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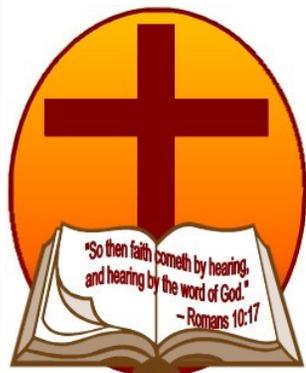
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Cats are Proof that the Earth Is Not Flat

By Pastor Alfred B. Davis

The man looked at me intently and declared, "The earth is flat."

"If the earth is flat," I said, "Then I should be able to go up in the Empire State building in New York with a telescope and see you waving at me from the Eiffel Tower in Paris."

He replied that I would not be able to see him because Paris is more than 5 miles from New York. When I asked why that mattered, he responded that the air is too thick to see anything beyond five miles. Now, having never heard anything like that before, I objected, pointing out that I have personally seen things more than five miles away. He challenged my statement, repeating that the air is too thick to see beyond five miles.

When I mentioned that I have flown in jets at altitudes greater than five miles and clearly saw the ground below me, as well as for hundreds of miles around, he looked at me incredulously. "You've flown over five miles up in the air?!" he sputtered, "That's impossible! You can't fly that high!"

It was about then that I realized that it was impossible to reason with him. He was clearly immune to it. Besides, as the saying goes, you

cannot reason someone out of a position that they did not reason themselves into.

Of course, another option is that he was not sincere. He may have been pulling my chain, objecting to every point that I made with increasingly absurd arguments, trying to draw me into a pointless argument to make me look and sound foolish. Some people who advocate the flat earth position are like that.

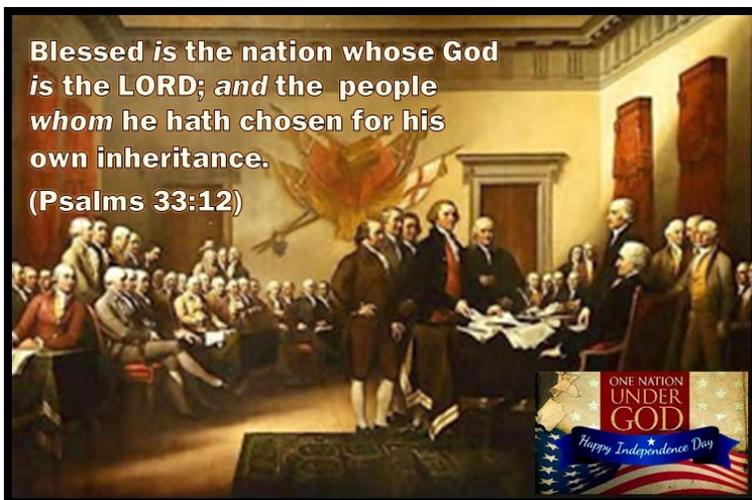
In fact, Dr. Danny R. Faulkner, who holds an MS in physics from Clemson University, an MA and a PhD in astronomy from Indiana University, touched on both of these in his article *Reflections on the Flat Earth Movement* (published June 22, 2019, <https://answersingenesis.org/astronomy/earth/reflections-flat-earth-movement/>, viewed June 27 2022):

"I've suspected for some time that many flat-earth arguments are created by people who don't believe the earth is flat, but simply want to see how many people they can snooker with very bad arguments. They must get perverse delight out of fooling gullible people. ... I've also noticed that flat-earthers generally don't understand, and hence don't

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Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

(Psalms 33:12)



Coming Events at the BBC

JULY 2022

4 - Independence Day
26-31 - Summit County Fair Booth

August 2022

7 - 25th anniversary celebration for Pastor Davis at RBBC
21 - 16th Anniversary of radio program

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Faganus and Damicanus: 2 Faithful Witnesses

How rapidly did the mighty gospel of Christ fly abroad! The very year 63, when Paul, a prisoner, was preaching to a few individuals, in his own hired house in Rome, the seed sowed there is growing in the Isle of Britain. We have nothing of importance to communicate respecting the Welsh Baptists, from this period to the year 180, when two ministers by the names of Faganus and Damicanus, who were born in Wales, but were born again in Rome, and there becoming eminent ministers of the gospel, were sent from Rome to assist their brethren in Wales.

In the same year, Lucius, the Welsh king, and the first king in the world who embraced the Christian religion, was baptized.

Faganus and Damicanus were two faithful witnesses, bearing testimony to the truth, and were remarkably successful in winning souls to Christ. Through their instrumentality, the light of the gospel burst forth from the Isle of Anblesea, to the Isle of Thanet, like the sun in the morning after the dark night of Druidism; the glorious light of the gospel dispelled the shades of ignorance and error, in which the seed of Gomer had been enveloped from generation to generation. Fired with a sacred zeal for the cause of Christ, and the immortal souls, our Welsh apostles followed the superstitions and cru-

elties of paganism to their most secret chambers, and exposed them in their native deformity.

It is true they had not to stretch on the rack, neither had they to endure the flames; yet they had to encounter with pagan ignorance, and much opposition from Beelzebub the prince of darkness. Though the gospel had been preached in the island since the year 63; yet, as God had not departed from his general way of distributing his truth among the children of men, by beginning with small things in order to obtain great things, hitherto it had been the day of small things with our forefathers, the inhabitants of the ends of the earth. But now Zion's tent was enlarged, and the curtain of her habitation stretched forth; she broke forth on the right hand and on the left; kings became nursing fathers and queens nursing mothers. Behold King Lucius, not only embracing the religion of Christ himself, but finding the means of propagating the gospel very inadequate, sending a most earnest request to Eleutherus, for additional help. Here the Macedonian cry vibrated from the Welsh throne at Carludd, as well as from the Welsh cabin at the foot of Caderidr or Plimlimon.

(Jonathon Davis, *History of the Welsh Baptists*, 1835, p 7-8)

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Church Planting in England
(Currently on the Field)

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Jefferson City, Tennessee

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Bible Printing Ministry
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church
Oliver Springs, Tennessee

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Lighthouse Legal Ministries
at Lighthouse Baptist Church
Ashtabula, Ohio

Jim & Emi Civale
Church Planting Assistance
in the Samoan Islands
(Currently in the USA)

Roe Never Meant to Give Women a Right to an Abortion

"Interestingly, the justice who wrote Roe, Harry Blackmun, expected the ruling to have limited effect and never intended for it to be construed as giving women a "right" to an abortion, let alone one on demand and up to and including the third trimester. We know this because years after Blackmun's death, his personal writings became public. Blackmun, a former general counsel for the Mayo Clinic, wanted doctors to determine what Blackmun anticipated would be rare instances in which an abortion would be medically necessary, as determined by the woman's doctor. In 2005, the Los Angeles Times wrote about the release of Blackmun's private papers in an article called 'Roe Ruling: More Than Its Author Intended.' Staff writer David Savage wrote: 'Blackmun proposed to

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engage in, rational arguments."

So where does this idea come from?

Well, many ancient peoples believed that the earth was flat. Because of their limited knowledge and familiarity of the world beyond their own local area, they naturally viewed the world as being flat. Generally, they viewed the land as being bounded by a vast ocean, beyond which no one could travel.

The oldest known map of the world, for instance, is a Babylonian map from the 6th century B.C. This map depicts Assyria, Babylonia, and Armenia on a disc-shaped world surrounded by an ocean. Beyond the ocean are seven outer regions shaped like triangles whose outer points drop off into the void of space.

Another common belief was that the world is carried on the back of a giant turtle swimming through the abyss of space. This belief was widespread in both the Americas and Asia. Some believed the earth was a disc carried on the back of the "World Turtle" while others believed the World Turtle's shell itself is the earth. Still others, notably in India, envisioned the earth as a disc resting on four (sometimes seven) elephants standing on the back of the World Turtle.

However, as knowledge increased and travel became more widespread, people began to notice things that caused them to begin to question the shape of the earth. Ships heading out to sea did not merely get smaller and disappear, they disappeared from the bottom up. People on the tops of towers or ship's masts could see farther than those below them on the ground or the deck of the ship. Travelers moving east and west noticed sunrises and sunsets occurring at different times. Travelling north and south people noticed the sun, moon, and stars appearing at different angles in the sky. Travelling below the equator they even noticed new stars and constellations in the sky while familiar ones disappeared from view. None of these observations made sense from the flat earth perspective.

Pythagoras, in the 6th Century B.C., first suggested that the earth may be spherical rather than flat. Then, around 350 B.C., Aristotle argued in Book II of his work *On the Heavens*, that the lunar eclipses prove the earth is a sphere:

"How else would eclipses of the moon show segments shaped as we see them? As it is, the shapes which the moon

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Words Worth Considering...



"Some have said Christianity is a bloody religion, and indeed it is. For it is only through the blood of Jesus that anyone can be saved."
—Amir Tsarfati

"Religious freedom is the foundation for the human rights that Western democracies seek to promote abroad. Yet, the ability to promote this fundamental human right will be lost if we do not protect it within our borders. During my time as chair and commissioner on the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF), I saw a marked rise in violations of religious freedom against Christians. This occurred not only in longstanding persecution hotspots such as China, Pakistan, and India, but it also took place across the West."

—Tony Perkins, Family Research Council

"There can be no compromise with atheistic communism, no halfway in the preservation of freedom and religion. It must be all or nothing."

—Gen. Douglas MacArthur

"It has been said that when human beings stop believing in God they believe in nothing. The truth is much worse: they believe in anything."
—Malcolm Muggeridge

"Those who are faithful to Jesus in upholding Gospel exclusivity and obedience to Christ are going to be labeled as evil people, and those who persecute us will justify themselves by saying that we are a people of hate, that we carry a message of hate."

—Pastor Andrew Bruson

"We celebrate today's decision by the U.S. Supreme Court. The pro-life movement, after a long struggle, has finally prevailed with a favorable decision that defends life in the womb. The Court... has finally heard the cries and prayers of many who have long-awaited this day. The justices held their ground and were not swayed by threats and intimidation from the opposition by the unlawful activity of those who sought to intimidate them in their neighborhoods and at their residences. Mob rule will not prevail when good men and women stand up and make conscious decisions for justice."

—Chris Long, Ohio Christian Alliance

"For many on the Left, the only thing worse than Satan is a black conservative. They feel that Clarence Thomas is ripe for particular scorn because he is black and he's supposed to think a certain way."

—former HUD Secretary Ben Carson

"To the evangelical leaders telling us we shouldn't celebrate overturning Roe when we're not doing enough for moms and children: you're wrong. For decades, Pro-lifers have been doing all the work you say needs to be done. You are welcome to get off the couch and join us."

—Allie Beth Stuckey



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Friday Night Bible Study



Our Friday night Bible study is somewhat unique. We do not have a set topic or study outline like most Bible studies use or a formal format. Instead, we start with questions in an informal setting and go from there. Sometimes we may deal with one question or topic for the whole night. Sometimes we may deal with multiple questions and topics.

The Bible study is actually an outgrowth of a previous addictions recovery ministry that did not quite get off the ground. We met every Friday night at 7 PM for a year but

were not successful in reaching people. By the end of the year the meetings had turned into something of an informal Bible study. Consequently, after much prayer and consideration, we felt led to end the addictions program and continue meeting as a Bible study.

Rather than adopt the traditional format of set topics and outlines, we elected to continue with the informal question and answer format. We also kept the Friday evening time since we had already been meeting for a year at that time. We kept the two hour format as well.

Over the years the Bible study has grown from a small handful of people to as many as 20-30. Questions have ranged from simple to complex, from common to unusual, from expected to unexpected. Some of the questions have even been the basis for a number of articles in this newsletter. Yet, through it all, we have been able to continue week after week answering questions about the Bible and current events in light of God's Word, learning and growing together, while fellowshiping around the Scriptures. Eventually, when we began our Sunday night radio program, the Friday night Bible study helped set the format for the radio program as well.

Our goal is to help Christians develop a Biblical worldview and to help people understand the Bible. After all, the Bible says in 1 Peter 3:15:

"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:"

So, if you have a question about the Bible or current events in light of God's Word, join us next Friday night at 7:00 PM! ☩

2 Major Supreme Court Victories to Celebrate!

#1 - Friday, 24 June 2022: U.S. Supreme Court overturns Roe V. Wade on a 5:4 decision. Justice Samuel Alito wrote in the court's majority opinion:

"Its reasoning was exceptionally weak, and the decision has had damaging consequences. "The Constitution makes no reference to abortion, and no such right is implicitly protected by any constitutional provision. Roe's constitutional analysis was far outside the bounds of any reasonable interpretation of the various constitutional provisions to which it vaguely pointed," Alito continued. "It is time to heed the Constitution and return the issue of abortion to the people's elected representatives."

#2 - Monday, 27 June 2022: U.S. Supreme Court upholds religious freedom in a 6:3 decision. Justice Neil Gorsuch wrote in the court's majority opinion:

"Respect for religious expressions is indispensable to life in a free and diverse Republic—whether those expressions take place in a sanctuary or on a field, and whether they manifest through the spoken word or a bowed head. Here, a government entity sought to punish an individual for engaging in a brief, quiet, personal religious observance doubly protected by the Free Exercise and Free Speech Clauses of the First Amendment. And the only meaningful justification the government offered for its reprisal rested on a mistaken view that it had a duty to ferret out and suppress religious observances even as it allows comparable secular speech. The Constitution neither mandates nor tolerates that kind of discrimination."

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itself each month shows are of every kind straight, gibbous, and concave-but in eclipses the outline is always curved: and, since it is the interposition of the earth that makes the eclipse, the form of this line will be caused by the form of the earth's surface, which is therefore spherical. Again, our observations of the stars make it evident, not only that the earth is circular, but also that it is a circle of no great size. ... Its shape must necessarily be spherical."

Then, around 200 B.C., a Greek named Eratosthenes of Cyrene (276-195 BC), who worked at the Great Library of Alexandria, Egypt, was over 500 miles south, near modern-day Aswan. It was the summer solstice, and he was in the northernmost part of the tropics. Peering into a deep well at noon, Eratosthenes realized he could see the bottom because the sun was directly overhead. Normally the bottom was not visible because the angle of the sun cast a shadow obscuring the bottom of the well. He also realized that, even on the summer solstice, the bottom of a deep well was never visible in Alexandria.

The next year, back in Alexandria, Eratosthenes set up a vertical pole and measured the pole's shadow at noon on the summer solstice. Knowing the height of the pole and

the length of its shadow allowed him to calculate the angle of the sun. Since he knew that the angle of the sun was 90 degrees (vertical) when he looked into the well near Aswan the previous year, he calculated that the difference between the angles equaled about one-fiftieth of a circle. Multiplying 50 times the distance between his pole in Alexandria and the well in Aswan, he deduced that the circumference of the earth was about 28,738 miles – very close to the actual value of 24,901 miles.

Eratosthenes had proven what many already believed. The earth was a sphere and not a flat disk.

So, from the 4th Century B.C. on, and especially after Eratosthenes, the idea of a spherical earth was generally more broadly held than that of a flat disk. In fact, the spherical earth idea was widely accepted throughout Medieval Europe well before 1492 when Christopher Columbus sailed across the Atlantic. The 7th Century Catholic monk and scholar, Bede, published

his widely distributed influential treatise, *The Reckoning of Time*, that included a discussion of the spherical nature of the world. Later, in the 1300s, Dante Alighieri published his monumental work, *Divine Comedy*, which also described the earth as a sphere. Consequently, the real controversy when Columbus floated the idea of sailing westward from Europe to reach the East was not whether he would sail off the edge of the world, but whether his small ships could make the trip. In fact, to help sell his proposal, Columbus purposely overestimated the eastward distance from Europe to the East and decreased Eratosthenes' measurement of the Earth's circumference, claiming it would be shorter to reach the East by sailing westward.

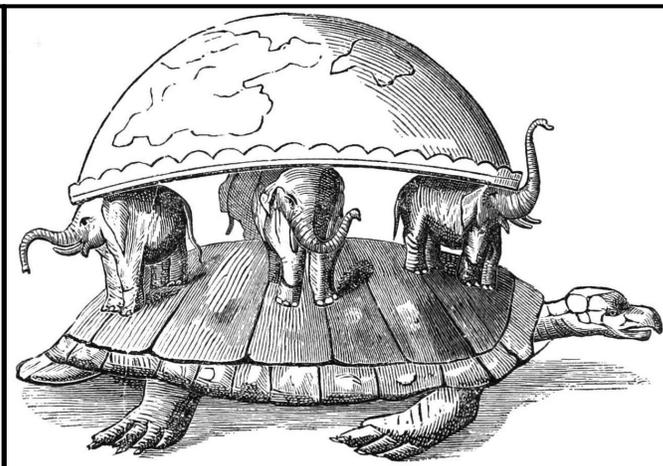
was very successful in that much of the church capitulated on evolution. It also falsely altered history. It is this false version of history that most people have learned."

Dr. Faulkner also wrote in his later article, *Reflections on the Flat Earth Movement*, that I cited earlier:

"The arguments for flat earth that began to arise in the 19th century didn't originate with Christians. Instead, the belief that the Bible teaches the earth is flat first arose among skeptics who used this false charge as a bludgeon to intimidate the church and attempt to discredit the Bible. Regretta-



6th century BC Babylonian map showing Assyria, Babylonia and Armenia



World Disk Carried by 4 Elephants on the Back of the World Turtle

But wait, weren't we taught in school that Columbus believed that the earth was a sphere and fought against the church's belief that the earth was flat? Where did that come from?

Well, according to Dr. Danny R. Faulkner, in his article, *Is the Earth Flat?* (published May 24, 2016, <https://answersingenesis.org/astronomy/earth/is-the-earth-flat/>, viewed June 27 2022):

"In the late nineteenth century, two atheistic skeptics, Andrew Dickson White and John Draper, created the conflict thesis that Christianity held back the progress of science. One of their major arguments was that throughout the Middle Ages the church had taught that the earth was flat. In creating this myth, Draper and White suggested that the church could redeem itself for this supposed error on the earth's shape by getting in on the ground floor of Darwinism. This ploy

bly, few Christians refuted this lie at the time, and some Christians even accepted this false notion and took it up as a badge of honor. I suspect that Samuel Rowbotham, the founder of the modern flat-earth movement in the 19th century, wasn't earnest in his claims. Rather, I believe that Rowbotham did this as a cruel joke. If so, then he must have had perverse delight in fooling so many people."

Dr. Faulkner went on to claim:

"Similarly, I suspect that some of the people who relaunched the flat-earth movement in the 21st century did so for the same reasons. Except that there is a twist. Many flat-earthers who claim to be Christian use terminology about their supposed biblical arguments that appear to have been lifted from creationists. I

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don't think that this similarity is a coincidence. I believe that part of the agenda of the flat-earth movement today is to mock and undermine arguments for biblical creation. Since studying and teaching biblical creation is my calling, that is a direct threat to my ministry. The sad irony is that many of the foot soldiers in the flat-earth movement are crea-

My Body, My Choice!

The Left is back in force with the "My body, my choice" argument. This argument is clearly false. For instance, I can legitimately state that I was once a man trapped in a woman's body. Then I was born.

My body, from the moment of conception was distinct from my mother's body. Yet, I was contained within her body where I was nurtured and protected until the day I was born. My DNA was distinct from hers, not the least of which that, as a male, I had an XY chromosome compliment and she, as a female, had an XX compliment.

Every man born can make the same claim. Likewise, every woman born can make a similar claim, albeit with the exception of the XX versus XY chromosome compliment. To deny the validity of this biological fact is to deny science. Nevertheless, the Left continues to trot out this old bromide.

—Pastor Davis

The FALLACY of the
"My body, my choice" argument



When YOUR CHOICE affects someone else's
body, what happens to THEIR CHOICE?
God gave us laws for just this reason.

tionists and have no idea of the role that they are playing in this diabolical scheme."

But what about those who claim that the Bible supports their views? Does it?

These three verses are often presented as proof that the Bible teaches that the earth is flat:

- "And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree." (Revelation 7:1)
- "And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea." (Revelation 20:8)
- "And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth." (Isaiah 11:12)

However, in each of these verses, the Scripture is not claiming that the earth is flat. The "four corners" and "four quarters" of the earth are simply descriptive terms referring to all the earth in every direction, north, south, east, and west. Besides, if we were to take these terms as a literal description of the earth then we would have to say that the earth is a square and not a circle or disk. After all, circles and disks do not have corners.

Another verse often presented is Daniel 4:10-12:

"Thus were the visions of mine head in my bed; I saw, and behold a tree in the midst of the earth, and the height thereof was great. The tree grew, and was strong, and the height thereof reached unto heaven, and the sight thereof to the end of all the earth: The leaves thereof were fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it was meat for all: the beasts of the field had shadow under it, and the fowls of the heaven dwelt in the boughs thereof, and all flesh was fed of it."

The problem for Flat Earthers is that this passage does not describe reality at all. It is a part of a dream sequence, a symbolic vision. If it were describing reality, then it would mean that there was a gigantic tree growing at the north pole, which is at the center or "midst of the earth" on flat earth maps, and visible all the way to the Antarctic. Clearly, that is not now nor ever has been the case.

Several passages in the Bible liken the earth to a building or structure with foundations. These are often presented as proof that the earth is not a free-floating globe but that it rests upon something:

- "Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding." (Job 38:4)
- "Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever." (Psalm 104:5)
- "And forgettest the LORD thy maker, that hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth; and hast feared continually every day because of the fury of the oppressor, as if he were ready to destroy? and where is the fury of the oppressor?" (Isaiah 51:13)

Flat Earthers like to point out that a spherical earth spinning in space would have no foundations. However, by the same token, neither would a disk floating in space. Unless it was resting on something. Besides, in Job 26:7, the Bible plainly states that God "...hangeh the earth upon nothing." Instead, references to the foundations of the earth being laid are illustrative of how God, the Master Builder, carefully designed and formed the earth with the surface of the earth resting on the underlying structure of the earth much like a well-designed building rests securely upon its foundations.

There are many more passages that we could consider but let's look at one final passage:

"It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in: That bringeth the princes to nothing; he maketh the judges of the earth as vanity." (Isaiah 40:22-23)

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This is proof positive to many that the earth is a flat disk and not a sphere. After all, if you look down on a disk from above, what do you see? A circle! But when you look down on a sphere from above you see a circle as well. But what do you see when you look from the side? Well, a flat disk appears as a rectangular shape, much like a thick line, but not a circle. If the disk were bowed or domed in some way, it might appear like an oval or half circle, or possibly even a crescent, but again, not a circle. A sphere, on the other hand, still appears as a circle no matter what angle you look at it from.

Flat Earth advocates also like to point out that the Hebrew word, *chuwg*, translated in Isaiah 40:22 as circle, is different from the Hebrew word for a ball or sphere, which is *duwr*. After all, *duwr* appears that way in Isaiah 22:18:

“He will surely violently turn and toss thee like a ball into a large country: there shalt thou die, and there the chariots of thy glory shall be the shame of thy lord's house.”

However, it appears differently in Isaiah 29:3 as “round about” or encircling (i.e. making a circle around):

“And I will camp against thee round about, and will lay siege against thee with a mount, and I will raise forts against thee.”

Besides, the Hebrew word for disk is different from *chuwg* as well. It is *oben*, which means wheel or disk:

“Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he wrought a work on the wheels.” (Jeremiah 18:3)

The wheels in Jeremiah 18:3 refer to the upper and lower wheels where the potter worked his craft. The wheels were generally flat wooden disks. The lower wheel would be spun by the potter's feet, thereby spinning the upper wheel where the potter shaped the clay. Consequently, if the word circle (*chuwg*) in Isaiah 22:18 cannot refer to a sphere (*duwr*), than, by the same argument, it cannot refer to a disk (*oben*) either.

Beware those who take the Bible out of context, misapply or misunderstand passages, and twist the Scriptures to prove that the earth is a flat disk. As the Bible says, some do it ignorantly but some do it maliciously:

“As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest,

as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.” (2 Peter 3:16)

“For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.” (2 Corinthians 2:17).

Also, beware of those who deny reason, logic, verifiable and repeatable observations, and the wealth of photographic and video evidence from high altitude flights, satellites, and spacecraft that clearly show that the earth is a sphere, as well as the personal testimonies of Christians who have seen the earth from high altitudes and space.

Charles Duke, for instance, was the tenth person to walk on the moon. While not a born-again Christian in 1972 while a member of the Apollo 16 mission, Duke later put his faith in Christ in 1978. Dr. Faulkner, in the previously cited article, *Is the Earth Flat?*, asked Duke how he would respond to those who claim that the earth is flat and the moon landings are a hoax. Duke responded:

“I was the lunar module pilot on the Apollo 16 mission to the moon. We launched from KSC (Kennedy Space Center) in Florida on April 16, 1972. We left earth orbit for our three-day trip to the moon about three hours later. As we maneuvered our spacecraft to dock with our lunar module, the earth came into view about 20,000 miles

away. It was an awesome sight. As you can see in the photo, it is obviously a sphere and not a flat circle. As we journeyed to the moon, we would look out our windows and see a smaller earth, and each time we would see different landmasses, so it was obviously rotating on its axis.

“Some people are questioning the fact that we landed on the moon, alleging that it is a big hoax. Well, we did land on the moon six times, and the evidences are overwhelming. If we faked the landing, why did we fake it 6 times?”

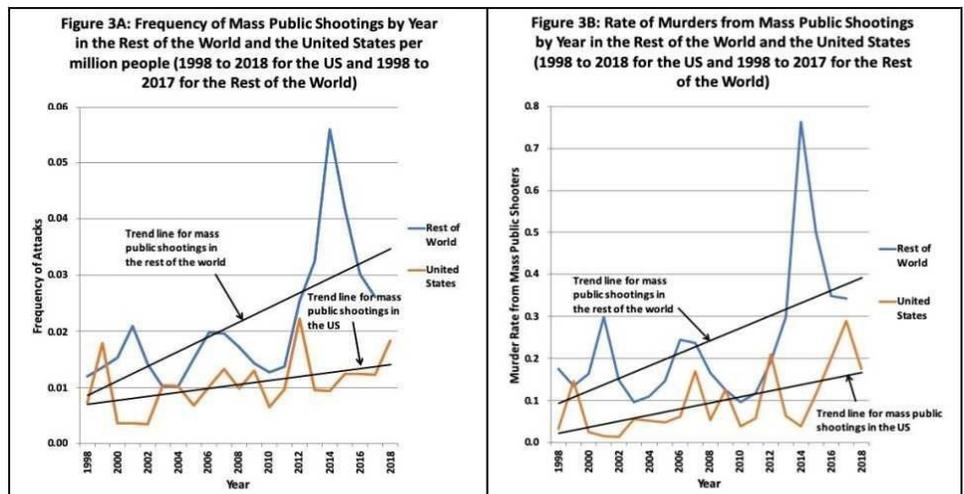
Another Christian, Jeffery Williams, spent six months on the International Space Station in 2006. Williams orbited the earth more than 2,800 times and took more photographs of earth than any astronaut in history. He later published a book, *The Work of His Hands: A View of God's Creation from Space*, filled with his photographs and personal observations. In it, Williams clearly shows that the earth is a sphere and not a flat disk.

Flat Earthers routinely dismiss this wealth of evidence and personal testimonies as fraudulent, manipulative, and deceptive lies and hoaxes. The Flat Earth Society, for instance, claims on their website (<https://www.theflatearthsociety.org/forum/index.php/topic,1324.msg1312141.html#msg1312141>, viewed on July 2, 2022):

“The most commonly accepted explanation of this is that the

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Is the USA really the global leader in mass public shootings? What are the facts?



John R. Lott, Jr., conducted a study, "Comparing the Global Rate of Mass Public Shootings to the U.S.'s Rate and Comparing their Changes Over Time." He concluded: "The U.S. is well below the world average in terms of the number of mass public shootings, and the global increase over time has been much bigger than for the United States." (Source: https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3671740, Viewed: 27 June 2022)

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space agencies of the world are involved in a conspiracy faking space travel and exploration. This likely began during the Cold War's 'Space Race', in which the U.S.S.R. and USA were obsessed with beating each other into space to the point that each faked their accomplishments in an attempt to keep pace with the others supposed achievements. However, since the end of the Cold War, the conspiracy is most likely motivated by greed rather than political gains. Thus opening up a tremendous amounts of funds to embezzle as it only takes a fraction of the total budget to fake space travel."

Of course, the best refutation of the flat earth idea probably comes from my cats. If the earth really were flat, they would have knocked everything off it by now.



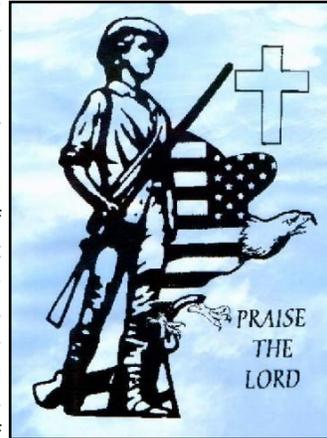
Roe Never Meant to Give Women a Right to an Abortion

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issue a news release to accompany the decision, issued Jan. 22, 1973. "I fear what the headlines may be," he wrote in a memo. His statement, never issued, emphasized that the court was not giving women "an absolute right to abortion," nor was it saying that the "Constitution compels abortion on demand." Blackmun wrote that abortion 'must be left to the medical judgment of the pregnant woman's attending physician' based upon a doctor's consideration of 'all factors — physical, emotional, psychological, familial and the woman's age — relevant to the well-being of the patient.' If there is any doubt that the Court expected Roe to change little about abortion, the day of the Roe decision, Chief Justice Warren Burger said, 'Plainly, the court today rejects any claim that the Constitution requires abortion on demand.' —Larry Elder

American Baptists and Their Concerns With Religious Liberty

Leading up to the time of the American Revolution, Baptists were not the only denomination to express concerns of religious liberty, though they were the most outspoken. After having many of their congregants convert to Anglicanism in the 1700s, "Congregationalists feared the Anglican Church's incursions in America. They worried especially about possible attempts by the Church of England to foist an Anglican bishop on the colonies, which they viewed as the critical step in forcing an Anglican establishment on New England." Furthermore, a growing issue revolved around the imposition of Anglican bishops, so that even Anglican laypeople had their fears of religious tyranny. Meanwhile, Roman Catholics, who faced stringent religious discrimination in many of



the colonies, could see the potential benefits of supporting the Revolutionary War against England, in that they could potentially secure religious liberty for themselves. In this culture of fear and uncertainty, but also of hope for religious liberty, the American Revolution presented appealing opportunities for not only Baptists, but for Christians of other persuasions.

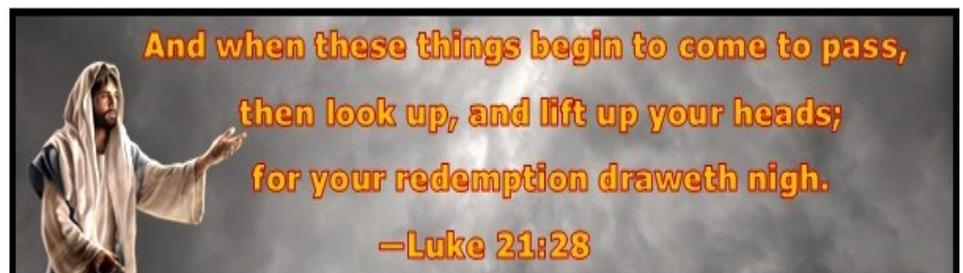
Amidst the conflicts in the socio-political realm between the colonists and the mother country, Baptists were not immediately persuaded that joining the revolutionary movement was of their best interests. "Viewing the situation in moral rather than political terms," Noll states, "they considered maintaining neutrality in the political struggle." In actuality, New England Baptists had received favor from the king in a quarrel with the Massachusetts assembly in 1771. It was during this time that Isaac Backus complained, "[M]any

who are filling the nation with the cry of liberty and against oppressors are at the same time themselves violating the dearest of all rights, liberty of conscience." However, when the Intolerable Acts were instituted, which revoked the Massachusetts charters, Noll explains, Baptists were now convinced that Parliament was even more perfidious than the Massachusetts assembly and that reliance on Parliament was like leaning upon a fragile reed...It was, however, only when the threat to civil, and hence religious, liberty seemed greater from the king and Parliament than from the colonial assemblies that most Baptists turned to the Patriot cause espoused by their Congregational neighbors.

In the South, Baptists were especially encouraged by the American Revolution's potential benefits. More than 160 Baptist preachers were persecuted for their illegal, itinerant ministries in the 1760s and 1770s. But as Rhys Isaac records, [A]lthough it must be understood as a revolt against the traditional system, [the Baptist response] was not primarily negative. Behind it can be discerned an impulse toward a tighter, more effective system of values to be established and maintained within the ranks of the common folk... Whether alarm at encroaching evil was expressed in the moralization of gentlemen patriots or in the thundering of Baptist preachers against sin, it was directed against those forms of conviviality that provided such an important medium for customary definition and assertion of the self.

Save the few exceptions of loyalists and pacifists, Baptists were strong proponents of the American Revolution ultimately because of a parallel revolution of obtaining religious liberty.

(John Michael Wiley, *The Baptist Parallel Revolution*, 2014, p 10-12)



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