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Dear _____
Address: _____

Thank you for asking about this false teaching. I am well informed on “The Biggest Lie Ever Told,” and feel bad for you that you are entangled in it. The deceiver is the father of lies and a master of lies and you are right in the middle of his deception. The Holy Bible is about our Lord Jesus Christ from Genesis to the Revelation of Jesus Christ. There is no other theme and you are pursuing a grotesque lie from the pits of hell. I encourage you to read my refutation of the lies that you have been fed and I will pray for your soul. You have surrendered your mind to Satan and are tangled in his stronghold.

As a born-again engineer who has spent twenty three years in USAF research and development programs, dispatching bombers and spy-planes over both the north and the south poles of the this earth you can be certain that these Scripture twisting lies will not persuade me to abandon my stand with my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. As a mathematician who has spent ten years teaching college students how to prove the laws of orbital mechanics and owns a telescope which can see the moons orbiting Jupiter, I want to assure you that you are tangled in a very powerful, and diabolical web of deceit.

But as a preacher of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ I pray for your soul. The biggest lie ever told has nothing to do with NASA, and everything to do with your propagation of Satan's deceitful distraction. Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish. Take this rebuke and get yourself out of Satan's stronghold.

Lord, please touch _____'s rebellious mind that has now twisted your truth into his lie, is perverting your gospel message with Satan's lies, deceits and twisting of your words, and has centered his whole life on propagating Satan's lies. Touch him with your truth, your Only Begotten Son is truth. Teach him to repent from this evil and pursue truth. I ask in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, and my Saviour. Amen

If God answers my prayer please write again.

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An article likely written by John Stewart (john@itshistory.com), at least appearing on the web page he hosts (www.itshistory.com/globe), is herein brazenly refuted and rebuked in Christian love.

The flat-earth-society is a delusional group of followers of Samuel Shenton (1903-1971). Samuel Shenton decided that authorities were concealing the “fact” that the world was flat. He used a contorted interpretation of the Holy Bible's Genesis and numerous other Scriptures taken out of context to support this ludicrous fact twisting hypothesis. His delusion has survived right through the space age by leveraging a conspiracy propaganda that purports every nation of the known world is “in on” a massive deception. They contend that they alone can bring the world to the truth; the world is flat and standing on pillars. Unbelievable as that sounds, there are staunch followers of this delusion growing in “Christian” circles. The following pages address an anonymous¹ (unsigned) web site article from <http://www.itshistory.com/globe>, accessed 01/18/2016. It is presumed written by Mr. Stewart, and it that has become popular for propagating the delusion. It begins thus:

According to the Bible This is Our World >>
The Greatest Story Ever Told About
The Greatest Man That Ever Lived
From <http://www.itshistory.com/globe>
accessed 01/18/2016



The header on this article is misleading. It implies that the “fact” of a flat earth standing on pillars has something to do with “The Greatest Man That Ever Lived,” that he is the hairy man in the picture, and that this article is his great story. These are three false intimations.

Again, the implication is that this article presents an “According to the Bible” authority and the pictures are accurate representations. Neither is true. This is a very fringe group with a gross misinterpretation of the Bible and the graphics presented are not an accurate depiction of any reality.

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

This is the first sentence of the Bible which is such a profound statement, that one either stops reading at that point thinking it to be impossible, or else reads on to find out more about this incredible God that could accomplish such a feat.

This is not the first sentence of the Holy Bible, and these are not one's only viable options. The first seven Hebrew words of Genesis form the first sentence of the Holy Bible, and the plural of “heaven” is not proper in its translation. This may seem trivial to some, but changing the words that God gives in Scripture is never a trivial matter. Mr. Stewart misrepresents what God said from the very beginning; and it is a crucial difference whether God created the “heavens” or God created the “heaven.” Many of Mr. Stewart's misinterpretations hinge on such a simple twisting of God's words. He continues:

“One thing I have found about the Bible is this:... *Please view the remainder of this article at www.gsbaptistchurch.com/seminary/dissertation/flat_earth_refutation-prntfrndly.pdf*

¹ The article is likely written by one John Stewart who seems to be the host of the site and accepts donations for its “cause.” If he authored this deception, he does not sign his work.

Mr. Stewart continues:

One thing I have found about the Bible is this: God does not lie. If he did, the Bible would be useless. Unless every word of the Bible is absolutely true then we would not be able to believe any of it because we would not be able to tell which scriptures are true and which are not. From this premise, I will present the scriptures that describe how God created the heavens and the earth. Please keep an open mind and after reading this you can decide who you want to believe: God or science.

The premise used by Mr. Stewart is incomplete and unsatisfactory, and his belief ultimatum is unrealistic. When one changes God's words, takes things out of context, and misrepresents what God says, their assurance that "God does not lie," and "every word is absolutely true" becomes very hypocritical and self serving. A real assurance of Mr. Stewart's integrity might be found in declaring his belief in the inerrancy, infallibility, and verbal inspiration of all Scripture. But alas, Mr. Stewart has none of that. He uses the modernist ecumenical copyright bibles that brazenly refute inerrancy, that categorically deny infallibility, and that wholly reject the present existence of any inspired scripture.² Further the ecumenical pool that copyrighted their bibles predominately believed in the Roman founded allegorical method as the valid hermeneutical method for scripture interpretation.³ "God does not lie," is not an adequate premise for those who are about to tell us what they think God meant to say. By virtue of the pernicious misquotations of scripture that he uses in this development, Mr. Stewart does not hold to the inerrancy, infallibility, and verbal inspiration of all scripture.

Mr. Stewart's plea for open-mindedness and his ultimatum that you believe either "God or science" is a complete fabrication. He is about to develop what he thinks God meant to say, and it is a fabrication. Yet he attributes it as believing God. He is about to swindle and slander all observational sciences, all physicists, all mathematicians, all astrologers, all geologists, all astronauts, all navigators, and all engineers and it is presented as "fact" when it is his own fabrication. There is a science-so-called as defined by Paul writing to Timothy, "O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called: Which some professing have erred concerning the faith" (1 Tim 6:20-21a). But there is still a true science which is, "The observation, identification, description, experimental investigation, and theoretical explanation of phenomena."⁴ Consequently Mr. Stewart is not looking for an open mind at all, his ultimatum requires that one believe that he alone is representing what God meant to say, and that rejecting his hypothetical (and in my analysis delusional) world view is the same as rejecting God. He continues:

For thousands of years people believed that the sun and moon revolved above a flat stationary earth. For the past 500 years or so since Copernicus, Galileo, Newton, and other astronomers and mathematicians, the round earth model was introduced. Since then this is what we were taught, and just like the lie of evolution, theory was taught as fact. Every classroom had a globe, magazines showed pictures of a globe earth, all tv programs and news showed a

2 Edward Rice, "A Systematic Theology for the 21st Century", "Part 2 Bibliology," 31-58, <http://www.theology.gsbaptistchurch.com/21-cent-syst-theo/biblology/> (accessed 01/18/2016).

3 Ibid.

4 The American Heritage Dictionary, s.v. "science"

globe earth, and we bought it without so much as questioning it or asking for proof. Even though the concept sounds ridiculous, most people still believe it only because the "evidence" is so overwhelming. What I will demonstrate in this article is how it is impossible for the earth to spin at 1,000 mph and travel in an orbit around the sun at 67,000 mph because the Bible says that it doesn't.

Mr. Stewart brazenly misrepresents history in this errant declaration. After his misrepresentation of historical facts he begins to build an elaborate conspiracy web to imply that the whole world is lying, and he alone is the author of truth. He clinches this deception with out-right lie. The earth does not spin at 1,000 mph. No one except Mr. Stewart and other inept, mislead mathematicians would say that it does. His report of the speed of the Earth in its orbit is a complete misrepresentation of orbital mechanics, a field of science about which Mr. Stewart displays complete ignorance and total despise. And one cannot frame an argument about observational science based on what the Bible does not say.

There may have been a fringe group of flat-Earth enthusiasts buried in the bowls of BC history but Mr. Stewart did not do the least bit of research to find them. The belief in a flat Earth only comes into vogue when a religion misrepresents the observable facts and pushes such a ludicrous concept down the throats of otherwise logical, rational minds. It happened in the dark ages induced by the Roman Empire's Church, and it is happening again on Mr. Stewart's web site. The history of the spherical coordinate system, however, has its roots all the way back to the tower of babble recorded in Genesis 11. The "Compendious Book on Calculation by Completion and Balancing" first published by a Persian Mathematician in Bagdad in AD 820 can trace its roots and derivations back over 4,000 years.⁵ It contains exhaustive accounts of solving roots of polynomial equations, using spherical coordinates, and extending solutions into complex, "imaginary" dimensions. The rational mind has understood the spherical Earth ever since man observed a spherical moon following the same traced out path of the sun and the five visible planets, called wandering stars. The mapping out of eighty-eight constellations on the spherical surface rotating over head goes back to the first recorded history of man. This has always been simple observational science. The idea that the Earth is flat is the outlier to rational thinking. Observational science described this spherical perspective from the beginning. That is exactly opposite to what Mr. Stewart would lead one to believe.

Mr. Stewart's contention that all school taught sciences have been a lie contrived by Copernicus, Galileo, Newton, and other astronomers and mathematicians springs directly from his complete misrepresentation of observational science, i.e. true science. Atheistic evolution uses science-so-called, not observational science. No one has ever observed a beagle evolving into a Clydesdale horse, or a lizard evolving into a bald eagle. That is nothing but wild speculation without grounds for even the title of "theory" when it comes to observational science. The laws of orbital mechanics presented previous in this paper, are observational science, i.e. true science. Mr. Stewart is unable to make this distinction, and one dare not rely on his "observations." Galileo Galilei 1564 –1642, an Italian physicist, mathematician, engineer, astronomer, and philosopher who played a

5 Carl B. Boyer, *A History of Mathematics*, Second Edition, Wiley, 1991,228

major role in the scientific revolution, has been called the "father of science," i.e. true science. He is also called the "father of modern observational astronomy", the "father of modern physics", and "the Father of Modern Science."⁶ Mr. Stewart is woefully ignorant of true science, of what has been taught in schools, and of the history of science. There is no conspiracy to deceive anyone about the spherical shape of our planet.

Mr. Stewart has been misled and is now misleading; no one with integrity teaches or believes that the Earth spins at 1,000 miles per hour or that it orbits at 67,000 miles per hour. He has tried to use some rote two dimensional geometry on a rotational and orbital dynamic. He is completely out of his league. His units are incorrect, his concept is off in left field, and his comprehension of orbital mechanics is nonexistent. Stare at the hour hand on an analogue clock for twenty minutes. Did you detect any rotation? The hour hand is rotating twice as fast as the Earth is rotating, and that has nothing to do with going 1,000 mph.

Mr. Stewart contends that the "Bible says" that the Earth does not rotate nor orbit. I contend that he is a lying deceiver with that audacious statement. The Bible says no such thing. Mr. Stewart is trying to argue that since it does NOT say the Earth rotates or orbits, then the Bible says that it does not. Untrue. The Bible does NOT say that I have lungs which exchange carbon dioxide (CO₂) for oxygen (O₂). Don't hold your breath Mr. Stewart, it is not saying that we don't have lungs. We know that we have lungs and what they are doing by observational science. The Bible does not say that two oxygen atoms naturally cling to a carbon atom to form a molecule of carbon dioxide (CO₂). We cannot see the atoms or molecules but we know they are there by observational science. The Bible does not say that there are stationary stars and there are wandering stars. We cannot see the difference in a glance, and at night, when the Sun is on the other side of the spherical Earth, they all get called stars. Even though Mr. Stewart does not seem to own a telescope, when we observe five of those stars⁷ over a period of time we label them "wandering stars," or in the Greek, "planets." Observational science has done that because they trace a consistent track across the hemisphere of sky that is visible from Earth. Mr. Stewart wants you to reject 6,000 years of observational science because he can't find something in his modernist ecumenical copyright Bible. Mr. Stewart is very sincere, but he is in the grossest of error, and exhibiting gross incompetence in this article. He goes on to state:

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters."

This describes the very first concept that God had of how the heavens and earth were going to be created. He started with nothing more than an idea, at that time the earth had no physical form. God hovered over the water like a painter would when he starts with a blank canvas.

The scripture quoted is corrupted and very flawed, and the artistic interpretation is even the more flawed. This verse has no "heavens" in the real Bible, and the verse is not describing a concept that God had. In an accurate Bible, the first seven Hebrew words are

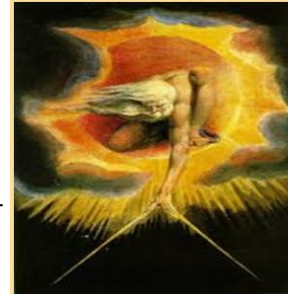
6 Edward Rice, Lecture Notes, Elmira College Spring Term, MAT1030-330 College Algebra, 5

7 The five visible planets are Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn.

translated “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth” (Gen 1:1).⁸ The clear interpretation of this 5th grade level communication is, In the BEGINNING God CREATED.. As declared previous this is the creation of the time continuum, the space continuum, and the matter continuum.⁹ This is no portrayal of God hovering over water with a concept and a paint brush. In the Bible God says what he means and means what it says.

He marks out the horizon on the face of the waters for a boundary... Job 26:10

Another version of the Bible says that God "compassed the waters" with a compass as an architect would to draw the outside perimeter of the earth. God drew the outside perimeter on the face of the water which determined the size that the earth would be.



The Bible actually says “He hath compassed the waters with bounds, until the day and night come to an end” (Job 26:10). When modernist ecumenical translators come to an agreement on what they think God meant to say, and then print it into a copyright protected bible version, you get the kind of dribble that Mr. Stewart quotes and then misinterprets. This verse is corrupted, quoted from two perversion, taken completely out of its context, and then used here to teach that “God drew the outside perimeter on the face of the water which determined the size that the earth would be.” Shame on Mr. Stewart, who is only armed with a two dimensional compass in the first place, and is now twisting God's words to draw a two dimensional circle in a three dimensional world. This is gross deception, from a delusional Mr. Stewart. “Delusional” is the state of being under a false belief or opinion, and in psychiatry it is a false belief strongly held in spite of invalidating evidence, especially as a symptom of mental illness, as in *delusions of persecution*.¹⁰ The flat Earth believer fully qualifies as delusional. Mr. Stewart's article continues:

And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

The first thing God created was light. Later he would use this light to illuminate the sun, moon, and stars. He separated light from darkness to create day and night and it has been so ever since.

Again this verse is from a corrupted bible, and although a casual reader may not see any difference between, “And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day” and what the Bible actually says, “And the evening and the morning were the first day,” the Bible student knows that adding verbs and changing articles is a serious violation, tempting God's curse. Here Mr. Stewart falsifies the interpretation. The first thing that God created was NOT light, it was time, space, and matter, beginning (time),

8 The Holy Bible.

9 Edward Rice, “God's Glory, God's Handiwork, and God's Word - The Genesis Account,” LBTS Dissertation, 135-142

10 American Heritage Dictionary, s.v. “delusional.”

heaven (singular) and earth (matter), via the first seven Hebrew words of the Holy Bible. There is never an indication in scripture that God uses this light “to illuminate” the sun, moon, and stars. Observational science shows that the Sun and the stationary stars emit light, while the moon and wandering stars only reflect light. Mr. Stewart is setting the stage here to completely disregard and/or reject observational science, and force the Bible to “say”. what he wants to believe. He continues:

And God said, “Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water.” So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. God called the vault “sky.” And there was evening, and there was morning the second day.

Another word for vault is firmament. What firmament means is vault, dome, arch, expanse, or barrier. I prefer to call it a dome. This dome created an expanse or space between the waters. It separated



water from water so that there was water above the dome and water under or in the dome. The expanse was called sky and also heaven, but I prefer to call it sky in order to identify the space we live in from the heaven that God lives in without confusion. This is a very important concept to grasp because already you can see that it is the opposite of what science taught us. Here, our space is much smaller and confined to within the dome where as science says that the universe is endless and gigantic, trillions and trillions of light years across. God has created an inverted fish bowl for us to live in, science tell us that our solar system is separated by endless space. In Genesis 7:11 we find that after Noah had gathered all the animals in the ark "the floodgates of heaven were opened". This was to release the water above the dome onto the earth. In Revelation 4, John saw a door opened in heaven and a voice saying "Come up here..." These doors and floodgates are at the top of the dome.

Again, Mr. Stewart is using a corrupt, modernist, ecumenical, copyright bible and appears not to have a learned access to the Hebrew language, or even to the Strong's Concordance. He is also oblivious to this major drawback. He falsely states that, “Another word for vault is firmament. What firmament means is vault...” Modernist versions call the firmament, Hebrew *רָקִיעַ*, *raqiya*, vault, skies, expanse, heavens, heaven, arch, dome, barrier, boundary and rarely firmament. The word is found seventeen times in the Bible, nine times in seven verses of Genesis, twice in Psalms, five times in Ezekiel and once in Daniel. The problem Mr. Stewart has is that all the versions use all those various words in any of those locations based on a first come first serve copyright consideration. He cannot thus look up all seventeen occurrences, read them in context, and discern what God intended a “*raqiya*” to be. How unfortunate. In these seventeen contexts a firmament is more of an expanse, and less of a vault, more of dome and less of a heaven, and never should it be called a sky.

Despite Mr. Stewart's preference for the least descriptive word he did get the separation of water from water pretty close. He does not understand that there are three heavens referenced in the Bible¹¹, he completely misrepresents what “science taught us,”

11 The Holy Bible distinguishes three distinct heavens (Deut 10:14, Neh 9:6). The heaven where the

and he exaggerates gigantic by a trillion orders of magnitude. Such an exaggeration serves his deceptive purposes but exposes a real lack of integrity. When God creates a firmament on the second day of creation, it captures the idea and principle of a three dimensional sphere. The sky we see is a hemisphere, the dome containing the stationary stars we observe is a hemisphere, and the firmament which separates the waters above from the waters beneath is thus necessarily a three dimensional sphere. Spheres are naturally occurring in God's creation, flat circular plates standing on pillars are not. A sphere hung upon nothing is observable in science and Biblical in its depiction. "He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing" (Job 26:7). An inverted fish bowl, a hemisphere hunkered over a flat circular plate standing on pillars is just a figment of Mr. Stewart's two dimensional limited imagination.

God surrounds the whole of his universe in a sphere of water. The spherical firmament he creates on day two will contain the wandering lights, the sun and the moon, that mark out signs, seasons, days and years. Those are lights in our own little solar system. But that firmament also contains all the stationary stars we can see. In short the whole of God's created universe is contained inside of the firmament, bounded by this outer sphere of water. It is a boundary which contains all of space. Creationists have always held to the Bible's teaching about this water boundary. Mr. Stewart pretends that he is the only one who realizes this bounding of the universe, and then he clearly imagines this boundary to be grossly smaller than reality; he imagines it as a dome resting on Antarctica, for crying out loud. Throughout history the portrayal of the heavens has been properly depicted as our looking at the inside of giant fixed sphere containing the eighty-eight defined constellations. Bible believers understand that that spherical "screen" which displays those constellations is bounded by a bubble like sphere of water. It is nothing whatsoever like an inverted fish bowl.

Lastly for this paragraph of misleading error, Mr. Stewart uses corrupted bibles to misrepresents two holy scriptures. In Genesis 7:11b-12 God reports, "the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights." In the Bible God says what he means and means what he says. Words are important. Mr. Stewart makes three gross misinterpretations with this verse. First there are no "floodgates" in this verse, they are properly called "windows" on purpose. In any language there is a strategic difference between windows, gates, and doors. Second there is absolutely no reason to suppose that flood waters came all the way back from the outer reaches of the gargantuan sphere which bounds the whole universe. I know of no other creationist who brings this outer bounding water all the way back to help out with the flood. Mr. Stewart likely makes this error because he does not realize or recognize the three separate heavens mentioned in the Bible. Mr. Stewart's dysfunctional model of the "dome," as he calls it, allows him to parallel the "door" of Revelation 4, with the un-Biblical "floodgates" he supposes to be found in Genesis 7. These both, in his interpretation, are at the top of the fictitious dome, or "inverted fish bowl," which he imagines is resting on a plate-like flat earth, which stands on pillars. From here on in this analysis the conceptualization of Mr. Stewart's

clouds and birds fly (Deut 33:28, Job 35:5, Heb 1:10), the heavens where the stars camp out (Ps 8:3 Ps 104:2), and the heaven where God dwells in the fullness of his glory (2Ch 2:6, 6:18, 6:33, Ps 2:4, Ps 57:5, Ps 123:1).

“dome” is a wholly dysfunctional model. The Bible has a firmament, the firmament contains the sun, moon and observable planets, as well as the billions of stationary stars, and the firmament has an outer boundary, or bubble like outer shell of water, if you would. There is no dome or inverted fish bowl resting on an imagined circular Antarctica. Mr. Stewart's delusional interpretation continues:

And God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.” And it was so. God called the dry ground “land,” and the gathered waters he called “seas.” And God saw that it was good.

At this point of the creation, there was only water under the dome, so God either raised the land above the water, or dug out a channel to make the ocean floor deeper so that land could appear above the water level. Or maybe he did it some other way, but whatever he did, we now had land and water on the earth just like we have today. The Bible does not say that God created a globe earth, it says that dry ground appeared where there was water before.

The Bible does not say that God created a flat earth. The Bible does not say that a plate-like flat Earth sets on pillars. The Bible does not say that God created a dome. The Bible does say that at the dawn of day three there was only water above a firmament and water below that firmament. Observational science tells us that a mass of water hung upon nothing has gravity and forms into the shape of a sphere. The sphere under the firmament is all water; it has no dirt, no rock, no gold and no silica sand. God creates all those and more on the third day, and God called the dry land “Earth.” Any Bible student knows that the land and water formations on Earth at creation are NOT just like we have today. Mr. Stewart makes another errant speculation as he continues:

Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.” And it was so. The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

Now that there was land, God created all sorts of vegetation to grow on the land just like it still does today.

Any Bible student knows that the plants growing on the Earth at creation are NOT just like plants we have growing today. Mr. Stewart makes yet another errant speculation:

And God said, “Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons, and days and years, and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth.” And it was so. God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

This is when God used the light that he first created to illuminate the sun, moon, and stars. Notice, that God placed them within the dome, not outside it. So when we look up at the sky on a clear dark night we can see a multitude of stars, and they are all within the dome. The



sun and moon are both lights, each with their own radiance. Science tells us that the moon reflects the light from the sun, but the Bible tells us that each is their own light source.

Also notice that the only three things God made in the sky is the sun, moon, and stars. No planets, no black holes, no asteroids, no comets, just the sun, moon, and stars. Their purpose was threefold: to give light on the earth, to create day and night, and to separate light from darkness. And this is still what they do. They were to also be used to determine seasons, days, and years, as they still do. So can the sun actually be 93 million miles away? Can the moon be 239,000 miles away? I don't think so. Later I will deal with the size of the dome and you can decide for yourself. But if you believe that the sun is indeed 93 million miles away, then the dome would have to be that tall because this scripture clearly says that the sun is within the dome.

A more precise English translation of these verses from the Hebrew Masoretic Text has no confusing vaults and no sky. A sky by strict definition contains atmosphere and has no place in a discussion about stars. A proper English translation of the actual Hebrew text is as follows:

And God 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 God 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 God 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 God saw that it was good. And the evening and the morning were the fourth day (Gen 1:14-19)¹²

Some of Mr. Stewart's confusion is doubtless springing from the corrupted bible that he uses. His dysfunctional concept of a "dome" is an equally detracting malady. But when Mr. Stewart writes these two paragraphs he plunges into delusional on the psychiatry level: "A false belief strongly held in spite of invalidating evidence."¹³ Mr. Stewart is certifiably delusional for three reasons: 1) he refuses to observe the difference between the source radiance of the sun and the reflecting radiance of the moon and planets, and supposes that God illuminated them all with a "first light" as if it was an ignition source, 2) in his view the Bible says this explicitly and he will not compromise his "Bible facts" for what is (to everyone else) obviously "observable facts," 3) he has singled out "science" as an evil conspirator which must be contended with at every level. Certifiably delusional is likely not strong enough, but I dare not call him psychotic, "characterized by derangement of personality and loss of contact with reality and causing deterioration of normal social functioning."¹⁴ I would need to actually meet him before I affirm his psychosis. I do, at this point, strongly suspect the psychotic prognosis for all flat-earth believers. They have lost contact with reality.

Mr. Stewart's inability to conceive the distance to the sun does not much concern

12 The Holy Bible

13 American Heritage Dictionary, s.v. "delusional."

14 American Heritage Dictionary, s.v. "psychosis."

me. He cannot conceive that moon light is reflected sunshine; he cannot comprehend the difference between a full moon, a half moon, a quarter moon, and a new moon; he knows no waxing or waning moon; he cannot conceive that the Earth occasionally casts a shadow on the moon, nor could he comprehend a lunar eclipse. He is delusional. Mr. Stewart's Bible tells him that there are no wandering stars; mankind that has observed them for 6,000 years are all conspiring liars, says Mr. Stewart. He believes that all the wandering stars, stars which man now calls planets, radiate with their own light energy just like the stationary stars, which are distant suns. His Bible tells him this is so, and he insists that it must convince you of "his truth." There is little value in further exploring Mr. Stewart's bible interpretations, he is delusional. But I promised a friend I would finish a review of this article.

There are five visible planets which rise in the east, trace a path across the sky, and set in the west just as the sun and the moon do. Anyone with even a small telescope can observe these planets and know that they do not generate light but reflect sunlight. In 1610 Galileo, armed with a 20 power telescope, noticed that Jupiter had 4 moons. Ole Romer (1644-1710), a Danish astronomer, was studying the periodic cycle of one of Jupiter's moons when he calculated the speed of light. Anyone who would deny the existence of planets is certifiably delusional, or worse. When they insist that Galileo and Ole Romer are part of a conspiracy to deceive Bible believers, they are psychotic. He continues:

After this, God created the birds, animals, mankind, and so on, but I won't cover that here as we are only going to discuss the earth, sun, moon, and stars.

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts. Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars. Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies. Let them praise the name of the Lord, for at his command they were created, and he established them for ever and ever—he issued a decree that will never pass away. Psalm 148

This shows us all that God has created. The angels, the heavenly hosts, the sun, moon, stars, highest heavens, the sky, and waters above the skies. This is what God has created, and notice...they will be there for ever and ever. The waters above the skies and the dome will be there for ever and ever, even when God comes to earth to live with us here. This is our permanent home and this is what it will be like forever. Mind you, in Revelation 21 God is going to make a new heaven and a new earth, but actually he will just remodel the one we have because Psalm 148 says that this model was established forever. Just like when we remodel our home, it's the same house on the same land, just different carpets, kitchen, bathroom, and so on. The Bible does not contradict itself, so if Psalm 148 says that they were established forever and ever, that is what will be.

Again, Mr. Stewart is certifiably delusional and likely psychotic, one need not concern themselves with what his bible tells him about the earth, sun, moon, and stars. Even less with what he might read into the Revelation of Jesus Christ. Allow me at least to correct his corrupt bible version:

Praise ye the LORD. Praise ye the LORD from the heavens: praise him in the heights. Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts. Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light. Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens. Let them praise the

name of the LORD: for he commanded, and they were created. He hath also established them for ever and ever: he hath made a decree which shall not pass (Psalm 148:1-6).

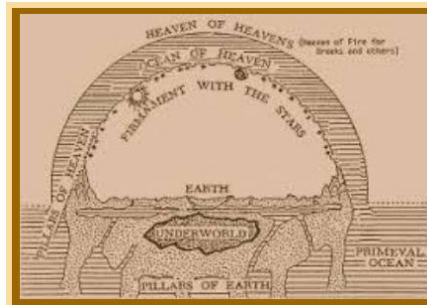
Mr. Stewart continues:

He set the earth on its foundations; it can never be moved. Psalm 104:5

..For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and he hath set the world upon them. 1 Samuel 2:8

The point here is that God set the earth upon pillars which is it's foundation. The earth is securely fastened to these pillars and it can never be moved. This entirely contradicts the scientific view that the earth rotates at 1,000 mph on it's axis

and that it travels in an orbit around the sun. The Bible says in many places that the earth does not move and that it's foundations are fixed in place. This also contradicts the scientific view that the earth is suspended in space.



The delusional have incorrigible Bible interpretations. Mr. Stewart, who cannot discern how our moon works or what a planet is, certainly cannot discern what is figurative language. When it comes to recognizing phenomenological language, he has already demonstrated total incompetence. Psalm 104:5, read in context, does not allow flat-earthers to put the planet Earth on a foundation held up with pillars.

Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty. Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain: Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind: Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire: **Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever.** Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood above the mountains. At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away. They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys unto the place which thou hast founded for them. Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over; that they turn not again to cover the earth. (Psalm 104:1-9).

The highlighted phrase is what Mr. Stewart has taken out of context and twisted around from his corrupted modernist ecumenical copyright bible. So to with 1 Samuel 2:8:

The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up. 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.** He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail. The adversaries of

the LORD shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall he thunder upon them: the LORD shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give strength unto his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed (1Sam 2:7-10)

The highlighted phrase is what Mr. Stewart has taken out of context and twisted around from his corrupted modernist ecumenical copyright bible. "Believing what you read in an acceptable literal, grammatical, historical method of interpretation, will not lead one into error. When using the Bible to discover secret subliminal messages, principles, and concepts, there is no end of the error which is backed by bible."¹⁵ Reading the Bible with the literal, grammatical, historical method of interpretation, requires that figurative language be recognized. It is left as an exercise for the Bible student to read these scriptures and pick out the figurative language that they employ.

Also recall Job26:7-8, "He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing. He bindeth up the waters in his thick clouds; and the cloud is not rent under them," and be assured that Mr. Stewart is delusional when he thinks the world is flat and setting on pillars. Delusional, by definition.

I am the Lord, the Maker of all things, who stretches out the heavens, who spreads out the earth by myself. Isaiah 44:24

God... Who alone does great wonders, who by his understanding made the heavens, who spread out the earth upon the waters... Psalm 136:4-9

What shape is the earth? According to these scriptures it is not a globe because God "spread out the earth upon the waters". If the earth was a globe and it is immovable, then how would the water stay on a globe earth? And if the globe earth is set on pillars, then we would find them because they would be visible, holding the globe up. No, the earth is flat and it rests on a foundation of pillars which are in the water. It does not move for this reason. God drew out the horizon on the face of the water.

So what did he draw? A circle. This circle was the perimeter of the earth that he would create as shown in the map above. The map shows Antarctica around the perimeter of the earth. With ice banks of 100 to 200 feet high, it holds the water in place. The dome rests on this ice bank. As God said: ...and (He) fixed securely the fountains of the deep, when he gave the sea its boundary so the waters would not overstep his command, and when he marked out the foundations of the earth then I was the craftsman at his side.

Proverbs 8:29 This speaks of Jesus assisting God in the creation of the earth. The North Pole is the centre of the earth and the land stretches out in all directions from there. There is an interesting scripture in Genesis 10:25 which says: Two sons were born to Eber: One was named Peleg, because in his time the earth was divided. Is it possible that the earth was initially one land mass which was later divided into continents? Some have suggested that if one were to squeeze all continents together they would fit one into another to form one land mass. Also notice this scripture.

These are the visions I saw while lying in bed: I looked, and there before me stood a tree in the middle of the land. Its height was enormous. The tree grew large and strong and its top touched the sky; it was visible to the ends of the earth. Daniel 4:10-11

If the earth was a globe, the tree would not be visible to the ends of the earth due to the earth's curvature. But on a flat earth it would be. The Bible also

15 Edward G. Rice, "A Systematic Theology for the 21st Century – Part 02 Bibliology," <http://www.theology.gsbaptistchurch.com/21-cent-syst-theo/bibliology/> (accessed 01/19/2016), 45

refers to "the ends of the earth" and the "four corners of the earth" neither of which could exist on a globe earth.

I have established that Mr. Stewart, is certifiably delusional. He uses a corrupted bible and takes verses completely out of context, recognizes no figurative language, and has no concept of phenomenological language. He believes that the whole world is involved in a conspiracy against him and his cronies. "They," these flat-Earth believers, are the only ones who "know truth." He believes that the moon as we know it does not exist. He believes that the nine planets, which man has observed for 4,000 years of documented human history, do not exist. If he even comprehends that there are five visible wandering stars (planets in Greek), he contends that they and our moon are not illuminated by our sun, but that they generate their own light. He believes that God says all of this in his bible, and now he wants to tell you that it is impossible for the Earth to be a globe. The Earth, these delusional flat Earthers contend, is flat, saucer shaped, held up by pillars, and encircled by a crust of ice which holds it all together... oh, it is also enclosed in a dome. This is, as I said, larger than certifiably delusional it is border line psychotic. They have asked me to "prove to them that the world is a globe." One cannot "prove" anything to a delusional psychotic.

"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;... And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie" (2Thes 2:3, 10-11) In their context these verses from Second Thessalonians describe God's "strong delusion" coming when men believe in signs and wonders. These become the followers of antichrist, "Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders" (2Thes 2:9). Flat Earthers have no signs and wonders, but they do have delusion in no small quantity. Allow me to address some more of Mr. Stewart's delusion.

It has been established that Mr. Stewart takes Bible verses completely out of context, from a corrupted bible, not recognizing any of its figurative language. Revisit these verses he twists in their larger context:

The LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and glorified himself in Israel. Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the LORD that maketh all things; **that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself;** That frustrateth the tokens of the liars, and maketh diviners mad; that turneth wise men backward, and maketh their knowledge foolish; (Isa 44:23b-25).

O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever. O give thanks unto the God of gods: for his mercy endureth for ever. O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his mercy endureth for ever. **To him who alone doeth great wonders:** for his mercy endureth for ever. **To him that by wisdom made the heavens:** for his mercy endureth for ever. **To him that stretched out the earth above the waters:** for his mercy endureth for ever. To him that made great lights: for his mercy endureth for ever: The sun

to rule by day: for his mercy endureth for ever: The moon and stars to rule by night: for his mercy endureth for ever.(Psalm 136:1-9)

The portions of scripture that Mr. Stewart quoted from a corrupted bible are highlighted for clarity. Notice that the context and rendering in each scripture has nothing to do with his point. Evidently he has never blown up a balloon or seen elastic stretch in three dimensions. The context of his misquoted verse from Isaiah is that God, the redeemer of Israel, will for sure keep every promise to them, no matter what liars say. The context of his misquoted verse from Psalm 136 is, of course, God's mercy endureth forever. I will not address here Mr. Stewart's rantings about water not sticking to a globe, Antarctica extending around the perimeter of the Earth, or Antarctica's 200 foot ice banks holding up his fictitious dome. He is delusional about moons and planets; when he defies gravity and swells Antarctica larger than life he is more psychotic. When he insists that his bible tells him these things as indisputable fact and that everyone else is deceived by conspirators, it starts to become diabolical. His deceit continues:

Now let's see what the sun and moon do.... The Bible tells us... the earth is stationary and the sun moves above the flat earth producing day and night and seasons. How it does this is by shining downward thereby illuminating that portion of the earth as it travels in it's circuit around the surface of the flat earth.... The Book of Enoch describes this in more detail... the earth is immovable and secured on pillars, it can't tilt.

The Book of Enoch is not in the Holy Bible. It is not even one of the seven apocryphal books.¹⁶ It is a book recovered from Aramaic fragments which attributes Enoch as its author. That false claim, and even more audacious ones, make the Book of Enoch a heretical book to Bible believers. If Jesus the Christ, the only begotten son of God, thought it had any merit or value he could have rebuked the Jews for rejecting it. He did not; and thus, by abstention, rejected it as well. The same is true for all apocryphal books. Modernist scholars, who reject 2Tim 3:16, 2Pet:1:21, and the inspiration of all Scripture, are on a quest to figure out another source of the Bible. They have supposed that Jude quoted from the book of Enoch. Not so; Jude, by the power of inspiration, not by the power of misquotation, tells what Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied. The book of Enoch is a heretical book, and it, along with the book of Jasher and other heretical books, are often quoted by men doing the devils heretical work. The book of Jasher, sometimes referred to as "Book of the Upright One" is a product of the Greek Septuagint. It is not an authenticated book with an authentic author and thus not even the book mentioned in the Holy Bible, cf. Josh 10:13, 2Sam 1:18. Further, if the Greek Septuagint existed in the time of Christ, and it is doubtful that it did¹⁷, it and its book of Jasher was rejected by Jesus the Christ. The book of Jasher and the whole Greek Septuagint are thus rejected on the same grounds that the apocryphal books were rejected. "There is a book called "The Book of Jasher" today, although it is not the same book as mentioned in the Old Testament. It is an eighteenth-century forgery that alleges

16 The seven apocryphal books that first century Jews and Jesus the Christ would not call Scripture are 1 and 2 Maccabees, Sirach (or Ecclesiasticus), Wisdom (or Wisdom of Solomon), Baruch, Tobit, Judith, and additions to Daniel and Esther.

17 Phil Stringer, Landsdale Colleg notes

to be a translation of the “lost” Book of Jasher by Alcuin, an eighth-century English scholar. There is also a more recent book titled “The Book of Jasher” by science fiction and fantasy writer Benjamin Rosenbaum. This book is a complete work of fiction.”¹⁸

In Ephesians 4 God instructs us to be under the teaching of an authentic Bible believing, Bible preaching pastor, “That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive” (Eph 4:14). No credible pastor will use the book of Enoch, the book of Jasher, or other rejected apocryphal books, as truth. Do not be deceived by cunning craftiness, seek out a Godly pastor. When it comes to these books, we know two things, Jesus did not accept them as scripture, and “All scripture is given by inspiration of God.” Mr. Stewart continues in his deceit:

On the day the Lord gave the Amorites over to Israel, Joshua said to the Lord in the presence of Israel: “Sun, stand still over Gibeon, and you, moon, over the Valley of Aijalon.” So the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, till the nation avenged itself on its enemies, as it is written in the Book of Jasher. Joshua 10:12-13

“This is the Lord’s sign to you that the Lord will do what he has promised: I will make the shadow cast by the sun go back the ten steps it has gone down on the stairway of Ahaz.” So the sunlight went back the ten steps it had gone down. Isaiah 38:8



From these two scriptures we see that God manipulated the sun, in one instance to stand still and in the second to go backward. According to science, the only way to make this happen would be to stop the earth from spinning and then to make it spin backwards. The Bible clearly states that it was the SUN that God caused to stand still and to go backwards which means that the sun had to be moving if he made it stand still. God also made the moon stand still. How could science explain that?

Mr. Stewart has a delusional psychosis, which forbids him from seeing, using, or understanding science; there is little chance that such a person might understand phenomenological language. However, the Bible student must not exhibit such a shortsighted phobia of either science or phenomenological language. Science, “the observation, identification, description, experimental investigation, and theoretical explanation of phenomena,”¹⁹ is an essential tool of the Bible student. The Holy Bible says: “Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge” (2Peter 1:4-5). One can paraphrase this, for the sake of the flat-Earthers, “add to your faith moral excellence and science.” Flat-Earthers twist and malign their corrupted bible verses with no moral integrity and display a psychotic defiance of science. Of course this scripture goes on to require the addition of temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, charity. These seven characteristics, and seven is an important Bible number, are never realized when one rejects the first two: virtue and science. The promise continues “For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you

18 Got Questions Ministries, “What is the Book of Jasher and should it be in the Bible?”

<http://www.gotquestions.org/book-of-Jasher.html> (accessed 01/20/2016).

19 American Heritage Dictionary, s.v. “science.”

that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins” (2Peter 2:8-9). Flat-Earther are blind, categorically, because they reject all science.

When the flat-Earther misquotes these two scriptures from their corrupted texts,²⁰ their interpretations make three systematic errors. First they suppose that there is some natural explanation for a Supernatural event. Natural man always seeks for a natural explanation of how God does his miracles. They are miracles! They defy all naturalistic explanation. Making the sun stand still in Gibeon, and the moon in Ajalon is just not that big a deal for the Creator of the universe. By him all things consist. Causing the sundial in Jerusalem to go ten degrees backward is a trivial thing for our infinite Creator. He might even have caused these time dilations to be local phenomena not even observed by the rest of the world. He is God.

Next, consider that flat-Earthers start with a dysfunctional model of the world. They cannot therefore speak knowledgeably about how a model built by observational science fails, when their model is built by delusional fiction. God does not need to stop the Earth's rotation in order to do these miracles. God can bend light, warp light, warp time, and warp any other phenomena he pleases, to perform these two miracles. He is God, Creator of nature, and ergo outside of natural explanation, no matter what model you operate with. Third and lastly in this consideration of the twisted interpretations of flat-Earthers, they have no comprehension what phenomena is, and could not then comprehend what phenomenological language is.

Phenomenon is defined, “An occurrence, a circumstance, or a fact that is perceptible by the senses.”²¹ The moon being a sphere and reflecting the sun's light is a phenomenon. The gravity of the sun and the moon combining to cause the various tide swells on ones beach; is that a phenomenon? The tides themselves are a phenomenon: we observe them. But the cause of the tides takes some science to comprehend. Recall that science is defined, “The observation, identification, description, experimental investigation, and theoretical explanation of phenomena.” Non flat-Earthers have done the science to understand why high tide differs from low tide and new moon tides differ from full moon tides. Now looking at ones wrist-watch and ones lunar table allows them to know what type of tide to expect when. The tide is a phenomenon; the understanding of how much the ocean might crawl up my beach tomorrow is science. Understanding that oceans do not crawl but comprehending what was said anyway, is an allowance for figurative language. The flat-Earthers have none of the above. None.

Written phenomenological language involves describing how something appears to a reader without consideration of the purely objective reality. We say that the sun sets in the evening sky. In reality, observational reality, it does not. Notice that

20 The actual Bible says, “ Then spake Joshua to the LORD in the day when the LORD 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” (Josh 10:12-13) “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” (Isa 38:8).

21 American Heritage Dictionary, s.v. “phenomenon.”

phenomenological language is sometimes relative. I speak of going “up” to Canada, and “down” to Alabama. I am a prolific map user: my wife, not so much. She often goes “down” to Watkins. Anyone with a map knows that from here one must go “over” to Watkins. Phenomenological language must be recognized and allowed for. God uses it regularly. One must never allow God's phenomenological language to determine ones purely objective reality. On Tuesday of creation God created dry land; it does not say that he created gold, silver, and sapphire: he obviously did. On Wednesday of creation God created a greater light and a lesser light; it does not say that one is a burning ball of hydrogen, and one is a spherical rock reflecting sun light: it is observational science that shows us these truths, just as observational science shows us gold and sapphire in the dirt. When God said the sun and moon stood still it was necessarily phenomenological language and that should not mandate an objective reality. For the flat-Earther it does, and he becomes twisted and delusional. When God says the Earth shall not be moved or that it stands on pillars, it is both phenomenological language and figurative language. The flat-Earthers, who cannot recognize either of these phenomena are clueless and delusional. They are not to be trusted with any Bible interpretations until they come back to reality and show some understanding of God's phenomenological language.

Mr Stewart continues:

So where does God live. ... Isaiah 40:22 ... Psalm 33:13 ... Job 22:14... God lives above the dome of the skies which is where he has set his throne. ... Ezekiel Chapter 1... "circle of the earth".. Looking down, the earth does look like a circle and not a sphere...

This gives us an account of how God created the heavens and the earth according to the Bible... One thing is absolutely certain: According to the Bible, the earth does NOT spin on it's axis and it does NOT travel in an orbit around the sun. And the earth is NOT a sphere.

What is the size of the earth and the dome? This is a good question and hard to answer accurately... I did find that the distance from the South Pole to the North Pole is 20,000 km or 12,500 miles... the diameter of a flat earth could be between 10,000 and 15,000 miles adjusting for the bulge of a globe earth. So if the earth is approximately 12,000 miles across, then the dome could also be about 12,000 miles high. The Orion spacecraft ... won't even be near the top.

The flat-Earther has such a restricted view and interpretation of their corrupted bible that he cannot discern the three heavens that the Holy Bible speaks of. They entangle everything in a dome that they insert in their interpretation of their creation account. Again let's rehearse what the Holy Bible describes as the heavens: The Holy Bible distinguishes three distinct heavens (Deut 10:14, Neh 9:6). The heaven where the clouds and birds fly (Deut 33:28, Job 35:5, Heb 1:10), the heavens where the stars camp out (Ps 8:3 Ps 104:2), and the heaven where God dwells in the fullness of his glory (2Ch 2:6, 6:18, 6:33, Ps 2:4, Ps 57:5, Ps 123:1). Flat-Earthers cannot interpret scripture.

Observational science tells us that the Earth is a planet, spins, and orbits the sun. The Flat-Earther is absolutely certain these are lies because his bible tells him so. Please back away from the flat-Earther and give them a wide girth. Mr. Stewart continues in his delusion:

So what about the moon landing in 1969, we all saw the earth hanging in space on TV as the astronauts walked on the moon. How did that happen? Very easy, it was faked.... a video by Kelly Smith... says that the Orion flight will be

unmanned because they have to get through the Van Allen Radiation Belts which are still too dangerous for astronauts and... The Van Allen Belts start at 600 miles up... Wikkipedia describes the hazards of the belts and... so they decided to fake it.... so NASA was created to keep the hoax going... they are so convincing... that no one challenges them on it.

The flat-Earthers have some pictures of the mockups used in all NASA space missions. They try to use them to convince people that the whole world is believing a lie, and flat-Earthers are the only ones with the truth. Why do people buy into the flat-Earther's delusional deceptions? People generally have trust issues. People quickly believe that they have been lied to by a conspiring authority. The more obscure the "truth" that they buy into, the more tenaciously they defend it. People want to persuade other people to believe what they believe. Vaccinations cause autism, I heard it on the internet. Thousands of parents bought into that lie and refused vaccinations for their children. Proverbs 20:14 says, "It is naught, it is naught, saith the buyer: but when he is gone his way, then he boasteth." Once one buys into a deceptions they become its most powerful advocates. The flat-Earth under a dome is a product of the delusional psychotic defending his interpretation of the bible. It's advocates are very sincere about what they bought into. Mr. Stewart sincerely continues his deception:

If I had an extra million dollars I would be willing to throw out a challenge to anyone who could build a working model of our earth with 70% water and 30% land and spin it to show me that the water would actually stick to the earth. If you were ever on a Merry Go Round or a Rotor ride in which the floor drops and you stick to the wall, you know that the centrifugal force created has a tendency to throw objects outward from the centre. If the earth is spinning at 1,000 miles an hour, what holds the water on the earth? Gravity you say? Really. If gravity was so strong that it could hold trillions of tons of water on the earth, and be more powerful than even the centrifugal force created by the spinning then we could never take a step without feeling the force pushing our feet down to the earth and birds could never fly. But we know better because we know that the earth does not spin because God made the earth immovable. It's all a hoax. And they keep inventing formulas and theories to support their hoax. Gravity actually only exists in theory in the heliocentric earth model, not the flat earth model. In the geocentric model, things fall down because they are heavier than what is below them. Once they reach something that can support their weight, they stop. That's not gravity.

The Earth does not spin at 1,000 miles an hour and what Mr. Stewart does not understand about gravity and centrifugal force might fill volumes of books, they might be called "science books." The Earth rotates on an axis at one quarter of a degree per minute, that is 360 degrees in 24 hours. One cannot measure rotation in miles per hour, but it is clear why Mr. Stewart does not understand that, his despise of science is blatant. Allow me to take up his challenge, and I will do it for free. Take an analogue clock, pop off the plastic face cover, and lay it on a table face up. Take a medicine dropper and put a drop of water on the tip end of the hour hand. Now watch it for one hour. It is spinning around at 1/2 degree per hour or 360 degrees in 12 hours; that is twice as fast as the Earth is spinning on its orbit. Observe how much water is flung off of the hour hand by the centrifugal force of this rotation. Now stop and go back a bit. Flat-Earthers have no concept of what they are talking about. None. They have taken every bit of science,

rejected it, and called it a hoax, and then they try and use their minute grasp of science to defend their position. The Earth does not spin at 1,000 miles per hour. That is speed spin is measured in rpm. Mr. Stewart continues:

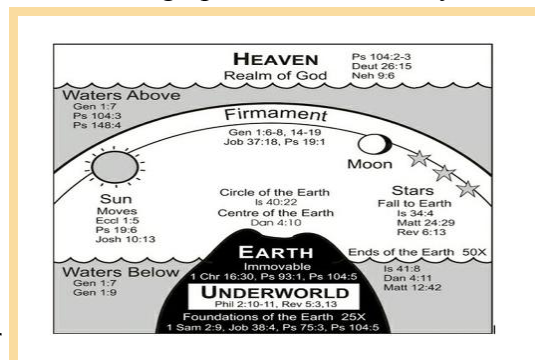
I could go on and on about this but if you wish to pursue it further the Internet is full of information and so is You Tube. A good video is 200 Proofs the Earth is Not a Spinning Ball by Eric Dubay. That's a good place to start. Another one is Apollo Conspiracy by Richard D. Hall on You Tube.

I could go on and an about this but take a King James Bible and read it without flat-Earth delusional bias, with some comprehension of what phenomenological language is, with some comprehension of what figurative language is, reading poetry as poetry, history as history, prophecy as prophecy, and all of it taken in the context that it is given in, and let the Holy Spirit of God lead you into his truths. Do not let a flat-Earther who rejects science guide your reading. He continues:

Also read about Admiral Byrd and Operation Highjump as well as Operation Deepfreeze. I believe that he found the edge, the wall of the dome, and this is why he abandoned his mission in Antarctica. This is why shortly after that 12 countries signed a treaty to which 59 countries have now signed on to. No one can do anything in Antarctica. No mining, no exploration, nothing except some scientific research and limited tourism. Why? Because they know. If you look at the UN flag you will see the image of the flat earth on it. Why? Because they know too. But they don't want us to know.

As one who has personally witnessed navigational trajectories over both poles in my Air Force career, and peered into the star filled skies over the Andes Mountains of South America in my world travels, and studied orbital mechanics as a student and an electrical engineer, and plotted satellite trajectories as they orbited our spherical planet, I assure you that the flat-earters delusions about our moon, and hypothesis about Antarctica being a 200 foot high ice bank circling the earth and holding up a dome are totally without merit. If you reject such a personal testimony, at least use some rational logic.

In conclusion I would like to say that at first I was sceptical but one day I saw an article on the Flat Earth and when I read it, and saw a drawing with the Firmament separating the water from water, it immediately clicked because I knew that this is what the Bible teaches. Then I began my research, and now I am 100% convinced that we have been lied to by our governments and NASA. I believe that the Biblical account is the right and true one and time will prove that to be so.



In my conclusion this article found on John Stewarts web page deserves more than skepticism. It is pure deceit. It dribbles on exposing gross ignorance about navigational methods and it then encourages the deceived to preach this rendition of “truth” to the whole world. A flat Earth standing on pillars, covered by a dome which rests on banks of ice is not truth, and it is certainly not Bible. Thinking that the whole world is conspiring to deceive such delusional, illogical, inconsistent concepts is the schizophrenia's

paranoia.

This critical review exposes the delusions of the flat-Earthers who fabricate and interweave lies and misleadings. John Stewart seems sincere, but he is sincerely wrong. His site makes some attempt to invite people to salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ, but Jesus said “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me” (John 14:6). The truth should tell no lies. In my USAF career I have overseen the overflight of both poles. As an engineer I have explored the science of orbital mechanics. As a well traveled Preacher of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, I have viewed the stars of the southern hemisphere over the Andes Mountains running through the country of Peru. The truth is we live on a sphere hurdling through space and spinning on its axis. The site which has flat Earth delusion as “truth” is not a purveyor of Truth. To explore how true science substantiates the inerrant, infallible, verbally inspired holy Bible, read my doctoral dissertation on the subject, “God's Glory, God's Handiwork, and God's Word, The Genesis Account,” found at www.theology.GSBaptistChurch.com

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For a more thorough coverage of this false teaching please see chapter 12 of my dissertation “*God's Glory, God's Handiwork, and God's Word, The Genesis Account*” January 2017. Chapter 12 includes

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The following appendix is from a friend who helped review my dissertation. Teno Groppi of Genesis Evidence Ministry, GEM, corresponded with me on this topic. I am at odds with his view of heliocentricity, but he presents some helpful insights about the whole conspiracy of conspirators. My dissertation chapter 12 clarifies my disenchantment with heliocentricity. Teno Groppi travels to churches lecturing on creation and his web site is <http://genesisevidence.org/>

Brother Teno,

Thanks, I'll look it over shortly. I did not believe you would be swallowed up in this. I have been completely ineffective at turning a couple here that are tangled into such flat earth foolishness, they seem to be a lost cause. I am not sure how much of this I should even address in my dissertation. It is pretty far out there. I am appalled that it is growing.

Thanks again for the help.

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Here is an article I wrote in December opposing the flat earth:

I don't trust the scientific establishment. They are not wrong about everything, but they are wrong about enough things that a discerning person should always be skeptical of them. They are wrong on evolution. They are wrong about global warming. They are wrong about heliocentricity. If the scientific establishment said it was dark out at night, I'd check myself before I took their word for it.

With that in mind, I seriously examined the flat earth claims. I've watched several videos, read many materials. But after all that, I am not convinced (and I easily could be if there was any substance to their arguments).

Here are the reasons I reject a flat earth:

*** The leader of the Flat Earth Society is an evolutionist.**

This is admittedly an ad hominem argument, but I thought it important to note that Daniel Shenton, who heads the Flat Earth Society, which purportedly has a few thousand members, is an evolutionist who believes in global warming. Usually, it's Christians, creationists, and geocentrists who are mocked as "flat earthers, but the truth is, the world's leading flat earther is an agnostic, evolutionary, heliocentrist.

*** The Lord sits on the circle of the earth.**

Is 40:22 **It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth ...**

A circle can be 2 or 3 dimensional, but this does not say the earth IS a circle. He sits on the "circle OF the earth" - the earth HAS circles. That strongly suggests it's a 3D sphere.

*** The Lord hangs the earth upon nothing.**

Job 26:7 **He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing.**

The fact that the earth is suspended in space is antithetical to it being flat. Would a flat earth be sitting on something? Floating? What would be underneath?

***When He returns it will be day and night at the same time.**

Luke 17:34-36 **I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. Two women shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the**

other left.

Combine this with the parallel passages in the Matt 24:36-41 (which says "**day**" rather than "night") and it will be day for some people (in **fields**) and night for others (in **bed**).

*** We see the shadow of the earth on the moon.**

It's round. The planets, moons, and stars we observe are also round. So there is no reason the earth wouldn't be round.

*** We observe ships pass down and out of sight.**

If the earth was flat, we should be able to see the ships, in totality, forever. We can see to the sun, moon, and stars, so distance is not an issue. Why can't we see a ship cross Lake Michigan, much less an ocean? Even more, sailors can see mountains and high lands before they can see lowlands, as they approach shore.

If the earth is flat, why can't we see Denver from Chicago? If we can see the sun, moon, and stars, the distance to Denver should not be a problem. It is a mile high, so we should be able to see it from most other cities.

Flat earthers invent wild, untenable explanations. One of the problems with the flat earth idea is it is full of strained "rescue" ideas that are not found in scripture or science.

*** A global flood would not work on a flat earth.**

The water would flow over the edges. They invent a fanciful ice mountain border with mountains higher than the Himalayas that is not mentioned in scripture and had never been observed by anybody. I've flown twice to eastern Europe, going over the north pole there and back. I failed to see this imaginary ice border that supposedly encircles the entire flat earth. My friend Fred Swanson, flew over the south pole on a military mission. He did not report any gigantic ice mountains there, either.

*** If the sun did not go around a globe, we would always be able to see it.**

It would always be light. The sun does not wear a skirt of shroud to narrow the beam like a flashlight. They claim the sun is much closer than the commonly claimed 93 million miles, but if it is closer, it would still spread light in all directions - and our atmosphere would spread it even further. They draw pictures limiting the scope of the sun's light, but drawing it that way doesn't make it so.

*** South of the equator.**

Sailors from the northern hemisphere crossed the equator well before the time of Christ, and reported that in the South, the sun shone from the north. They also knew how to measure their latitude from the angle of the sun at noon, which works only with a spherical earth.

*** All the geocentric verses.**

Perhaps 200 of the 300 total GC verses, like *sun rise*, the *sun went down*, the *sun went backward*, the *sun stood still*, the *moon stayed*, etc. that would all have to be rendered *figuratively* or *phenomenologically* if the earth was flat.

In fact, belief in a flat earth is usually taught as an progression from geocentricity - the next step in "really believing the whole Bible", but it actually causes one to DENY many of the verses that led them to geocentricity in the first place.

*** Paucity of Positive Evidence**

There are 2 or 3 verses used to suggest the earth is flat (that have viable alternative explanations) as opposed to almost 300 geocentric verses, many of them much more definitive. That's not enough evidence to convince me of a flat earth.

All kinds of fanciful rescue features must be invented and appealed to that are supported by no scientific or scriptural evidence.

P.S. Some questions from Khai Shepherd:

1. Why is it that people from the northern and southern hemispheres (north and south of the equator) see any given phase of the moon (on any given night) being illuminated on its opposite side?

For example, if you live in the northern hemisphere you will see the right side of a waxing moon illuminated. If you live in the southern hemisphere you will see that same waxing moon illuminated on the left side. The inverse occurs with a waning moon (where the northern hemisphere sees the left side of the waning moon illuminated, while the southern hemisphere sees the right side illuminated). How is this possible if we are all living on a flat disc?

2. Why does the crater topography of the moon appear inverted when comparatively observed from the northern vs the southern hemisphere of the Earth? How is that possible with a flat earth model?

3. How do proponents of a flat earth explain the Coriolis Effect that spins hurricanes in the northern hemisphere counter clockwise while spinning hurricanes in the southern hemisphere clockwise?

Here is a short article with ten reasons to reject a flat earth: <http://www.popsci.com/10-ways-you-can-prove-earth-is-round>

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John 5:46-47 For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. 47 But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?

John 3:12 If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?