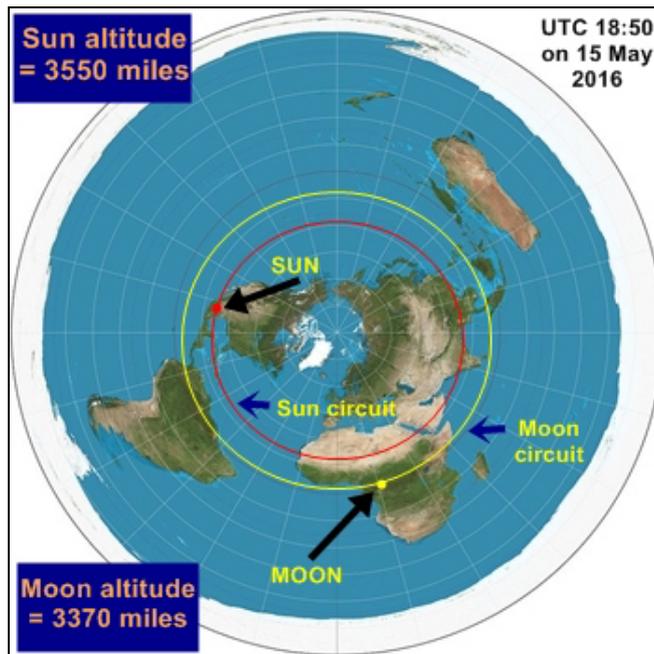


The Host of Heaven and Our Stationary Earth: The Great Cosmological Lie

by Jeremy James



The great recurring theme in the Old Testament is Israel's rebellion against God, which in turn centers largely on her attraction to idolatry. The Enemy succeeds time after time in convincing the Chosen People that the many blessings of life – the bounteous rain, the plentiful harvests, the wellbeing of their livestock, and much else besides – derived, not from the LORD, but from the many gods worshipped by the pagan nations around them. So they, in turn, set up altars in "high places" and burned incense to the gods. Every time they did this they violated the first commandment and gave great offense to the wonderful God who had taken them from slavery and oppression in Egypt and led them safely into the land of Canaan, a land flowing with milk and honey.

When He gave them the Law he warned them of the great dangers posed by the fallen angels. These were the "gods" or supernatural entities that the pagans entreated and worshipped through their countless idols. The Word of God refers to them many times throughout the Old Testament as "the host of heaven." The danger that they posed was so great that the LORD even instituted the second commandment to protect His people from their enslaving influence:

"Lest ye corrupt yourselves, and make you a graven image, the similitude of any figure, the likeness of male or female...And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars, even all the host of heaven, shouldest be driven to worship them, and serve them, which the LORD thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven." (Deuteronomy 4:19)

There is a deplorable tendency today to forget that the first two commandments are very much concerned with protecting man from the power of the fallen angels!

Notice how the Word of God couched this warning: "lest thou...be driven to worship them, and serve them." Men are beguiled and seduced by these forces and tricked into serving them. This passage of Scripture shows how hard it is for man, once he has fallen into the pit of idolatry, to climb back out again.

Modern Idolatry

Idolatry in its broadest sense is anything that induces man to forget God. When describing Israel's idolatry in the book of Jeremiah, the LORD said, "**...my people have forgotten me days without number.**" (Jeremiah 2:32)

In a narrower sense, idolatry is attributing any part of the power and authority of God to any created thing. When the Israelites worshipped their idols, they were vesting in wood and stone the power to do what God alone can do. And that is idolatry!

Today science has become an idol for a huge proportion of educated people in the western world. They believe the entire universe created itself out of nothing – the so-called Big Bang theory. They believe matter then organized itself into stars, planets and other celestial bodies, and that it went even further and produced the vast spectrum of plants and animal species that we find on earth today, all by purely 'natural' means. Most of the idols of old were made of stone, metal or wood, but today the principal idols of mankind are made of complex ideas, mathematical formulas, and subatomic particles. We may look condescendingly at a bushman who bows before a stone statue, but fail to see that anyone who assigns divine power to a complex scientific idea is equally superstitious and deceived.

The Enemy is as keen to promote idolatry today as he was in Old Testament times. Furthermore, he is just as determined as he was then to get men to worship "the host of heaven", to ascribe to the sun, moon and stars the power and authority that God alone possesses. For centuries he did this through Astrology, where men were convinced that every aspect of their lives was directed by astral emanations from the planets and stars. More recently, as part of his great End Time deception, he has advanced to the 'science' of astronomy and astrophysics. Through these he has been able to promote the absurd lie known as the Big Bang and to convince men that the earth itself – and thus the whole of mankind – is nothing more than a tiny, insignificant detail in a vast impersonal cosmos.

Having milked Astrology for all it was worth, he is now milking the Milky Way. Most people today would be stunned to discover that the science of Astronomy, as it is taught in our schools and colleges, is just as bogus as its predecessor. For centuries, men of immense learning and considerable intellectual ability, such as Newton and Kepler, were avid students of Astrology and considered it a science of the first rank. Today men and women of equal ability are enamoured with a discipline that is just as subjective and irrational as Astrology.

Satan wants men to worship the sun because it is the principal image that he uses to impress himself upon the minds and hearts of mankind. Virtually the entire gamut of occult philosophy is based on sun worship. Freemasonry is a sun-worshipping cult, as are Cabala, Gnosticism, Astrology, Alchemy, and Egyptian Magick. Baal identified himself with the sun, as did Osiris. The pagan usurpers in the Temple at Jerusalem, whom Ezekiel described in his vision, prayed toward the east and the rising sun, while the apostate kings of Judah erected a monument to the sun at the gate of the Temple: **"And he [good king Josiah] took away the horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun, at the entering in of the house of the LORD" (2 Kings 23:11).** A similar monument, known as the Four Horses of Helios, stands above the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin.



Stardust

The Enemy is doing this, not only through the many branches of occult philosophy, but also through secular channels, so that men and women of all nations esteem the sun in ways that border on idolatry. For example, here is what many public school students in the US are currently being taught:

"Our ancestors worshipped the sun. They were far from foolish. It makes good sense to revere the sun and stars because we are their children. The silicon in the rocks, the oxygen in the air, the carbon in our DNA, the iron in our skyscrapers, the silver in our jewellery – were all made in stars, billions of years ago. Our planet, our society, and we ourselves are stardust."

- Neil deGrasse Tyson, *Cosmos: A SpaceTime Odyssey*,
National Geographic Channel

According to the science of astronomy and astrophysics, the heavier elements (such as the metals) were produced some time after the so-called Big Bang when a large number of stars turned supernova and dispersed their elements across the galaxy. These elements were supposedly produced by the fusion of lighter elements, such as hydrogen and helium, in the core of each star. For this reason they argue that all of the iron and nickel, for example, that we find on earth was actually produced over millions of years in the core of distant stars. The website *physics.org* expressed it like this:

"During a supernova, when a massive star explodes at the end of its life, the resulting high energy environment enables the creation of some of the heaviest elements including iron and nickel. The explosion also disperses the different elements across the universe, scattering the stardust which now makes up planets including Earth."

Modern scientists claim that most of the human body consists of stardust. In addressing the question, 'How much of the human body is made up of stardust?', the website *physicscentral.com* made the following observation:

"Since stardust atoms are the heavier elements, the percentage of star mass in our body is much more impressive. Most of the hydrogen in our body floats around in the form of water. The human body is about 60% water and hydrogen only accounts for 11% of that water mass. Even though water consists of two hydrogen atoms for every oxygen, hydrogen has much less mass. We can conclude that 93% of the mass in our body is stardust. Just think, long ago someone may have wished upon a star that you are made of."

Science Fiction masquerading as Science

The Enemy wants mankind to believe that man is made from stardust and has designed a cosmology – a model of the universe – that supports this thesis. This is why his cosmology differs so much from that of the Bible. If men can be convinced that they came from the stars, then they will turn away from God – their true Creator! They will also try to discover the natural laws that brought matter into existence and later filtered and configured the elements needed to construct the human body. By presenting this as 'science' – definitive truth – the Enemy is attacking the very foundations of Christianity and preparing the way for his End Time one-world religion, where science, religion and mysticism are fused into a new spirituality.

This false religion will very likely teach salvation from space and contact with intelligent beings that are more highly evolved than man. We are being told that science, through some spectacular advances in technology, will eventually uncover the key to immortality and colonize the universe. This is all propaganda, of course, fuelled by endless reports in the media of life on Mars, intergalactic travel, and earth-like planets in other star systems. On top of this just about everyone has absorbed hundreds of hours of television and movie footage, some of which is highly convincing, that depict this fantastic scenario. And it's all false!

Prove it!

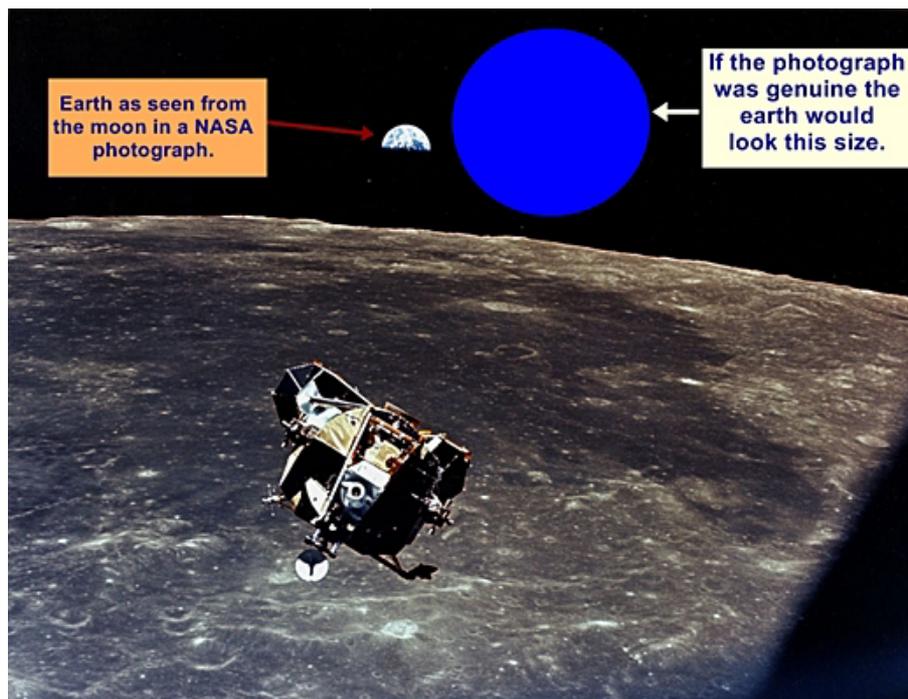
In this paper we will show, using straightforward examples that the reader can readily validate elsewhere to his own satisfaction, why this scenario is false. We'll begin with the famous photo that NASA released in July 2009 – 40 years after it was supposedly taken:



Source: <http://apod.nasa.gov/apod/ap090719.html>

The NASA website includes the following description: "Pictured above on 1969 July 21, the ascending spaceship was captured by Collins making its approach, with the Moon below, and Earth far in the distance."

As innocent as it may appear, the photo contains a glaring anomaly that proves it is fake. The moon, as seen from the earth, has an angular size of about half a degree – very similar to the size of the earth in the photo above. However, the earth's diameter is about **four** times that of the moon, so the earth as seen from the moon should look considerably bigger, about two degrees in angular size, as shown in the photo below:



NASA had probably released the photo before they realized their error, but by then it was too late.

The photo below is less well known but it too contains a revealing error:

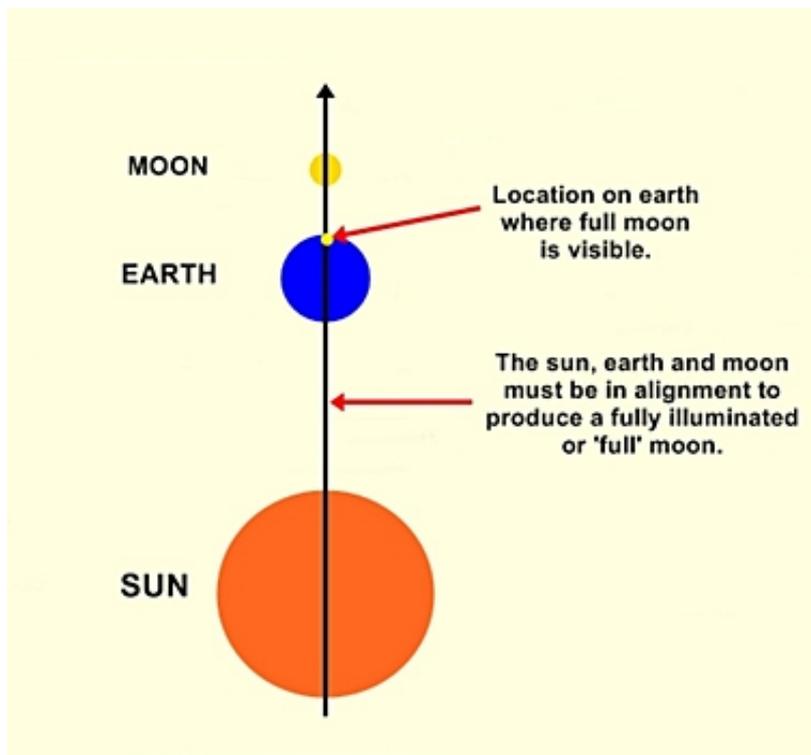
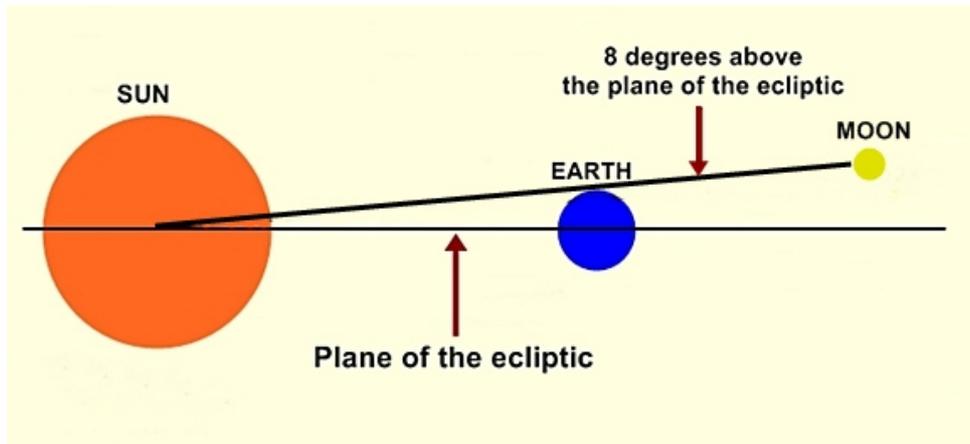


It shows three astronauts – the person in whose visor we see a clear reflection, the white-clad astronaut in the middle-ground who took the photo, and a third astronaut in the background on the left. Since there were three astronauts on each of the six moon-landing missions, it might seem possible for three astronauts to feature in a photo of this kind, but **not** when you realize that the third astronaut on each mission always remained in the capsule orbiting above the moon and never came down to the lunar surface.

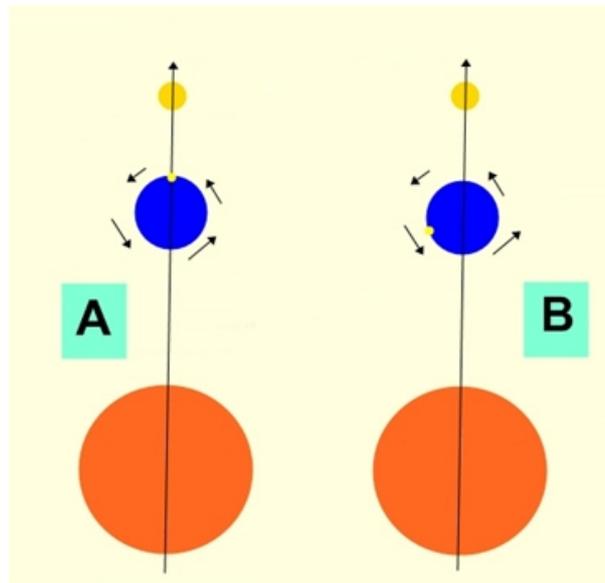
The two photos above are given primarily as an introduction to the following proof that modern astronomy is based on an alternative model of reality.

An Alternative Model of Reality

It is a well known fact that it is possible to witness a full moon from every location on earth at least once every thirty days, weather permitting. Modern astronomy tells us that a full moon is produced only when the sun, earth and moon are in alignment, as shown in the diagrams below. The first diagram shows how the moon must be slightly above the plane of the earth in order to receive the unobstructed light of the sun, while the second diagram shows the location on earth from which the full moon may be observed:



As noted in our earlier paper ('**True Cosmology: The Earth that the LORD God of All Creation made for His Son**') the situation envisaged above cannot occur with monthly regularity. The moon takes 29 days plus a further fraction of a day to complete its orbit and enter once again into perfect alignment with the sun and the earth. During that time the earth will have completed 29 rotations on its axis, plus a further partial rotation during the fraction of a day that the moon needs to complete its orbit. In the 6-8 hours that this takes, the location cited in our diagram above will have moved away from the moon, from position A to position B as shown in the diagram below – where the moon will not be visible!



The only way a full moon can be seen on a regular monthly basis in any chosen location is if the earth itself is stationary – just as the Bible states. And if the earth is stationary, it must be flat since a stationary sphere would be unable to receive the sun's light on both sides.

The flatness of the earth can easily be observed from an airplane but the vast majority of mankind are unable to make this simple observation because they have been conditioned to believe that what they are seeing is slightly curved. Even airline pilots who observe the earth regularly from an altitude of six miles or so are unable to shake off the illusion that the land (or sea) beneath them is curving toward the horizon.

However, there is one place on earth where its flatness is indisputable. This may be found in the high Andes of Bolivia, where the Salar de Uyuni salt flats stretch for over four thousand square miles. This remarkable location is so large that it can be seen clearly from far above the earth:



This salt plain is so flat that geologists estimate that over its entire extent its surface varies in elevation by only a few inches.

Let's focus just on the area inside the circle – see map below. Imagine that this was once a very shallow lake which completely evaporated from time to time, leaving behind a saline deposit. Each shower, when it came, leached a little more salt from the surrounding hills. This saline solution then flowed over the broad flat terrain where the water evaporated, leaving behind another fine layer of salt. These deposits continued to accumulate over many centuries, one on top of another, to produce an ever expanding salt bed beneath the surface of the lake.



If the earth was a sphere and 'gravity' caused the surface of any large body of water to curve slightly over a large distance, then the surface of the salt plateau should be slightly curved or dome-shaped, rather like an enormous contact lens – but it isn't. In other words, the center of the red circle in the map above should be far higher than the surrounding rim, but the circle is perfectly flat.

How could a perfectly level plane of that size form naturally on a spherical earth? Obviously it couldn't. Common sense tells us that the vast flat plain of the Salar could only form in a lake whose surface was equally flat.

One can think of Salar de Uyuni as a fossilised lake, preserved in salt (literally), which allows one to confirm – by repeated experiment – that the surface is completely flat. If the Salar is flat then so too are other large lakes, including Superior, Michigan, Huron, Ontario, and Erie. And if they are flat then so are the oceans!



Above: Salar de Uyuni – panoramic view (continued in photo below)



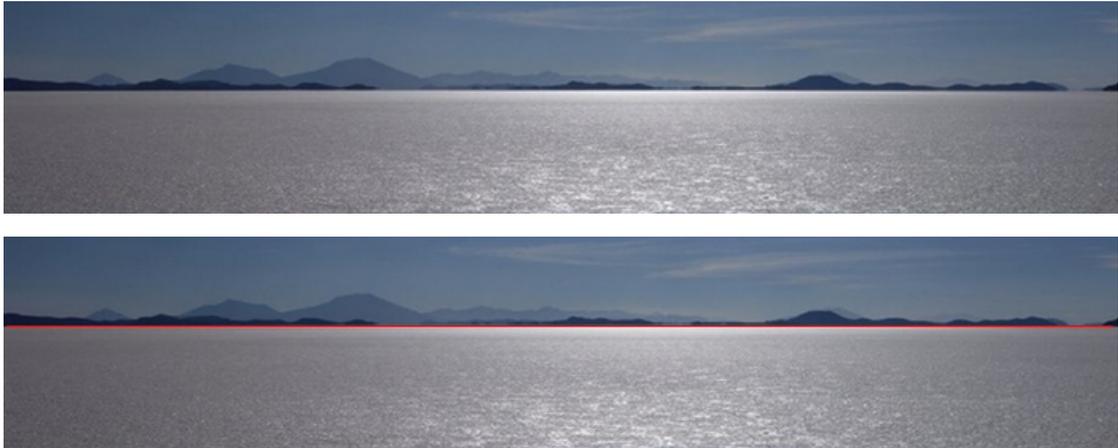
A question...

Could the surface of the Salar lake been slightly curved and still produce a salt bed that was perfectly flat? The answer is no. As the water evaporates it leaves a deposit that mirrors the contours of the surface. The last 'force' acting on the salt is the surface of the water. As soon as it evaporates, it leaves the crystalline salt deposit fixed in the salt bed. This means that in order to have produced a flat plane 1250 square miles in extent, the lake surface too must have been perfectly flat across its entire extent.

Even if the floor of the lake had been very uneven at the time the lake was first formed, ongoing evaporation would have caused the water that remained to concentrate in the areas of the lake bed that were deepest. When these eventually filled with salt, the lake would become more shallow and spread out over a wider area as fresh showers of rain replenished the region. This process would have gone on year after year until the 'lake' was little more than a pool of water an inch or so deep covering an area of 1250 square miles.



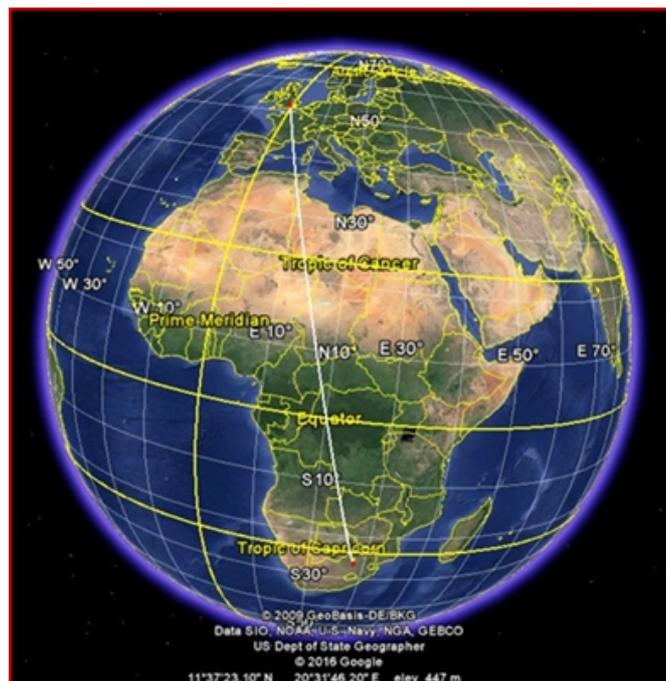
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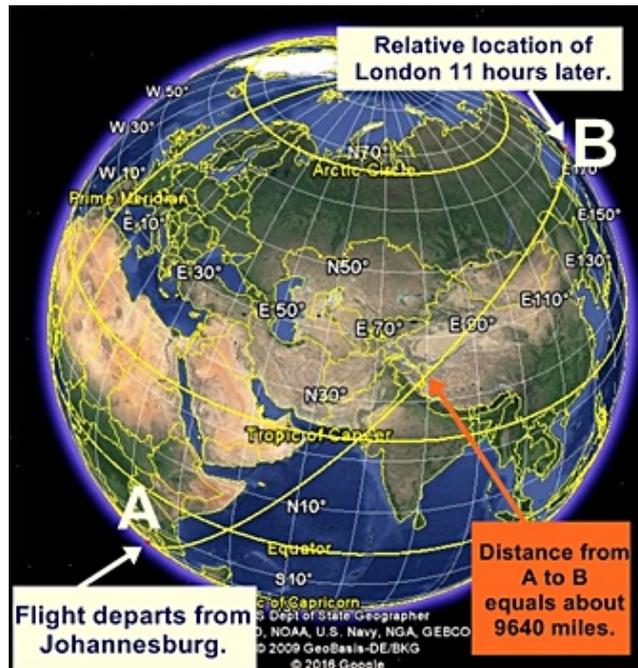


Yet another irrefutable proof

Let's consider another simple proof. The map below shows the direct non-stop airline route from Johannesburg, South Africa, to London, a distance of 5621 miles. The journey takes about 11 hours (check this online). However, if the earth is rotating on its axis, the location of London will have moved east by the time the flight arrives at Heathrow. This will extend the distance that the plane needs to cover to 9640 miles, an additional 4000 miles or so (see map overleaf). Given that the journey is routinely conducted by an Airbus A330, which has a maximum cruising speed of 567 mph and a maximum range of 8360 miles, we can be certain that the journey cannot be undertaken by an Airbus A330 on a rotating earth. In order to do so in 11 hours, the plane would need to fly 1300 miles or so beyond its maximum range and achieve an average cruising speed of 876 mph – about 300 mph faster than its maximum.

The earth is flat and stationary.

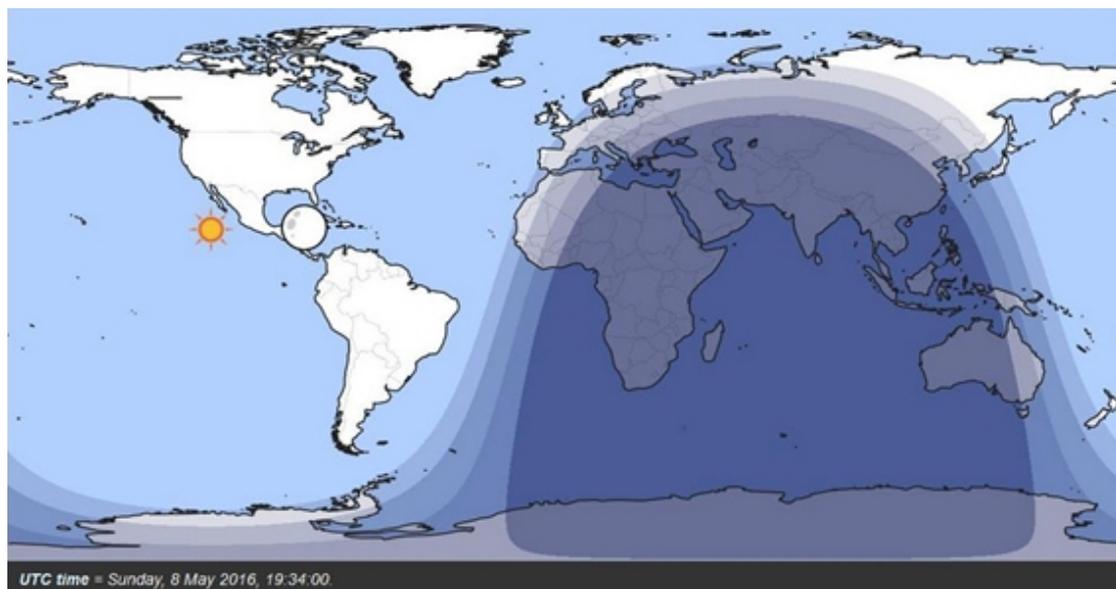




...then where *are* the sun and the moon?

The sun and the moon are exactly where God put them when He made the world, travelling daily in a circuit a few thousand miles above the earth.

To see why this is so, let's look at data from the website www.timeanddate.com which is run by a company based in Stavanger, Norway. Over 28,000 other websites have a link to this site, which would suggest that its information is highly reliable. The site has a section titled 'Day and Night World Map' which shows the position of the sun and moon at any given time. Here is a sample screenshot of the map (an equi-rectangular projection):



The light blue area and bright white zones are those areas of the world that are currently in daytime (as I write these words), while the large shaded area is the part of the world currently in night-time. Please pay particular attention to the following:

1. The map shows that the sun (small orange disc) is currently west of Mexico and moving west.
2. The map also shows that the moon (small white disc) is currently east of Guatemala and moving west toward the Pacific.

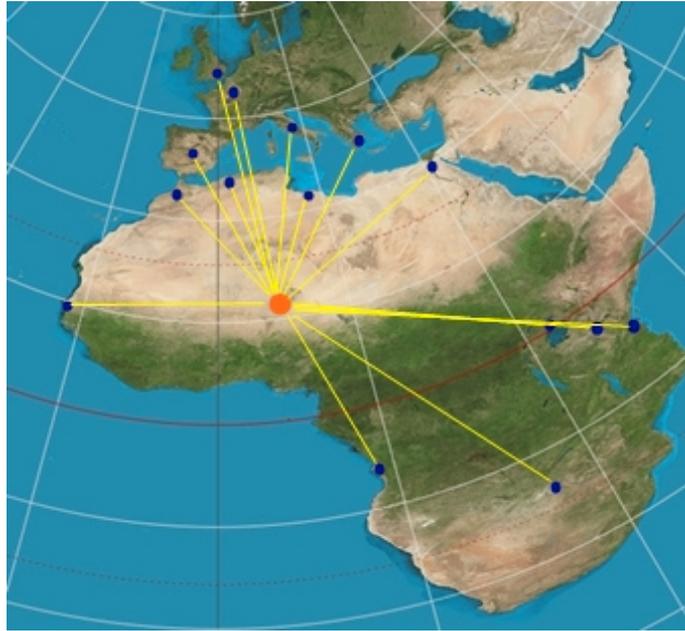
If you believe the earth is a sphere, then this map ought to shock you. Even though it accords with accepted scientific principles, it highlights certain details which conflict with the rest of the cosmological model that modern astronomy advocates. If the sun is 93 million miles away, then it cannot be "over" any single part of the earth, and if the moon is 240,000 miles away from the earth – ten times the width of the map above – then it cannot be said in any meaningful sense to be moving from one part of the earth to another.

If they are to have any factual basis, the respective locations of the sun and moon on the map above must take account of the following: (a) the size of the two discs and (b) their distance above the earth. In short, we should be able to determine the distance of both the sun and the moon above the earth, as well as their respective diameters, if we know their angular positions in the sky as seen simultaneously from other locations. And as it happens the same website provides this information!



Sun 90 degrees above desert in Niger [17.33.27 N 07.46.48 E] at 11.24 UTC on 5 May 2016. The white circle depicts the location of the moon at exactly the same time.

A few days ago, when the sun was directly over the desert region of Niger in Sub-Saharan Africa, I tabulated the altitude of the sun as seen at the same time from fifteen other well-known locations. I also computed the ground distance between each location and the place in Niger and, using simple trigonometry, estimated the elevation of the sun [See maps above and below].

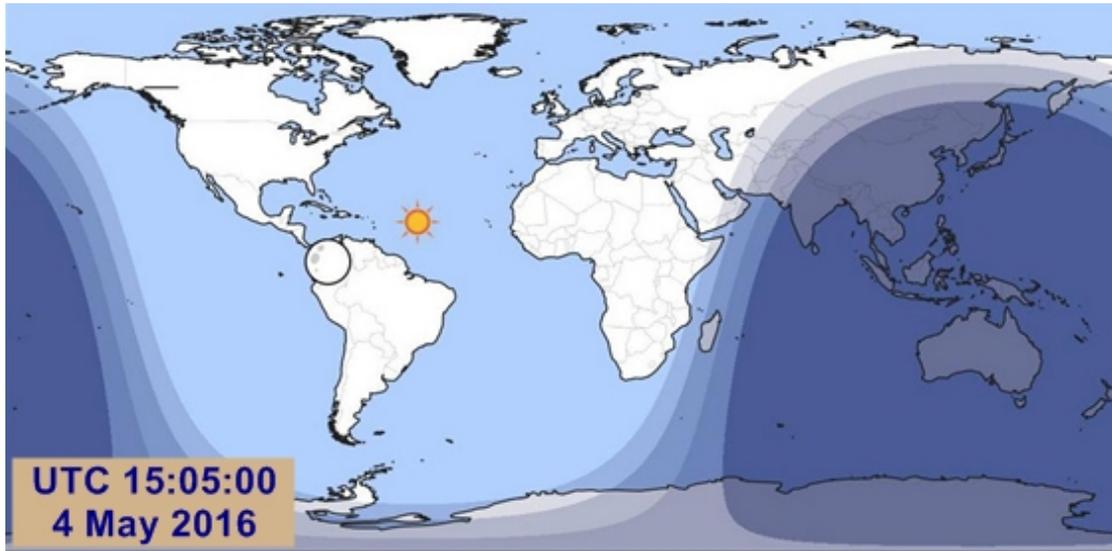


The following table shows the results:

**Sun at 90 degrees at 11.24 UTC on 5 May 2016
in desert in Niger (17.33.27 N 07.46.48 E)**

CITY	Distance from Niger point (miles)	Altitude of sun (degrees)	Estimated elevation of sun above earth
Dakar	1680	65.20	3635
Rabat	1449	67.88	3564
Algiers	1355	69.21	3568
Tripoli	1111	72.91	3613
Cairo	1713	64.75	3632
Luanda	1851	64.19	3827
Kampala	2062	60.77	3684
Nairobi	2364	56.32	3547
Mombasa	2634	52.37	3416
Lusaka	2661	52.22	3433
London	2385	54.41	3332
Paris	2180	57.32	3398
Rome	1702	64.21	3522
Madrid	1720	64.15	3550
Athens	1708	64.15	3525
			3549 avg.

We can see from this that the sun is about 3550 miles above the earth, not 93 million miles!



Moon 90 degrees above Bogota, Columbia, at 15.05 UTC on 4 May 2016. The orange circle depicts the location of the sun at exactly the same time.

I also made a similar set of measurements for the moon, using Bogota in Columbia as my reference point [see map above], and discovered that its circuit above the earth has an elevation of 3370 miles or thereabouts (not 240,000 miles). The table overleaf shows the calculations.

Now that we know the vertical distance above the earth of these two celestial objects, we can compute their respective sizes. The angular size of the moon as seen from the ground is 0.53 degrees (per various sources on the Internet). An object with that angular size at a distance of 3370 miles would have a diameter of 31 miles or so.

A similar computation for the sun, which has the same angular size, shows that it has a diameter of 33 miles or thereabouts.

The sun is not 333,000 times larger than the mass of the earth – as modern science claims – but only a very tiny fraction of the mass of the earth (Note the Masonic number 333). It is probably not even a 'heater' in the conventional sense, but more akin to a transmitter of electromagnetic radiation which interacts in some way with the electromagnetic field around the earth to produce a thermal effect. This is why its relatively small size does not diminish its influence. It acts more like a radio transmitter which 'fills' the entirety of space for thousands of miles around it with a special 'electromagnetic' signal.

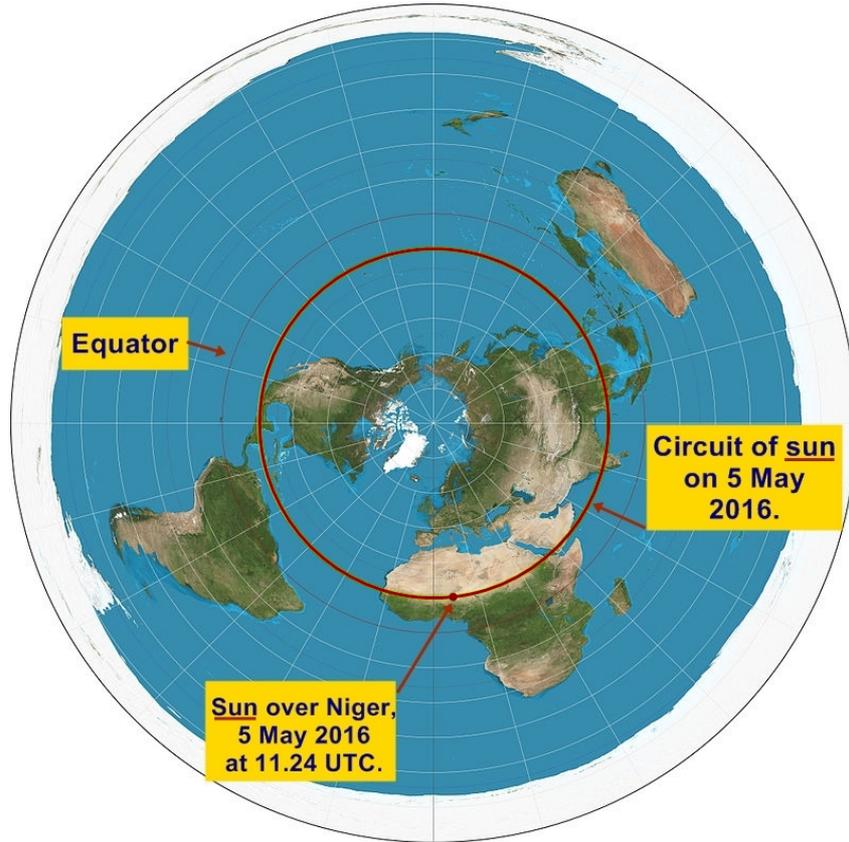
It is easier to understand what is happening if we look at each location, Niger and Bogota, respectively, on a flat earth map. When we do this the circuit of each body becomes more intelligible, as does its relationship to other parts of the earth – see maps on pages 17-19.

**Moon at 90 degrees at 15.05 UTC on 4 May 2016
above Bogota, Columbia**

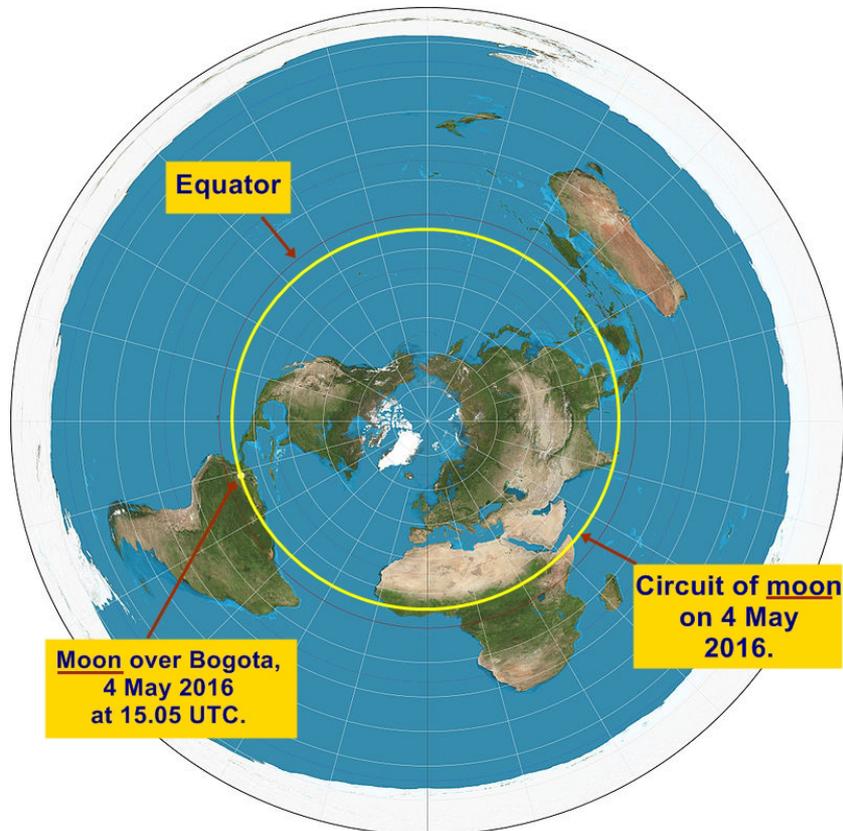
CITY	Distance from Bogota	Altitude of moon	Estimated elevation of moon above earth
Philadelphia, PA	2429	52.95	3217
Washington DC	2364	54.03	3257
Richmond, VA	2272	55.40	3293
Raleigh, NC	2160	57.13	3342
Charleston, SC	1970	60.03	3416
Montgomery, AL	2065	59.10	3450
Dallas, TX	2434	54.29	3386
Orlando, FL	1711	64.06	3517
Havana, Cuba	1384	69.05	3614
Kingston, Jamaica	931	75.24	3533
Caracas, Venezuela	637	78.53	3139
Georgetown, Guyana	1105	71.87	3374
Cayenne, French Guinea	1498	66.24	3402
Brasilia, Brazil	2274	55.88	3356
Asuncion, Paraguay	2335	55.26	3367
Santiago, Chile	2631	52.02	3370
			3377 avg.

In the course of a year the sun and the moon each travel in a regular circuit around the north pole. The north pole is at the center of this circuit only when the circuit of the sun (or moon) lies on the Equator. The annual 'drift' in the circuit of the sun, when it approaches the Tropic of Capricorn in December and the Tropic of Cancer in June, is responsible for the seasons. Thus the earth is not 'leaning' on its 'axis' since it has no axis. The seasons derive entirely from the annual north-south drift in the circuit of the sun.

The moon is closer to the earth and is thus able on occasion to occlude, whether fully or partially, the light of the sun. We know this as a solar eclipse. However, a lunar eclipse – which supposedly occurs when the earth comes between the moon and the sun – must be caused by some other means. Presumably the same mechanism that produces the ever-changing phases of the moon is implicated in some way in a lunar eclipse.



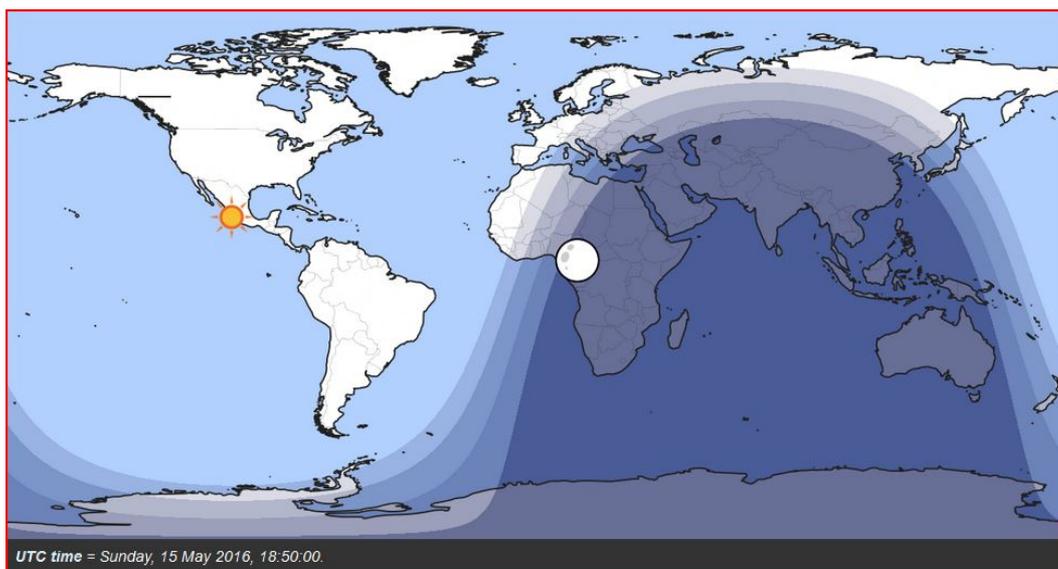
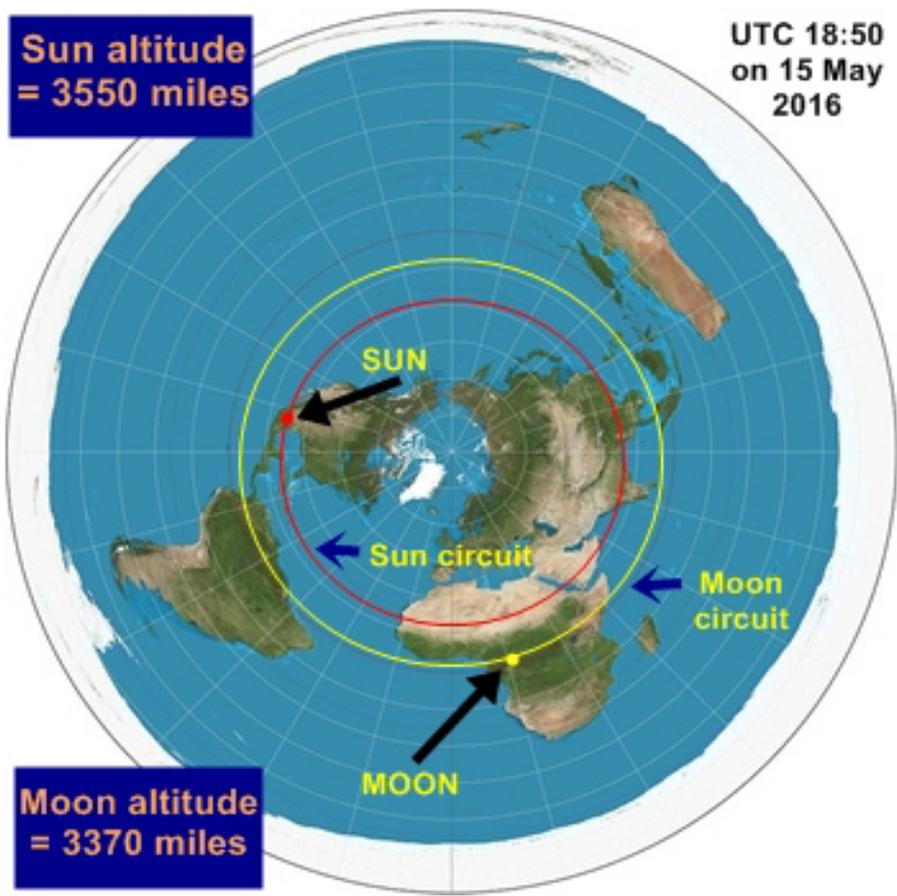
The circuit of the sun on 5 May 2016 on a flat, stationary Earth.



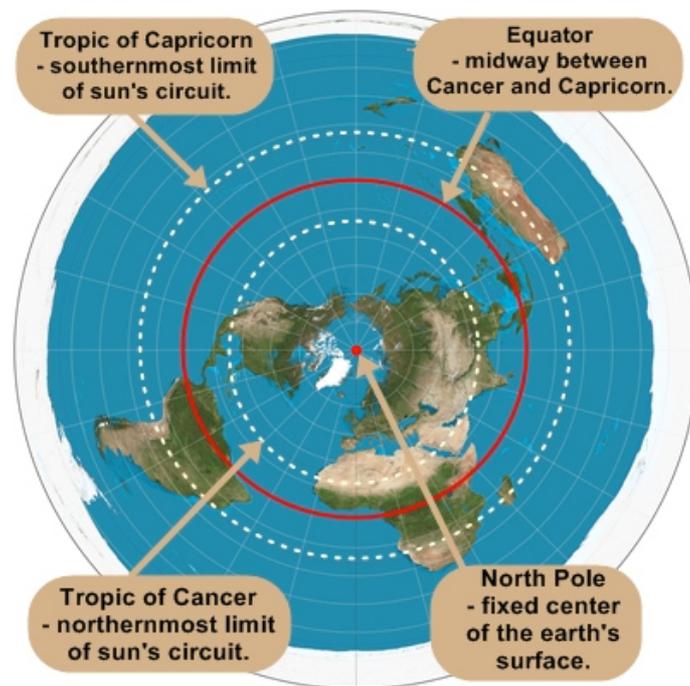
The circuit of the moon on 4 May 2016 on a flat, stationary Earth.



Map showing the location of both the sun and the moon at the same time (UTC 18:50 on Sunday 15 May 2016). The moon is over Bangui, capital of the Central African Republic, at 18.50 UTC, while the sun is over the town of San Isidro, 200 miles west of Mexico City. Note that the circuit of the sun at this time of the year is inside the circuit of the moon.



The same locations as seen on a 'spherical earth' projection.



[The 'flat earth' map is known technically as an *azimuthal equidistant projection*. It is the projection that is used by the US Geological Survey in its National Atlas of the United States. We may infer from this that at least one official government agency believes the flat earth map gives an accurate representation of reality!]

Montessori

When she set up her innovative system of child education, Maria Montessori insisted that children be taught certain 'facts' from the earliest age. Thus every classroom had to have a globe of the earth and students had to receive a hands-on demonstration of the size of the solar system, with a gigantic sun at the center.

	<p>Few objects of indoctrination can compare with the classroom globe of the earth.</p> <p>Children are told what it is before they are even taught how to read.</p> <p>Today it is also being used to teach children that the earth is their 'Mother'.</p>
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There is no doubt that Maria Montessori was employed by the network of European families that are instrumental in creating a New World Order. Her role in Europe, like that of John Dewey and others in America, was to re-engineer the educational system so that children would adapt easily to the socialism and naturalism that underpin the anti-Christian mentality of the NWO. Virtually the first thing most children learn, often as early as three years of age, is that the world is round and that the sun is at the center of the universe. With programming of that intensity, we should hardly be surprised that so many people today have an almost irrational inability to consider the flat earth model.

We will consider further aspects of this theme – the deliberate dissemination of a false scientific model of the universe – in a future paper, God willing.

CONCLUSION

Idolatry and insanity have much in common. Both deny reality. The Bible tells us that in the last days men will believe that good is evil and evil good, that darkness is light and light darkness. It suits Satan to bring men to the stage where they are incapable of independent rational thought and are willing to believe virtually anything they are told by someone in authority.

The Bible is a remarkably rational book. Christian faith is never blind. The LORD has always dealt with mankind on the basis of evidence and demonstration. We are never asked to set our minds aside and simply believe. Rather we are asked, on the basis of the evidence we see around us, the evidence of our conscience, and the evidence in God's Word, to come to a knowledge of the truth. We could not do this without the help of the Holy Spirit and God's immeasurable grace, but the process is never irrational.

The Enemy, on the other hand, avoids reason and sobriety by every means possible. That is what lying is all about. Each new lie lures the individual further from the truth.



This is the great celestial body that Satan wants mankind to 'revere'.

The Enemy wants to get man to the point where he turns everything upside down and challenges God:

**"Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter's clay: for shall the work say of him that made it, He made me not? or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it, He had no understanding?"
(Isaiah 29:16)**

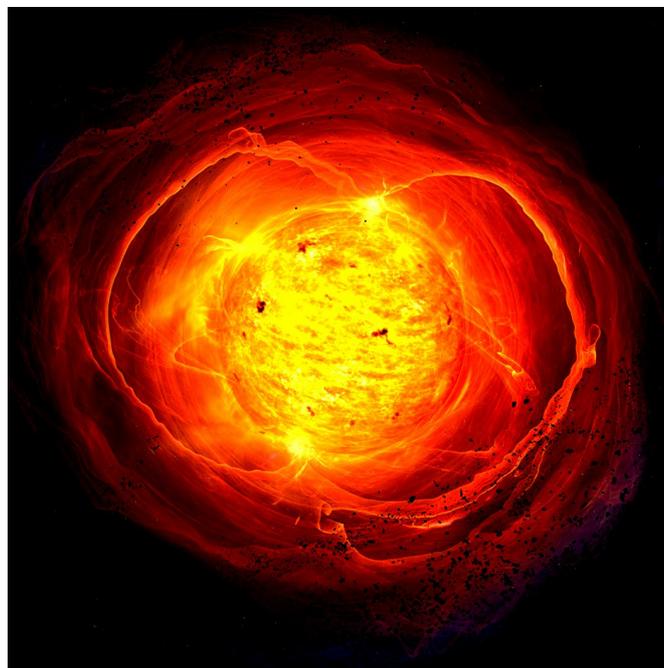
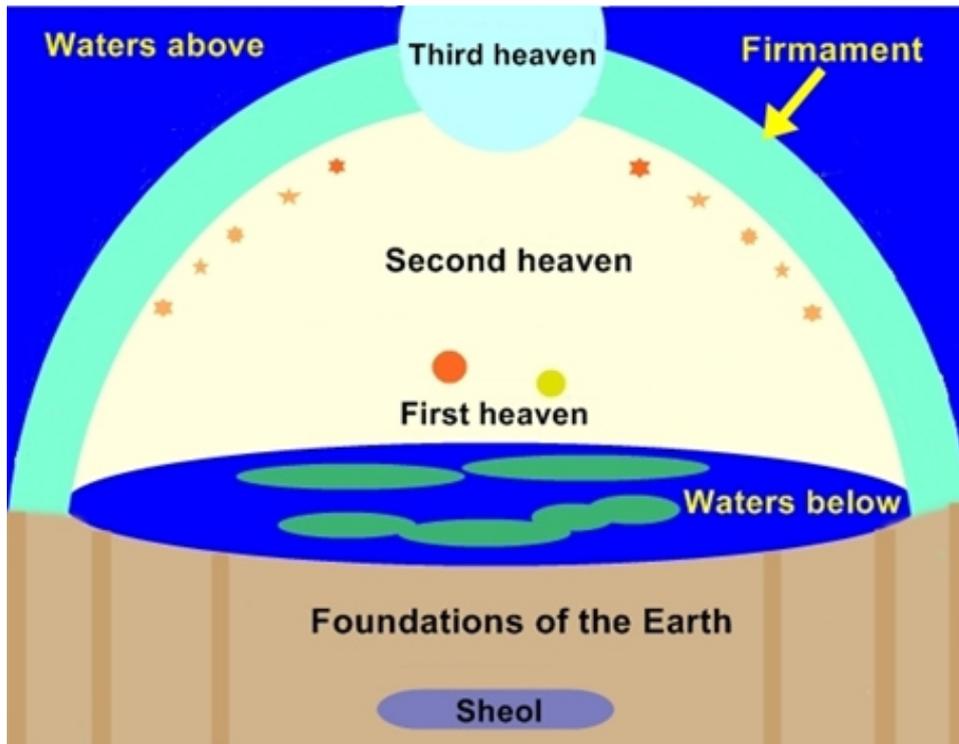
The false cosmology of modern Astronomy is part of this insane rebellion against God. Men have been tricked into believing a model of the universe that is completely fictitious! There are no 'planets' out there that man can land a space vessel on! The alleged 'unmanned missions' to Mars are completely bogus. The photos and images of Saturn, Jupiter and the other 'planets' that NASA has published, allegedly taken by Voyager, Cassini and other space probes, are all part of this carefully managed deception. There are no satellites orbiting the earth and no 'international space station'. Mankind is even being conditioned to fear the possibility that giant asteroids could collide with the earth and cause the death of millions of people – but this is complete nonsense.

So what *is* 'out there'? The LORD tells us in His Word:

"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." (Genesis 1:14-15)

Note their purpose – "for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years...[and] to give light upon the earth." The stars are part of God's calendar, a kind of celestial clock. They give light upon the earth when the sun is elsewhere. They also remind man of the wonderful Creator who put them there: "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork." (Psalm 19:1)

The first chart below gives a schematic representation of the Biblical model of the universe, while the second gives the model espoused by modern Astronomy.



Seconds after the so-called Big Bang

There is not the slightest suggestion in the book of Genesis or anywhere else in God's Word that any of the celestial bodies are significantly larger than the earth. Throughout the Bible the earth is always given equal standing with the heavens – the phrase "heaven and earth" (or similar) occurs around 200 times in God's Word. Modern Astronomy offers instead a cosmology where the earth is hardly more than a tiny speck compared to the staggering magnitude of the largest celestial bodies.

The conflict between the two models, one Biblical and one 'scientific', is so severe that they cannot both be right. Christians who truly love God's Word need to consider these issues very carefully.

The earth is flat and stationary, just as the Bible says.

"Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:" (Luke 24:25)

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- Bible Verses relating to Cosmology -

1. The sun and moon circle above the earth

- A. "The heavens declare the glory of God... In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race. His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof." (Psalm 19:1,4-6)
- B. "The sun and the moon stood still in their habitation." (Habakkuk 3:11)
- C. "The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down, and hastens to his place where he arose." (Ecclesiastes 1:5)
- D. "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. (Joshua 10:12-13)

2. The earth was spread out, or stretched out, by God

- A. "To him that stretched out the earth above the waters: for his mercy endureth forever." (Psalm 136:6)
- B. "Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein." (Isaiah 42:5)
- C. "He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing." (Job 26:7)

3. The earth is flat

- A. "And the LORD said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. (Job 2:2)
- B. "And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time." (Luke 4:5)
- C. "The tree grew, and was strong, and the height thereof reached unto heaven, and the sight thereof to the end of all the earth" (Daniel 4:11)

4. The east and west do not meet (because the earth is flat)

- A. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us. (Psalm 103:11-12)

5. The stars are spread out on a common surface

- A. "And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll: and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling fig from the fig tree." (Isaiah 34:4)
- B. "And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places." (Revelation 6:14)
- C. "Is not God in the height of heaven? and behold the height of the stars, how high they are!" (Job 22:12)
- D. "I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded." (Isaiah 45:12)
- E. "And God set them [*the stars*] in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth" (Genesis 1:17)

6. Space travel is impossible

- A. "Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts is his name: If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever. Thus saith the LORD; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the LORD." (Jeremiah 31:35-37)

7. The firmament is a great supporting vault above the earth

- A. "And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so." (Genesis 1:6-7)
- B. "Hast thou with him spread out the sky, which is strong, and as a molten looking glass?" (Job 37:18)
- C. "Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power." (Psalm 150:1)

8. The moon is self-luminous

- A. "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." (Genesis 1:16)
- B. "And for the precious fruits brought forth by the sun, and for the precious things put forth by the moon..." (Deuteronomy 33:14)
- C. "For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine." (Isaiah 13:10)
- D. "Moreover the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that the LORD bindeth up the breach of his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound." (Isaiah 30:26)
- E. "And when I shall put thee out, I will cover the heaven, and make the stars thereof dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give her light." (Ezekiel 32:7)
- F. "And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof." (Revelation 21:23)
- G. "Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the LORD of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously." (Isaiah 24:23)
- H. "There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory." (1 Corinthians 15:41)
- I. "... and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood" (Revelation 6:12)
- J. "He appointed the moon for seasons..." (Psalm 104:19)
- K. "The moon and stars to rule by night: for his mercy endureth forever." (Psalm 136:9)

9. The heavens are between the firmament and the earth

- A. "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." (Genesis 1:14-15)
- B. "...behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee" (1 Kings 8:27)
- C. "The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD'S: but the earth hath he given to the children of men." (Psalm 115:16)

10. The earth is stationary and set on immovable foundations

- A. "The world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved." (Psalm 93:1)
- B. "...the world also shall be stable, that it be not moved...."
(1 Chronicles 16:30)
- C. "Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever." (Psalm 104:5)
- D. "Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding... Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof...?" (Job 38:4, 6)
- E. "Which shaketh the earth out of her place, and the pillars thereof tremble." (Job 9:6)
- F. "For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it [*i.e. fixed it in place*], he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else." (Isaiah 45:18)

11. The stars are in motion around the earth

- A. "They fought from heaven; the stars in their courses fought against Sisera." (Judges 5:20)

12. The "waters" lie on either side of the firmament

- A. "Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens." (Psalm 148:4)
- B. "He made darkness his secret place; his pavilion round about him were dark waters and thick clouds of the skies." (Psalm 18:11)
- C. "Then the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered at thy rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of thy nostrils." (Psalm 18:15)
- D. "He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses." (Psalm 33:7)
- E. "When he uttereth his voice, there is a multitude of waters in the heavens; and he causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth: he maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures." (Jeremiah 51:16)

Note: In the Bible the word firmament can refer either to the vault itself or to the expanse of the atmosphere beneath the vault ("And God called the firmament Heaven." – Genesis 1:8). See the quote from Kitto below:

Firmament Firmament (Gen.1:6; Gen.1:14-15; Gen.1:17), that which is distended, expanded – the expanse of heaven, i.e. the visible arch or vault of heaven resting on the earth. With some old astronomers the firmament is the orb of the fixed stars, or the highest of all the heavens. But in Scripture and in common language it is used for the middle regions, the space or expanse appearing like an arch immediately above us in the heavens. Many of the ancients and of the moderns also, account the firmament a fluid substance; but those who gave it the name of 'firmament' must have regarded it as solid, and so we would infer from Gen.1:6, where it forms the division between water and water. The Hebrews seem to have considered the firmament as transparent, like a crystal or sapphire (Eze.1:22; Dan.12:3; Exo.24:10; Rev.4:6).

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