

DO WE LIVE ON A FLAT EARTH OR SPHERICAL EARTH?

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A false notion is circulating on the internet purporting the earth is flat, not a three dimensional sphere. And, a manifold of biblical scriptures are being erroneously used in the false flat earth supposition! One example out of many is: Isaiah 40:22, "*It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers...*" Because the English bible translations use the word, "circle" rather than "globe" or "sphere", the flat-earth proponents claim this is not proof to describe an entire spherical earth, only a mere canopy or circumference circle. However, the Hebrew word used in Isaiah 40:22 is, "CHUWG", meaning, circle, circuit, vault, compass *and sphere*. This same said Hebrew word is used in two other places in the OT; Job 22:14 and Proverbs 8:27. Specifically, Proverbs 8:27 speaks of when the earth was created, the land mass itself.

Compare the Hebrew word "CHUWG" with the Hebrew root word, "CABAB", meaning "*revolve, surround, border, round about.*" If the meaning found within Isaiah 40: 22, Proverbs 8:27 and Job 22:14, describing the formation of the earth, only meant to revolve around or a circumference circle, then the Hebrew word used would ostensibly have been "CABAB" rather than "CHUWG". However, not so. The Hebrew word, "CHUWG" used in Isaiah 40: 22, Proverbs 8:27 and Job 22:14 describe a spherical land formation, NOT a flat round circumference circle. Proverbs 8:27 can be translated as:

"When He established the heavens, I was there, When He **inscribed a SPHERE on the face of the deep**, when He made firm the clouds above..."

Gesenius' Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon specifically defines the Hebrew word, "Chuwg" to mean "Circle and Sphere." Strong's Exhaustive Concordance reads, "Circle, Vault and Compass." Please know and understand this about James Strong's word definitions: James Strong lived August 14, 1822- August 7, 1894. James Strong did not base his word definitions on modern 21st Century English dictionaries. The derivation of the word, "VAULT" is middle English "VOUTE" which was derived from Latin, "VOLVERE" meaning to "turn in rotation." Additionally, as like Strong's continues, this word also means, "circle and compass." The derivation of the word "compass" essentially carries the same meaning as we know it to be today: "*curved, forming a curve or arc, to move around, make circuit of, to extend or stretch around.*" Wherefore; James Strong's definition of the Hebrew word, "Chuwg" is certainly NOT expressing a flat land surface encased in a circle! All three scriptures: Proverbs 8:27, Job 22:14, and Isaiah 40:22 all express "an arched, spherical, circular sky and/or land mass adjoined rotating around in a circuit." Moreover; Proverbs 8:27 expressly and specifically speaks of the land mass.

PHYSICAL AND OBSERVABLE EVIDENCE

Given Romans 1:20, we can look and examine nature in light of making a determination as to whether or not the earth's land mass is flat or a sphere. Consider an Astronomical Syzygy. The word "Syzygy" is derived from Greek meaning a "straight-line configuration and three celestial bodies in a gravitational system." The word, "Syzygy" is often used in reference to the Sun, Earth and either Moon or a planet, where the latter is in conjunction or opposition. For example: solar and lunar

eclipses occur at times of syzygy. Wherefore; and hypothetically, if we lived on a flat land mass, the solar and lunar eclipses would not be appearing in the sky as we know and see them to actually appear. And as a fact, the said Astronomical Syzygy's comprise three celestial bodies, one being the earth for both the lunar and solar eclipse events. For the false flat unmoveable land mass supposition, the **EARTH'S SHADOW ON THE MOON** during a lunar eclipse becomes unexplained. A third large celestial orbiting spheric body is needed in order to project the spheric shadow on the moon during lunar eclipses. So..., where is it? Where is the great celestial physical mass creating the spherical shadow?

In Genesis 1:14, the great celestial lights were made for several reasons, one reason being for "SEASONS." The false notion of a flat land mass earth where the sun and moon rotate around and above a flat circle earth does not create the four seasons. Hypothetically; if the sun and moon were on a wobble tilt in their rotation above a flat circle earth, the four seasons as we know them would be different. Moreover, the daylight contracted and expanded hours from the north pole to the south pole would change drastically. And, how do these proponents in their erroneous supposition explain the tropical heat throughout the year at the center line (equator) of the earth with simultaneous four seasons?

The proponents making the false flat earth allegation defy factual and demonstrable physics of the earth. Consider the following photograph taken from an airplane window.



The flat earth proponents argue that all of the photographs taken above the clouds or from space showing the spherical earth have been tampered with by the governmental powers and scientific authority of today. And, the airplane windows are designed to show a spherical distortion. If this were the situation regarding the airplane windows, at ground level on the tarmac the passengers would see the same distortion waving goodbye to their loved ones. I (this author) disagree with said illogical and kooky conjecture, because I have personally witnessed and seen the spherical earth land mass for myself.

There is far too many natural occurring phenomenon occurrences that do not fit any of the contrived flat earth suppositions. One example out of many is the Coriolis force effect. The Coriolis force effect is a result of our spherical earth spinning around on an invisible axis. Gunmen have to adjust their aim for it. And, the scope aim degree adjustment is not the same for the various earth spherical latitudes. The Coriolis force effect also causes hurricanes and cyclones to spin clockwise in the

southern hemisphere, but spin counterclockwise in the northern hemisphere due to their size and duration.

The moon phases throughout the month are unexplained. Oh, the flat earth proponents believe they have an explanation. However; in reality, their so-called explanation is just another kooky driven notion that will not work even on a reproduced small scale model.

MISUNDERSTANDING AND MISREPRESENTING SCRIPTURES

It is futile to present all of the kooky scriptural arguments used in favor of a flat earth. However, a few points will be presented here to demonstrate serious problems with the flat earth supposition from scripture. Many flat earth proponents argue the earth is immovable and fixed upon a foundation, fixed upon literal pillars as like a manmade building structure. Example scriptures are (but not limited too): 1-Chron 16:30, Ps 93:1, Ps 96:10, Ps 104:5, Is 45:18, Ps 75:3, Job 9:6. If these last said scriptures depict an earth that does not rotate, but has pillars, then why does Job 26:7 read, "He stretches out the north from the empty place, and hangs the earth upon nothing." (?)

—*English translation from the Aramaic ancient text.*

Job 26:11 reads, "The pillars of heaven tremble and are astonished at His reproof." Well, if the flat earth proponents want to argue pillars under a flat earth's surface, then where are the pillars of heaven? Whatever these earth pillars are, they seem to be personified in Job 26:11, unless there is something about earth's pillars mankind cannot explain.

To extrapolate from scripture all of the references made to the formation of the earth and say all such reference statements should be viewed and understood only in a denotative and literal context is prodigiously erroneous. None of the books of the bible were for the purpose of describing earth's cosmography. References have been made within the books, but many statements about the earth are in a poetic or allegorical form notwithstanding a few. And, to say that the ancient people were completely ignorant about earth's cosmography and the universe is merely conjecture. Job speaks of the great stars in the universe by name in Job 9:9; Arcturus, Orion and Pleiades. Also reference Job 38:31. The prophet Amos mentions Orion and seven stars in Amos 5:8. As a repeat, Job 26:7 reads, "He stretches out the north from the empty place, and hangs the earth upon nothing."

Moreover, if the earth is unmovable; meaning the earth does not rotate, then there is a serious problem explaining night and day - a roughly twenty-four hour period of time. Let's say, for example, the sun moves around the earth. How is a year calculated? And, how does this all work in conjunction with the four seasons? Based upon what I have read, some of the flat earth proponents believe the moon is a sphere and some believe it is flat too, but neither of the proponents provide *logical and actual demonstrable models* for the waxing and waning moon shapes in conjunction with 1) night and day, 2) seasons, and the sun. What spherical shaped celestial body blocks the light of the moon for the majority of a month? And, why are the stars never in the exact same place night after night? The said MODELS must accommodate all of the natural coinciding occurring phenomenon, but do not. (Perhaps these flat earther proponents are drinking too much flouride in the water to have cognitive reasoning?)

The earth is spherical, not flat. Proverbs 8:27 reads, "When He established the heavens, I was there, **When He inscribed a SPHERE ON THE FACE OF THE DEEP, when He made firm the clouds above...**" Wherefore, the earth's land mass is not a flat circumference circle having a spacial firmament cloud sphere covering. The earth's landmass itself is a sphere and the clouds surround and cover it.