sun on the lens-like dome would greatly interfere with viewing the show coming from earth's center, much like a light on during a slideshow interferes with the show because light is cast on the screen. Also, what about the stars on the horizon? To get stars to appear on the horizon the lens at the pole would have to be a fish-eye lens, so much so that the lens would extend far above the contour of the flat earth. Where is that lens? Moreover, who is operating the projector? This whole flat earth thing is starting to look like one of those crazy "B" movies that we used to view at the drive-in theater where they had a real projector.

Now let's look at the other scenario that flat earther's put out there, that the stars are outside of the dome. Okay, if there is a dome there then it would act like a lens, much like a pair of glasses that a near-sighted person would wear. Such lenses are known as concave. Reading glasses are convex. Convex lenses make close things look farther away, that is why people with presbyopia use them for reading, it makes the object look like it's at a distance that their eyes can naturally focus on. People that wear concave lenses because they are near-sighted do so because the lenses make the far object look closer than they are. If there was a dome above a flat earth it would act like a concave lens, severely concave, so much so that it would be like looking through a fisheye lens. If this were the case, then anything outside the dome would be severely distorted in view with the stars straight up in the sky would look farther away and the stars toward the horizons would be magnified and would look much larger. In addition, a sky gazer in such a situation would be able to see all of the stars in what we call the north and south hemispheres at the same time. Picture Source: <http://www.leisurelyscientist.com/?tag=equipment>



Now we are presented with another problem. Whether or not the stars are projected onto the inside of the dome, or they are outside of the dome, how do comet tails exist if the comets are outside of the dome. In the real world, when comets approach the sun the effects of solar wind cause the tail of comets to face away from the sun. As comets approach the sun, go around the sun and then leave the sun their tails are always facing away from the sun. If the flat earth people were correct and the sun was inside of the dome, then comets would not have tails because there would be no solar winds in space to make the tails.



Over the past couple of months I have gone out at night with the dogs for their last constitutional of the night. I like to be outside with them because we live in the country and there have been coyote's and cougars spotted locally every year. While outside I gaze up at the stars and the Milky Way and that causes me to realize how wonderful YHVH truly is. Earlier in the year as Mars moved across the sky it began to get brighter and bigger as the weeks progressed. At present, it is getting smaller and less brilliant. In the real world we know that this happens because in their orbits, Earth and Mars get closer to each other which produced what I saw this

year in the night sky. However, if the sky is a projection or it is painted onto the dome somehow then the planets would not appear to wax and wane during the year.

Another question we have to ask is how would something like a supernova appear on the flat earth dome? Let's look at one of the brightest supernova ever seen by humans:

Supernova SN 1054 was another widely observed event, with Arab, Chinese, and Japanese astronomers recording the star's appearance in 1054 CE. It may also have been recorded by the Anasazi as a petroglyph. This explosion appeared in the constellation of Taurus, where it produced the Crab Nebula remnant. At its peak, the luminosity of SN 1054 may have been four times as bright as Venus, and it remained visible in daylight for 23 days and was visible in the night sky for 653 days.

[Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_supernova_observation]

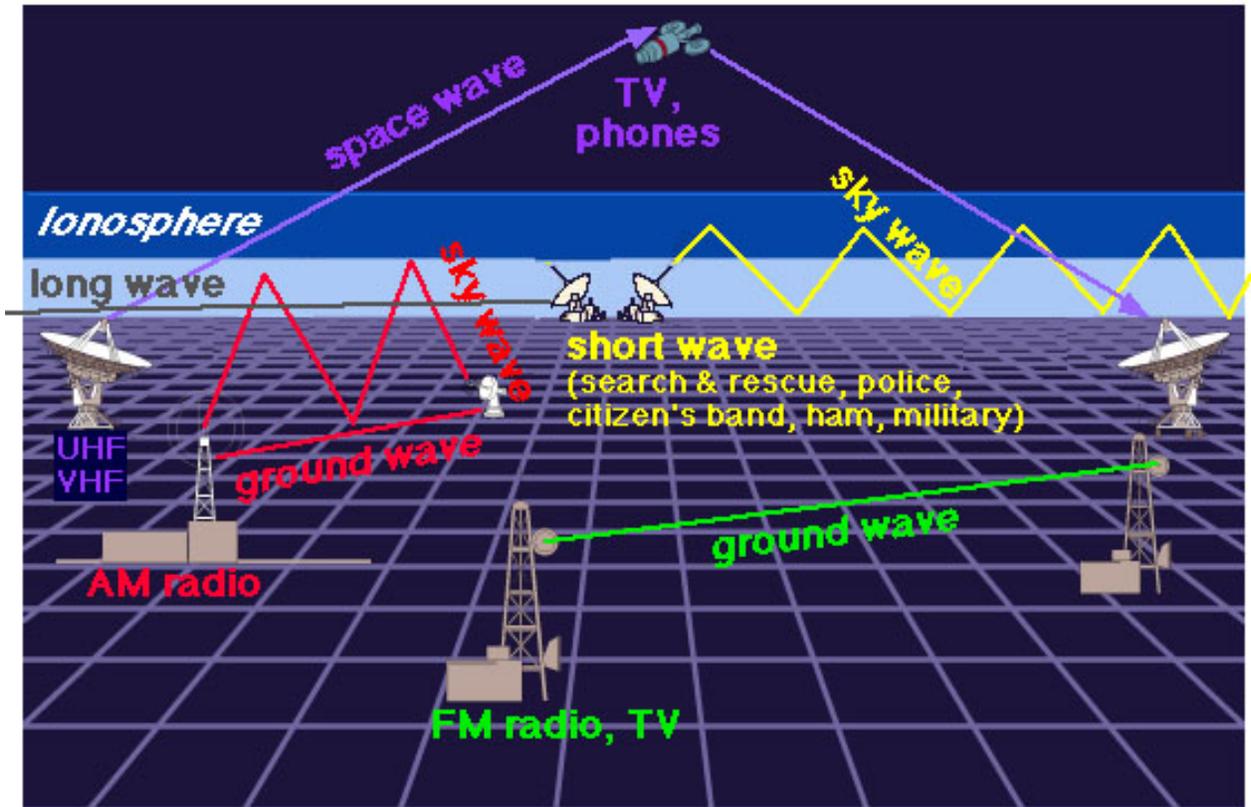
If the projection notion is correct how would it fit into the scheme of things? Is there some sort of godly PowerPoint that shows a new frame every night? Looking at the supernova above, were there 676 PowerPoint frames, 23 of them that were left on during the day for effect. If the heavens were painted or inscribed somehow onto the inside of the dome then did YHVH paint them on there for that same amount of days and then paint over them, replacing them with the Crab Nebula? It is far easier to believe that there is no dome and that a star in deep space went supernova and manifest its light for 676 days, being so bright that for 23 days it could be seen during the day.

Before we move onto another chapter I would like to take a cursory look at physical things before we get more into the physics properties of creation that refute the flat earth idea. I had thought about just making the last half of this material into one chapter, but it would be just too much for anyone to read. So, shall we proceed?

I would like to skim the topic of radio waves here and expand on the subject later. What about radio waves and the way that they act? It is known that radio waves in most bands work by bouncing off the ionosphere and landing in distant locations around the earth. People involved in radio know this, so they are able to figure out which bands work better to make messages go farther. I used to be involved in DX (distance) listening on the radio, both in the AM band and the Shortwave bands. Sometimes when the atmosphere is right it is not uncommon for someone on the West Coast of the US to hear broadcasts from far on the other side of the continent. Scientists and laypeople involved in using radio waves call this “skip.” Simply put, sometimes signals can hit the ionosphere, bounce to earth (hitting a body of water or such) and back up to the atmosphere several times and travel farther than intended, sort of like skipping a stone across the water.

The Ionosphere is roughly 620 miles above the earth and is caused by ionization of molecules from ultraviolet rays from the sun. However, there is one problem with this as it relates to the dome notion. Remember that the dome lies roughly three thousand miles above the earth, right? Crystal and glass are two things that will not let ultraviolet rays to pass through them. If there is a crystalline dome above the earth, then it would not allow the ultraviolet rays to enter the earth’s atmosphere to create the ionosphere. Therefore, it is conceivable, if the dome existed and the ionosphere didn’t, that radio waves could be heard throughout the whole flat

earth. There would be no need for radio repeating towers and such, and with a little power boost, you could use your cell phone to talk to everyone around the world with a very good signal. But we know that because of the way that things are we need those towers and such.



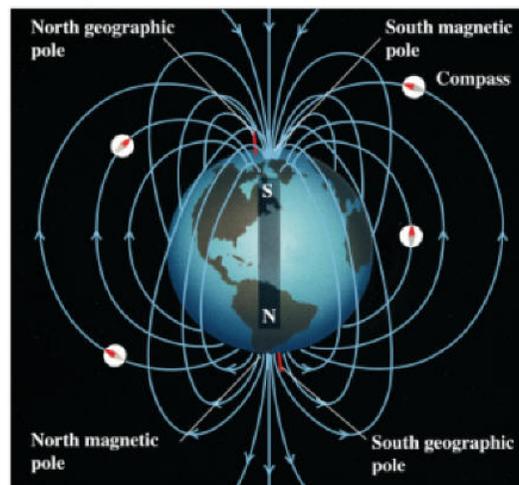
How Radio Waves Interact with the Atmosphere

Now let's look at the Aurora's that people see in the northern and southern polar regions. Aurora's occur in the ionosphere when charged particles from the sun hit that part of the atmosphere. We have a problem here. If the earth was flat and the magnetic north pole was at the center of the disk and it ran through the disk perpendicular to the surface of the earth, then there could be no aurora at the Antarctica because the south end of the magnet would not be there. Everyone in the southern hemisphere who ever saw an aurora in the south would be delusional at

best because it would be impossible. The pole opposite of the north pole would be somewhere under the disk of the earth. Even more problematic is the fact that the sun is so small in this perspective that one has to wonder if it is capable of throwing off so many waves of electrons. And, if it is a nuclear fusion sun, where is the protection from its rays?

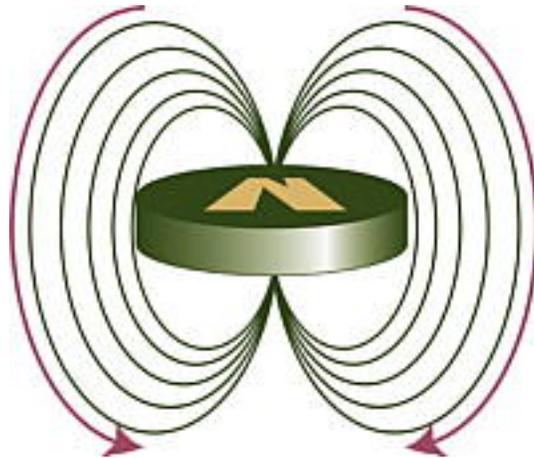
Magnetic Poles Would Be Drastically Different

In a flat earth scenario, we have to readjust our physics where the magnetic poles are concerned. It is important to remember that on a compass the north needle will always point toward the north magnetic pole thus the south needle points toward the south magnetic pole. However, if the earth was flat and round the pole in the center on top of the disk would point north and the south needle would be pulled down so as to scrape the face of the compass. The further north that the compass went the more that the needle would be pulled down. Far enough north the needle would probably be disfigured by the pulling down that the needle wouldn't work anymore. However, on a spherical earth with its bar magnet, this doesn't happen.



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But what does a magnetic field look like on a flat earth idea earth?



Magnetic field in a flat magnet as in a flat earth

On a spherical earth the magnetic field is so that the magnetic force is evenly spaced to almost match the spherical shape of the earth. A Compass works evenly. On the surface of a flat magnet (a flat earth) a person standing on the upper surface would continue to ruin their compass the closer that they got to the north pole because the south needle would feel the attraction and pull toward the other pole. This does not happen on our Earth; therefore, it is spherical, not flat. A spherical earth's mass doesn't allow the south pole to pull with the same strong attraction as the flat magnet does.

Since we are on the subject of magnetism on the earth we should look at something natural that is governed by a spherical Earth's magnetism. Remember, that on a flat plane magnet one pole is at the top of the flat plane and the other pole is at the bottom. In our universe it works out that way, always has and always will. Animals like bats, sea turtles and whales and migrating birds all use magnetic forces to navigate from one place to another. Some studies show

that some animals actually have very small pieces of magnetite in their brains that they use for navigation and other studies show that some animals (especially some migrating birds) have cells in their brains that are sensitive to earth's magnetic field.

Not the use of magnetic fields for navigation works great with a spherical earth because the electromagnetism of a rod magnet and a sphere work great for this purpose. An animal can travel from north to south flying or swimming the contour of the sphere. With a flat earth, one pole would be on top of the disk and the other on the bottom of the disk, as we see in the diagram of a flat magnet. Since the opposing pole would be on the other side of the disk migrating animals would not be able to distinguish the opposite pole because it would be under the flatness of the earth. In order to get from one pole to another on a flat earth the animals would have to bore through the earth to reach the other side of the disk, or they would have to break through the dome and navigate the nothingness outside the dome to find the opposite pole. Birds would crash to the ground trying to navigate between the two poles and sea creatures that use navigation would try to dive to the very depths of the ocean where the water pressure would kill them. If the earth was flat than all migrating animals that use magnetism would have become extinct soon after they were created.

No Scroll for Enoch, Elijah, Ezekiel's Wheel and Yeshua?

With some of this flat earth jargon I feel like I'm reading a bad sci-fi script or watching an equally bad sci-fi movie. This next reference reminds me of the movie "Space Balls," the plot behind the story being that there is a planet in space called Druidia that has an oxygen rich air supply that is surrounded by, you guessed it, a dome. The dome has a hatch that has a password

which the evil leader (Dark Helmet) needs so that he can suck out the atmosphere of Druidia thus procuring oxygen for his home planet.

There are many in the flat earth community that misuse two scriptures to prove that there is indeed a dome above their flat earth that keeps in the atmosphere and protects the earth from vast oceans of water that lie outside of the dome. The scriptures are found in the Isaiah and the Book of Revelation and read:

And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll: and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling fig from the fig tree. Isaiah 34:4

And:

And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. Revelation 6:12-14

There are several places on the internet where supposed researchers misquote these scriptures to say that the sky will peel back like a scroll, which to me and I'm sure to others, gives the vision that a portion of the sky will peel back allowing Yeshua and his returning army to enter into the atmosphere whereupon he will fight against his enemies to prevail over them. While this is a fanciful way of looking at the scriptures above there are several problems with it.

The first problem is that according to the flat earth model, the heavens that we see at night aren't outside the dome, but a projection on the inside of the dome. How can they explain that the projections of the heavens will fall to the earth like figs. Falling figs make a thud when they hit the ground, projections just cease to be projected? Yet another problem is that according to the flat earth model, there is water on the outside of that dome. If a section of the sky opened like a scroll then we're talking about volumes of water entering through the hole in the sky, but another question should be looked at. If there is as much water over the dome as some suggest then the sheer weight of the water would keep the scroll from rolling up (or open as some would suggest), unless of course it opened downward. Yet another question is, since the flat earth people would have us believe that the dome is some sort of crystalline structure, how do you make glass roll up like a scroll of paper or animal skin?

There is another big problem with the dome notion. Yes, they say that the sky will open like a scroll upon the return of Yeshua, but there is not mention of it opening up to receive him into Heaven. I'm sure that a mention of such a wondrous event would have been made in the Gospel and The Acts of The Apostles that talk about him being taken up into Heaven. I'm sure that flat earthers would say that it will be different when he comes back, but scripture quashes that very notion:

And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. Acts 1:9-11

So sorry flat earthers, scripture is clear that the sky didn't roll back to take Yeshua to heaven and the rolling back isn't indicated in the scriptures. The scriptures say that BEFORE he returns the whole sky will roll up like a scroll. We are talking about dimensional things here, not a glass dome rolling up like a scroll. It is also interesting to note that a scripture that precedes the blowing of the seventh trumpet in Revelation indicates that YHVH will abolish time for a short period:

And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, And swore by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer:

The last three words in that scripture are interesting. Chronos is the word for time and it means literally, time. The word for "no" is "ou" literally means "no." The word for "longer" is "eti," and it has a very interesting meaning: of a thing which went on formerly, whereas now a different state of things exists or has begun to exist. We know that time and space have to exist with each other in our universe. If time is going to be removed, then so is space and what more perfect way to do that than to roll up the sky like a scroll, causing the hosts of heaven to fall to earth. Angels are often equated with stars, so when the stars fall to earth like figs perhaps it is the fallen angels that are swept up by the tail of the dragon, an event that is talked about in Revelation. All of these events and scriptures tie in with one another, which is what scripture is supposed to do. Cherry-picking scriptures here and there and changing their meaning get you false doctrines, for instance, the Christianized Flat Earth Notion.

One final thing while we're talking about people being taken up to heaven. We are told that Enoch was taken by YHVH because he was a righteous man, yet it never says that he was taken up through an opening in any dome. In addition, Elijah was taken up into heaven in a flaming chariot, but scripture doesn't say that the chariot went through a door in a dome. Yet again there is another instance of something appearing as if from heaven, that being Ezekiel's Wheel. Ezekiel said that this heavenly phenomenon came from the north (interesting because there is no north on flat earth) and it came in a fiery whirlwind. Again, we have clouds bringing heavenly things and taking people up to the heavens. This seems to suggest interdimensionalism, not physical doors opening in a dome to let things in and out of a godly terrarium.

CHAPTER FOUR

EVIDENCES FOR A SPHERICAL EARTH AND AGAINST A FLAT EARTH

Things that we see and experience every day, and the very presentation of physical laws prove that the flat earth is a delusion. Let's look at some things in life that show that the Flat Earth Notion is easy to dismiss.

Changes of Seasons:

As I mentioned earlier, a flat earth covered by a dome (a spherical earth for that matter) would have a uniform environment with no winds, no clouds and probably no rain. With that in mind there would no change of seasons. Remember that with the flat earth model the sun is within the dome, so the heat would be constant, and the dome would prevent the heat from escaping. I wonder how many flat earthers believe in global warming. Talk about hypocrisy.

Another thing to think about in regard of seasons on a flat earth is that in order for there to be seasons the flat plate would have to be tilted, right? So now let us look again at the plate earth picture and see some of the problems:



Now, let us just say that the plate in the picture tilts so that South America is closer to the sun than the Australia side of the plate. Well, that would mean that summer would exist in South America, but it would be winter in Australia. Remember that South America is closer to the sun because of the plate tilt so Australia would have to be farther away, it can be no other way. We are told by flat earth adherents that it is the sun and moon that rotate within the dome and that the earth is stationary which further enforces my argument. Furthermore, this condition would also make it perpetual fall and/or spring in places like Africa and the South Pacific, places that are tropical in nature (which they actually are) on a spherical earth.

It is also a fact that at the poles ice melts or increases depending on the season. For instance, in the Southern Hemisphere during (their) summer the ice shield around Antarctica shrinks so that only the continent of Antarctica is covered with snow and ice and in some places actual land is revealed. We also know that when it is summer in the Northern Hemisphere the ice in the Arctic virtually shrinks to be roughly the size of Greenland, yet in the winter it consumes all of the ocean in the north. This would not happen on a flat earth. If the plate were to

tilt, let's say near South America, the ice would melt there and the ice near Australia would extend farther north than it does now, remember it would be perpetual winter in Australia, or South America or Southern Africa or the South Pacific, respective of which way the plate tilted. Remember however that according to the flat earth people the earth is on firm pillars which might make it hard for the tilt to happen.

And What About Tides?

It is common knowledge that the planetary bodies in the solar system have mass and that mass causes attraction. This attraction is what keeps the moons in orbit around the planets and the planets in orbit around the sun. Without that attraction the mass of the planets would spin out into the cosmos. Of course, we know that YHVH is the one that holds it all together, but we also know that he has created physical laws to keep the universe in order. We also know that we can watch the creation and deduce certain things. For instance, it is no coincidence that the tides on earth are higher during times of a new moon when technically the sun and moon are both on the same side of the earth, and that when the sun and moon are on opposite sides of the earth the areas of earth that are not facing the sun or moon experience low tides. These are physical rules that have governed navigation as well as the lives of fishermen from the very beginning of time.

With the flat earth fallacy this would not be the case. First, we have the problem with the sun and moon in this model. If, as the flat earth promoters propose, the sun and moon travel within a dome and at an altitude of roughly three thousand miles we have the problem of the moon making a cycle in 28-day cycles. In the real world the moon orbits the earth in such a fashion that it cannot orbit the earth in a 24-hour day. This creates what we see and call the

phases of the moon. Every 28 days the moon waxes and wanes (grows and decreases) in the light that it reflects back to the earth. In the flat earth fallacy, the sun and moon orbit at roughly the same altitude (3000 miles or thereabout) thus they would always have to be in opposition to each other or else one would overtake the other and annihilation would occur. Think of it this way. If you were on a race track and there was only you and one other car, as long as you maintained the same speed you would not collide, but if you sped up you would eventually catch up to the other car, and if you were at the same distance from the center of the track you would crash and that would be the end of the race. In the matter of the earth and moon, if they were at the same altitude and always in opposition to each other then it is possible that the moon would always be visible, and it would always be full. There would never be a crescent moon, EVER.

But where the tides are concerned, the mass of the sun and the moon, which are much smaller according to the flat earth fallacy, would be much smaller and would not be able to affect the tides the way that they do. If there were tides they would always remain the same. In the real world the moon orbits in a slightly elliptical orbit, meaning that at times it is a few thousand miles closer to the earth and at other times it is a few thousand miles farther away from the earth. This is known as perigee and apogee. In the real world, when the moon is full and at perigee and the sun is facing the same side of the earth as the moon the tides are notably higher. When this is combined with a large storm it does not fare well for places at the coast and floods result. In a flat earth scenario there would be no perigee or apogee because the two heavenly bodies aren't rotating around a spherical earth, they're circling a flat earth, at the same altitude and at the same attitude toward each other.

Tectonic Plates and Earthquakes:

I have lived on the West Coast of the United States for roughly 43 years. For 39 of those years I lived in Northern California. I was working in the San Francisco Bay Area when the Morgan Hill quake hit in the mid 1980's and I also experienced in a very real way the Loma Prieta quake of 1989. I know earthquakes to be a reality. One of my favorite places to visit was Point Reyes National Seashore. What many people fail to realize is that this was the epicenter of the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake. They have an earthquake trail there that anyone can walk and they have marked out the actual San Andreas fault there. Visible also are the escarpment features created by the quake and a recreation of a fence that was separated by over 20 feet, one side moving north that distance:



Me standing on the San Andreas Fault back in 1983



Posts mark the fault line. The quake made the little hill in the background.

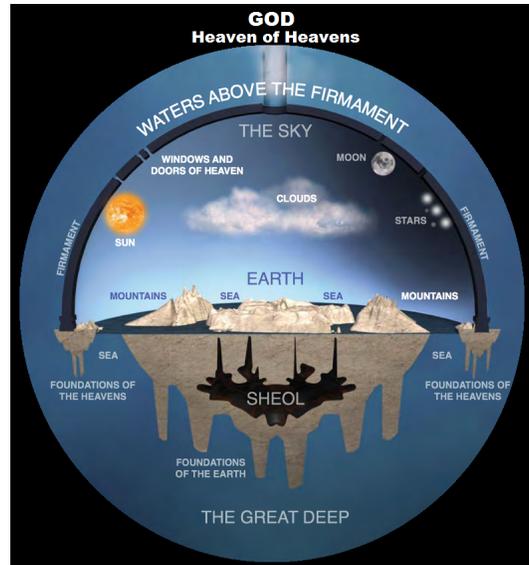


The Separated Fence – Right side moved 20 feet north in just seconds.

Again, it is advantageous to accept things when we experience them with the five senses that YHVH gave to us. In 1989 I felt the earth move, I saw things in the house moving because of the ground movement under them, I heard the rumble under the ground and the house creaking and I felt the house sway as I stood in the doorway waiting for the quaking to stop. Experiencing the quake with three of my five senses proved to me that it happened, and I knew that the earth somewhere in California had moved. The San Andreas Fault had ruptured about 90 miles away as the crow flies.

The fact is that faults do exist, and they do so all around the globe. Major fault lines delineate boundaries between plates. Plates move either against each other or they subside one under the other. In California the San Andreas Fault is where the North American Plate meets the Pacific Plate. That fault is a slip fault, one plate grinding against the other. Up here in Oregon, off the coast the Juan de Fuca Plate is subsiding underneath the North American Plate. Science speculates that the friction caused by this subduction causes magma which emits from volcano's. On a clear day we can see five of those snow-covered volcano's.

So, on a flat earth that doesn't spin would plates actually exist? To answer that question let's look yet again at what is touted as being a representation of the ancient Hebrew view of the earth:



Looking at this image it is easy to see that flat earthers believe that all land is held together in one large land mass with seas that are on top of the land mass and seas on the edge that appear to have no bottom. Seas with no bottoms poses a problem because ALL seas have been mapped and they all have bottoms. IF one is going to accept a model then that person cannot pick and choose elements of that model while rejecting others. But wait, silly me, that is what they do with the Bible, so why would this be any different. If the earth follows this model then faults and plates cannot exist, yet I stood on a fault, and I felt the effects of the slipping of that fault, so I know that they do exist. Somebody is lying, or is very confused, and because of empirical evidence I know it isn't me.

One of the things that I find amusing about the image above is that the dome is suspended by basically nothing. I showed earlier how big the dome has to be, and how it has to be a hardened dome to protect the Earth from all of the water that is above the dome. Now, this is if the Flat Earth Notion is true, which it is not. Look at the image and observe the pillars of the heavens (the supports holding up the dome). There is hardly anything holding the dome and the

pillars of heaven that do exist would surely sink into the “great deep” under the weight of the dome. The air pressure within the dome would not be enough to hold that big a dome up and it would sink down until it pressed the sun and moon into the earth’s surface and earth would become an extinct planet. Imagine, if it was the atmosphere holding up the dome what the air pressure would be on earth. Currently, the air pressure at sea level is a little more than 13 pounds per square inch, indicating that no dome exists. Before the flood, a canopy did exist, pressures were higher, and evidence can be found in the fossil record.

However, on the other hand, if the Earth is a globe, and it became cracked like an eggshell then faults and tectonic plates make a lot of sense. Scripture says:

And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day. And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so. And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good.

It is so easy to see the truth if you approach this scripture and accept what it says. YHVH made waters upon the Earth and then he created a space to separate the waters, putting some above the firmament and some below. He called the firmament “heaven” and we know this to be the atmosphere because when he creates the birds we are told that the birds fly in this firmament. The waters above the firmament are not clouds. We are told that before the flood it didn’t rain,

and things were watered by springs that watered the face of the ground. We know that it didn't rain too in that the rainbow appeared after the flood as a sign. All indications are that the waters above the firmament stayed above the firmament creating either a water or ice canopy above the firmament. As I mentioned before, such a canopy of water would create a higher-pressure air pressure on earth. In addition, it would protect the inhabitants of the earth from experiencing the full effects of entropy, causing many organisms to grow older, grow larger and it would have created a garden like atmosphere all over the earth. The fact that they find tropical plant fossils in Antarctica is proof that this was true.

At the time of the flood, something disturbed that canopy (perhaps an asteroid or comet) creating rain to precipitate upon the earth. Such a large object hitting the earth would have caused the surface of Earth to fracture, creating the fault lines and plates and, the waters of the great deep (yes, there was a great deep under the crust of the earth), became the fountain of the deep that helped to flood the earth. The turbulence of the flood waters changed the surface of the earth forever and deposited billions of animals and trees under the surface of the land (and probably the ocean bottom too) creating fossil fuels. with no water to hold up the crust anymore, what we know to be the ocean bottoms collapsed creating the oceans and seas and, the great mountain ranges might have been created at this time, or at the time of Peleg.

As I mentioned at the beginning one of the descendants of Noah was named Peleg. He was given that name because in his day the Earth was divided, meaning divided or channeled. Peleg lived after the Tower of Babel incident which tell us that people of different languages (and maybe races) had been dispersed around one big continent before the channeling and/or division of one big continent. This would explain why the America's were mixed Mongoloids,

Africa was mainly Negroid, Europe was mainly white and so on. If part of that “dividing” that happened in Peleg’s day would have been the creation of the great mountain ranges (to cause even more separation of peoples) through the colliding of tectonic plates this theory makes even more sense, and it has Biblical foundations that are clear to delineate from fables. Tectonic plates explain a lot in the whole scheme of things.

As I mentioned earlier, there would be no plates on a flat earth that still had a dome. In addition, since it didn’t rain before the flood where would the rain have come from to help to cover all of the earth. I suppose that the waters of the flat earth could be an explanation for the flood, but the air pressure inside of the dome would prevent the water from rising very high, certainly not enough to cover the high mountains.

The flat earth disciples like to point out that the flood account says that the “windows of heaven” were open.

In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. Genesis 7:11

They see these windows as being portals or doors in the crystalline canopy. But when we use very simple thinking about this, the sky is a window to the heavens, not YHVH’s Heaven which is outside of space and time, but the heavens that contain the planets, stars and other heavenly bodies. In addition, since the canopy that surrounded the earth before the flood was made of water and it circled a globe then it could have been a window or like we saw earlier like

a magnifying glass. In reality, the water canopy could have been a magnifying lens that would “declare the glory of God” much more than our thin atmosphere today.

Oh, and one more thing. That scripture in Genesis says, “the fountains of the great deep broken up.” The Flat Earth Notion says that the waters of the great deep surround the continents and the model shows that the continents float on that “great deep.” However, if those waters are intact why would they have to be “broken up.” Also, the scripture says that “fountains” were broken up; remember those fountains that watered the face of the ground before the flood? The Hebrew word for Great Deep actually means that the water under the continents. So, all of the subterranean waters broke up. How did they break? Well, maybe by the impact of an asteroid or something, which would crack the surface of the earth causing the weight of the continents to push down on that subterranean water bringing it to the surface and covering the earth along with the rain from the water canopy. It’s not that hard folks, really it isn’t.

Flat earthers need to take some time out and realize that the earth that exists today is much different than the one before the flood, and most importantly, that the dome never was there, but a water canopy was, but is no more. Believing in the Flat Earth model is a lot like Common Core mathematics; there is way too much work involved in getting the answer bringing potential for error, but doing simple math yields the correct answer every time and without all of the work.

Curvature can be seen from high places:

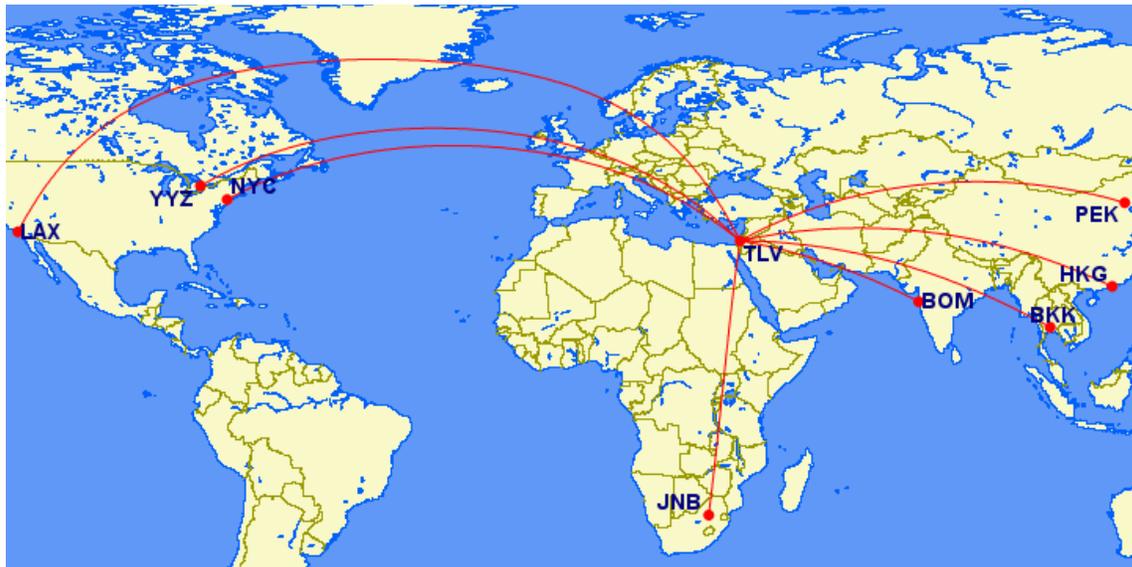
I have had occasion to travel around the world by plane. Well, half way around the world. While flying I noticed some things that any sensible person would agree would nullify the Flat

Earth Notion. When up in an airliner there is occasion to look out the window. It is quite evident that there is a bending of the horizon. I have had some people send me pictures from an airplane where the horizon appears to look flat. I have experimented with that and have found that most of the pictures have been cropped to give a narrow field of view. Such a view will look flat on the horizon. However, any original picture shot from a plane window will show curvature. Some people say that it is an aberration created from camera lenses. I would agree if someone was using a fish-eye lens or even a regular lens where the upper or lower parts of the lens could cause a convex or concave illusion, however I don't know many people who purposefully raise or lower a lens when taking a picture. Most want to put the object of interest in the center view. When a center view shows curvature, there is curvature.

As we mentioned much earlier, the flat earth notion holds that there are great mountains around the rim of the flat earth and that these mountains are the pillars of the sky that scripture talks about. Earlier we looked at what would be involved with the sky dome that the flat earth theorists surmise is above the earth. We found that it would have to be an enormous structure and that the pillars that would have to hold it up would have to be enormous. So, any mountains that would exist around the plate would have to be equally enormous because they hold up this supposed dome. If the earth was flat, then such enormous mountains should be visible from places like Southern Africa, South America and especially from Australia and New Zealand, however nobody has ever reported seeing these large edifices. Also, what about people who have gone to the Antarctica? There have never been any reports by scientists in Antarctica of gigantic mountains and/or seeing or touching the bottom of this supposed dome. Nobody has ever reported that they have knocked on the dome, NOBODY.

Flying the Great Circle Route:

While we're on the subject of airplanes, it is important to note that all aviation services, whether they be human carriers or cargo carriers all follow something called the great circle route. Below is an example of the Great Circle Route.



Now let's look at something. We know that airlines try to save money on every aspect of air flight. If the earth was flat, then airlines would fly straight routes because a straight line is the shortest way between two points on a one or two dimensional aspect. However, on a globe the shortest distance between two points is to follow the curvature of the on that globe, or in our case, the earth. Notice that north – south routes fly in a straight line, but when the direction turns to the east or west to the slightest degree then the circle route comes into play. Again, I firmly believe that if the earth was flat that the airlines would fly in straight lines, but it is a sphere, so they fly the circle route to save money and fuel.

Traveling On The Same Parallel Bring You Back To The Start Eventually:

Looking back at the flat earth model at the beginning we notice another thing. In that model, if you were to go from New York and travel in a straight line you would run into Antarctica. If you leave New York traveling south, you run into Antarctica. No matter what you do, you eventually end up in the Antarctic. However, on a spherical earth, if I left Salem, Oregon which is on the 45th parallel, and I traveled east on that parallel I would eventually end up back in Salem. Again, this proves a spherical earth.

Ships Seem To Appear Over The Horizon and Disappear Over the Horizon and Cities Underwater:

I mentioned earlier that when viewing the horizon from an airplane it is easy to notice curvature. I also lived near the beach when I was growing up in New Jersey. One thing that I noticed from an early age was that as a ship came closer to my location it seemed like it was coming out of the water. I did a little research and found out that depending on the viewer's height in elevation one can see farther out to sea if a bit elevated. For example, for an observer on the ground with eye level at $h = 5 \text{ ft } 7 \text{ in (1.70 m)}$, the horizon is at a distance of 2.9 miles (4.7 km). For an observer standing on a hill or tower 100 feet (30 m) in height, the horizon is at a distance of 12.2 miles (19.6 km). This makes sense since being higher helps one to see farther over the curvature of the earth.



Chicago Ill. view from Michigan City, Indiana. Distance 40 miles

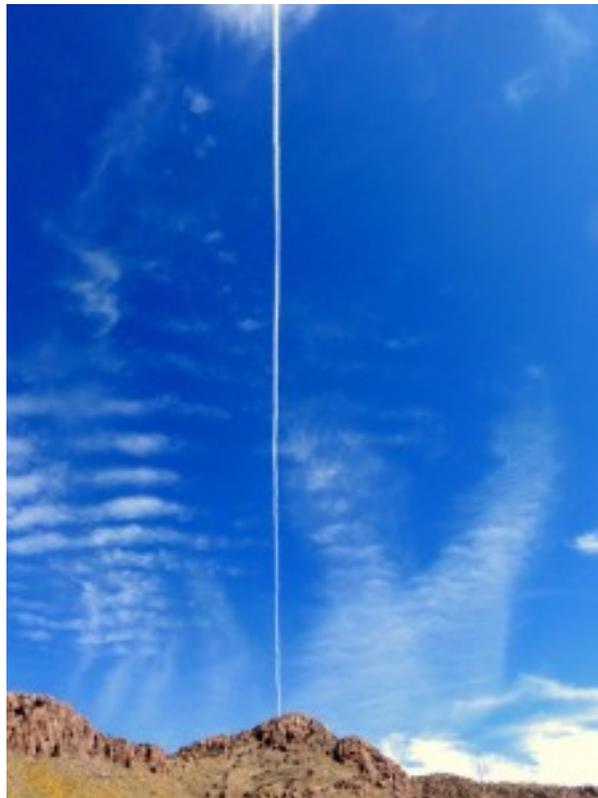
The picture above is one of the Chicago skyline from Michigan City, Indiana. The distance between the two places is forty miles. Note that all but the taller buildings are missing. Using an online calculator to calculate height vs. distance, an observer's eyes would have to be at an elevation of 1100 feet to be able to see the actual shoreline and the lower buildings. If the earth was flat the shoreline at Chicago and all of the lower buildings would be visible at lake level. The curvature of the earth denotes that any observer would have to be over 1000 feet in the air to see that shore. The only other way to explain it would be to say that the lake level in the center rises hundreds of feet above ground level and remain there without flooding the shoreline of all the surrounding states of Lake Michigan. It's easier to believe in earth's curvature rather than it is to believe such a ludicrous idea.



A large oil tanker appears to be disappearing over the horizon.

Take into consideration observing a ship approaching you at sea or approaching you if you're standing on shore. At first you see the mast of the ship and then the pilot house and finally the bow will seem to come out of the water. Using our standard formula, we know that this ship is about three miles away. If the earth was flat, then the ship would have been visible as a whole ship until it grew so small because of distance that it would eventually disappear from sight. However, since the earth is a sphere, the ship appears to sink in the water, however we know that it is sinking below the horizon.

Jet Contrails Seem to Go Straight Up:



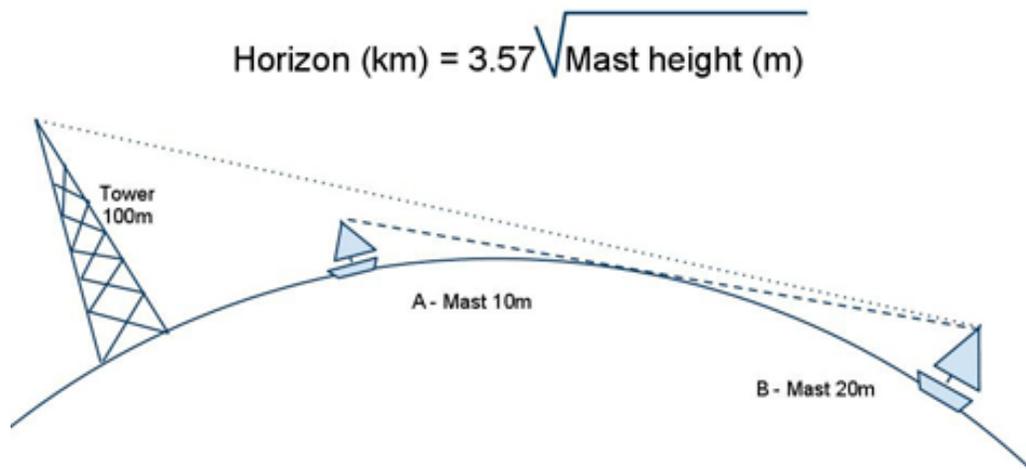
Jet contrail made jet aircraft that made direct flyover at high altitude

I'll bet that everyone reading this book has seen a jet leaving a contrail as it approaches or departs from directly overhead. Such contrails (and chemtrails too) appear to be rising from the ground and high into the atmosphere. Of course, this is an illusion. The planes that leave these contrails are actually coming from a distance and they're following the curvature of the earth making it appear that they travel straight up. You notice at these times that when the planes are overhead the illusion disappears only to reappear when the plane is approaching the other horizon. This proves earth curvature. If the earth was flat the contrail would appear as a dot and

only get bigger as the jet came much closer. It would appear to come from infinity and grow as it got closer and disappear into infinity again. Again, this never happens.

Communication and Line of Sight:

Communication ground waves that travel through the air from place to place are limited by something called line-of-sight. In other words, radio waves go from one place to another as long as those two places can see each other. Earlier I talked about skip and bouncing radio signals off of the ionosphere. This is necessary because the curvature of the earth makes global line of sight impossible.

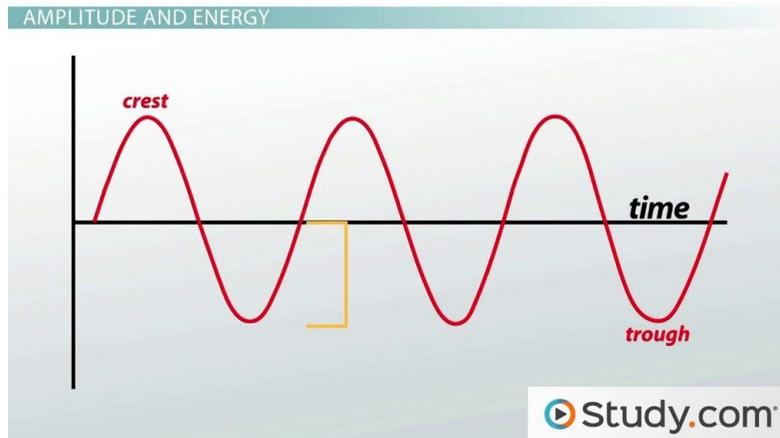


It is because of line of sight restrictions that communications towers are erected. Raising two towers two or three hundred feet in the air makes it possible to send communication over farther distances. The illustration above shows the problem and how it is overcome. Theoretically, if the earth was flat there would be no need for communication towers let alone

using skip to send signals over long distances. However, the earth is a sphere necessitating the need for towers.

Another line of sight technology is RADAR. A radar dish sends out a microwave signal which bounces off an object, sending a signal back to the dish. Radar technicians are able to measure the time it took for the signal to return which tells the distance. Radar is however a line of sight technology. Have you ever looked online at the weather person showing the radar? Did you ever notice that the radar only goes out so far and only so far? That is because anything beyond the RADAR's line of sight will not be seen. This is one reason why attacking aircraft fly under the radar when attacking a target; they fly under the curvature restrictions. If the earth was flat, then there would be no radar restrictions and one dish could scan the sky for hundreds if not thousands of miles; however this doesn't work on a sphere.

I feel that I have to take a bit of time here to explain radio waves. First it is important to understand just what a radio wave is. A radio wave is a measurement, measured in hertz. A hertz is the measurement of two parts of a wave, much like an ocean wave. An ocean wave has a crest (the top) and a trough which is the bottom between it and the next wave. Hertz determine how waves are classified because they are measured in time. Frequency is the measurement of how many of those waves pass by in one second. The graph below shows what a line of hertz look like. Counting the graph below we can say that 3 hertz have passed by if the graph represents a one second time frame.



Radio signals are referred to as waves. They call them waves because they peak and trough, much like the waves at sea. The image above shows the wave characteristic. The radio waves that we'll talk about have four different names. The loudest and longest waves are very low frequency radio waves (VLF) that are used almost exclusively by the military. They hang close to the ground and can penetrate into the ground and deep within the sea. The military uses them to talk to submarines when they are submerged. They are not shown on the graph that I present below.

The next waves are called Long Waves which are gaining in popularity but are not the best waves for communication, so they aren't used as often as the higher waves. They are good for local broadcasts that aren't meant to go out very far in distance.

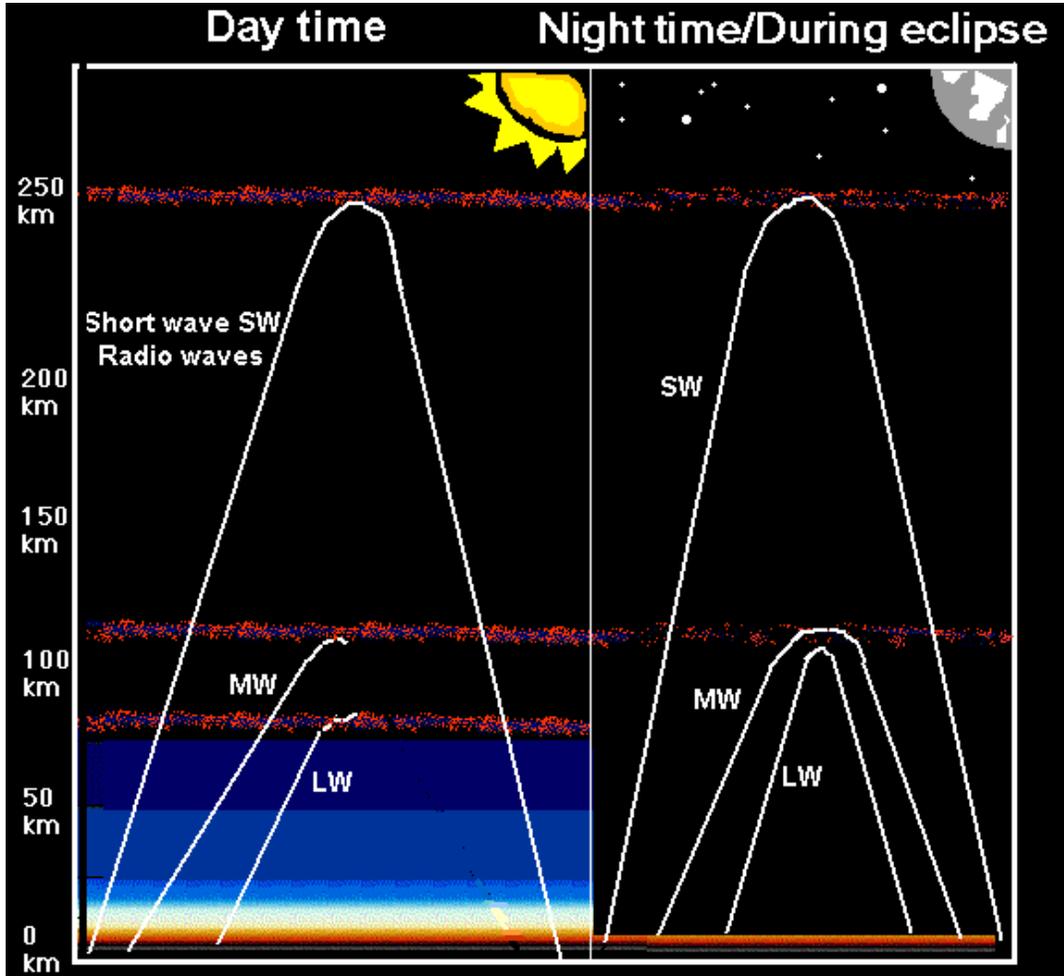
The next waves are called medium waves. They range from around 500kHz (kilohertz = 1000 hertz) or 500,000 hertz (or waves) in a second of time, to 1700Khz which is also called 1.7mhz

or megahertz, or 1,700,000 hertz per second of time. This is what we call the AM band on the radio.

Finally, and for the purposes of this study, the highest band is called Short Wave. This is the band that many nations use to broadcast their news to other nations, and, the band that people who use HAM radio use, and also the police and fire departments as well as airports and some military. This band goes from anything above the AM band frequencies and technically ends around 30,000mhz or 30 billion hertz. Oh, and I cannot forget your FM radio waves that fall within the shortwave frequencies but are broadcast at very low wattage. Because of the low wattage of FM radio, it is more of a ground wave (stays closer to the earth's surface) so it doesn't go very far. That is why you find yourself trying to find a new station quite frequently when you travel anywhere away from home and why you can't get a signal around mountains and such.

Watts are a measurement of the power that is used to send out the radio waves. Usually, if the frequency is lower it takes more power to send out the signal. If you know anyone with a HAM radio you know that they can talk half way around the world on small radios. The short waves are so short that they can penetrate through lower ionosphere levels to the higher levels that allow the signal to reach farther when it bounces back. In the United States, Federal regulations exist that limit how many watts an AM radio station can use. The bigger and higher power stations operate continually at their limit of 50,000 watts so their signal goes farther, and there are fewer stations on those frequencies so that they do not interfere with each other, especially at night when the atmosphere changes. Smaller stations are more numerous and have to turn down their power at sunset and back up at sunrise, again because the ionosphere changes at night and the signals can go farther.

Speaking of atmospheric conditions, let's look at a graph that shows how day and night change things.



Now when we look at the illustration above we notice something. We notice that there is an extra layer of ionosphere. This occurs because the atomic particles emitted by the sun cause the atoms in the atmosphere to become excited and they form layers in the ionosphere. Basically, they ionize the layers. Notice that the upper layer is always there because it is always in sunlight. The layer below it is strong in during sunlight but weak at night because it is still being excited by some sunlight, but not as much as during the day. The bottom layer isn't even present during

the night because it is closer to earth and receives no sunlight. As I said before, the lower the frequency, the more power is needed to send it. The right side of the graph shows why low powered AM stations have to turn down the power at night. If they didn't, their signals would interfere with other signals. They don't have the bottom wave to impede them. Notice also the left side of the image that show the Medium and Long Wave signals reaching the ionosphere but not really coming back down to earth. In reality they do come back down to earth, but not as strong. That is why many AM stations use towers that reach sometimes as high as a thousand feet into the air; they need to do this to overcome the ionospheric problems. The Ionosphere is also why the super AM stations are given permission to go to the highest wattage, to overcome the ionic problems.

So why did I go into all of this? Well, the answer will seem pretty simple in a minute. If the earth was flat and covered by a dome there would be no Ionosphere to begin with and all of the measures that are in place today to get radio signals out to us would not be needed. In addition, if the earth was flat you would not have a line of sight problem like is encountered with a spherical earth. If the earth was flat, then engineers could use Long Waves to broadcast because there would be nothing to get in the way of the radio waves. Theoretically, in a flat earth scenario, any radio station could send it's signal worldwide with relatively low power. Why go through all of the expense of erecting super high radio towers and broadcasting at very high wattages if there is no need to; if there are no barriers to overcome?

Satellites:

Yet another thing comes to mind, that being satellites. Many satellites are used for

communication. Satellites are line of site technology and being situated thousands of miles in space means that it is line of sight for a whole face of the earth. If the earth was flat there would be no need for communication satellites because the whole world would be line of sight. If you have ever been subscribed to a service that employs satellites to give information you know that there are some special considerations. What are those considerations?

All communication satellites rotate along the equatorial line in space and they travel in space equaling the spin of the earth thus appearing to remain stationary. These satellites are placed in longitudinal places along the equator. The ideal situation would be your satellite provider placing a satellite right on your longitudinal coordinates along the equatorial line. For instance, Salem, Oregon is around 123 degrees west longitude so having a satellite in space above the 123rd degree longitude line would be premium but it would not be practical. Next, we have to figure out what angle we need to place the satellite at our position in order to get the signal. Salem, Oregon is at the 45th parallel which is half way between the equator and the north pole. This means that the satellite dish will have to be aimed 38 degrees above the horizon to get the signal. Things change as you move farther north. The farther north one gets the less the satellite angle in regard to the horizon. For example, someone living in Prudoe, Alaska at 70.7 degrees north latitude would have to aim their satellite at 11 degrees angle because the satellite is farther down in the sky from that aspect. In Mexico City a satellite dish would point 67 degrees from the horizon because that location is much closer to the Equator. Here are the stats in pictures:

Angle from Salem Oregon:

www.satsig.net/maps/satellite-tv-dish-pointing-usa.htm

Satellite dish pointing calculator: USA

Lat = 45.1440, Long = -123.0341
 Lat = 45 deg, 8.6 min, North
 Long = 123 deg, 2.0 min, West
 Satellite at 123 West orbit longitude
 Elev= 38.0, Az= 162.9 (mag), Pol= -0.0
 Polar mounts only: Main angle= 45.8, Downward tilt= 6.1, Motor sideways angle= 0.0
 Satellite: (-123W GALAXY 18 (G-18))
 Location:

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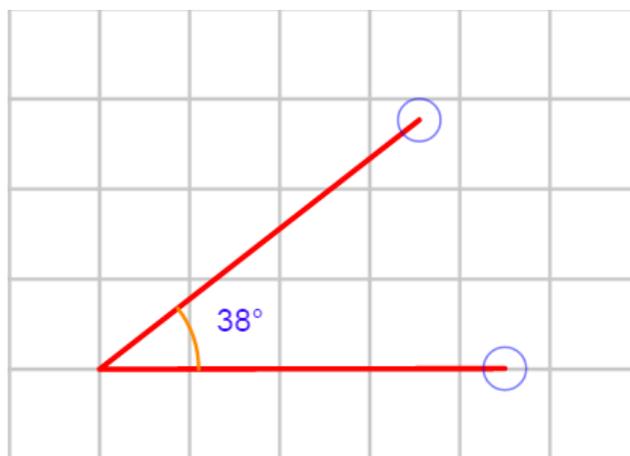
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At 45 degrees north a satellite dish must be pointed 38 degrees above the southern horizon to get a signal.



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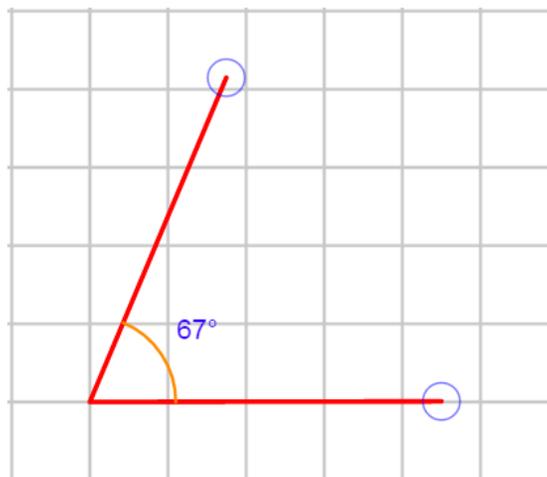
Angle from Mexico City:

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL www.satsig.net/maps/satellite-tv-dish-pointing-usa.htm. The page title is "Satellite dish pointing calculator: USA". A map of Mexico is displayed, with Mexico City highlighted. Below the map, the following coordinates and data are shown:

- Lat = 19.5426, Long = -98.9658
- Lat = 19 deg. 32.6 mins North
- Long = 98 deg. 57.9 min West
- Satellite at 98 West orbit longitude
- Elev= 67.1, Az= 172.5 (mag), Pol= -2.7
- Polar mounts only: Main angle= 20.0, Downward tilt= 2.9, Motor sideways angle= 1.1

Below the coordinates, there are input fields for "Satellite" (set to -98W INMARSAT 4-F3) and "Location". To the right of the map, there is a "DISH—3 Year Price Promo" banner and several informational sections: "Dish pointing (Azimuth and elevation mount)", "Dish pointing (Polar mount)", "Disclaimer and Safety Warning", and "Use is entirely at your own risk".

In Mexico City the dish would have to be pointed to 67 degrees from the horizon



Actual Angle

Angle From Prudoe Bay, Alaska:

www.satsig.net/maps/satellite-tv-dish-pointing-usa.htm

Arctic Circle
Chukchi Sea
Beaufort Sea
NOME
ALASKA
YUKON TERRITORY
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Arctic Circle
Lat = 70 28'53, Long = -148 53'30
Lat = 70 deg, 17.2 mins North
Long = 148 deg, 32.0 min West
Satellite at 139 West orbit longitude
Elev = 11.0, Az = 169.9 (true), Pol = -3.4
Polar mounts only: Main angle = 70.7, Downward tilt = 8.1, Motor sideways angle = 10.0
Satellite: -139W AMC-8 (GE-8) | Go |
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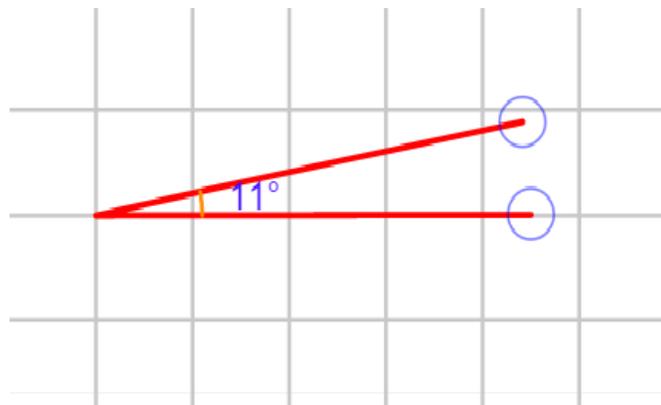
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Actual Angle

Satellites present a problem for a flat earth in so many ways. First, as explained by the images above, as we move farther north or south from the equator the angle must become less to reach signals from the satellite that is in geosynchronous orbit. We know that the satellites are up in space because many of us receive the signals on our receivers at home, each having a satellite dish pointed toward a satellite. Since all of the dishes point either south (from the northern hemisphere) or north (from the southern hemisphere) we know that telecommunication satellites are all stationed above the equator. The problem with the flat earth is that there can be no equator. The definition of equator, from Webster's 1828 dictionary is:

***EQUA'TOR**, noun [Latin from *oequo*, to make equal.] In astronomy and geography, a **great circle of the sphere**, equally distant from the two poles of the world, or having the same poles as the world. It is called equator because when the sun is in it, the days and nights are of equal length; hence it is called also the equinoctial, and when drawn on maps, globes and planispheres, it is called the equinoctial line, or simply the line. Every point in the equator is 90 degrees or a quadrant's distance from the poles; hence it divides the globe or sphere into two equal hemispheres, the northern and southern. At the meridian, the equator rises as much above the horizon as is the complement of the latitude of the place. [Source: <http://webstersdictionary1828.com/Dictionary/equator/>]*

Remember in a previous chapter we discussed how there could not be a north and south on a flat earth. The terms north and south denote two separate and distinct places on a globe in which an axis exists. If there was a flat earth and there were poles as in the poles of a magnet, then one would be on top of the plate and visible, and the other would be on the bottom of the plate, visible only to someone who would have visual access to where the supposed pillars exist.

If the flat earth was akin to a snow globe, which people like Rob Skiba and others assert, then to access the south pole one would have to somehow leave the snow globe to work their way on the edge and then underneath. Keep in mind too that the very term equator means to separate a “globe” in half to create “equal” hemispheres. You have to have a sphere in order to have a hemisphere. Also, keep in mind that the word hemi and sphere literally mean “half sphere.”

Yet another problem presents itself. If per se, there wasn't a crystalline dome over the flat earth and a satellite could exist outside of the flat earth's atmosphere then how would it remain in orbit. We know that in order to maintain orbit around the global earth a satellite has to maintain a velocity, or it will be pulled back to earth by the gravitational pull of the earth.

The subject of speed has been called into question. They are quick to mention that since the International Space Station has to travel roughly 17,152 miles per hour then it doesn't make sense that geosynchronous satellites only have to travel at 6,858 miles per hour. First of all, the ISS is not geosynchronous in nature. It is orbiting the earth at a faster speed in order to travel faster than the spin of the earth, so it has to fly faster to overcome being pulled back to earth. Satellites are placed far out in space so that they can cover as much area of the earth as possible. If a satellite were to be closer to the earth it would have fly faster to overcome gravity but by doing so it would no longer be synchronous.

A geostationary equatorial orbit (GEO) is a circular geosynchronous orbit in the plane of the Earth's equator with a radius of approximately 42,164 km (26,199 mi) (measured from the center of the Earth). A satellite in such an orbit is at an altitude of approximately 35,786 km (22,236 mi) above mean sea level. It maintains the same position relative to the Earth's surface. If one could see a satellite in geostationary orbit,

it would appear to hover at the same point in the sky, i.e., not exhibit diurnal motion, while the Sun, Moon, and stars would traverse the skies behind it. The theoretical basis for this novel phenomenon of the sky goes back to Newton's theory of motion and gravity. In that theory, the existence of a geostationary satellite is made possible because the Earth rotates (with respect to an inertial frame in which Newton's laws of motion and gravity hold). [Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geosynchronous_orbit]

If the earth was flat, then there could be no geosynchronous orbit because there would be nothing to orbit around. The very word around denotes a sphere. Well, I guess that if the flat earther's are going to dismiss so much of physics to fulfill their fantasy of a flat earth then they would probably write off the Law of Gravity because that is the only way that a stationary object in space would keep from falling to the earth.

The Other Planets and Moons are Spheroid.

The problem with the Flat Earth Notion is when we look at all of the other planets in the solar system. All of those planets are spheroid and we can see them rotate. It would seem that if the earth was flat that the other planets should be that way too, and they should not rotate like they do.



With the exception of Phobos and Demos that orbit Mars, almost all of the planets and moons are spheroid and the moons all orbit the spheroid planets and some of the moons spin. If the planets and their moons are all a projection on a supposed dome that covers the earth, then how come we can look at them through telescopes and see them enlarged. With projections, only the projector can enlarge an image, not a telescope being used by a user. In addition, we can see them spin thus showing aspects of globes, not circles that just happen to be facing us.

NASA's Conspiracy:

Let me start off by saying that I have no love for NASA. I do believe that they have been and are in a conspiracy to prove the existence of life on other planets, they're not speculating if there is life, but trying to prove it as a cold hard fact. While I can't prove that there were actual moon landings by US astronauts, I can't disprove it either. Also, I do not doubt the rumor last year that quite a few NASA scientists have died recently, although I can't prove it. I just know that when a group of people are intent on enforcing a belief, and they are not guided by the

Ruach Ha Kodesh, there can be mayhem involved. But one has to ask one serious question, that being, are the promoters of the Flat Earth doing the same thing as they accuse NASA of doing? Aren't they changing, tweaking things and debunking their critics in order to accomplish a goal?

The current rumor that is making the rounds is that NASA has been involved in a large and long-lasting conspiracy to prove that the earth is a spheroid. NASA detractors try to prove that it is flat, and that NASA is lying about it being round. They assert that some of the photos of the earth are forgeries that NASA uses to further the lie of a spherical earth. The rumor mongers also state than people who believe in a round earth are either deceived by NASA or they are active participants in fostering the deception.

There are some well-known researchers [sic] that have been promoting the flat earth deception while tweaking YHVH's Word to promote their folly. Frankly, aside from the possibility that these people are actually interlopers rather than true believers in YHVH Yeshua, if they want to believe in a flat earth, or that the moon is made from Swiss cheese or garbage gives birth to rats, it their own belief and I don't care. It is when they start to use and abuse the Bible and they try to base their assumption and/or theories on twisted doctrine on two or three scriptures that they have manipulated for personal gain; that is what bothers the hell out of me. If you want to make yourself look like a fool that is fine but leave YHVH and His Word out of it. There are stern warnings given to people who rewrite scripture (i.e. its meaning) and/or twist YHVH's message and intent. I suppose that the promoters of the flat earth will say that Galileo, Copernicus and Newton were all part of a great NASA conspiracy. They all promoted a spheroid earth.

Accusers are Often Guilty of The Sin That They Accuse Other Of:

On the flip-side of this ugly coin, aren't NASA and its detractors guilty of the same sins? Lying and distorting what is real is a sin. There is a difference between Flat Earth researchers and NASA. NASA is distorting the truth by directing our focus toward something that everyday man is not adept in; the science of what governs the universe. On the other hand, Flat Earth researchers are presenting to us a notion (posed in a strong delusion) by taking what we see every day and telling us that what we see isn't real, but an illusion. True science verifies the Bible and the Bible supports real science. For instance, look at Ecclesiastes 1:7:

All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again

Solomon tells us the cycle of water upon the earth. Water comes from streams and rivers and flows to the sea after which it returns back to the source of the streams. Science confirms this as being true through observable acts that occur over and over again. On the other hand, flat earth promoters are telling us that the earth is flat, that it is covered by a dome and that the sun and moon are much smaller and orbit within the dome. All from a few scriptures that are taken out of context and mistranslated.

Flat earth adherents refuse to recognize the fact that the earth shows curvature, that satellites are indeed up in space, that meteors do crash to earth often and that the effects from the sun within a dome would probably make life on our planet impossible. They ignore that long distance line of sight is impossible and that radio towers are needed to cause communication to be possible. They ignore so many of the things that were pointed out in this blog, things that you

and I know to be true. One has to wonder if they are truly deceived or if they are the deceivers, or they're both. One thing is for certain, there are many more things to prove a spheroid earth than there are to suggest a flat earth.

I think that the one tactic that supposed "Christian" flat earth theorists employ that bother me the most, probably because it is a worldly (satanic) tool is the fact that they use subterfuge in an attempt to prove their point. Two such researchers and supposed "experts" in just about everything use this same tactic. Here is what to look out for when it comes to this type; saying something similar to:

"I really do not believe in what I am about to present, but I find it interesting."

Now that is not a bad thing to say, however, after that statement, or something akin to it, they will present their curiosity as a fact as they explain what they have found. A similar thing can be heard by many so called Christians nowadays when they say, "I know that the Bible doesn't mention life on other planets, but why would God make such a big universe only to leave it empty." In that one sentence they affirmed the Bible as a credible source but also said that it can't be accurate because they believe that visible evidence (suppositions at best) disproves it. This practice is called "sophism." I will address it later in this book.

Another researcher accepts the Bible, yet he uses the word "inferred," when trying to prove his point. Just about anything can be inferred, but that doesn't mean that it's true. I can use the same argument against this researcher by saying that since he has a knowledge about the Bible it is inferred that he has faith in Yeshua. I can however turn this around because Satan

knows the scriptures, probably better than anyone living on earth at this time, but all of the inference in the universe will not affirm that Satan has a saving faith in Yeshua.

It is important to watch out for key words such as what I just illustrated. The very people that promote a flat earth and blame NASA for this large conspiracy are guilty of the same rhetoric used by NASA and other false doctrines of science. For instance, space scientists like those that work for NASA use phrases like, “scientists speculate,” and “scientists believe,” and other such phrases that denote a faith of some sort. In the same way they are the jokers that can be seen on television after a sporting event. Those guys will sit around for an hour telling you about the event you just witnessed while they embellish the whole event. However, in this case and in the case of scientists and flat earth theorists, they talk about the things that we witness with our own eyes and they tell us that what we experience with our five senses aren't real, after which they tell us their delusion of the facts, things that we know to be true and are evidenced by the very physical realm that God Himself created; the creation itself being the evidence.

There is one big difference however in what science does and what flat earth delusionist's practice. Science can only tell us that what we see isn't accurate, but the flat earth theorists, if they claim to believe in YHVH, can take the words of the creator and tweak them to deceive us. In essence, it is the ultimate deception because it attacks our physical senses and our faith in YHVH, and the Bible's accuracy. Since Yeshua is the Word in Flesh, then they are taking His words (The Word is the Word) and perverting them. In the very last chapter of Revelation, which is the last chapter of the entire “Cepher” (Bible) there is a warning that many ascribe to that last book, but which I believe is a warning about twisting any word from the very first word in Genesis to the very last word of Revelation. That word states that any person that changes the

Bible in any way is in danger of receiving all of the plagues illustrated in Revelation, and probably throughout the whole Bible. I wouldn't want to be in the shoes of some of these supposed "researchers," who are tweaking YHVH's words who appear with great gnosis and gather fame unto themselves, and who assassinate verbally and in character those who question their conclusions.

My wonderful brother in Yeshua, Jim Wilhelmsen and I both agree that whether the research be done alone or if it is done by he and I together, that anyone that reads the presented research should pray about the accuracy of our research AND go into scripture and check out what we have presented. Personally, I do not think that ignorance will be an excuse at the Judgment. If you follow a false doctrine and are duped by assumptions made by scripture twisting, then every man guilty of that will have to answer. If you're a believer in Yeshua, it might mean that you won't receive gifts from YHVH that you could have received the other side of our existence. If you do not believe in Yeshua and you are duped they you have set yourself up for receiving lies because you are living the ultimate lie already. And, if you are a teacher that is feeding lies to believers and unbelievers and you are duping believers out of heavenly awards, and/or you are duping unbelievers in such a way that you drive (or deceive) them away from salvation through the Blood of Yeshua then you have much more to worry about:

And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me. But whoso shall offend one of these little

ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea. Matthew 18:3-6

I can only hope that by reading this, you the reader will realize how utterly stupid the idea of a flat earth really is and that you'll weigh the evidence rather than being enticed by those who speak to those with itching ears. And finally, I pray that YHVH will use every means at his disposal to expose the flat earth's fraudulent deceivers for who they are and that He'll open up the eyes of all of YHVH's children enabling them to discern with truth and righteousness.

CHAPTER FIVE

SOPHISM WITHIN THE CHRISTIAN FLAT-EARTH MOVEMENT

I present this chapter as an editorial of the work of some so-called Christian/Messianic researchers that believe in a flat earth. I present this work using my right to present an editorial of published work of entities that I feel are in error and use what is known as editorial license to do so. Please be advised that this chapter is the longest chapter in this book, so take breathers from time to time. That having been said, let me proceed to present my editorial.

This whole Flat Earth argument just keeps getting more stupid by the day. Much of it has to do with semantics and how words are thrown around, or worse yet, how they are misinterpreted. I believe that everyone reading this document have been the victim at least once in their lives of what is called “the old bait and switch.” Whether it is buying a car, furniture or just about anything, all of us have gone into an endeavor promised one thing and given another.

Bait and switch will occur in almost every election. Case in point, in the 2008 elections, Obama promised over 510 things that he would change to make America better. Ignorant Americans believed his sophistry and elected him as president. He made a little change to make it look like he was going to keep his promises, but at the same time, he did things to ruin America. Then, in 2012 he ran again for president with more sophistry, this time blaming others for his failures, but claiming to overcome his obstacles, but again he continued to ruin America rather than keep his promises. Sophistry is to promote one thing but to deliver another.

The bait and switch often will occur in relationships. We find a friend or a lover that acts so wonderful at first only to turn into a different person once the relationship takes on a permanence. Then we begin to feel trapped under oppression and often it is because we are the nice person and we do not want to hurt the person that is hurting us. In like manner bait and switch also happens in Christian circles. Often, we hear things that are appealing to our ears and that touch our heart and/or explain something that we have pondered for days, or months or years. Added onto that we hear these things from people who are supposed to be reliable researchers and/or religious leaders. I mean, after all, these men went to school to learn about Elohim and they did earn a diploma in their art, and, they have some sort of following, a flock that finds what they have to say appealing.

A few weeks ago, I happened to stumble upon a discussion that Dr. Michael Heiser was having with some people who hold to the Flat Earth Notion. You have to understand one thing, is the fact that when you talk with one person that believes in a flat earth, the others will swarm to their defense like fire ants swarm when their nest is disturbed. The Flat Earth Notion is such a strong delusion that I truly believe that its adherents would defend its premise more vigor than they would defend the Gospel of Yeshua; probably because they have studied it more than the Gospels. In the discussion where Dr. Heiser was being attacked, the attack was occurring because Heiser made a comment that a flat earth was a stupid notion. He is right, it is a stupid notion that has no foundational basis except that it is based on the twisting of some scripture in the Tanakh. It is a house built on sand rather than on rock. The people in the house think that their house is secure, yet they try in vain to shore up the walls with their feigned intelligence and reputation while the waves of truth beat against the house with tidal fury. When the storm abates

they fix the house and await the next storm instead of building their home on the solid rock of Yeshua's solid foundation of scripture.

Heiser was being attacked from all sides and allusions were made that he wasn't a true believer in Yeshua because of the knowledge that he was standing firmly upon. This often happens when people believe a lie. They will often turn things around to make it sound like the person that believes the truth is actually believing a lie. It is sad to say that I've seen this a lot in the Christian community. Christians that aren't living a godly life will often attack the righteous Christian and then turn around to say that the righteous Christian is attacking them. Want proof, just approach someone that is not living right and lovingly tell them about it. In most cases, you'll be labeled a legalist and Pharisee and you'll be called unloving.

Heiser knows what he is talking about. He has an M.A. and Ph.D. in Hebrew Bible and Ancient Semitic Languages, so he is an authority on Biblical languages, scriptural intent and meaning. I jumped into the fray of the attack against Heiser and told Michael that I was amazed at how the major players, the apostles of the Flat Earth Notion (so to speak) will always start out their presentations by saying that they cannot believe in the idea of a flat earth or that it is a viable theory and that they are having a hard time reconciling it with their faith; however they spend the rest of their presentation advocating for a flat earth. Michael answered back by saying, "the practice that you have referred to is called sophism." His answer set me off on a study of sophism and how the main apostles of the Christian Flat Earth Movement are using it to foster a following.

Michael Heiser thus defined the practice of bait and switch as Sophism. The word might sound familiar because it sounds a lot like sophisticated, which it shares a common root. Now I want to show how the root word meshes into other words and what they mean:

This ROOT-WORD is SOPH which means WISDOM. It comes from the Greek sophos.

The list points up the fact that the SOPH laughs at true wisdom at the very moment when he himself tries to appear wise. The poor SOPHomore is hard put to it pretending to be wise when he has only just come out of the freshman class. His SOPHistication sits uneasily on his immaturity. SOPHocles was the writer of the great Greek tragedies Antigone, Electra, Oedipus Rex. SOPHocles lived up to his name.

1. Sophic : SOPH ie (sof' ik) adj. Full of wisdom; intellectual

2. Sophical : SOPH ical (sof' i kal) adj. Relating to wisdom

3. Sophiology : SOPH iology (sof i ol' o ji) n. The science of human ideas

4. Sophism : SOPH ism (sof' iz um) n. An argument deceptively reasonable, but hiding a fallacy

5. Sophist : SOPH ist (sof' ist) n. One who reasons falsely

6. Sophistry : SOPH istry (sof' i stree) n. Deceptive reasoning

7. Sophistical : SOPH istical (so fis' ti k'l) adj. In the nature of sophistry; deceptive

8. *Sophisticate* : SOPH isticate (sof is' ti kate) v. Falsify; to make worldly-wise
9. *Sophisticated* : SOPH isticated (so fis' ti kat ed) adj. Worldly-wise; artificial
10. *Sophistication* : SOPH istication (so fis ti kay' shun) n. A state of worldliness; artificiality
11. *Sophisticator* : SOPH isticator (so fis' ti kay tor) n. One who falsifies, sophisticates
12. *Sophomore* : SOPH omore (Sof' om or) n. Student in the second year of high school or college
13. *Sophomoric* : SOPH omoric (sof o more' ik) adj. Like a sophomore; immature
14. *Philosopher* : philo SOPH er (fi los' o fer) n. One who loves wisdom
15. *Philosophism* : philo SOPH ism (fi los' o fiz um) n. Sophistry; falsification

[Source: <http://www.english-for-students.com/soph.html>]

The definitions above start out by showing that “Soph” is associated with wisdom. There is nothing wrong with wisdom, as long as it is endowed by YHVH. As the definitions progress, we see that the root word is also associated with “worldly wisdom,” “falsification,” “to make one worldly wise,” and “artificiality.” These things are obviously opposed to the cause of Mashiach. Worldly wisdom is opposition to humility and contriteness:

Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up. James 4:4-10

The apostles of the Flat Earth Notion and their disciples are anything but humble. As was illustrated in my account about the thread that Dr. Heiser was involved in, they attacked him with some of the more stupid and inane arguments that I have ever heard. They kept mentioning their high apostle, Apostle Rob Skiba, which is hands down the Grand Poohbah when it comes to the Flat Earth Notion. Various times Heiser was exhorted to watch Skiba's videos on the Flat Earth Notion. Dr. Heiser did the correct thing when it comes to attempted discussion with people obsessed with an idea; he just listened, injected common sense and then finally realized that all attempts of trying to speak common sense in regard to the subject matter at hand were fruitless. I have worked with people with personality disorders and know, like Heiser knows, that when dealing with people who act grandiose, you try to help them to focus, just for a little while, and if you're not successful you just let them blather on and on and on. In psychiatric nursing, we are taught to walk away in order to help them to de-escalate. With such individuals, you can only pray that YHVH will intervene because this mindset is something that only He can deal with.

One problem that could very easily present itself when a person is a researcher is it is very easy to start thinking that we have attained wisdom and that we have attained it so much that we become prideful and start taking the credit for the research that we have been shown by the Ruach Ha Kodesh. When I wrote “Unholy Communion....” I was often told that it was a wonderful book, full of wisdom and knowledge. The funny thing is that every time I would read through a chapter or two I would realize that all I did was pen what YHVH wanted me to say. The content of the pages was not my content but was given to me through the Ruach. If I contributed anything, it was the prayer that I offered up asking YHVH for the words to write and for the book to touch people so that they could be saved. While I was writing the book, I was warned by YHVH in a dream not to be like the other researchers and to keep my eyes focused on YHVH, and not on what any knowledge he imparted to me could get me. In addition, he showed me many scriptures to keep me humble:

Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness. And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain. 1 Corinthians 3:18-20

And He showed me that it was possible to take wisdom that comes from the Ruach Ha Kodesh and to turn it around so that men could be deceived to think that it was their knowledge:

And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness, and in fear,

and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: 1 Corinthians 2:2-6

One of the illustrations that YHVH showed me is how just one little act of disobedience could cost so much. When the Sons of Israel were wandering the desert, they complained about being thirsty. Moshe was told at Horeb to strike the rock after which water gushed forth from the rock. The next time YHVH told him to just talk to the rock, but Moshe struck it with his staff again. Water did come out, but Moshe acted out of what he knew, not out of faith and obedience and it cost him because his action kept him from seeing the Promised Land.

We have so many life's lessons in Scripture that there is no one that loves YHVH that can say that they had no idea that something is not allowed by Him. We're told to study to show ourselves approved, a believer that is not ashamed, and that we're supposed to have an answer for every man concerning the hope that is within us. I think that people today have forgotten how a real study is conducted or perhaps they haven't been taught how to study. The schools have for many years produced graduates that know how to read and to retain information, but they do not know how to study in depth. They are not taught how to think critically and to discern. They are taught as Greeks, to debate rather than to discuss. They are told that if they can shame their opponent and collect to themselves disciples that can shame the opponent's disciples then they have won a battle. They are versed in word/speak, so speak in such a manner that their opponent doesn't have time to correlate their thoughts on a matter thus somehow negating the viability of

that opponent. A debate is a game, and it is a tool of the Goyim, not a tool of righteous dialogue. Words are tools and how we succeed in dialogue depends on how those tools are used.

Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace. James 3:13-18

Words are the quintessential elements of speech. Once uttered, words can never be taken back and can remain in a person's memory forever. Words can speak the truth and they can speak a volume of lies. Words can hurt, and they can be used to heal. They can be used to express intimate love or white-hot hate. In a fallen world, words can be used to deceive, right from the very first deception in the Garden of Eden and up until and after this very moment and surely until YHVH creates a new Heaven and a New Earth.

I've had quite a few run-ins with people who adhere to the notion that the Earth is a flat disk, covered by a dome with a sun and moon inside the dome that they revolve in rotation around the disk. We examined this fallacy and debunked it within the first few chapters of this book. Now, you and I are free to believe what we want, no matter how right or wrong it is, but if it is wrong and deception is used to teach it then the teacher has to be called out. People who err

in ignorance are to be handled in a Matthew 18 mannerism, but those who deliberately teach heresy and inculcate their lies on purpose to unsuspecting and trusting individuals need to be named as being false teachers.

I have run into this in the Charismatic prophetic community. Many people nowadays that claim to be prophets use word/speak that I would have expected to hear from fortune tellers and channelers. Yes, before I was born again in Yeshua I did go to see psychics from time to time, so I know how they talk. They get information from people using leading questions. They will almost always tell a person that they see financial problems, relationship problems or that their patsy has lost someone or something very dear to them. Well, those things figure into the lives of 99.9 percent of people. This falsely gives the patsy a feeling that the psychic is on to something. At this time the patsy will usually give up some information that the psychic can work with and by using this new information the patsy is led to believe that the psychic knows things that nobody else on earth could possibly know, and that is true because the patsy just told them the secrets that nobody else knows.

Christians who claim to be prophets do exactly the same thing when they speak to someone. They will always lead with, "I'm not sure, but I think I see..." or they will use any number of leading phrases that cause the patsy to offer up more information. This sort of thing is prominent at Bethel Church in Redding. I've heard more people tell me, or relate in stories, that the supposed prophets were on to something, but that something was information surrendered by answering the leading questions.

One story, that is presented in a light-hearted manner is related by a witch that visited Bethel Church in Redding, California. Remember that this is a church that is supposed to be super enlightened and the model of what every church is supposed to be. One story in particular is written by a Wiccan named Annika. You can read her story by doing an internet search using her name along with Bethel Church. The sad part of the prophecies given to Annika is that the “supposed” prophets giving the words of knowledge were confused and they should have stopped there because YHVH is not the God of confusion, but of a sound mind. However, one has to bear in mind that Bethel actually has a school for prophets. Personally, and Biblically, I believe that it’s impossible to school someone in something that the Ruach Ha Kodesh controls, and, that every word of knowledge and prophetic utterance is unique, So, how do you teach unique? The answer, they’re taught, “you improvise,” just like the confused prophets at Bethel did with Annika. Geeze, what a mess.

Improvisation is a good tool to use if it is used for purposes that will be beneficial to those who are viewing or hearing the story or act that is being played out. Yeshua used improvisation by way of parables as well as stories of actual accounts. When we improvise we illustrate what we are trying to say. As we saw above, it can be used to cover up lies and inexperience. One form of language art that is being used today, especially in the case of two supposed “researchers,” is that of sophism. For those who are more realistic in vernacular, another name for sophism is bullshit. Pardon my vulgarity, but let’s call something for what it is, and if we want to refine it a little, it can be called sophisticated bullshit.

To put it into layman's terms, sophistry is the act of using unsound or misleading but clever, plausible, and subtle argument or reasoning. I once lived for a short while in North Carolina. I found it both alarming but at the same time tragically amusing at how southerners could use sophistry to tear another person down by adding just one little phrase at the end of their diatribe, that phrase being, "bless their heart." A typical sentence might go like this, "Phyllis is a lying cheating scoundrel that will sleep with anything that walks on two legs, bless her heart." The sentence rips another human apart, yet the last three words make it sound like the gossip is bestowing a blessing on Phyllis and empathetic toward her.

A sophistic term is often used to start off a sentence as a disqualifier for those who would judge someone about what they are about to say. An example sentence would be akin to, "It really pains me to say this because I don't like foul language, but you're a real ass." Well, no, it really didn't cause them a pain to say it because if so the pain would have prevented it. They really wanted to say it but didn't want to have the appearance of being an ass themselves.

What I have also noticed is that sophisticated people will hunt in packs like coyotes. One main tactic that coyotes use is they will appear to be alone and if there is a family dog that dog will be lured away by what looks like an innocent and solitary coyote. When the dog gets closer to the solitary coyote the rest of the pack will attack the dog to kill it and then carry it away. In like manner, the sophisticating person will act as someone innocent that might even be questioning his or her own belief system. Once they have placed the bait the unsuspecting person enters into what they hope to be a peaceful discussion. However, the sophisticated person is not alone, they have cronies that are waiting to pounce on anyone that will question the veracity of

anyone that ventures too close and is not of the pack. As I mentioned above, the common man's term for this is called "The Old Bait and Switch."

Sophisticator Numero Uno

Rob Skiba is the first major follower of Yeshua (?) to endorse a flat earth while denying that he's endorsing it. If Christian Research Sophism had a kingdom, Skiba would be its king. One thing that I admire about Skiba is that when he gets something in his head he'll defend it to the death, even if he is dead wrong. It is almost as if Skiba is married to his doctrines. If it appears that someone is questioning his doctrine it is as if the person that is asking the question has insulted his wife (his doctrine) and Skiba slaps his adversary across the face with his proverbial white glove and challenges his detractor to a duel, his idea of a duel being a debate. Speaking from experience I can attest that when you question, even in the nicest way anything that Skiba promotes there is an immediate backlash by way of a challenge, and, he comes accompanied by a myriad of his sycophants that sit there like a cheering section, or should I say smearing section that assassinates the person asking the question before that person is allowed to address the subject adequately. It is truly amazing to look at the classic cult following that it appears this man has produced.

Skiba, in an attempt to promote the Flat Earth Notion, uses sophistry in a skillful manner. I have written the introduction to one of his radio broadcasts, both the words at the beginning and a few short sentences so that you can witness the sophisticated manner in which he works:

The Written Introduction: “As of today, I believe that the earth is a sphere. Yes, I really do STILL believe the earth is a sphere. Seriously. Earth = a SPHERE! One more time... (read it out loud) I believe the earth is a SPHERE! ...at least for now I do anyway...”

The Official Disclaimer: “If you have not done so already, I recommend you stop this presentation and watch all 11 parts of Mark Sargent’s “FLAT EARTH CLUES” videos and listen to the many interviews Eric Dubay has done on YouTube before going any further with this video.”

The Supposed Struggle: “Yeah, this thing has been sticking in my brain like a splinter in my mind’s eye, a thorn in my brain that I can’t get out, and I have become obsessed with it actually. Going through the various arguments on both sides....”

And in a note below the video it is explained again:

“OK. This is the show I never in a million years thought I would EVER be doing. Let me CLEARLY state up front that I STILL BELIEVE IN THE SPHERICAL EARTH... however, I am finding that my belief is not quite as cut and dry as I once thought it was. We are told to TEST ALL THINGS. So, this is what I am doing here and I encourage you to do the same.

[Source: <https://youtu.be/tenoUrC4pSE?list=PLzLlqDngeVYU-9pNmliRL8pTshEoAv363>]

This guy is a clear gonif, someone who uses sophism (bait and switch) to lure people in and then convince them of the opposite. He would have made a wonderful used car dealer. No

doubt he will use statements like this to call out this author and accuse me of what he himself does. Such an act is a tactic that is used in lieu of circumspection and possibly admitting wrongdoing. Repentance is not an option in the mindset (and heart set) of such a person. Such a person is righteous in their own eyes, a seeker of the truth, but their actions rarely reflect their claims of fidelity to the truth.

Skiba touts himself as leading a revolution for the truth. However, just reading what he wrote at the beginning of the YouTube audio one has to ask if this is entirely true. Just the fact that he enforces four times that he believes that the Earth is a sphere, and then says that “at least for now I do,” leads one to believe that he is not telling us the truth. It appears by his phrase “at least now I do,” was most likely written in retrospect after he changed his mind. This is further backed up by him immediately posting that we should read the works of two (at least two) very well-known Flat Earth Apostles who are also spherical earth opponents, proves his claim to be dubious at best. The remaining text below the video is an exhortation to read the various links that Skiba has provided and then he goes into superficially explaining the scriptures that he uses to suggest a flat earth reality to the people what come to YouTube to listen to the radio broadcast.

It would be akin to me claiming that marijuana is a dangerous drug that leads to addiction, damaged minds and psychosis, and then telling you to check out websites that promote marijuana as being beneficial and benign. You would think that I was meshuga (crazy or psychotic) if I did that, and my credibility would go down the toilet, yet people like Skiba get away with it, go figure, right? Skiba could be called the “Teflon researcher,” seeing that just like Obama and the Clintons, all having done wrong, have excelled in popularity and are somehow

immune from being effectively sanctioned for their misdeeds. It is simply not normal to use sanity as a baseline, to set up listeners (students?) for insanity. Again, we witness the old bait and switch. The honest way to make such a presentation would be to say something like this, "I used to believe this way, but I've found compelling evidence to change my mind and to believe another way." There, wouldn't that be easy? Well, yes it would, and it would be ethical too, but the offers to speak at conferences and sell books would diminish, and let's face it, some people are too good to dig ditches.

Skiba has some other strange (and I believe unbiblical) ideas. For instance, where it comes to a resurgence of Nephilim after the flood, Skiba asserts that YHVH allowed a genetic mutation to come across the flood, on the Ark into the post-diluvian world. He writes:

*OK. Then how did the Nephilim return? In **The Genesis Six Experiment** blog, I suggested that Nephilim seed may have survived in at least one (if not two) of the wives of Noah's sons. My detractors say that my position regarding Nephilim seed possibly surviving in any member of Noah's crew is absurd and makes no sense. They ask, "If God had to wipe out the whole world with a Flood, why would He allow any Nephilim genetics to survive on the ark?"*

*Why they can't see that their position is even **more absurd**, I will never know. God had to destroy the whole world because of what the Watchers and their offspring did. His entire Creation had become completely corrupted. That was the reason for the Flood! So, if **The Genesis Six Experiment** was the very reason God had to wipe out the entire world, why would He allow the same thing to happen again? That makes absolutely no sense at all.*

*Whereas it makes perfect sense why God may have allowed **microscopic genetic codes** (i.e. information) to survive – just long enough for His people to wipe them out. Why? Because as we will see in **Volume 3** of this **Babylon Rising** series, it was through the heroic acts of the Hebrew people that the whole Post-Flood world came to fear them and YHVH, their God – the one true God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob! God got the glory through His chosen people and this new nation of “giant slayers” stood as a testimony to all other nations of the awesome power and truth of the living Creator of heaven and earth. When you consider what this tiny nation did to entire cultures of massive Post-Flood giants, it is very easy to see why God “allowed” Nephilim genetics to survive... long enough to be wiped out by His people. In so doing, God demonstrated to the world and to the Fallen Angels what people in right relationship with Him can do.*

[Source: <http://www.babylonrisingblog.com/Nephilim.html>]

So Skiba is suggesting in his text that YHVH, who wiped out mankind and animals on Earth because the thoughts of their men’s hearts were only evil continually, who most probably all (except for Noah’s family) possessed Nephilim genes, decided to let “microscopic genetic codes” transfer into the new world so that in the future He (YHVH) could use the new world Nephilim to bring fear of YHVH and to Israel and show real believers what they can overcome. This is an interesting notion, but it shows YHVH’s character to be more capricious than loving and casts Him to be more akin to Allah than YHVH Elohim. It casts YHVH to be a sadistic God and that is not the YHVH Elohim that real believers serve. It makes for a wonderful type of

Biblical drama, oh but wait a second, Skiba is writing a biblically based drama called “Seed.”
Are things starting to make sense?

In addition, and before we move on, Skiba also believes that the antiChrist will actually be the return of Nimrod who lived after the Flood. After talking about Revelation Chapter 13 and looking at leaders in history what manifested antichrist attributes, Skiba comes up with the following assertion:

Even if the above list of “candidates” is not accurate, I believe a very strong case can be made for at least the first and the last names on that list. We can debate all day long about the rest. The bottom line is, no matter what list you put together for the seven, no person in the recorded history of this planet fits ALL descriptions for the Anti-Christ better than Nimrod. And if we were to apply Occam’s razor, “the simplest explanation is more likely the correct one” to this analysis, I believe the results would speak for themselves. So, we can forget any and all notions, theories and/or ideas regarding any current political figure walking this earth. Obama is not the Anti-Christ. Neither is Ahmadinejad, Osama bin Laden, Putin, Prince William or anyone else. No other actor on the world stage fits the part better than Nimrod.

[Source: <http://www.babylonrisingblog.com/TheFirstLast.html>]

Speculation is fine and it can be entertaining, but to turn that speculation into fact is dangerous, especially when it comes from someone that is vying to be “leading the revolution for truth.” Skiba could be right or be wrong with it comes to the identity of AntiChrist. The truth

(vive' le revolution) is that the AntiMessiah will not be revealed until the Ruach Ha Kodesh is moved away from holding the man of perdition back:

Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 2 Thessalonians 2:3-10

Seeing that the Antichrist will not be revealed until “his time” to appear, no one could possibly present his identity for sure, all is speculation. To present the identity of any one person to be a candidate for AntiMessiah as fact (at this time) is foolishness and is something that could lead others astray. It could also cause people to get into arguments over items that are not important to the cause of the Gospel of Mashiach. One has to ask the question; why does it seem that almost everything that Skiba presents to the public at large seems to start controversy? Who is the author of controversy? We all know the answer to the second question that answer also seems to point to an answer for the first one too.

Possibly Another Sophisticator:

Whereas I have never had much surety in the authoritativeness of Rob Skiba and his research [sic] I do have respect for another man whom I have had the pleasure of conversing with during a couple of three-hour trips from Roswell to the Albuquerque Airport. This gentleman's name is Bill Schnoebelen. Bill has had one interesting life's experience and has written books that expose secret societies as well as occult practices and how to fight against such practices. Bill and I also share in that our first wives both went to be with Yeshua about the same time, less than one year apart. Personally, I do believe that both of our wives were targeted by the Elites, their deaths being "punishment" for the things that we were exposing. When a man has a bullseye placed on his back by demonic forces it pretty well assures me that the man has a heart for YHVH and YHVH for him. I do have a lot of respect for what Bill has done in the past, but recent events have me scratching my head.

Earlier this year I was shocked to see that Bill had produced a video in which he takes to hold the Flat Earth Notion and runs with it, inferring his endorsement of it and giving credit to Rob Skiba. I watched the video and found myself disagreeing with Bill, He presented scriptures to back up his point but never went into the Hebrew word meanings in the scriptures that he was using to try to prove his point. He showed one scripture that declares that the earth has four corners and pointed out that a globe cannot have four corners, yet he never bothered to mention that if the earth is circular (which Flat Earthers assert) then a circle cannot have four corners either. I discussed this earlier in this book. Bill is an awesome thinker and how he could miss such a simple thing still bothers me. Here is the link to Bill's video on YouTube Please give it a

gander to see what he has to say. I will not refute any man without showing what I am refuting:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1OwPIVYTGt0>

Bill mentions in his video that we look at things through one of two lenses; those being Scripture OR science. Truthfully, there are instances where both lenses can be used. For instance, Scripture is quite clear that there is the sun and the moon that course across the sky. We see this every day and science agrees. Flat Earthers promote geocentricity, so how the sun courses across the sky is different, but both science and Flat Earthers, and also scripture affirm that the sun and the moon do exist. It would probably be better to say that we see through the lenses of our eyes and we use Scripture, science and/or both to explain to us YHVH's truth. Know for certain that I affirm that there is a lot of junk science out there, but you cannot throw out the baby with the bathwater, especially if scripture and science are in concord with each other. Scripture will always trump science for sure, however, when we study Scripture it must be studied in the correct context and with the correctly defined words for that context.

Bill mentions that if you study the King James Bible there is no way that you can believe in a global earth. I agree that the KJV is the best Bible that we have to study from. However, there are instances where the translators picked the wrong word definitions for the words that they were translating. For instance, in Acts, chapter 12 verse 4 we are told that Herod had Cephas arrested because it pleased the Jews and kept him in prison until after Easter when he would be delivered up to the people. Well, Easter never existed at that time amongst the Jewish people and if you look at the Greek word that is used in the context it is Pascha or Passover. The Jews never celebrated Ashtar (Easter) after the time of the Babylonian exile, so the word usage is wrong and is a mistranslation. It is imperative that if you use the King James Translation to study

scripture, that you do word studies using a concordance. Personally, I use the **Blue Letter Bible** to check word meanings; not only noun meanings but the verbs that define the nouns because that is crucial. Just doing a surface study is not good enough. I do not endorse using any other translation to study scripture.

Seeing that I respect Bill I cannot and will not admonish him in this book. I do feel that Bill is a good and honest man and that he's just gotten caught up in the whole Flat Earth Notion. In the Christian/Messianic Research community, it is easy to view the work of others and to find some validity in what they present. It is easy to get off the narrow path, so to speak. While Bill did present his video with sophism, I do believe that he did (and probably still does) ponder a lot, back and forth between the Flat Earth Notion and the Spherical Earth Fact. I find myself praying for clarity from the Ruach Ha Kodesh in Bills regard. I pray also for his wife Mary who, when I suggested on Facebook that the Flat Earth Notion might be something that the Elites will use to bring about ecumenism, she sent me a very sarcastic reply and when I answered she accused me of sarcasm. Funny, that too is something that Islam does, it is called transference. I cannot fault Bill's wife because she was defending her husband and her doctrine, I just question the manner in which the defense was presented. I do expect as much from people who believe in a bad doctrine. This is often done when doctrine is not Biblical because the attacker is defending their own philosophy, not Biblical doctrine.

One more thing about Bill that I admire is that he states around the 23-minute mark of his video that he is not being dogmatic about what he is presenting and that he is willing to admit if he is wrong. This statement shows me that Bill has humility and is willing to accept correction

from YHVH. I do believe that Bill does not have alternative motives like some do and that his true goal is to please YHVH Yeshua.

Do Other Modern-Day Religions Hold to A Flat Earth Model?

Okay, so I have researched this flat earth thing for quite a while. My research shows me that the only religion that promotes and enforces a flat earth is Islam. I also assert that this whole flat earth fraud has been brought about by Islamic forces that want to bring about infighting within the Christian realm. I have talked to many Muslims, having worked with them and having lived amongst some of them. One of the things in which they are quite adept is pointing out (what they see as) errors and/or questionable scriptures with the pages of the Bible. They have a circular that they hand out to Christians illustrates what they see as 100+ points of error in the Bible. One of those points is that the Bible speaks of a spherical earth, but the Koran speaks of a flat earth. What I find quite humorous is that Islamic scholars have a similar argument going on where the shape of the earth is concerned. The majority of Islamic Koran scholars hold to the notion that the earth is flat and there are many Koran passages that suggest this. There is a minority that is arguing about a couple of words in the passages of the Koran that could mean flat but could also mean egg-shaped.



Taken from Zekeriya Kazvinî's "Acaib-ül Mahlûkat" (The Wonders of Creation). Translated into Turkish from Arabic. Istanbul: ca. 1553.

This map depicts "a traditional Islamic projection of the world as a flat disk surrounded by the sundering seas which are restrained by the encircling mountains of Qaf".

[Source: https://wikiislam.net/wiki/Flat_Earth_and_the_Quran]

One of the ideas that we try to call attention to is that Satan does things in a "same but opposite" mode of operation. Most of the time he will go through great pains to make something look the same as Biblical accounts, laws or actions, but the Elect can see his wiles for what they are because we know the original.

In like fashion to what the Koranic “reformers” are doing, biblical Flat Earthers are too doing. The key scripture that Biblical Flat Earthers hold to, found in Isaiah 41 states that YHVH sits above the “circle of the Earth.” Of course, if you are using Euclidean geometry a circle is flat, however, if you live in a world of four dimensions (time is a dimension) then a circle can be a globe. I discussed that in earlier chapters.

Something that bothers me is that hardcore flat earth teachers all tend to use sophism. Added upon that, Islam not only uses sophism, they endorse it and have a word for it, that word being Taqiyya [deception]:

According to the authoritative Arabic text, Al-Taqiyya fi Al-Islam, “Taqiyya [deception] is of fundamental importance in Islam. Practically every Islamic sect agrees to it and practices it. We can go so far as to say that the practice of taqiyya is mainstream in Islam, and that those few sects not practicing it diverge from the mainstream.... Taqiyya is very prevalent in Islamic politics, especially in the modern era.”

The primary Koranic verse sanctioning deception vis-À-vis non-Muslims states: “Let believers not take for friends and allies infidels instead of believers. Whoever does this shall have no relationship left with Allah—unless you but guard yourselves against them, taking precautions” (3:28; other verses relied on by the ulema include 2:173; 2:185; 4:29; 16:106; 22:78; 40:28).

Al-Tabari’s (d. 923) famous Tafsir (exegesis of the Koran) is essentially a standard reference work in the entire Muslim world. Regarding 3:28, he writes: “If you [Muslim] are under their [infidels’] authority, fearing for yourselves, behave loyally to them, with your tongue, while harboring inner animosity for them.... Allah has forbidden believers

from being friendly or on intimate terms with the infidels in place of believers—except when infidels are above them [in authority]. In such a scenario, let them act friendly towards them.”

Regarding 3:28,” Ibn Kathir (d. 1373, second only to Tabari) writes, “Whoever at any time or place fears their [infidels’] evil, may protect himself through outward show.” As proof of this, he quotes Muhammad’s companions: Abu Darda said “Let us smile to the face of some people while our hearts curse them”; while al-Hassan said, “Doing taqiyya is acceptable till the Day of Judgment [i.e., in perpetuity].”

[Source: <https://www.jihadwatch.org/2008/11/raymond-ibrahim-islams-doctrines-of-deception/>]

So, it is not an unreasonable assertion to state that Taqiyya is sophism and sophism is Taqiyya. The difference between the Judeo/Christian ethic and Islam is that sophism is deplorable to followers of the Judeo/Christian ethic, but it is dictated to the Muslim and sanctioned by Islam. If a “supposed” believer in Yeshua uses it as a tool for doctrinal acceptance, and they cannot hear from the Ruach Ha Kodesh that sophism is wrong then the conclusions can only be that the believer [sic] is severely deluded or that person is not truly a believer (and does not believe) Yeshua. The difference between Bill Schnoebelen and Rob Skiba is that Bill will consider what has been written here, and he’ll even pray for YHVH’s guidance while Skiba will try to castigate me and assassinate my character. This is the difference between maturity in YHVH and immaturity in faith if the latter has faith at all.

In closing, I want to firmly say that there is a cadence in priorities when it comes to faith in Yeshua Ha Mashiach.

- You are called
- You answer the call.
- You are grown in your faith and it takes a time to be a proficient disciple.
- You start to share your faith with others. Note: this phase never ends.
- You are approved by YHVH Yeshua for ministry and are given a ministry.
- You go through an apprenticeship in your ministry
- You become an approved journeyman in your ministry and are always learning. You never ever become perfected on Earth.
- You finish your life and are translated to Shamayim (Heaven) to be with Yeshua.

This process has been a Biblical principal from the Calling of Noah and all throughout Bible history. NOBODY jumps a step or becomes an expert overnight. If you read or hear the biography of Bill Schnoebelen you can see the exact progression played out. I have never been able to find the same progression expressed by the other guy.

There are specific ministries laid out in for those who follow Yeshua:

- Apostles
- Prophets
- Evangelists

- Pastors (or “shepherds”)
- Teachers

It is possible for a man to hold more than one office. For instance, Bill Schnoebelen has exhibited signs of working in the prophetic, in evangelism, and as a teacher and sometimes he acts as a pastor. We can see these things in his life. This is another reason why, when Bill realizes that he is wrong about the Flat Earth Notion he will repent. He is focused on YHVH Yeshua. Skiba on the other hand only exhibits the functions of a teacher. However, if you think of it, teachers exist in all segments of society, both religious and secular while the other four are mostly absent from many segments of society. I taught and was also a program director in a private technical college and I can say with confidence that teachers many times exhibit arrogant and narcissist behaviors. Remember, secular teachers are taught in the Greek format, not the Hebrew method. They are often high-minded and skilled at insulting and discrediting their opponents, many times those opponents are peers. They often indoctrinate students with their own agenda, not what is proper to teach. If you do not believe me, just look at the statistics of strong young Christians who head off to secular college and graduate as agnostics or atheists. Frankly, I never felt comfortable in the teaching setting and was happy when the school eliminated my program.

Yeshua was stern about the duty of teachers and told about his love for children (including Believers) and how they are taught and treated:

At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me. But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh! Matthew 18:1-7

The fact is if you are a researcher, and you place your research on the internet and/or in a book and/or you talk at seminars and on radio shows then you are a teacher and held to the higher standards that YHVH Yeshua set for teachers. The word “offend” in the scripture above is quite revealing when one studies it in the Greek language, which is where it came from regarding the King James Version:

σκανδαλίζω skandalizō, skan-dal-id'-zo; from G4625; to entrap, i.e. trip up (figuratively, stumble (transitively) or entice to sin, apostasy or displeasure):—(make to) offend.

So not only is the main (Christian?) proponent of the Flat Earth Notion using sophism to promote his ideas, he is teaching them as the truth, thus he is entrapping people in false doctrine, he is causing them to stumble and enticing them to sin and leavening up the loaf that could cause them to fall into apostasy. Interestingly, in his pointing at other people’s faults and inferring that they are in apostasy by believing in a spherical earth, three fingers of his hand are pointing back

at him in like manner. Of course, he will never admit to this because his pride precludes him from doing so.

It All Leads to A NASA Conspiracy

I have questioned NASA for a long time. For instance, there are many questions that go unanswered about whether the moon landings actually happened. To me, the jury is still out on that one. Bill Schnoebelen points out that most of those employed by NASA are Masons and/or Illuminati and he is right when he says that the founders of NASA were scientists brought here from Nazi Germany after World War Two. I concur with Bill about his statements which reasons are why I strongly question anything that comes from NASA and especially JPL. I abhor SETI because it is opposed to scripture and I despise the Notion of Evolution, both Darwinian, and Extraterrestrial because they too are opposed to YHVH. I do not believe that humans are the cause of Climate Change and I also think that the Pharmaceutical Companies do have cures for most diseases but will not use them because it would put them out of business. So, you see, I am not bound by science, however, true science does verify Scripture and the existence of YHVH.

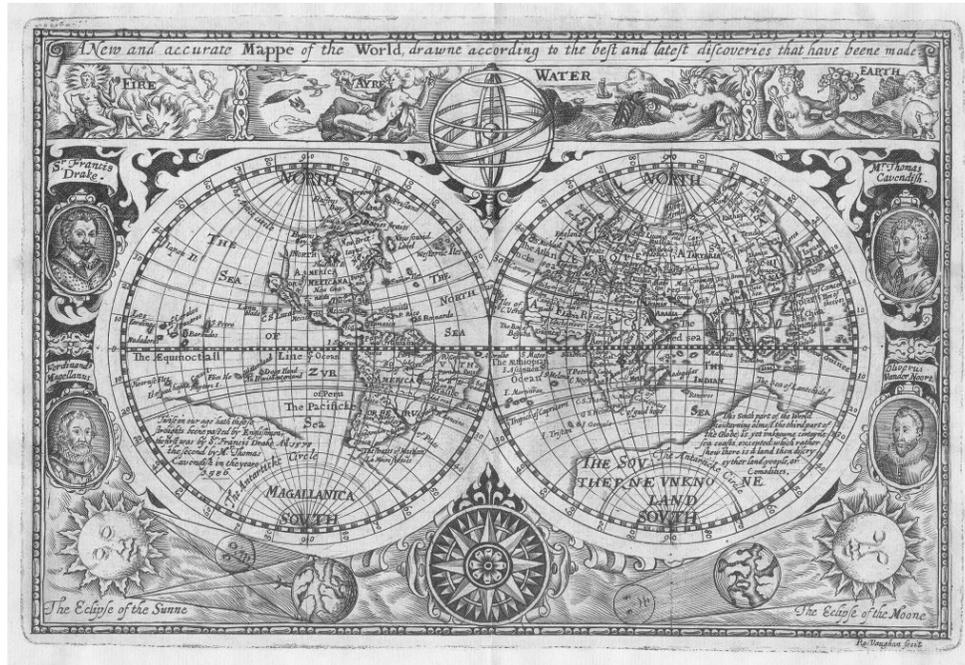
I believe that sophism has played into the NASA scheme of things right from the beginning. For years both NASA and the USAF both denied the existence of life in outer space. The Air Force used intimidation and false studies to make it appear that no life existed outside of earth's realm. NASA always ridiculed anyone that suggested that there was life on other worlds, that is up until the last 25 years during which time they flip flopped and it appears now that their sole mission is to find life on other worlds. The classic bait and switch that they have perpetuated is that they were in official denial while the whole time they were operating in stealth until which

time they could present to the public that there might indeed be life on other worlds. Now we're supposed to believe that astronomers have found "earth-like" planets in the cosmos. This is all a conditioning for a future strong delusion that will envelop the Earth. So yes, I do get it that NASA isn't looking out for what is good and honest, they do have an agenda.

One thing that guys like Skiba like to point out is that they feel that NASA has faked many pictures of Earth and the celestial bodies and because of this assertion (and their belief in it) they also contend that NASA is perpetuating a fraud by saying that the Earth is a sphere. I illustrated above that I dislike NASA like many others, but some good science has come from NASA and if there are some bad things you don't throw out the baby with the bath water. You don't throw out all of the science because there is junk science. In like manner, you do not throw out the King James Version of the Bible because the Book of Acts mentions Easter; you rightly divide the truth from error and move on.

I got into a discussion with a Flat Earther one day and they accused me of getting away from Church doctrine and siding with false science when I say that the Earth is a sphere. I had to ask the cretin to go back to the history books to check out his facts. It is common knowledge that many elites in Roman Catholicism held the belief for many centuries that the Earth was flat. They persecuted men like Galileo, Newton, Copernicus and others that believed in a spherical earth. If you held the belief in a spherical earth in Europe five hundred years ago you would be at the very least excommunicated and a worst case scenario would find you being burned at a stake. Surprisingly, many intelligent and schooled men believed in a spherical Earth. Men like Magellan and Drake affirmed that science was right, and that Earth is indeed spherical. I present

to you a map of the world from around the time of Drake and Magellan. Oh, and this map was drawn centuries before NASA ever existed, and it shows a Global Earth:



Another entertaining and fanciful fairytale is that the idea of a global earth is a concoction of the Jesuits who are intent on perverting the truth and many segments of Christendom. What they fail to recognize, or deny outright, is that the idea of a spherical earth was held by many men of intellect that lived before Christianity (hence any Jesuit order) and that some even developed mathematics to calculate the size of the earth that would be reaffirmed in our modern times by actual means of modern calculation. However, if you're going to believe in a flat earth then maybe they could assert that Sherman and Mr. Peabody hopped into their "Wayback Machine" and with a group of Jesuits they indoctrinated the Plato, Aristotle and other great thinkers about a spherical earth. Now there's a fanciful story for some perverse author (uh hmm) to turn into a best seller.

Sophism Will Be A Hallmark of The Strong Delusion:

For me, men like Skiba and all of the other “sophisticated” so called “enlightened” religious researchers, are modern day bait and switch philosophers, that are presenting heretical ideas. The tactics that they are using now will become stronger in the height of the great “Falling Away,” that will occur before the revealing of AntiMessiah. I believe that the great calling card of that falling away will be the classic bait and switch phenomenon that we witness with men like Skiba. I believe that we will see and hear many such things, including:

I believe that Yeshua is the only way, at least I do now, but before you listen on, please check out the following links to atheism, the New Age and The Egyptian Book of The Dead.

I believe that only those who believe in Yeshua will be saved, at least now I do, but before you go further, check out the links to the Koran, the Mahabharata, Tripitaka and the Zohar.

I believe that Yeshua is YHVH in the flesh, I least I do now, but before you go further, read the Gemara.

Simply put, the use of sophism is a setup. It is used to get your attention and/or to appeal to those with itching ears. Think of it this way. Let’s say that you go into a car dealership with the intentions of buying a cheap new car to use as a commuter car. Right away the sharks start to swim around you and finally, what looks to be a kind and sincere man approaches you and asks to help you to make a decision. He listens to what you are looking for and shows you a few

models of a car that would suit you fine. He knows the intentions of your heart, but he wants to capitalize on a sale, any good salesman would. He asks questions. Do you hunt, or fish? Do you have a large family? Do you think you'll ever pull a boat or trailer? All of these things start to play on your mind. He brings you to the bigger and more expensive cars and shows you all of the nice features which appeal to you. Next, he mentions a truck or SUV, and he shows you all that those vehicles can do. You start to get concerned because of monthly payments. The salesman sees your worry and he says that they have convenient financing. So after five hours of listening to this man you find yourself signing an agreement to purchase the high-end SUV that he last showed you. That is a bait and switch. Yes, he sold you a wonderful vehicle, but you wanted a cheap commuter car that would save you money. Now you have a big SUV that guzzles gas, is way more than you needed or might ever need and it has all of those extra features, all things that mean that more can go wrong with the vehicle and will cost more to fix. You feel stupid because you were tricked by a man who, by using sophistry got you to believe that you needed more than you actually did and now you will pay for his trickery for a few years.

Now apply that to the sophism that is being used by the Apostles of the Flat Earth Notion. You decide to do some research on the internet and find a page like Skiba's Flat Earth page. You believe in a spherical Earth and you find someone who says no less than five times in a Youtube audio that he does too. You think that you've found a like-minded person. So, you research this person and find out that he touts himself to be an authority on everything and he has a bevy of followers who concur with that assertion. You muse that since so many people hold him in high esteem that his doctrines have to be true. You think that you do not have to do much study on his subjects of interest because he's already done it for you. Yes, any word study done seems to be a superficial one, but heck, this guy is an authority, and everyone touts his expertise. You start to

believe the lies and you've walked out of the showroom with something that you never intended on purchasing for yourself. You've been baited and switched.

My dear readers, always look out for the word "BUT" in a sentence. It comes in many forms and in some fancier words, like the word "however." Listen to every word of someone who is saying controversial things. Take for instance Barack Obama. In his election campaign in 2008 he said that he wanted to "fundamentally transform" our nation. Well, fundamentals are foundations that things are built on. What he was saying is that he wanted to (and did) transform, or change, the foundation that the United States was built on. In other words, he wanted to tear down everything, create a new foundation and totally change the country. Those of us who understood this knew that he was up to no good, but the useful idiots, and those who didn't understand English bought his lie, or just didn't get it, and it has led to our ruin.

Take the words of Rob Skiba and apply them to a husband that is talking about his relationship with his wife:

"As of today, I believe that I love my wife. Yes, I really do STILL believe that I love my wife. Seriously. I = love WIFE! One more time... (read it out loud) I believe that I love my wife! ...at least for now I do anyway..."

"If you have not done so already, I recommend you stop this presentation and watch all 11 parts of anonymous author's "WIFE HATING CLUES" videos and listen to the many interviews another anonymous author has done on YouTube before going any further with this video."

“Yeah, this thing has been sticking in my brain like a splinter in my mind’s eye, a thorn in my brain that I can’t get out, and I have become obsessed with it actually. Going through the various arguments on both sides....”

I want to make it perfectly clear that what I wrote above is an analogy, not a characterization of Rob Skiba and his marriage. I know that he loves his wife dearly. But in regard to the analogy, now I ask you, the reader, does that sound like the thoughts of a man that has fidelity to his wife? No, it sounds like a man that is looking for a way out of his relationship and will do anything that he needs to do in order to leave his spouse and to justify his actions using the thoughts and ideas of others for his justification. The guys who are reading this would know that this man’s marriage will soon be ending. We know that he has made up his mind. And I’m pretty sure that the ladies reading this would agree with the same assertion. Ladies, would you trust a man that thinks like this? Well, of course, you would not. Any man or woman that loves and honors the idea of fidelity would think that a man thinking such a way is a scumbag, and in the future, we would probably question his veracity on anything that he claimed that had anything to do with honesty and truth.

So why do these “researchers” get away with such schtick? The scripture is quite clear as to why this drek is allowed to happen:

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children. Hosea 4:6

In this passage, Hosea is admonishing Israel for forsaking YHVH. They had given up searching the scriptures (knowledge) and had given themselves over to the things of the Goyim (Gentiles). If you can't identify what YHVH sees as right, it is not possible to distinguish what is wrong. It is a lazy people that perish because they start to listen to false teachers and those who incorrectly interpret scripture. Then when a question arises as to the veracity of the message, the people side with the one who can argue better, faster and harder because like Greeks (Gentiles) they think that winning an argument shows that a person is right in a matter. Hitler won 6+ Million arguments, and he was wrong every time. Oh, and such tactics are not Biblical. Scripture tells us that it is prudent to:

Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: James 1:19

People who are quick to speak, who act like they know the truth and humiliate through debate usually have personality disorders, not the wisdom of YHVH. As believers in Yeshua, we are called to be servants. People who want to be top dog, who humiliate through debate and who foster followers to do likewise are not servants. In addition, they lack love, the very thing that Yeshua told us that the whole of the Torah and the Prophets are built upon. I'll leave you with one more scripture that I'll ask you to consider when it comes to anyone that claims to follow YHVH Yeshua:

Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree

bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. Matthew 7:15-20

CHAPTER SIX

ECUMENISM AND THE FLAT EARTH THEORY

Before each Pesach (Passover) Jews in the more conservative and orthodox communities work for hours and days before the holiday to remove every observable item that might contain yeast, or as scripture calls it, leaven. This is done because YHVH commanded it, and it is done with the knowledge that just one spore of yeast can contaminate an environment that needs to be yeast free. In like manner I often read the want-ads and there are always people that sell rabbits by themselves or in multiple numbers. People that buy a single rabbit often labor in the delusion that they are just getting one rabbit, but rabbits seem to be born pregnant and as the saying goes, there is no such thing as a single rabbit. To those who would choose to take my words out of context, no, I don't believe that rabbits are born pregnant, it just "SEEMS" that way. It's a metaphor, okay.

Satan is well aware about yeast and its capabilities. Rabbi Paul warns us in 1 Corinthians chapter 5 says that a little leaven works itself throughout the whole loaf. When it comes to video and audio communication, as well as touch, it is common for us to repeat things so that people remember. For instance, I love my wife more than I love anyone else in this entire world. Because I love her, I tell her all of the time that I love her. My wife likes to hear that she's loved, and it constantly affirms to her that my love for her is true and unswerving. When we go places we take each other's hand because it brings both of us comfort. We have done these things for so

long that they have become a custom and these customs are something that we do instinctively rather than having to think about doing them.

We get bombarded every day on the television and radio by people telling us how their product is better. The thing is that repetition of anything fixes it into our brain and we remember it for what seems like forever. I can remember the “have it your way” song from Burger King that aired on television and radio decades ago and I can sing that jingle like I learned it yesterday. Those that live in communist states and have spent any time in prison know that one of the goals of the authorities there is to “reeducate” people that they believe to be dissidents. Prisoners of war have also gone through regimens of reeducation through torture that can break some the most hardened will. The enemy knows however that subtle suggestions work best. Back in the 1950’s many moviegoers didn’t realize why they would have such a hunger for candy or thirst for Coke. Later it was revealed that advertisers made deals with those putting the films on the reels to place one film frame with their logo. The naked eye never picked it up, but the sub-consciousness of the viewers did, and they craved the products. It was a hypnotic suggestion so to speak that affected many.

Even today we are bombarded by things on television and the radio and many of these things are coming to us via the news media, their bosses being the government and those that the government really works for. For instance, right after September 11, 2001 the government started to inculcate upon us that Islam is a religion of peace. Even with the overwhelming evidence that we have of Islam being a warfare cult from its inception more than 1400 years ago we are told to believe that Islam likes peace and craves peaceful solutions. Many of the useful idiots believe this lie which they’ve been hearing for close to 17 years, so much so that just 6 and 1/2 years

after the attacks of 9-11 those same useful idiots voted to elect a man for president whose very name is of Muslim origin. Mind control works and is proved by our very history for a decade and a half.

Another lie that has been told so much that people believe it, is that Muslims, Jews and Christians all worship the same God. The useful idiots in Judaism and Christianity believe this lie whereupon you have the likes of people like Rick Warren who preach that very apostate message and are trying to unite the three religions by promotion of that very lie. Of course, those who read their Bible and believe the Bible's author see the ruse right away and deny the lie, only to be labeled as haters, those who refuse to want the world to live in peace. Truth of the matter is that peace will only be a reality when Yeshua, Sar-Shalom (Prince of Peace) comes to rule with a rod of iron.

The question begs to be answered, how can Satan dilute the faith of believers and even possibly get them to fall into the clutches of ecumenism. We're warned by Yeshua that in the last days a delusion will come upon the world and it will be so strong that even ardent followers of YHVH could be deceived by it. Go into any church and talk to the believers and you will come out with the knowledge that a majority of those who claim to believe in Yeshua (and therefore His Word) believe in some sort macro evolution and that God created life on other planets, even though a good word study in scripture prove both ideas to be heresy. The heresies of the NAR are taking churches over at an ever increasing rate.

When I was young and stupid I liked to drink alcohol. I never liked getting "fallen down drunk," so I would cut myself off at a certain buzz level. Friends and relatives did not have that filter and they continued to drink until they were quite inebriated. Many times, I noticed how

bartenders worked to make themselves and their bosses money. Bartenders will often watch how their clients are progressing in their “high” and they will often start to water down drinks. While this is unethical because it is actually theft directed toward the client, it can be a good thing because the client thinks that they are getting to progress in their “high,” yet the bartender has a responsibility not to let that person leave so inebriated so that their health or the health of others is put into jeopardy. But what about watering down of faith?

The enemy of Yeshua is a master of getting people to water down messages. He tried it with Yeshua when Yeshua was weak from fasting for forty days and nights. He twisted scripture in an attempt to get Yeshua to cater to his (Satan’s) will and to usurp Yeshua’s authority. Yeshua’s answer was to correct Satan’s contortion of scripture by using scripture in its correct context. Yeshua was showing all of his believers the way to resist temptation and send Satan and his minions packing. The problem with modern Christianity is that people are very lazy and they would rather have someone read and explain the Scriptures to them. This practice is a setup for failure if the message that they get isn’t compared to YHVH’s Word. This is a vicious circle because if it is not broken (the circle) the truth will never be learned, and false teachers will never be revealed. In addition, the false teachers get worse because they are never challenged, and they become worse. It can get so bad that if someone does have their eyes opened and they see the false teaching and address it, most of those who are deceived will turn on the one whose eyes were opened, and that person will be ostracized from the church and demonized, most time labeled as a heretic themselves. This is when a church becomes a cult.

What I have described in the preceding paragraph is what is happening within the Christian Research community. The first part of the problem lies in the fact that most people who

research the things, aside from email and maybe communication like Skype, are not readily accessible. Most of the time they hang around with their group of sycophants waiting for someone to challenge them. Their groupies usually have some of the same social media friends that the challenger has, and they draw them into their pack mentality. There is a false notion within Christianity today that says that you cannot challenge bad doctrine because when you do you are challenging the person promoting the bad doctrine, and that is not a loving action. Usually the challenger is told that they aren't acting in a Christian manner and many times the challenger is not ostracized by the false teachers, but by the challenger's friends who are friends of friends of the false teacher. Because I work in the mental health field I have had the opportunity to observe personality disorders first hand. Personality disorders range from narcissistic to sociopathic to psychopathic. Because the definitions of each of these are complicated let me just define them by saying that narcissists love themselves but don't know that they have a problem; sociopaths know what they are doing, and they use words and emotions against those whom they see as adversaries and psychopaths are sociopaths that use physical injury to hurt people. Another thing to note is that narcissists are for the most part made from their environment. For instance, a young teenage girl might be snooty and care only about herself, but it could be caused factors at home, say, a mother that has heaped praise on her all of her life. Narcissists can change given the right therapy. Sociopaths and psychopaths are for the most part born with personality disorders. They are the proverbial bad seed; the Bible calls them people born to perdition.

One dangerous thing about internet communication is that you don't know who you're dealing with when it comes to personality disorders. I have determined by their fruit that most of the cult-like leaders of the Christian Research Community are at the very least sociopaths. Their

followers who cling to them for research are mostly narcissistic but some who aspire to be hardcore disciples of these leaders are sociopaths. I have dealt with many of these people, one in particular that I will talk about now.

A few years ago, there was a woman named Paradox Brown (real name withheld) who came in the guise of another person. She asked if she could be part of my ministry membership. She had been a thorn in my side for quite some time and knew that she couldn't join as herself. She was very good at deception and I never knew that it was she that was asking for membership. Once she attained membership she emailed each and every other member and told them blatant lies about me and the ministry. Many of the member blew her off as being an internet troll, however some people believed her lies and asked to be taken off of the membership rolls. Although I tried to defend myself against her lies, those few people believed her and even though I acted correctly, they believed her and I took them off of membership. This is how the enemy works, covertly and with subterfuge.

In another instance, several years ago Jim Wilhelmsen had an internet chatroom on a popular venue. He left the room open so that anyone could come and have their say. This meant that we had all sorts of people visiting, including Wicca's and Satanists. I expected the Wicca's and Satanists to misbehave because they are opposed to the Cross of Mashiach. What really bothered me was when supposed Christians came into the chatroom to foster their own agenda. I found that when people came in and had user names that started with words like "apostle," "bishop," or other such titles, they would be problems sooner or later. So, one of the "apostles" came into the chatroom and started to tell people to take colloidal silver to treat flu-like symptoms. Having been in pharmacy for quite a few years I know about drug companies. If a

drug company knew that colloidal silver worked they would slap a patent on it and market it, plain and simple. I have a problem with putting heavy metals into the human body. So, I started to question this man about his claims and asked him what authority he had to make such claims; was he a chemist or something of the like. I was being nice about it, not trying to humiliate him. I just wanted to know about any expertise. Finally, with no authority and not able to convince me that colloidal silver was safe, this supposed apostle told “Oh, just go to hell,” and left the conversation. Funny, I thought that Christians are supposed to lead people away from hell, not assign them to it. False apostle alert!!

As I mentioned earlier the lie has been perpetuated that Islam is a religion of peace. I have to make one observation however. In the eyes of the Islamic world this is a deliberate lie. The assertion of Islam is that it will be a religion of peace when all of the world becomes Islamic and the struggle (Jihad) for domination is finished. In Islam, the end justifies the means, so to speak. When you hear an Islamist saying that Islam is a religion of peace, they are looking at the final result, when all is said and done. Truth be told, Islam does not even get along with itself, and if the world were to ever be conquered by Islam, there would still be fighting between the Sunni's and the Shiites, and afterward there would be fighting between the different sects of the victorious arm of Islam. When you subscribe to a philosophy that promotes deceit and murder at all costs and you serve a god that demands servitude and is capricious there are no limits or time constraints to the evil that will ensue.

At the beginning of this chapter I mentioned that there are those like Rick Warren that are trying to assert that Islam, Judaism and Christianity all serve the same God, just that we have given them different names. Again, this is not true. Allah existed as a false god before Islam ever

came into being; he was the moon god of the ancient Arabian religion. Like most cults, they pick and choose what they want to use from real scripture in order to make their religion sound valid but there is also the sprinkling in of leaven to bring around a sin factor to it. And, isn't it interesting that most of the major cult religions come into being after its founder has an encounter with a fallen angel?

The conditioning that is taking place is not new. I can remember as a young child being taught that all religions followed the gold rule:

Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets. Matthew 7:12

However, as I got older I realized that this is far from the truth. Yes, Jews and Christians are taught the Golden Rule, but other religions are not. For instance, the Koran teaches its readers to kill, maim and destroy for the cause of Allah. The religions of the East; Hinduism, Buddhism and such are taught to live in peace, but their teaching is Karmic in nature and it is self-serving, causing the individual to live relatively moral so as to have a better life when they are reincarnated. Early in history ecumenism was promoted by the Vatican by guilt and through the threat of death if one was not compliant. Now ecumenism is being promoted as a nice thing to do so that all people can get along. In or around Liberal areas it is very common to see the following bumper sticker



The sticker used to be exclusively on the cars of secular liberals, but now it shows up on the cars of some liberal (self-named) Christians. A more realistic bumper sticker is found on the cars of sane people who know the truth that there is only one road that leads to Aveinu, through His son Yeshua Ha Mashiach:



There is a process to this whole ecumenical travesty that is occurring. In the ancient world, if a king wanted to take on male servants to serve in his court he would many times have them castrated. A castrated male doesn't make testosterone anymore, so they are less likely to fight and even more important, they will not have a desire to fornicate with the king's wife, daughters and concubines. The first order of things in ecumenism is to castrate, using scripture and political correctness, anyone who would even consider raising their voice over a concern. Where ecumenism is concerned in our contemporary society, anyone that dares to raise a voice is held accountable for not obeying the scripture that says not to judge another person. In addition, they add that the Bible says that we are to get along with all people. On the secular front, anyone that raises concern is called a hater, a bigot and my favorite, a racist. Because of this

emasculatation of believers many are hesitant to call out fault in teaching, doctrine and changing societal norms.

The second part of the conditioning is to pick out certain people from each group and to demonize them. For instance, right around the time of the attacks on New York and Washington we were told that such terrorists were part of fundamentalist groups within Islam. We were told that it was a small part of Islam that was actually radicalized. We constantly heard the word “fundamentalists” when terrorism was mentioned. After a couple of years, the press started to talk about Christian fundamentalism and how it was dangerous. It wasn’t much later how we were told that the poor Muslims were being mistreated and their supposed persecution was coming from Christian fundamentalists. Now the media was portraying Christianity as bad and Islam as being the poor persecuted people, receiving ill treatment from not only Fundamentalist Christians, but all of Christianity, that was now being labeled as a hateful religion.

A third tactic is to not only show similarities, but to capitalize upon them. You can poll many of those who profess to be Christians and they will tell you that Allah and YHVH are the same god, that it is only a minority of Muslims that are bad and that when bad things happen to people is is “bad Karma.” The church has taken on so much of the world that it would probably not be recognized of Yeshua sat in the service of most Churches.

Over the past five or so years there has been an increased interest in the Christian Research community, by some prominent researchers, some of which have built their research notoriety on other false doctrine through scripture twisting, in the subject of a flat circular earth. I have written an article refuting that claim that can be read on my website. I find at least five things bothersome with this new fad that is going around Christendom. The first thing is that this

flat earth claim is never mentioned outright in scripture but is the concoction of taking two or three scriptures out of context and with false translations of the Hebrew words. The second thing is that it is taking focus away from what believers in Yeshua are really supposed to be doing, that being spreading the Gospel. The third is that it is causing infighting within the Christian research community. The fourth is that a flat earth is something that is strongly enforced by only one religion, that religion being Islam. And finally, the fifth thing is that those who disagree with the flat earth theory are labeled as heretics by flat earthers and they are demonized in the community, many times being labeled as unbelievers not only in the flat earth theory, but in Yeshua himself.

Are those who believe in a flat earth a cult? Well, what defines a cult? Cults take certain scriptures and capitalize on them. Cults have their new adherents focus on their doctrine, taking them away from what Christians are supposed to be doing. Cults claim that they are right and all others are wrong, thus causing infighting. Cults tend to take on attributes of other religions and meld them with their cult. And finally, since the cult is the source of all truth (according to the cult) they demonize those that do not hold their doctrine and turn their members against those not in the cult. All of these things are true with those who promote a flat earth.

One defining factor that comes into play with at least two of the most famous promoters of the flat earth cult, is that in their videos they both make a claim that they find the idea of a flat earth difficult to believe, but after that claim they break stride in an attempt to prove it by twisting scripture and trying to explain away the physics of the universe that YHVH created that proves a spherical earth. In other words, the things that you see are allusions and they do not really exist. It is an age old Satanic tactic that gets a person to let their guard down. It was the

first question in the Bible, “Did Elohim really say...?” It was Lucifer’s ploy to play advocate for Chava and to sympathize with her in order to get her to doubt what Elohim said. In essence, Lucifer was saying, “I find it really hard to believe that Elohim said...” and the common researcher ploy, “I’m finding it really hard to believe this but....” You might not see the parallel, but it is true. Both statements were said to create doubt and to instill an idea that the one saying it is sympathetic with the one who now doubts what the creator said. This causes one to sin because now the doubt causes rebellion and ways to physically and spiritually manifest the doubt and prove the doubt to be actual fact. Chava ate the forbidden fruit from the tree because the statement caused doubt and flat earthers scour the Bible looking for any little jot or tittle that can infer that the world is flat. Then they become so deluded that they explain away physics and the things that we clearly see with our own eyes. So, in effect, doubt causes the false doctrine.

Here is a story that happened to me. A few years ago, I was entertaining the thought that perhaps mankind will somehow be able to build a time machine and will employ it to change history. I still wonder if that will be true someday. One of my readers contacted me and told me about a place in Revelation where it says that the king of the north will use his “devices” to outmaneuver other kings. I read the account and did a word study that showed that the word devices in the Greek could mean machines. I started off writing this as a possible idea concerning time travel. However, while reading I decided to read the whole scripture account and realized that the king of the south had devices too. If the devices were actually time machines then mankind would be stuck in a hopeless loop at the end of the age, where those kings would keep reversing what the others did. My deduction was that the meaning of “devices” as rendered “plans” better fit the context and I erased pages of work that I had done in the other

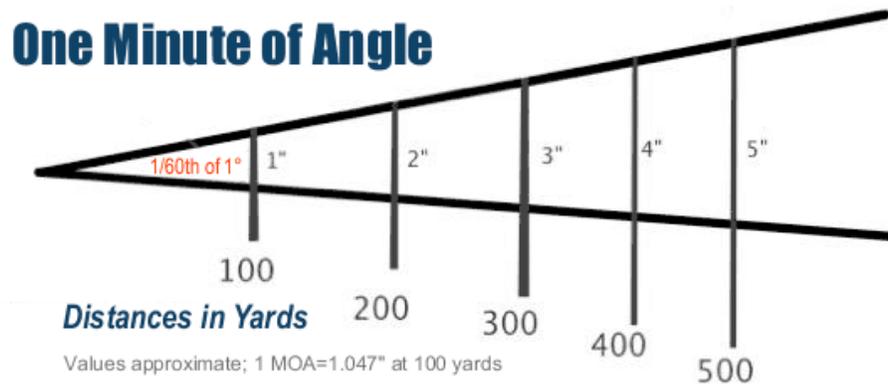
vein. Context and correct word meanings are crucial when doing Bible studies. Failing to use the tools correctly can lead into errors, such as the flat earth theory.

One of the contentions of the prominent flat earth researchers is that ancient Hebrews believed in a flat earth. It is only possible to try to understand what the ancients believed in by reading the Talmud, the Mishna and the Gemara. To make it easier to understand, the Talmud is a commentary on the Tanakh that was written by Rabbi's. It is the Oral Tradition that Yeshua came up against time and time again and it was the Oral Law that he rebuked the Pharisee's over. The Mishna is an explanation of the Talmud and the Gemara is the commentary of the Mishna. One has to remember that commentaries are the opinions of men and those are often faulty, especially when there is not leading by the Ruach Ha Kodesh. To rely on what is many times faulty commentaries by men who were not led by the Ruach Ha Kodesh, in regard to whether the earth is flat or round is a faulty process in itself. The best practice is to rely on Biblical interpretation via the Ruach Ha Kodesh, I mean after all, He is the one that inspired the Holy Scriptures.

So in essence, if so called "Christian, or Messianic" researchers can get something so easy so wrong then how easy it will be to dupe them into believing other things that Islam teaches. I believe firmly that Islam is the beast system spoken of in the Book of Revelation. Taking into account how it is taking over the western world and how our leaders are selling us out in favor of Islam is good verification that this is true. So, are people like Rick Warren, who is blatantly selling Christianity over to Islam; and these supposed Christian researchers of Bible truth all of the same spirit? My feeling is yes. Warren is selling out Yeshua and knowingly so, and the flat earth promoters are doing so out of pride and ignorance. I will not be surprised that

in the future people like Rob Skiba and Bill Schnoebelen will endorse what they see as other Islamic truths. We must never forget that we are living in a day that the Bible said would be filled with great deception and that the world would be plunged into a great delusion. It is not easy mentioning names and ascribing error to men of YHVH who have dedicated their lives to Biblical Research, but I know that those who earnestly seek for truth are often the targets of the Father of Lies. Satan knows that if he can get a good man a little off mark then it is easy to get them greatly off mark.

Let's say that a scriptural error causes a good man to become off center 1/60 of 1 degree of angle. Look at the diagram below to see how time affects that very small angle:



The above is a measurement of distance vs. angle. It fails to take into account time because as you can imagine, as time increases so does the distance. So, a very small angle that is probably not even measurable at the beginning grows quite a bit as time and distance progresses, so much so that it grows from almost nothing to 5 inches at 500 yards, 1500 feet or 1/3 of a mile. Imagine how many feet or miles it would be say if the distance was from New York City to Washington D.C. Now equate that small angle into one mistake in scripture interpretation and how far off one can get if that error is not corrected. Now imagine that the mistake is not

corrected and another one is made that is not corrected, everything would double. Uncorrected error in scripture interpretation leads to more and more error, sort of like the analogy that Yeshua gave us about one lump of leaven taking over a whole loaf. Considering the pride that exists in many Christian researchers and that errors are seldom corrected then the potential for believing and endorsing a big lie, or the ultimate lie exists and the potential for that big error changes from a possibility to a probability. The chances get even worse when the first lie is deliberate and purposeful.

So yes, I believe that the flat earth theory is an Islamic idea that is being promoted by an increasing number of supposed Christian researchers and I see it as being deliberate obfuscation of the truth by men who seek recognition as enlightened researchers; men filled with pride and arrogance who will stop at nothing to get people to see things their way. The fact that they do not stop their sycophants from maligning those that question their theories and that they are quick to throw down the gauntlet of debate proves that their aim is deliberate and calculated. If things are of YHVH then YHVH can defend his own word without debate or arrogance, and He is very good at putting his adversaries to shame.

My exhortation to those reading this document is that you be very careful when someone with so called “research” expertise comes to you with new ideas, or new revelation from scripture. They may have been on the mark in the past, but they may have somehow let leaven in which has corrupted the loaf. Check all things with scripture and do your own word studies, always keeping things in context with the scriptures both before and after what you are studying. Always ask YHVH to impart his Ruach Ha Kodesh upon you so that you can understand the intent and meaning of His Word. And, always bear in mind that until Yeshua comes back to

reign, there will be those out there who are intent on deceiving you, and that people who have been so on the mark before can get off the mark. Check everything. Researchers: I do not believe in a flat earth, but they then produce a lot of false evidence for it. That is sophism and sophism and ecumenism go hand in hand. Just be careful my friends because if they can dupe you into believing a lie that can be so easily refuted like this one can, then the Strong Delusion will be a piece of cake for them to deceive you with. The Righteous will be saved by faith, not in the rantings of men who want to convince you that they know the truth.

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