

FLAT EARTH
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The Flat Earth Theory: The Great Debate

"The Earth is round." "The Earth is flat." Which is the correct answer? The only thing you can do is look at the facts and let evidence help you make your final decision. Well, what does evidence say?

The Great Debate

Whether the Earth is round or flat has been a great debate for centuries. The flat Earth theory was born in the 19th century. This was a time when people believed that the Earth being round was a way for people to get rid of religion and part of a conspiracy to make people think other than what they believed. One famous book, *Zetetic Astronomy: Earth Not A Globe*, was written by a British man by the name of Samuel Shenton. This book was published in 1881.

People who believe the Earth is flat are generally members of the Flat Earth Society. The members of this group are not like any other cause or group that is active today. These members take what they believe in seriously and provide many different aspects of the situation and evidence to prove their point valid.

Who Is Samuel Shenton?

Born in March of 1903, Samuel Shenton was the founder of IFERS (International Flat Earth Research Society) which is now referred to as the Flat Earth Society. This society was founded in 1956 and based in Dover, England.

Originally, Shenton was a signwriter. Although Samuel was a direct descendant of the Universal Zetetic Society, he was not as big on religion as many of the others were. In 1968, Samuel's health began deteriorating at a rapid pace due to two strokes during 1963 caused by the stress of his frequent travels and exertions. By 1969, Shenton found a successor he trusted by the name of Ellis Hillman. Hillman was a member of the Greater London Council and a lecturer. Ellis accepted the role of president to the IFERS. 18 months after this event, Samuel Shenton died in 1971.



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The Aspects and Theories

There are many different aspects and theories regarding the flat Earth theory. Here are different aspects and theories that suggest the Earth is indeed flat.

The Horizon

The horizon is a major factor in the flat Earth theory. One aspect of the horizon is that its appearance is always flat no matter the altitude. As far as instances that have traveled the Earth, including air balloons, planes and rockets, all reveal a horizon that is completely flat. Even when you are 20 miles high, the horizon remains flat.

Another aspect of the horizon is the horizon always rises to an individual's eye level as altitude increases which means individuals never have to look downward to see it. If the Earth is a sphere, regardless of its size, whatever is observing it, whether it is in individual, camera or other device, it would have to observe the Earth from a slanted or tilted position in order to get a good view.

Bodies of Water

When you think of a body of water, you think of a river, lake or ocean. If you think about these bodies of water from a physics perspective, water not only finds a level of water but is able to maintain that particular water level. If Earth was the perfectly round sphere everyone claims it to be, there is no way possible these surfaces would exist. How could bodies of water find a water level and maintain it if it is located on a tilted sphere? It can't. It is not possible. Being that the Earth is a flat plane, water can easily maintain its levels.

Rivers are bodies of water and perfect examples of why the Earth cannot be anything but flat. If the Earth was round as many people believe, rivers would not flow down to sea level and find the easiest route to flow, whether it be north, south, east or west. Instead, rivers would flow uphill which is impossible. There are many different long flowing rivers, including the Paraguay and the Parana. Part of the famous Nile River flows for as long as 1,000 miles with a single fall of only one foot. If the world was not flat and indeed a globe, these rivers, as well as the West African Congo, would flow both uphill and downhill, but they in fact do not.

Land Workers

Land workers, including architects, surveyors and engineers are all land workers who never have to consider the curvature of the Earth regardless of the type of project they currently have. Why? Because the curvature in the Earth is non-existent because the Earth is flat, not round. Another factor that indicated the Earth is flat is the manner bridges, canals, tunnels and railways are made. When these things are created, everything is always laid horizontally instead of vertically for hundreds and hundreds of miles without ever allowing room for the Earth's supposed curve.

Other things that should be taken into consideration include The Suez Canal. This canal connects the Red and Mediterranean Sea. When The Suez Canal was created, it was not built with a curvature in mind. This canal was created in a horizontal line that extends more than 24 feet below sea level. This canal passes through numerous lakes and from sea to sea. If the Earth was the round ball people believe it to be, how could these waters run parallel for more than 95 miles.

Everyone is familiar with the London and North Western Railway. 240 feet above sea level is the highest point out of 180 miles. If the world were round, there would be an arc of 180 mile rail with the center beginning at Birmingham. The center would raise over one mile and at least 5,400 feet over both Liverpool and London.

- - The sun's orbit at winter solstice
- - The sun's orbit at equinox
- - The sun's orbit at summer solstice

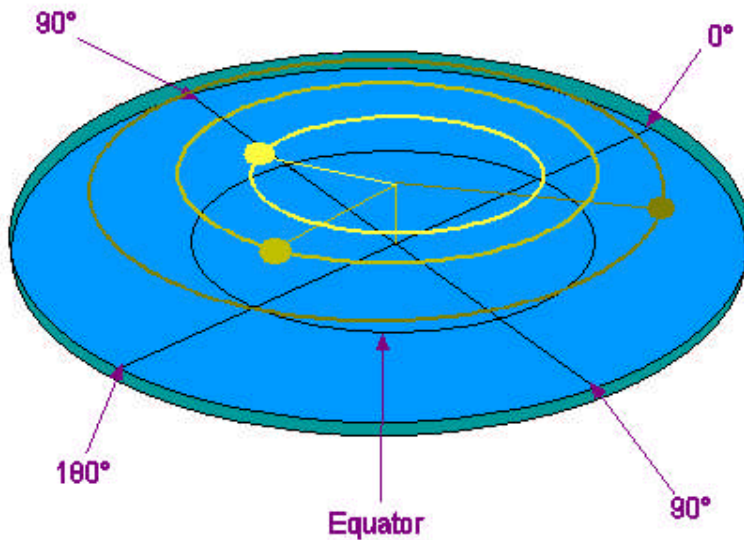


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Other Aspects

Scientists claim the Earth is a sphere that expands 25,000 in circumference. If this statement was indeed a true fact, flying an airplane would be much more difficult than it already is. If the Earth was the 25,000 circumference ball, pilots would be occupied correcting their altitudes downwards so the possibility of flying into outer space would be at a minimum. If the Earth were round, pilots would spend their time forcing the plane downwards every minute to maintain their altitudes of a general speed of 500 mph.

Many different experiments have been conducted to prove the Earth is not a giant spinning ball. One such experiment is Airy's Failure. In this experiment, it proved the stars are more likely to be stationary to the Earth instead of the Earth being stationary to the stars, which is what many people believe in today's society. How did Airy's Failure work? A telescope was filled with water to decrease the speed of light on the inside of the telescope. After this, the necessary tilt to get directly down the tube was calculated. The failure comes about when Airy didn't prove the heliocentric theory to be true. Instead of proving the heliocentric theory to be true, Airy proved the geocentric theory to be true, which states there is no change necessary since starlight was already being viewed at the correct angle.

Olber's Paradox is known to many people. This paradox states the sky of the night will be entirely lit if the hundreds of billions of stars that remain in the sky were suns and nothing more. Olber's Paradox, like Airy's Failure, both debunked the heliocentric method which is also referred to as the spinning ball method.

Flat Earth Questions and Answers

There are a lot of questions regarding the flat Earth theory and why people believe it's true. These common questions give people a lot of insight of what is going on in the minds of The Flat Earth Society.

1. Are time zones possible on a flat Earth?

Yes, time zones on a flat Earth are possible. On a flat Earth, time zones are established in the same manner they are in the "Globe Earth" theory.

2. Wasn't Galileo telling the truth? Was he not reprimanded for giving the heliocentric theory power and promotion?

Contrary to the popular belief of many people, Galileo's prosecution by the Catholic Church was only a show. Many people believe it was a strategic plan made by the "Hegelian Dialectic".

3. Why do individuals living in the Southern Hemisphere view the moon upside down while residents of the Northern Hemisphere see the moon differently?

The moon appears differently because of different perspectives. It is as simple as viewing your room light fixture from opposite sides of the room.

4. If the Earth is flat like you believe, why isn't the sun visible to everyone simultaneously?

The sun cannot be seen from all places simultaneously because the sun is smaller and closer to the Earth than modern science and astronomy leads you to believe.

5. When ships disappear as they sail away, is this not proof the Earth is round?

There was a time when people believed the curvature of the water or the Earth caused ships to disappear. This is a myth. The truth lies in the "Law of Perspective".

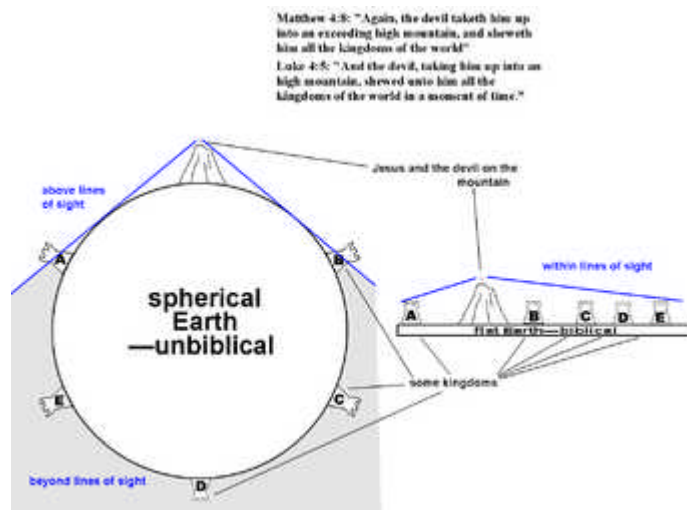


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What Does the Bible Suggest?

A lot of people base their beliefs on religion. According to the Worldslastchance.com (part of The Flat Earth Society believers), here is their proof:

"He is the wisest who knows his Bible best, and lives in accordance with its teaching. There is more real science to be found in the Bible, particularly in Genesis, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Isaiah, and Ezekiel, than in all the Universities and Observatories in the world. Grand nuggets of true knowledge are embedded there, but they are required to be sought for in a reverent spirit, for "[Yahuwah] resisteth the proud but giveth grace unto the humble"— James iv. 6. Our [Master] said—" I thank Thee, O Father, [Master] of heaven and earth, because Thou hast hid these things from the wise and understanding, and hast revealed them unto babes, even so. Father, for so it seemeth good in Thy sight"— Matt. xi. 25, 26." (*Terra Firma: Earth Not a Planet, Proved from Scripture, Reason, and Fact*, David Wardlaw Scott, p.166)

The Earth is stationary:

- Fear before him, all the earth: the world also shall be stable, that it be not moved. (1 Chronicles 16:30, KJV)
- Yahuwah reigneth, He is clothed with majesty; Yahuwah is clothed with strength, wherewith He hath girded Himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved. (See Psalm 93:1.)
- Say among the heathen that Yahuwah reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: He shall judge the people righteously. (See Psalm 96:10.)
- Bless Yahuwah, O my soul. O Yahuwah my Elohim, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty. . . . Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever. (See Psalm 104:1, 5.)

The Earth and the heavenly bodies are enclosed by the firmament:

And Elohim said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. And Elohim 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 Elohim called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day. (See Genesis 1:6-8.)

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1)	extended	surface	(solid),	expanse,	firmament			
1a)	expanse	(flat	as	base,	support)			
1b)	firmament	(of	vault	of	heaven	supporting	waters	above)
1b1)	considered by Hebrews as solid and supporting 'waters' above							

Note BDB's recognition that the firmament refers to the "*vault of heaven supporting waters above,*" and adds that it was "*considered by Hebrews as solid and supporting 'waters' above.*"

The root of H7549 (*râqîya'*) is [H7554 \(*râqa'*\)](#), which is defined by *Strong's* as:

"A primitive root; to pound the earth (as a sign of passion); by analogy to expand (by hammering); by implication to overlay (with thin sheets of metal): —beat, make broad, spread abroad (forth, over, out, into plates), stamp, stretch" -*Strong's Concordance*

The firmament that holds back the waters above appears from its root word to be *solid*, as if hammered out like a sheet of metal.

Scripture goes on to state that the heavenly bodies were placed *inside* this firmament.

And Elohim said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. And Elohim made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. And Elohim set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and Elohim saw that it was good. (See Genesis 1:14-18.)

The firmament is solid in nature:

In the following passage, Elihu in his conversation with Job confirms what we have already learned from the Creation account in Genesis, namely that the firmament that separates the waters and houses the heavenly bodies is solid. Note that Elihu uses H7554 (*râqa'*), the root word of *firmament*, which means "by analogy to expand (by hammering); by implication to overlay (with thin sheets of metal): —beat, make broad, spread abroad (forth, over, out, into plates), stamp, stretch."

Hast thou with him spread out [H7554 - *râqa'*] the sky, which is strong, and as a molten looking glass? (Job 37:18, KJV)

Now, let us examine a key passage often quoted by those advocating the globe model:

It is he that sitteth upon the circle [H2329 - *chûg*] 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, KJV)

The word used here to denote "circle" is H2329 (*chûg*). It quite literally means circle, circuit, or compass, and by extension can refer to *the vault of the heavens*. It does not mean "ball" or "sphere."

The Earth is flat:

In the book of Job, we find a most fascinating and insightful monologue. In chapter 38, Yahuwah appears to Job and begins questioning Him. One of the questions is especially pertinent to this study:

Hast thou perceived the breadth [H7338 - *rachab*] of the earth? declare if thou knowest it all. (Job 38:18, KJV)

The word, *breadth*, here is *[rachab \(H7338\)](#)*, which means "breadth, broad or wide expanse." (*BDB Lexicon*) This seems like a perfectly legitimate question on a flat Earth. It makes no sense at all, though, in the context of a spherical Earth.

In the [Book of Daniel](#), the details of Nebuchadnezzar's prophetic dream indicate that the Earth is flat:

These were the visions of my head while on my bed: I was looking, and behold, A tree in the midst of the earth, And its height was great. The tree grew and became strong; Its height reached to the heavens, And it could be seen to the ends of all the earth. (Daniel 4:10-11, KJV)

Nebuchadnezzar said that he dreamed of a tree that grew so tall that it could "be seen to the ends of all the earth." While this was just a dream, it is still indicative of a flat Earth, for only on a flat Earth would this be possible. This concept would be an utter impossibility on a globe.

According to the John the Revelator:

1. **The stars will fall to the Earth. (See Revelation 6:13.)** John, like the other prophets who expound on this topic, clearly did not believe that the stars were gigantic bodies (*much larger than the earth*) millions of miles away. If this were the case, as modern astronomy purports, one star would be sufficient to annihilate the entire Earth upon impact. Note also that John say the stars "fell" to the Earth; he does not say that the stars were hurtled towards the Earth.
2. **The heavens will then depart like a scroll. (See Revelation 6:14.)** This is consistent with Scripture's ubiquitous depiction of the heavens being stretched out like a curtain or tent. This description would make no sense whatsoever if the Earth were a sphere.
3. **Everyone on Earth will then see Yahushua coming in glory. (See Revelation 1:7.)** This makes perfect sense on a flat Earth, but would be impossible if the Earth were a sphere.
4. **The wicked and unrepentant will seek to hide themselves from the "wrath of the Lamb" and "the face of him that sitteth on the throne." (See Revelation 6:15-16.)** When the heavens are rolled back "like a scroll," the wicked will behold the face of Him who sits upon the throne (above *the vault of heaven*, or "circle [H2329 - *chûg*] of the earth" Isa.40:33), and will seek to hide themselves.

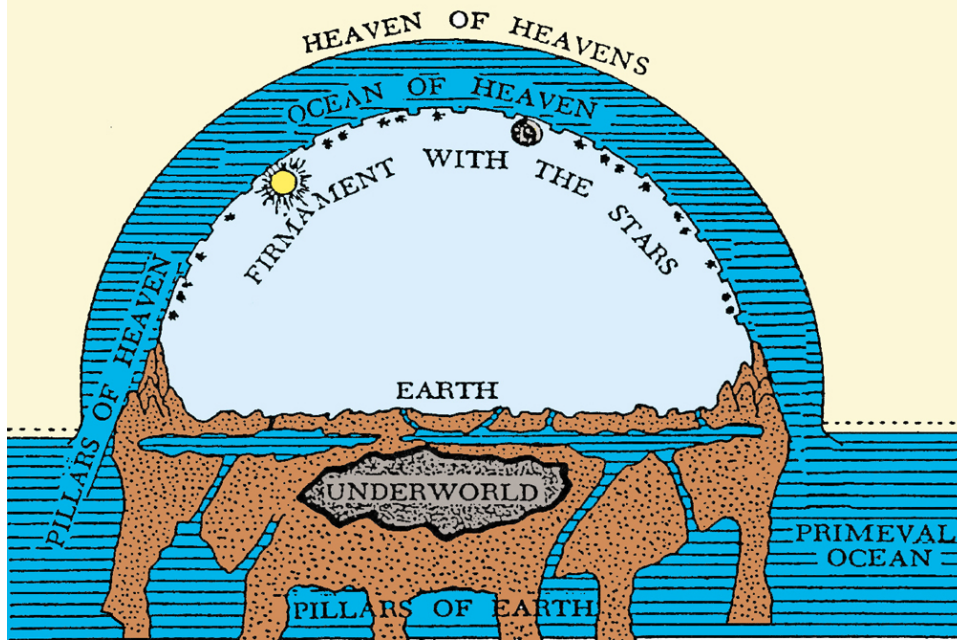


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It is the heavenly bodies that move, not the Earth.

Then spake Joshua to Yahuwah in the day when Yahuwah delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon.

And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day. (See Joshua 10:12-13.)

The text could not be any clearer: The "sun stood still in the midst of heaven." Joshua commands the sun and moon to stand still in the heavens. He does not command the Earth to stop spinning. As honest Bible students, we must acknowledge the clarity of this passage. Yahuwah forbid that we twist the Scriptures to agree with man's pseudo-scientific Copernican (sun-centered) theory, which contradicts Scripture from the very outset of Genesis. True science (testable and observable) vindicates the reality of the stationary Earth: [Experiments](#), [The Alleged Coriolis Effect](#).

In the book of Isaiah, we have an inspired record of how Yahuwah caused the sun to regress in the sky, causing the shadow of the sundial to move backwards:

Behold, I will bring again the shadow of the degrees, which is gone down in the sun dial of Ahaz, ten degrees backward. So the sun returned ten degrees, by which degrees it was gone down. (Isaiah 38:8, KJV)

Isaiah tells us in plain language that "the sun returned ten degrees." There is no question about it; Isaiah believed that it was the sun that moved, not the Earth.

