

# *Answers in Genesis* and **Our Flat, Stationary Earth**

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Biblical cosmology has been deliberately fudged over the past hundred years or more. Instead of expounding the passages of Scripture relating to cosmology and building a Biblical model of the earth, sun, moon and stars, theologians have instead been content to accept the so-called 'scientific' model and to interpret Scripture in conformity with that model. As we have shown in previous papers, the Biblical model is very different from the one taught by modern science. If you have not already read those papers, which are listed in **Appendix A**, you may wish to do so before proceeding with the rest of this paper.

Numerous Christian ministries, including *Answers in Genesis*, which is led by Ken Ham, have rejected the geocentric flat earth model described in these papers. In doing so they have generally relied on conventional arguments and failed to give serious consideration to the evidence Biblical. Some have gone as far as suggesting that Christians who teach the flat-earth model are not only being foolish but are bringing the Bible into disrepute.

We take the view in this ministry that Scripture should be treated with the utmost seriousness and that every effort should be made to understand exactly what God is telling us in His Word. The allegation that Christians who do this are being foolish is in direct conflict with what Scripture itself has decreed. For example, I came to give serious consideration to the flat earth model on the basis of verses in Psalm 19 relating to the motion of the sun. According to *Answers in Genesis* (AiG) I'm not allowed to do this. Really? I beg to differ. Seemingly these ministries have taken upon themselves an authority that is not rightfully theirs.

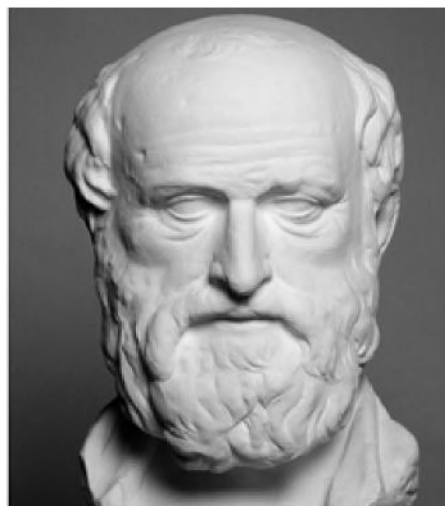
In this paper we will review some of the statements made by AiG in two articles purporting to refute the flat-earth model. We will confine our observations to what appear to be the main points made in the articles – both by Dr Danny Faulkner – and will not deal in depth with issues that have already been addressed in some detail in our earlier papers (listed in **Appendix A**).

The AiG articles in question are '**Is the Earth Flat?**' (May 24, 2016) and '**Does the Bible Teach that the Earth is Flat?**' (April 4, 2017).

## **AiG article #1: 'Is the Earth Flat?'**

### **Eratosthenes**

Dr Faulkner cites a famous experiment by Eratosthenes (c 200 BC) who was head of the library at Alexandria. While in Aswan in southern Egypt he was able to confirm that the sun was directly overhead by observing the way it illuminated the bottom of a deep well. Going back to Alexandria in northern Egypt, he computed the angle of the sun at its highest point by reference to the shadow cast by a vertical rod. Knowing (a) the distance from Aswan to Alexandria and (b) the angular difference (about 7 degrees) between the sun at its highest points in both locations, he was able to compute the circumference of the earth. This is taken by scientists to constitute a valid proof from ancient times that the earth is a sphere, as well as a surprisingly accurate measurement of the earth's circumference. But is this really true?



Actually, it is not. Eratosthenes had already assumed that the earth was a sphere. If it was, then his measurements provided a valid estimation of its circumference. However, it was not a proof that the earth is a sphere. The sun travels over the Tropics (including Aswan) and is directly overhead at noon at certain times of the year. This is consistent with the flat earth model. At its highest elevation, the sun was seen at a slight angle to the vertical in Alexandria, which is also what one would expect from the flat earth model. Using trigonometry Eratosthenes should have been able to compute the actual elevation (altitude) of the sun – about 3550 miles above the earth. He chose instead to interpret his data in accordance with the spherical earth model.

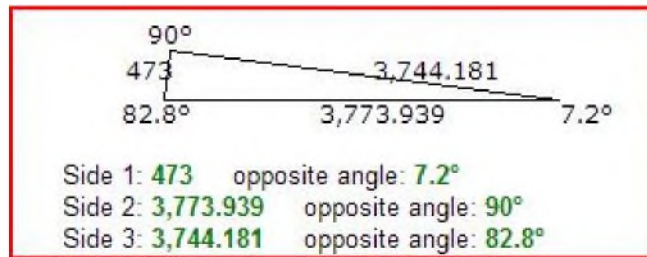
It should be remembered that Eratosthenes, as a senior member of staff at the Library of Alexandria, was almost certainly a disciple (if not a high initiate) of the Egyptian sun-worshipping cult. As such he would have revered the sun as a visible manifestation of deity. It would have been unthinkable in his worldview to portray the sun in purely material terms, and certainly not in a way that conflicted with the longheld Egyptian belief that the sun travelled through the Underworld (*Duat*) during the night. [See our paper #133 which explains the importance of the Solar Barque in Egyptian mythology, as well as its occult significance in Freemasonry.]

As a modern Masonic stronghold, NASA teaches exactly the same heliocentric, ball-earth philosophy. Freemasonry is a disguised solar cult, based on ancient Egyptian magic. Its goal is to push aside Biblical Christianity and ultimately replace it with its own pantheistic worldview. Cosmology lies squarely in the field of battle. They are determined, by every means possible, to convince the masses that the Biblical model of the world is false and that the earth which God made is nothing but a puny speck in the vast, black vacuum of space.

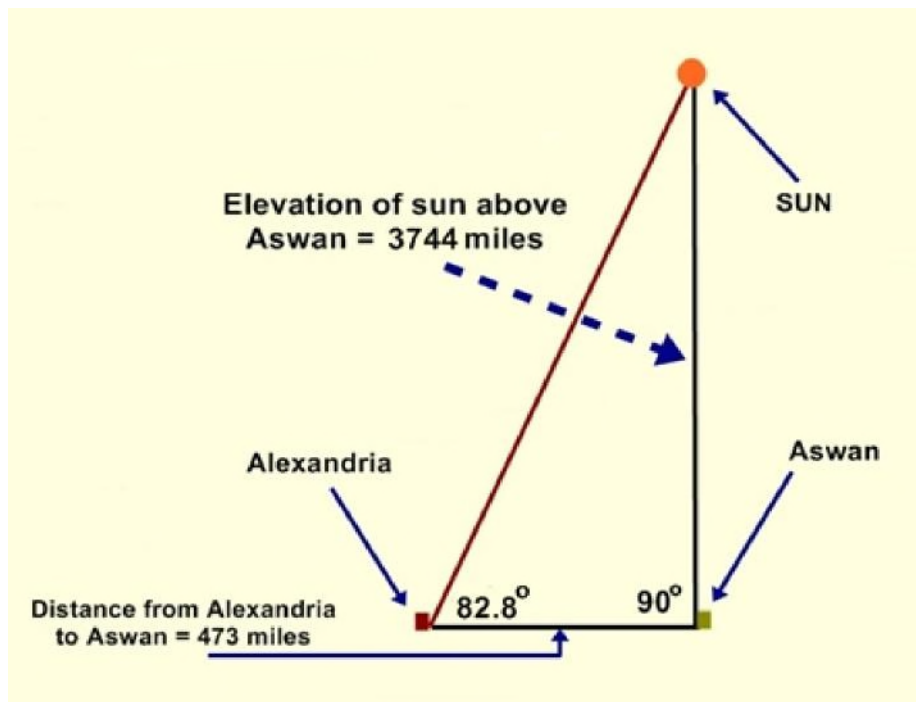
Why would God spend six days making and enriching a puny speck? And why would He refer many times in His Word to this remarkable achievement? To those who hate the LORD, however, and His Son Christ Jesus – who will inherit the earth in due course – this insidious mockery of His handiwork is central to their philosophy.



Let's look again at Eratosthenes' figures. As stated in Dr Faulkner's paper, Eratosthenes computed the angle of elevation of the sun at Alexandria as 1/50th of a circle or 7.2 degrees. Alexandria is about 473 miles from Aswan, in a northerly direction. We give here the calculation of the elevation (or height) of the sun over Aswan using trigonometry:



This may be easier to visualize if we reconstruct the diagram from an upright perspective:

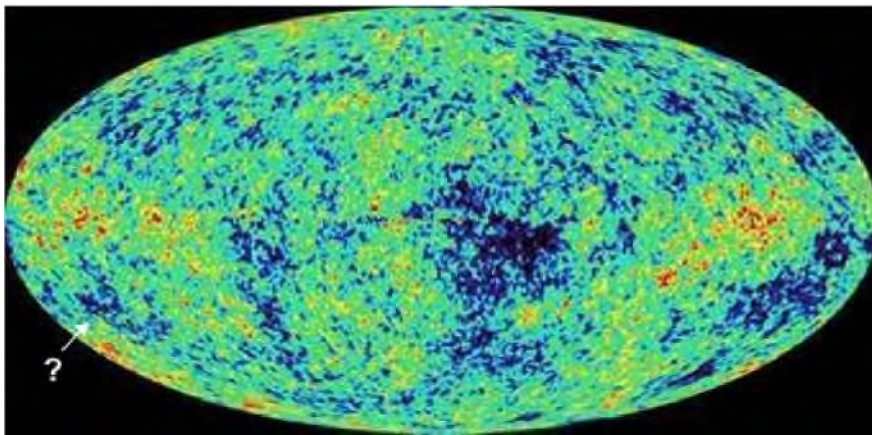


This computation of the elevation of the sun above Aswan using Eratosthenes' figures – 3744 miles – is fairly close to the estimation (3550 miles) given in one of our earlier papers about the flat earth.

### The Medieval Model

Dr Faulkner makes much of the view that Christians – by whom he appears to mean the Roman Catholic Church – never actually believed the earth was flat, even before the time of Copernicus. This is a somewhat mischievous assertion on his part. While there would always have been a few intellectuals and theologians down the centuries who were sympathetic to the ball-earth theory, there are certainly no grounds for asserting that most people held that view. The flatness of the earth was akin to the blueness of the sky in the writings of Homer – it was such a well-known and accepted fact that it was hardly ever mentioned.

Up to about 200 years ago the overwhelming majority of mankind believed the earth was both flat and stationary. The recent change in perception is due almost entirely to the efforts made by the English ruling elite, along with their Masonic counterparts in other countries – notably Germany, France and the United States – to re-educate the masses. A globe in every classroom, a Mercator map on every wall, an outpouring of speculative literature, and a continuous stream of media propaganda about 'outer space' and 'other worlds'. They even came up with the concept of 'gravity' – the subtle mutual attraction between large masses at a distance. Most people today don't realize that 'gravity' is still a theory and has never been proven. And yet the concept of 'gravity' is vital to the cosmology of Freemasonry. Without it their huge intergalactic model literally falls apart. All those billions of light-years can be seen for what they really are, namely notional mathematical entities with no application whatever to reality.



**This is the famous *cosmic background radiation* map of the 'universe'. It is supposed to be billions of light years across. The earth is so tiny that if this map were magnified a million times, you still wouldn't see it! In reality, this is Satan's perverse mockery of God's creation. It deliberately blasphemes everything that God describes for our benefit in the Book of Genesis.**

They have obviously found it necessary in recent years to reinforce popular belief in the phony concept of gravity since they have been using a peculiar little man in a wheelchair (an actor) to talk enthusiastically in robotic language about 'Black Holes.'

Black Holes are possibly the most ridiculous joke in cosmology. Science postulates the existence of a mass so great that its gravitational attraction can overcome light! This, of course, is the ultimate dream of Satanism, where raw power can conquer light itself. Since Christ is light, the parallel ought to be obvious. Modern cosmology is awash with exotic ideas that trivialize the will of God and diminish His sovereignty. To a large extent its fanciful phenomena have been devised to promote and celebrate occult concepts found in Illuminism, Gnosticism and Kabbalah.

## Luther's Cosmology was Biblical

Martin Luther, one of the chief architects of the Reformation, taught both geocentricity and the literal cosmology of the Bible – contrary to what Dr Faulkner would have us believe. Here are two quotations from his writings (including the *Table Talk* recorded by his students) which show that Luther held the view common to virtually everyone at that time, namely that the earth was stationary, that the sun, moon and stars moved around the earth, and that the waters above the Firmament were actual waters, albeit a phenomenon that man did not fully understand:

There was mention of a certain new astrologer [i.e. Copernicus] who wanted to prove that the earth moves and not the sky, the sun, and the moon. This would be as if somebody were riding on a cart or in a ship and imagined that he was standing still while the earth and the trees were moving. [Luther remarked] “So it goes now. Whoever wants to be clever must agree with nothing that others esteem. He must do something of his own. This is what that fellow does who wishes to turn the whole of astronomy upside down. Even in these things that are thrown into disorder. I believe the Holy Scriptures, for Joshua commanded the sun to stand still, and not the earth.”

[Martin Luther, *Luther's Works*. Vol 54. *Table Talk*, ed. Helmut T. Lehmann (Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1967), pps 358–9.]

"We Christians must be different from the philosophers [i.e. scientists] in the way we think about the causes of these things. And if some are beyond our comprehension (like those before us concerning the waters above the heavens), we must believe them and admit our lack of knowledge rather than either wickedly deny them or presumptuously interpret them in conformity with our understanding."

[Martin Luther, *Luther's Works*. Vol 1. *Lectures on Genesis*, ed. Jaroslav Pelikan (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1958), p30.

## **The alleged photos from NASA 'prove' the earth is a globe?**

For some reason Dr Faulkner seems to take the NASA photos as definitive proof that the earth is a globe. He roundly condemns anyone who would dare to question the photographic evidence produced by a professing Christian. In doing so he is contravening the requirement in Scripture that we check everything against God's Word. If the earth is a globe, as he and others contend, then they should be delighted to prove it by utilising irrefutable evidence. But when the evidence is weak and the arguments are full of black holes, we are quite entitled to ask some very uncomfortable questions.

For years NASA has dangled the famous 'blue marble' photo before the world. For some reason it seems to be the only one they have! Maybe a few more are still in the drawer. It is disgraceful that something so specious and so flimsy should be held forth in this way as evidence of a major scientific truth. Where is the original footage of the so-called 1969 moon landing? Where is the extensive video footage of the earth from space, taken from non-existent satellites? Where are the hours of live feed from space showing the earth in orbit below? Where are all the photos of the earth taken from the moon? The answer, of course, is painfully obvious. There are none.

After nearly 50 years, NASA has produced nothing whatever to vindicate its many vainglorious boasts. It doesn't have a camera on the lunar surface, or photos of the stars taken from the moon. The 'blue marble' photo is a fake. The alleged moon rocks that it 'sent back' to earth were shown to be nothing but petrified wood. And the moon suits worn by the NASA 'astronauts', which are on display in a number of museums, are as phony as a three-dollar bill.

They say they plan to build a settlement on Mars, and yet they don't even have a mouse on the moon. If this superlative technology exists, they should already have established substantial settlements under the sea and across many inhospitable deserts on earth – where the technical challenges are ten thousand times less than they are on 'Mars'.



The best they can offer is footage from the so-called International Space Station, much of which is so pathetic that it beggars belief. The set is like something left over from a 1950s sci-fi movie. And the acting is so bad at times that you wonder how these guys ever got selected.

But Dr Faulkner never alludes to any of this.

**NASA 'photos' are just computer-generated images**



**Above: NASA image of a new planetary system, allegedly 'discovered' in 2017. This is pure science fiction.**



**The new planetary system was allegedly found "with the help of ground-based telescopes." The idea that something so distant could be discerned in any manner from earth is simply nonsense. The so-called *Spitzer Space Telescope* in the above image is also fake.**



**Read the small print: "All images of planets are artists' conceptions." This is Disneyland for adults.**

**- from NASA video on YouTube [<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7nXwhfOR17M>]**



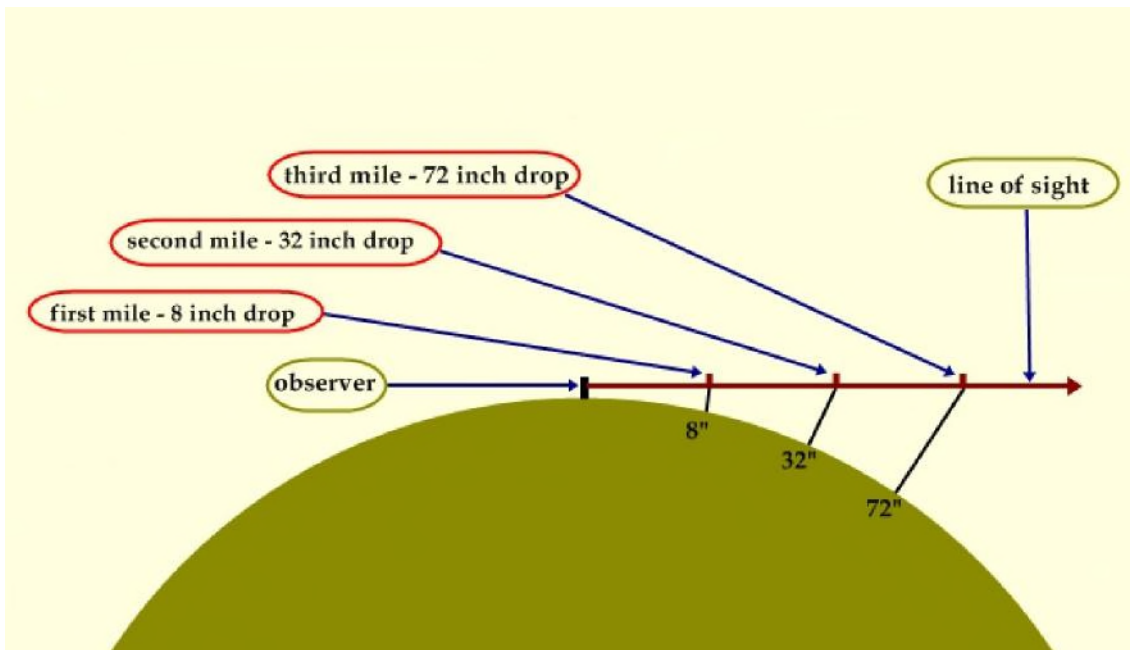
## The Bedford Level

Incredibly, when it comes to examining proof for a flat earth, Dr Faulkner goes all the way back to Samuel Rowbotham and the famous 'Bedford Level' experiment. He even reproduces Rowbotham's diagram. He then sets about refuting it with the old 'refraction' canard. Seemingly, whenever a person sees something that is supposedly too far away to be seen on a ball-earth, strange atmospheric phenomena are brought into play. Mirages, reflections and optical distortions seem to crop up everywhere. When all else fails, the bogey known as 'temperature inversion' is used to quash the evidence.

If the earth were a sphere its curved surface would greatly restrict the visibility of distant terrestrial objects. Every mile of curvature would involve a 'drop' of eight inches. We can see from the diagram below that the 'drop' increases by the square of the distance from the observer. The calculations are therefore as follows (where the asterisk means 'to the power of'):

$$\begin{aligned}\text{After first mile:} & \quad (1^2) \times 8'' = 8'' \\ \text{After second mile:} & \quad (2^2) \times 8'' = 32'' \\ \text{After third mile:} & \quad (3^2) \times 8'' = 72''\end{aligned}$$

According to the textbooks, a man standing on the shore, whose height is 6'3" (and thus has an eye elevation of 72 inches), should not be able to see an object further than 3 miles off-shore. But we know that this is not the case! It is possible at shore level to see much further than that. And with binoculars or field glasses it is possible to see even further. Since the binoculars are also restricted by line of sight – they can't see around a bend – then they too should detect nothing further than three miles out to sea, but we know from experience that binoculars allow us to see very much further than that.



Please, get a good quality digital camera with a telescopic lens and go to a large lake on a clear, windless day. Take a photo of an object close to the water's surface on the far shore, preferably at a distance of 15 miles or more. Then go home and enlarge the image on your computer. It will clearly show details that simply could not be produced on a curved earth. Forget all this nonsense about 'temperature inversion' and equally cynical reasons for dismissing what your eyes are plainly telling you. If in doubt, do it again the next day under slightly different atmospheric conditions. The results will be the same.

The lakes and oceans of the world are flat. And if they are flat, then the earth is flat.

### **The rotating atmosphere**

Dr Faulkner says that "As the earth moves, the atmosphere moves with it, so the atmosphere is not left behind." In this way he tries to account for the fact that a plane journey from one continent to another takes roughly the same time in both directions.

About a hundred years ago, no-one on earth could have taken such a journey. However, today, such long-distance flights are routine. Many people who have flown today will therefore have had occasion to ask a question which our grandparents never thought to ask: Why do flights take roughly the same length of time in an E-W direction as they do in the opposite direction? After all, if the earth is spinning in an anticlockwise (west to east) direction, the flight times should vary considerably.

The experts explain this very simply – the atmosphere is moving perfectly in step with the rotating earth and so the journey times are unaffected.

But this is complete nonsense. Think for a moment. The atmosphere is a dense layer of gas immediately above the 'rotating' earth. When the air around us moves relative to the earth's surface we call it 'wind'. So, if the earth is rotating at 1000 miles per hour at the Equator, the atmosphere is also rotating at the same speed, and even faster at higher altitudes. These are super-hurricane speeds. The strongest hurricanes normally achieve a wind speed of 200 mph at best. Yet, if the atmosphere at the Equator is to keep up with the rotating earth beneath it, it must achieve (by some unknown means) a wind speed of 1000 mph!



The madness doesn't end there. About half way between the Equator and the North Pole (about the same latitude as New York) the earth is rotating at only 500 mph. Why? Because the circumference of the earth at that latitude is about half the circumference at the Equator. A town on the Equator has to 'travel' or move about 25,000 miles during one 24-hour rotation of the earth, while New York only needs to move about 12,000 miles or thereabouts. So, if the atmosphere above New York is to keep 'in step' with the earth beneath it, it will need to travel at 500 mph, or about half the wind speed at the Equator. This would mean that at all points between the North Pole and the Equator, the atmosphere would be spinning extremely quickly, but at different speeds. This would produce turmoil of such intensity, and continuous storms of such enormous destructiveness, that life on earth would be impossible.

Is this happening? Of course not. Why? Because the earth is stationary. And if the earth is stationary it must be flat.

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## **AiG article #2: 'Does the Bible Teach that the Earth is Flat?'**

Perhaps the most striking aspect of Dr Faulkner's treatment of the question, 'Does the Bible teach that the earth is flat?' is his marked reluctance to deal with what Scripture actually says [We give more than a hundred verses relating to Biblical cosmology in **Appendix B**]. Instead he chooses to direct most of his artillery, such as it is, on the meaning of just one word, *raqiya* [H7549], which is normally translated as 'firmament'. While not wishing to detract from his analysis of this word, it is marred by his determination to treat it in isolation, without regard to what the Bible says elsewhere about cosmology. Indeed, he even insists that the Bible does not teach a cosmology: "Let me emphasize again that the Bible does not explicitly endorse any cosmology."

This is a truly bizarre assertion. In making it he tries to argue that God didn't want to confuse mankind by making any definitive statements about cosmology. Apparently the issues were too controversial to be addressed. He makes this case despite the extraordinary emphasis in Scripture on the importance of creation in God's revelation of Himself to mankind. Clearly God regards cosmology – the existence and attributes of the earth, sun, moon and stars – as a question of central importance for humanity. We must pay the closest attention to what Scripture says in these matters and not try to reinterpret His Word by reference to claims made by modern atheists, humanists, Freemasons and other groups who profess, under the guise of 'science', to know what God *really* meant.

## Josephus

In his paper of April 4, 2017, Dr Faulkner says the following about the Jewish historian Josephus, who lived in the second century AD and who wrote extensively about the Jews, their history and their beliefs:

"Second, while not an inspired source, Josephus does frequently reflect the thinking of Jews in the first century AD. Josephus lived in Israel, not Alexandria, but his writings show evidence of Hellenization. Since his sect was the only one to survive the persecution and destruction that came in AD 70, his work came to be recognized as representing the Jews of his time. However, Josephus misrepresented the ideas of the other sects and presented his own sect in the best possible light. This sort of misrepresentation extended even to his presentation of the religious beliefs of the other sects. Thus, we must be very careful in using Josephus. With that caveat, what do Josephus' writings reveal about cosmology among at least some of the ancient Jews? His account of the Day Two creation is consistent with the Greek cosmology of his day, but not the domed vault cosmology."

But what did Josephus actually say? Let's see. We'll take his words from three different translations of his work, *The Jewish Antiquities*:

"After this, on the second day, he placed the heaven over the whole earth, and separated it from the others parts, and he determined it should stand by itself. He also placed a crystalline [firmament] round it, and put it together in a manner agreeable to the earth, and fitted it for giving moisture and rain, and for affording the advantage of dews."

[Translated by William Whiston, 1667-1752]

"After this, on the second day, He set the heaven above the universe, when He was pleased to sever this from the rest and to assign it a place apart, congealing ice about it and withal rendering it moist and rainy to give the benefit of the dews in a manner congenial to the earth."

[Translated by Ralph Marcus / H St J Thackeray]

"On the second day, He set the heaven above the universe, surrounding it with ice and making it moist and rainy to benefit the earth."

[Translated by Paul L Maier]

When one looks at what Josephus actually said, we can see that it conflicts sharply with what Dr Faulkner claimed: "His account of the Day Two creation is consistent with the Greek cosmology of his day, but not the domed vault cosmology." Not so! Josephus is speaking about an icy, crystalline firmament above the earth. A dome, a covering, a canopy. This is what Genesis states and it is what the Jews of the second century AD understood it to mean. There is no 'Hellenization' here.

### **The impossibility of space travel**

For some reason, ministries like AiG seem reluctant to accept the fact that space travel is impossible, even though the Word of God spells this out very clearly.

**"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**

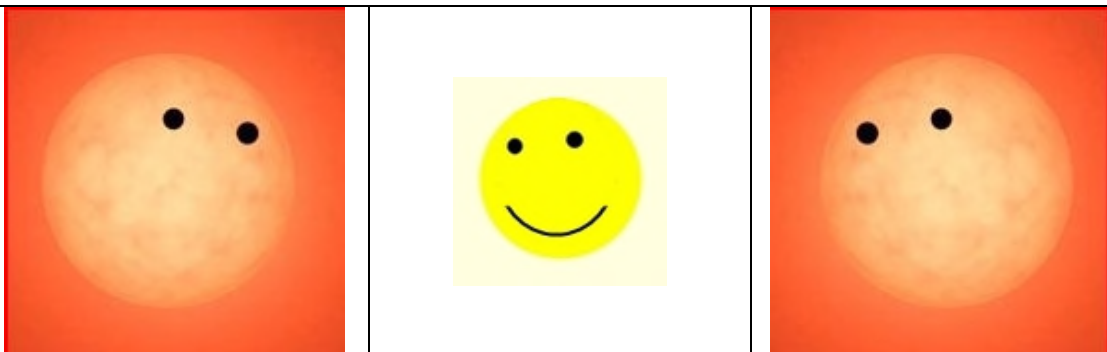
If the earth were a sphere we would already know its measurements and would be able, through 'space travel', to search out or inspect its foundations. And if space travel were possible then the Hubble telescope and various other space missions would already have measured the heavens, as NASA claims to have done. But the LORD has made a promise to Israel which is certain to be fulfilled. He underlines this absolute certainty by comparing the possibility of its non-fulfillment to the possibility that man might one day measure the heavens or the earth. He has not done either, and never will.

Given that this coterie of atheist, humanist and Masonic 'experts' despise the Word of God, we would be well advised to proceed with caution and examine the scientific arguments very carefully. After all, the very same people teach the grotesque lie of evolution, and do so for the express purpose of undermining the Bible. They have even invented the hoax known as 'dinosaurs' to imprint this vile deception on the minds of ordinary people. If they are lying outrageously about creation, why would they not lie with equal bravado about cosmology? AiG and similar ministries are supposed to defend Biblical truth against these lies, but they seem reluctant to do so. They can't even accept that dinosaurs are a hoax devised by the British in the 19th century and funded by ultra-rich illuminists like Andrew Carnegie (See our paper #110 - *The Dark Art of Deception: Why Dinosaurs are a Hoax*).



Above is the opening image of a short video on YouTube by NASA [Jet Propulsion Laboratory] about the alleged discovery of a new planetary system. They claim to have discovered seven planets in all, two of which are supposed to be very close to the 'sun' at the center of this alleged system. Given that the video was meant to be a serious scientific news report, the satire in its opening image shows just how shallow and duplicitous the whole business really is.

- from NASA video on YouTube [<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7nXwhfOR17M>]



The dark spirit that controls NASA is mocking the gullibility of the public.

By falsely claiming that the Bible does not endorse any cosmology, Dr Faulkner absolves himself of the need to consider what God's Word actually says about the earth, the sun, the moon, the stars, and much else besides. Instead he takes the view that, by refuting a few key passages here and there – measured by reference to his own unstated criteria – he is free to ignore everything else. As he says, "Once these more important, frequently cited passages are dismissed as teaching a flat earth, the remaining few verses probably do not matter."



It is difficult to see how he can conclude that these "few verses" probably do not matter. He hasn't even examined them. Nor does he seem to realize that we are not talking about a few verses, but a long list. For example, on several occasions the Bible clearly states that the sun itself is in real motion, but AiG doesn't even address them!

Christians need to familiarize themselves with the many verses throughout the Bible which refer in some way to the cosmological aspects of creation and which, collectively, describe for our benefit the world we all live in. We include a detailed compilation in **Appendix B**.

Readers need to consider these verses, prayerfully and respectfully, and form their own opinion. Do they speak of a flat stationary earth, or do they not? Until AiG and similar ministries address these verses in their totality – as a sound exegesis requires that they do – they should stop pretending to be the moral guardians of a truth they don't fully understand.

## **CONCLUSION**

Does the earth spin on its axis at 1000 mph and shoot like a bullet through the vacuum of space at 66,000mph? The 'scientists' say it does. But if it did the vacuum of space would very quickly suck all the air out of our atmosphere – since that's what vacuums do! And the earth itself would tremble continuously from the differential forces generated by these two powerful vectors of motion. The oceans on the earth's surface would respond to this tumultuous motion as liquids, not as solids, and behave chaotically, overflowing the boundaries set by God ("**When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment:**" - Proverbs 8:29).

We could give many other examples – see our earlier papers, listed in **Appendix A**. The heliocentric, ball-earth model is a hoax designed by the same people who are preparing the world for the arrival of the Antichrist. As Our Lord told us, they are like their father, the devil – liars and murderers from the start. The ball-earth is just one of their many lies. AiG and similar ministries should be able to see this, but seemingly they don't (or won't).

The Antichrist brigade will continue with their devious and deceitful work right to the very end.

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**"But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem,  
weep not for me, but weep for yourselves,  
and for your children ...  
For if they do these things in a green tree,  
what shall be done in the dry?"  
- Luke 23:28-31**

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### 1. The foundations of the earth

"...for the pillars of the earth are the LORD'S, and he hath set the world upon them."  
– 1 Samuel 2:8.

"Which shaketh the earth out of her place, and the pillars thereof tremble." – Job 9:6

"Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding." – Job 38:4.

"Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof" – Job 38:6.

"The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved: I bear up the pillars of it."  
– Psalm 75:3

"Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands." – Psalm 102:25.

"Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever."  
– Psalm 104:5.

"The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens." – Proverbs 3:19.

"...for the windows from on high are open, and the foundations of the earth do shake."  
– Isaiah 24:18

"Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth?" – Isaiah 40:21.

"Mine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand hath spanned the heavens: when I call unto them, they stand up together." – Isaiah 48:13.

"And forgettest the LORD thy maker, that hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth." – Isaiah 51:13.

"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

"...the LORD, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth." – Zechariah 12:1.

"And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands." – Hebrews 1:10.

## **2. The waters above**

"And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters." – Genesis 1:6

"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 1:7

"He made darkness his secret place; his pavilion round about him were dark waters and thick clouds of the skies." – Psalm 18:11

"Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters" – Psalm 104:3

"Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens."  
– Psalm 148:4

"Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?" – Proverbs 30:4

[This is a reference to Christ in the Old Testament and his participation in the work of Creation. The "binding of the waters" would seem to refer to the firmament and its role in restraining the waters above.]

"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

### **3. The waters below**

"He hath compassed the waters with bounds, until the day and night come to an end."  
– Job 26:10

"Hast thou entered into the springs of the sea? or hast thou walked in the search of the depth?" – Job 38:16

"He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses." – Psalm 33:7

"When there were no depths, I was brought forth, when there were no fountains abounding with water." – Proverbs 8:24

"When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth: When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep: When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth: Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him; Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights were with the sons of men." – Proverbs 8:27-31

"Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." – Revelation 14:7

### **4. The firmament**

"And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters." – Genesis 1:6

"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 1:7

"And God called the firmament Heaven." – Genesis 1:8

"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 set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth" – Genesis 1:14-15, 17

"Is not God in the height of heaven? and behold the height of the stars, how high they are! And thou sayest, How doth God know? can he judge through the dark cloud? Thick clouds are a covering to him, that he seeth not; and he walketh in the circuit of heaven." – Job 22:12-14

[If we take *circuit* (chuwg) to mean compass or circle, then this passage may be referring to the circularity of the firmament.]

"Hast thou with him spread out the sky, which is strong, and as a molten looking glass?" – Job 37:18

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork." – Psalm 19:1

"Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters" – Psalm 104:3

"Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power." – Psalm 150:1

"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." – Isaiah 40:22.

[The *circle* here is likely a reference to the vault above the earth. The inhabitants of the earth dwell beneath a great vault that stretches over them like a tent.]

"And the likeness of the firmament upon the heads of the living creature was as the colour of the terrible crystal, stretched forth over their heads above. And under the firmament were their wings straight, the one toward the other: every one had two, which covered on this side, and every one had two, which covered on that side, their bodies. And when they went, I heard the noise of their wings, like the noise of great waters, as the voice of the Almighty, the voice of speech, as the noise of an host: when they stood, they let down their wings. And there was a voice from the firmament that was over their heads, when they stood, and had let down their wings. And above the firmament that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and upon the likeness of the throne was the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it." – Ezekiel 1:22-26

"Then I looked, and, behold, in the firmament that was above the head of the cherubims there appeared over them as it were a sapphire stone, as the appearance of the likeness of a throne." – Ezekiel 10:1

"And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." – Daniel 12:3

## 5. The non-movement of the earth [except in judgment]

"Fear before him, all the earth: the world also shall be stable, that it be not moved."  
– 1 Chronicles 16:30.

"Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast." – Psalm 33:8-9

[Barnes would translate verse 9 as follows: "For he spake, and it was; he commanded and it stood forth."]

"And he built his sanctuary like high palaces, like the earth which he hath established for ever." – Psalm 78:69.

[The word *palaces* does not appear in the Hebrew. The first part should probably read "And he built his sanctuary on high..." He also built it like the earth which he had established forever. The Hebrew word here for 'established' is *yacad*, meaning 'to lay a foundation'.]

"The LORD reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished [*yacad*], that it cannot be moved." – Psalm 93:1

"Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever."  
– Psalm 104:5.

[The original Hebrew word for *removed* in this verse is mowt, meaning (per Strong's H4131) "to slip, shake, fall" or, per Gesenius, "to totter, to shake".]

"Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth." – Psalm 119:90

[The original Hebrew word for *abideth* in this verse is amad, meaning (per Gesenius) "to stand firm, to remain, to endure".]

"Thus saith the LORD, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool:"  
– Isaiah 66:1

"Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool." – Acts 7:49

[Since a throne remains in the same location, these last two verses show that the earth does not move. Also, as regards comparative size, the earth lies beneath the third heaven as a footstool lies beneath a throne. Therefore it cannot be a tiny speck in the vast depths of space as modern astronomy alleges.]

### **The earth moves only in times of judgment**

"Which shaketh the earth out of her place, and the pillars thereof tremble." – Job 9:6

"The LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: he sitteth between the cherubims; let the earth be moved." – Psalm 99:1

"And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth." – Isaiah 2:19 (and 2:21)

"Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger." – Isaiah 13:13

"The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly. The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall, and not rise again." – Isaiah 24:19-20

[The original Hebrew word for *cottage* in this verse is meluwnah, which can mean (per Gesenius) "a suspended bed" or hammock.]

## **6. The stretching-out of the heavens**

"Which alone spreadeth out the heavens..." – Job 9:8

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

"Hast thou with him spread out the sky, which is strong, and as a molten looking glass?" – Job 37:18

"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." – Psalm 104:1-2.

"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

"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." – Isaiah 40:22.

[The original Hebrew word for *circle* in this verse is chuwg, which Strong [H2329] defines as a "circle, circuit, compass". Elsewhere (22:18) Isaiah used the Hebrew word duwr to mean "ball" (sphere), so he is unlikely to be referring in this passage to a ball or sphere.]

"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

[Both the heavens and the earth are "stretched out." According to Gesenius the original Hebrew word for "spread forth" in this verse – raqa – means "to spread out by beating." Elsewhere (34:4) the heavens are referred to as a scroll. In one case the action is akin to the unrolling of a parchment (and its subsequent rolling together), while in the other it is akin to the flattening out of a sheet of metal by hammering.]

"I am the LORD that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself" – Isaiah 44:24

"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

"Mine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand hath spanned the heavens: when I call unto them, they stand up together." – Isaiah 48:13

"And forgettest the LORD thy maker, that hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth..." – Isaiah 51:13

"He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion." – Jeremiah 10:12  
(See also Jeremiah 51:15)

## **7. The flat, stretched-out earth**

"Hast thou perceived the breadth (*rachab*) of the earth? declare if thou knowest it all." – Job 38:18

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

"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

[This must refer to a flat earth, where east and west never meet.]

"To him that stretched out the earth above the waters: for his mercy endureth forever." – Psalm 136:6

"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

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"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

"Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them" – Matthew 4:8

"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

"And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them." – Revelation 20:9

[Both the Hebrew word for "breadth" in Job 38:18 (*rachab* – Strong's 7338) and the Greek word for "breadth" in this verse (*platos* – Strong's 4114) mean *breadth* in exactly the same sense that we use the term today, similar to "width" and "broad place" (Strong). This indicates a flat surface, not a curved one.]

## 8. The movement of the sun

"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

[Note that Joshua orders the sun and the moon to stand still, not the earth and the moon.]

"So let all thine enemies perish, O LORD: but let them that love him be as the sun when he goeth forth in his might." – Judges 5:31

"Which commandeth the sun, and it riseth not; and seaeth up the stars." – Job 9:7

[In this verse Job illustrates the awesome power of God by showing that He can cause the sun to stop moving and prevent the stars from giving their light.]

"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

"He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth his going down."  
– Psalm 104:19

[The sun cannot reasonably be said to know its going down if it is not in real motion.]

"The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down, and hastens to his place where he arose." – Ecclesiastes 1:5

"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

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

"And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord GOD, that I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the clear day" – Amos 8:9

"The sun and moon stood still in their habitation." – Habakkuk 3:11

[The prophet records that the sun and the moon stood still, not the earth and the moon.]

## **9. The self-luminous moon**

"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

"And for the precious fruits brought forth by the sun, and for the precious things put forth by the moon..." – Deuteronomy 33:14

"If I beheld the sun when it shined, or the moon walking in brightness"  
– Job 31:26

"He appointed the moon for seasons..." – Psalm 104:19

"The moon and stars to rule by night: for his mercy endureth forever."  
– Psalm 136:9

"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

"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

"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

"The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory." – Isaiah 60:19

"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" – Jeremiah 31:35

"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

"Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light" – Matthew 24:29

"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

"... and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood" – Revelation 6:12

"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

## **10. The fixed stars and the "wandering" stars**

"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." – Genesis 1:14-18

"They fought from heaven; the stars in their courses fought against Sisera."  
– Judges 5:20

"Is not God in the height of heaven? and behold the height of the stars, how high they are! And thou sayest, How doth God know? can he judge through the dark cloud? Thick clouds are a covering to him, that he seeth not; and he walketh in the circuit of heaven." – Job 22:12-14

"The moon and stars to rule by night: for his mercy endureth for ever."  
– Psalm 136:9

"He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names."  
– Psalm 147:4

"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

"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

"Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth." – Isaiah 40:26

"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

"The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining:" – Joel 2:10

"Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken" – Matthew 24:29

"And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring" – Luke 21:25

"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

"Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever." – Jude 1:13

"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

"And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise." – Revelation 8:14

"And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth" – Revelation 12:4

[These two verses refer to a third part of the stars. In the latter verse, they are generally understood to refer to the company of angels that rebelled. Stars and angels are so closely associated throughout God's Word that there may be some otherwise unexplained connection between them.]

## **11. Geocentric spatial relations**

It is impossible to do justice to Biblical cosmology without taking into account the hundreds of passages throughout the Bible that are plainly geocentric and whose natural meanings imply a common frame of reference that embraces both heaven and earth. The billions of miles of space, which modern astronomers propose, are in sharp conflict with the spatial framework used in the Bible. The earth of the Bible is inconceivably larger than the sun in absolute terms. It is impossible to reconcile Biblical cosmology – how God describes His own Creation – with the bizarre 'cosmos' of modern astronomy, where the earth could not possibly be more pathetic or insignificant. Indeed, the more pronouncements that NASA and its allies make about the 'cosmos' the more stridently they contradict the Biblical account. It is always the same small pool of self-appointed 'experts' who make these outlandish declarations, with no hard evidence whatever to back them up.

Christians need to ask themselves why they believe the picture of heaven and earth portrayed by NASA, not simply because it conflicts with the Biblical narrative but because this secretive, Masonic organization continues to spew forth nonsensical pronouncements that mock God's Word. Do you seriously think the earth is in danger of being destroyed by a giant asteroid? Do you seriously believe the earth is spinning on its 'axis' at 1,000 miles an hour? Do you seriously believe there is 'intelligent life' in the 'depths' of space? Do you seriously believe that two men wearing only nylon pyjamas landed on the moon in an aluminum can in 1969? The ONLY evidence you have for any of this is the relentless propaganda engineered by NASA, aided and abetted by Hollywood, the big television corporations, and the mainstream media. Why are Christians willing to set aside God's Word and believe an alternative account of reality for which they possess not one shred of objective, verifiable evidence?

### **Ascending and descending**

"And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded... Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech." – Genesis 11:5-7

"And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it." – Genesis 28:12

"Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended?" – Proverbs 30:4.

"For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven did the LORD behold the earth" – Psalm 102:19

"Bow thy heavens, O LORD, and come down: touch the mountains, and they shall smoke." – Psalm 144:5 [See also "He bowed the heavens also, and came down; and darkness was under his feet." – 2 Samuel 22:10]

[The LORD "bowed" [stretched out or bent (like a bow)] the heavens and "came down", an action that began in the third heaven and continued past the firmament to the mountains below.]

"Oh that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that thou wouldest come down, that the mountains might flow down at thy presence." – Isaiah 64:1

"And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him." – Daniel 7:27

"For, behold, the LORD cometh forth out of his place, and will come down, and tread upon the high places of the earth." – Micah 1:3

"And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven." – John 3:13.

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." – Acts 4:12

"But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God." – Acts 7:55-56

## **12. The impossibility of space travel**

"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

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