Biblical Cosmology and Censorship in the Church

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One book has a monopoly on truth. That book is the Bible. All the rest are entirely without merit, except to the extent that they expound upon the Bible and its truths in an edifying way or engender in our minds and hearts a desire to live a Biblically upright life.

The purpose of a Christian discernment ministry is to identify and expose the many and varied ways that the Enemy is using to suppress or distort Biblical truth, to mislead and confuse believers, and to undermine the body of Christ.

The Great End Time Deception

The Enemy is immensely sophisticated in his handling of the great End Time deception. His forces are in two camps, those who support the works of darkness and those who pretend to oppose them. Some of his most virulent critics are on his payroll. Many are so well trained and so completely immersed in their counterfeit persona that it is extremely difficult to detect them, even after careful inspection. Others, of course, are not too hard to spot and betray their true affiliation in a number of ways. Overall, the Enemy is using a broad spectrum of deceivers to construct and a bewildering labyrinth of distractions and half-truths to keep the believer from placing all of his trust in the only book that counts.

It doesn't matter how learned or impressive a preacher may be; everything he says must be tested against God's Word, and, if we are to do this effectively, we must take Him at His Word.

Few believers today actually do this. They have learned instead to filter much of what they read in the Bible through the lens of science so-called and a modern secular mindset. This applies just as much to those who were saved decades ago as it does to new believers. The wonderful clarity of God's Word is lost in a haze of materialistic assumptions, to the point where the reader finds only what he expects to find and the guiding hand of the Holy Spirit is ignored.

Science can and does lie

Let's start our examination of the Enemy's program of lies with a very obvious example. At least it ought to be obvious to those who believe and understand God's Word. This is the lie of Evolution.

Evolution is a scientific dogma of great importance in our modern, secular world. All the leading universities and academic institutions teach it. It is the dominant paradigm in botany, biology, zoology, and microbiology. All life forms, we are told, evolve from lesser forms, acquiring new features and characteristics through mutation and natural selection over longs periods of time. Science claims to have proven this over and over again. The entire process happens by chance. A huge mountain of evidence supports this doctrine, they say, and thousands of peer-reviewed papers have been published in highly respected academic journals relating to some aspect of Evolution and its extraordinary ability to explain the wide diversity of life on earth.



The Magic Powder known as 'Evolution' can transform anything into anything.

Anyone who rejects this doctrine is deemed unfit to hold a responsible academic position. These loners are dismissed as cranks or religious fanatics and mocked by their peers. Their arguments are rejected as nonsensical, or as thinly disguised attempts to smuggle religion into the classroom. Even individuals with a distinguished academic record are considered unreliable, if not unstable, if they start to voice their doubts about Evolution. Their friends take them aside and warn them to keep their views to themselves lest they lose their jobs or get reassigned to some remote backwater for the rest of their careers.

We all know that this is happening. We also know why it is happening. The Elite will not tolerate a creationist explanation of life on earth, so a credible alternative must be devised. However, students who have been taught the theory of evolution and who accept it as true are not part of a conspiracy. As they see it, Evolution is legitimate science and it is their duty and privilege to uphold and promote it.

The real conspiracy occurs at a much higher level. An occult cabal decided a few centuries ago to use this false theory to undermine belief in the Bible, which was then widespread across Europe. Since we have already covered the history of this great deception in a previous paper (#25) we will not go into it again here. Readers are encouraged to read our earlier paper and become familiar with the many cunning tricks which its proponents have used, and continue to use, to garner credibility for this bogus doctrine. We also refer readers to paper #110, which exposes the fiction known as dinosaurs, yet another ingenious deception devised by English Freemasons and financed by rich industrialists in both Europe and America.

Sad spectacle

Bible-believing Christians can see that Evolution is a lie, principally because they believe the account of creation given in Genesis. They are able to take off the blinkers of science long enough to see that Evolution is a phony construct, a hall of mirrors built by people who hate the LORD and the natural order which He created.

The lie of Evolution is so strong that some Bible-believing Christians try to reconcile it with the account given in Genesis. They like to imagine that God 'used' evolution to 'create' the startling diversity of life on earth. They even manage to convince themselves that Adam was once an ape whom God transformed through one final evolutionary step into a man.



This is truly a sad spectacle, but it shows just how confused we can become when we refuse to believe what the Bible is plainly telling us and try to make it subservient to something else. The Word of God clearly shows that evolution is false. If we take this as our starting point, as Christians ought to do, it is possible to examine the 'evidence' in an objective way and see just why it is false. [Our earlier paper (#25) addresses this question.]

Once we can see that science is controlled by a rich and powerful Elite who are following a viciously anti-Christian agenda, and that they will tell any number of lies in the name of science to achieve their goals, we should be able to see that their program of deception goes much further than the lie of Evolution. A Christian who loves God's Word should be willing to ask whether this is so. This is a scriptural way to approach the claims made by the scientific establishment. It is reasonable to ask whether Satan is using science, so-called, to deceive mankind and discredit the Bible. In fact, it would be very foolish of us, as Bible-believing Christians, to expect Satan to ignore science completely and allow mankind to unravel, without hindrance or interference, the wonders of God's creation!



True and False Cosmology

Now that we have set the scene, as it were, we can address another aspect of God's Word, namely the many verses in Scripture dealing with cosmology. Most believers take as true the cosmology taught by science and interpret the relevant verses in Scripture in accordance with that model. But are they right to do so?

In several previous papers we showed how the cosmology of the Bible is very different from the one taught by modern science. While it is possible to take some isolated verses and bend them to fit the modern cosmological model, there are a great many others which simply don't fit. The Bible speaks of a "firmament" above the earth which separates the "waters" above the earth from the waters below. How is this to be reconciled with the modern model? The Bible tells us that Joshua called for the sun to stand still in the sky, and it did – for nearly a whole day. He even called for the moon to stand still, and it too obeyed his command. The Bible tells us that the earth cannot be moved. And it states that man will never be able to measure the heavens above his head or the earth beneath his feet.

These verses and many others cited in our previous papers cannot be taken apart and sewn back together in an allegorical or contrived manner to fit the modern scientific model. Taken together they present us with a consistent literal statement of the cosmology of creation by the One who formed it. They point to a model of creation which differs radically from the version devised by modern science.

The Bible states that the earth made by God is both flat and stationary. The sun is beneath the firmament and relatively close to the earth, very likely no more than a few thousand miles above the surface. We are never told that the sun is a sphere. It travels along a set path that varies over the four seasons. The moon, which is comparable in size, travels a similar daily path. The stars are "lights" in the sky, not massive balls of super-dense gas located millions of light years from the earth.

The Enemy hates Creation

The Enemy hates creation, just as he hates the Creator. It suits his purpose to ridicule what God has made. Since the earth is manifest to our eyes and our senses, it cannot be hidden. He had to find another way of making it seem puny and irrelevant, so he got mankind to believe that it was nothing but a tiny insignificant speck in an immensely vast vacuum of darkness, a lifeless meaningless void that arose purely by chance. Man himself was portrayed as an accident of 'Evolution', while the earth was a random product of the 'Big Bang', a massive explosion out of nothing from which the many galaxies "evolved."

Modern cosmology has been devised by the agents of Satan to demoralize mankind and make the account in Genesis seem like a fairy-tale.

We shouldn't be surprised by this. Our Redeemer, Christ Jesus, called him the Father of Lies. That is not just a title, but a description of his modus operandi.



Anyone who takes the time to do so will find, through a close inspection of the claims made by NASA and other so-called scientific authorities, that the whole of modern cosmology has been designed and controlled from the start by a relatively small number of people. Many were highly intelligent, scions of the ruling elite who knew how to fabricate the globe-earth myth in considerable detail and make it seem believable. As such they were the original conspirators. Everyone else, including those in the outer circles of academia, were content to believe whatever they were told, just like the willing young students in our colleges today who never stop to question the lie of Evolution.

Christians today have moved so far from the literal truth of the Bible that they have forgotten that Satan exists, that he is a real created being with enormous supernatural power, and that he hates mankind. They have forgotten that he is a master of lies and deception, and well capable of weaving a worldwide web of illusion from which men, by their own power, are unable to escape. They have forgotten that everything that God has said in His Word is true and that all He has revealed about the future will come to pass exactly as He foretold. This all-embracing web of illusion will eventually become so great that, when the Antichrist finally arrives on the scene, the majority of mankind will receive him as their messiah. None of this is difficult to understand, but only Bible-believing Christians, those who truly love the LORD, will take it to heart. The rest will wrestle aimlessly with words and ideas spun from the minds of men who are just as confused as they are.

...and he hates having his lies exposed

We are only now getting to the main theme of this paper. It is very simple – Satan hates having his lies exposed. A good lie takes a long time to prepare and disseminate. The lie of Evolution began in a tentative way with Erasmus Darwin, grandfather of Charles Darwin, and took over sixty years to mature to the point where the latter could publish his book, *On the Origin of Species*, in 1859. Even then it took a great deal of propaganda, and many fictitious dinosaurs (gigantic iguanas!), before it gained real traction in the scientific world.

The lie of Relativity began in the 1870s and took definitive form in 1905 when Einstein published his famous paper, but it still took several decades, some phony experiments, and a lot pop-star propaganda before this nonsensical idea gained a respectable following. It took a really big hoax – the so-called 'nuclear explosions' in Japan in 1945 – to cement the idea in the popular imagination (Hiroshima and Nagasaki were destroyed by firebombing, just like dozens of other Japanese cities). It was also helped along by the continuous repetition of the childish equation, $E=mc^2$, the magic formula for turning matter into pure energy – 'magic' being the operative word.



Great lies often make use of 'evidence' which the average person cannot possibly verify because the phenomena in question are light-years away, millions of years in the past, infinitely small, extremely short-lived, unimaginably abstract, or completely intangible. There is no limit to the number of fanciful and imaginary entities that can be created in this way!

The so-called Big Bang is another example of this. This theory is so profound, we are told, that only highly intelligent people can possibly understand it. It replaces the account of creation given in Genesis with an entirely random quantum-level event which just happened to expand prodigiously in the form of hydrogen and helium gas This supposedly coalesced under the pull of gravitation into clusters of matter which, over immensely long periods of time, produced the aggregations we know as galaxies. Some of the stars in these early galaxies collapsed under their mutual gravitational attraction, compressing the matter at their core into more complex elements, and then disintegrated in a series of spectacular explosions which dispersed all the elements of the periodic table across the depths of space.

This allegedly explains why the Earth has such an astonishing mixture of elements. As NASA says, our bodies are made of star dust, material that was 'cooked' for eons inside distant stars billions of years ago.

We are asked to accept this convoluted fairy-tale as legitimate science. The only thing holding it together is the contempt which its authors have for the Genesis account. The theory is utterly nonsensical, which a small number of honest physicists graciously concede. Nevertheless it is treated as a serious scientific theory, supported by numerous sophisticated experiments. Its proponents claim that the body of scientific data on which it is based is irrefutable and that existing deficiencies in the theory do not detract from its basic premise, namely that everything in the universe arose randomly and spontaneously from nothing. What is more, they claim that many similar universes may have been produced in the same manner in parallel dimensions.

The same academic institutions teach these phony ideas

The same academic institutions that teach Evolution also teach the Big Bang. They have both found a place in the canon of fundamental science, the truth of which has been firmly established.

As Bible-believing Christians we can see that these theories are bogus and that the socalled 'science' behind them is pure fantasy. They are myths promulgated by people who hate the Bible and will go to any lengths to formulate a 'theory of everything' that rejects creation. The masterminds behind it all are servants of the New World Order, men and women who see science – both the genuine kind and the phony kind – simply as a tool for advancing their Luciferian agenda.

If they continue to tell such obvious lies as Evolution and the Big Bang, can we be certain they are not telling other, possibly more sophisticated, lies in the form of 'science'? We have shown in previous papers that the theory of gravitation is another lie. It was put forward as a legitimate scientific hypothesis without any supporting empirical evidence, experimental data, or test criteria – and has <u>never</u> been scientifically proven. In short, the Royal Society in London employed Isaac Newton to invent a fictitious law and make it sound credible. They then proceeded to treat it as a great discovery and use it as a tool to fabricate a panorama of cosmic orbs and stellar entities.



This is as real as it gets.

The magical force of gravity allegedly keeps everything else in motion. The sun was conceived as a massive ball of compressed gas thousands of times larger than the earth, while the earth itself was reduced to a speck – the third rock from the sun.

None of this would make any sense without the new magical force known as gravity. It could even bend the oceans and hold them in place, even though the third rock from the sun was supposed to be speeding along at a staggering 66,666 miles an hour <u>and</u> turning on its 'axis' at a thousand miles an hour. It is difficult to believe that we ever accepted this nonsense, but we were no different from those who still believe in the magic of Evolution or the cynical hocus-pocus known as the Big Bang.

Once something is presented to us in an authoritative way by people we trust, we tend to believe it – see our paper on Magical Thinking (#147). If we are taught a myth from early childhood, its suggestive power is greatly amplified. This is why people who can see that Evolution is a despicable lie still find it hard to accept that dinosaurs are also a myth. They never existed. The same scheming liars who invented Evolution, the Big Bang, gravity and the globe earth, also invented dinosaurs.



Is this a 'dinosaur' or the Serpent himself mocking humanity?

Ferocious Beasts

What child is not fascinated by the great era in earth history when dinosaurs roamed the savannah, when ferocious beasts of gargantuan size tore each other apart in epic battles that must have lasted for hours? Once these images take root, and carry with them the imprint of reality, they are hard to remove. Our kids visit museums on school tours to see the 'evidence' for themselves, sprawling exhibits made of fibreglass and plastic. They are told of new finds in remote Patagonia, where even more species of dinosaur are being found every year. But it's all a sham.

NASA is the adult equivalent of the museum exhibits that beguile children on school tours. The great Saturn rocket rises high into the sky and man conquers space, or so we think. In reality there is no space to conquer, and the great Saturn rocket is merely a huge tube of steel and aluminum which will travel a few hundred miles out to sea and disappear beneath the waves.

This may seem outlandish, but is it any more outlandish than the lie of Evolution? This is Satan's kingdom – for the time being – and he runs it in accordance with his true nature. As Jesus told us, he is a liar and a murderer. We recognize the hand of Satan in both wars and abortion, but we forget that he is equally busy in the realm of deception. A supernatural deceiver who can trick a pregnant women into killing her own child through abortion is fully equal to the task of deceiving nations with pseudo-science and space-age toys.

"And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world" (Revelation 12:9)

The Backlash

Over the past few years videos and papers have been appearing on the Internet which expose the false cosmology promoted by modern science. For a time it seemed as if these apparent revelations could be dismissed as the work of cranks and troublemakers, but the evidence adduced by these critics was pretty compelling. More and more people started to listen. This must be of some concern to the Elite. They have spent a long time and a great deal of money (your money) building up the great 'outer space' illusion, with its spinning globe, massive sun, black holes, earth-threatening asteroids, and billions of light years of black frozen emptiness. The Christ-hating power of this myth is immensely important to them and they are doubtless determined to keep it going.

Their headache is made worse by the fact that a number of Christians have been checking to see what the Bible <u>actually says</u> about cosmology. And what they are finding is dynamite.

The verses in **Appendix A** show very clearly that the heavens and the earth described by God, their Creator, are very different from the sickly, nightmarish scenario manufactured by modern science. Both cannot be true.

God made the earth for His wonderful Son, Christ Jesus. It is the kingdom that His Son will rule in person during the Millennium. It pleases Satan greatly to mock what God has done, and to portray the kingdom intended for His Son as nothing but a tiny, meaningless speck in the dark depths of empty space.

As I explained in one of my earlier papers, I began to explore the possibility of a flat earth as a direct result of the description of the sun in Psalm 19. Note in particular the words in bold:

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. 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 19:1-6)

Try as I might I couldn't construe this to be a description of a stationary object. The Word of God was plainly speaking of an object in real motion. The sun was <u>moving</u>. What is more it was following a daily circuit in the sky immediately above the earth.

A literal-grammatical hermeneutic is needed if God's Word is to be properly understood. True Bible-believers know this. But when we apply the same hermeneutic to a passage like this, we find a cosmology that differs utterly from the one taught by NASA and modern science.

The spell of 'science so-called' had been broken by the Word of God. Now that I could think for myself, without interference from the programming instilled by NASA and Disneyland, I spent many months examining informative articles on the Internet and elsewhere about this phenomenon. This work culminated in a number of papers on my website explaining why the earth is both flat and stationary.

Systematic Theology

Of exceptional importance, of course, is what the Bible says in the matter. Even before I did my research I used to wonder why books on systematic theology never had a section on cosmology. The reason was becoming clear. Anyone who followed a literal-grammatical hermeneutic, as they should, would inevitably conclude that the Bible contradicted modern science. It was probably easier for the theologians and Bible scholars of the past, lacking the facilities that we have today, to sidestep the issue entirely rather than risk bringing their work as a whole into disrepute.



You can prove it for yourself

The LORD in His mercy has given us many tools today which were not available to previous generations. We now have access to a huge volume of information on the Internet, some of which deals with the flat earth and similar topics. We have cameras with telescopic lenses which enable us to photograph objects at a great distance, some with a magnification of x100 or more. We also have software which allows us to enlarge these digital images and identify geographical details 70 or 80 miles away which could not possibly be visible if the earth was curved. Anyone who sincerely wants to prove for himself that the earth is flat now has the means to do so.



Over the past few years many Christians have been waking up to the fact that the earth is both flat and stationary. They are not basing their newfound understanding on speculative information obtained on the Internet, but on what God's Word actually says. By ignoring the claims of modern science and simply reading the Bible as a reliable, factual document, they are finding that it really does describe a flat, stationary earth.



Naturally, when you make a discovery like this you want to share it with others. Alas, many Christians who have done so have been lampooned by their congregation. Rather than examine the evidence for themselves, both Scriptural and scientific, in a respectful and God-fearing way, the sceptics have simply dismissed their brethren as fools. Some have gone further and asked them to remain silent lest, by their flagrant rejection of modern science, they bring the Bible itself into disrepute.

The term 'flat earther' is being used by some respected pastors in a pejorative way. They almost spit it out. They don't seem to realize that Christians who believe the literal cosmology of the Bible are being true to God's Word. They are not 'flat earthers' at all, just Bible believers. The Word of God teaches that the earth is both flat and stationary and this is what they believe.

Pastors and Preachers who ignore God's Word

It is not easy to adjust to the concept of a flat, stationary earth. Apart altogether from the initial disorientation that it causes, it brings with it the realization that the Enemy is much more dangerous and much more cunning than we had ever imagined.

Of course, Christians should have known this. The Word of God says a great deal about the children of wickedness and their hatred of the righteous. The "wicked," in the full sense of that term, are not just a wayward group of people who have no regard for the Bible, but a highly organized worldwide community who have worshipped Baal for generations. They really *do* hate you, and they really *do* want a New World Order, and they really *will* tell every lie and use every trick they can think of to bring this about.



its own level. The oceans are flat. And if the oceans are flat, the earth is flat.

Christians who speak about the flat, stationary earth are accused of being divisive, even though they are basing their case on a fair and reasonable interpretation of the Bible. Pastors and preachers who ought to know better are making cruel accusations without weighing the evidence. Even those who affect to know everything about God's Word are highly ambivalent about the many verses in Scripture which point to a flat, stationary earth. On the one hand they claim the Bible is their first and final authority, and yet on the other they are careful never to expound upon the verses in **Appendix A**.

They can't have it both ways. Either they are faithful to the <u>entirety</u> of God's Word or they are not. Recent events show that many are not.

The Answers in Genesis Ministry

The well-known ministry, **Answers in Genesis**, is a good example of this. It consistently condemns the flat, stationary earth as a myth - a perverse rejection of proven scientific facts. Yet, in doing so, it takes care never to address what Scripture <u>actually</u> says about cosmology. For some reason, when this topic is discussed, God's Word is sorely neglected, while other so-called authorities are freely cited.



Pastors David Cloud (*Way of Life Literature*) and Charles Lawson (Temple Baptist Church, Knoxsville, TN) have also made condemnatory comments about Christians who give credence to a flat, stationary earth, and have warned their flocks accordingly. As respected defenders of Biblical truth, their views carry great weight. We should be concerned, therefore, when such leaders take the easy way out and avoid all mention of what the Bible <u>actually</u> teaches about cosmology. Both profess to be unshakeable advocates of the Word and yet, when they preach on this topic, they ignore Scripture entirely and resort instead to bullyboy tactics and name-calling.

On 28 November, 2017, Pastor Cloud published a lengthy excerpt from a paper by Dr Danny Faulkner (*Answers in Genesis*, 24 May 2016). He had so little regard for the concept of a flat earth that he chose to use someone else's repudiation and supplied no comments of his own. In the excerpt provided by Pastor Cloud, Dr Faulkner argued that the globe earth theory must be correct because it was endorsed by three NASA astronauts who profess to be Christian, namely Jeffrey Williams, James Irwin, and Charles Duke.

NASA and Freemasonry

As many readers already know, NASA is controlled by the cult of Freemasonry. Many photos can be found on the Internet which show prominent NASA astronauts wearing Masonic rings, while most of the logos and mission insignia used by NASA have Masonic or esoteric symbols and motifs. The missions themselves, in several instances, are named after pagan gods, such as Saturn, Mars, Mercury, Titan, Athena, Gemini, and Apollo.

The purpose of NASA is to foster and reinforce the false perception that the future of mankind lies in outer space. It is nothing but a temple to a pagan god and a 'missionary' center for disseminating pagan propaganda. Its space 'missions' are designed to make everyone believe that the destiny of man involves the colonization of distant planets and soul-expanding journeys among the stars.



A Masonic medallion claiming the American space program as its own The image on the left boasts, "Our Flags on the Moon," while the 'square' held by the Masonic astronaut reads: "Supreme Council 33, Southern Jurisdiction USA". The image on the right reads: "The Supreme Council 33 Mother Jurisdiction of the World of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry."



Detail: "Mother Jurisdiction of the World". The Supreme Council 33 of the Southern Jurisdiction is the ruling body of world Freemasonry, according to this medallion. The NASA program is entirely under their control. It honors their gods and disseminates their philosophy. The chart <u>below</u> shows how the cosmology of Freemasonry is intended to mock and defile the cosmology of the Bible:

God's reality	Satan's 'alternative reality'
The earth is flat	The earth is a sphere
The sun follows a path above the earth	The earth orbits the sun
The earth is the center of the universe	The earth is at the edge of the universe
The earth is a special creation	The earth is a trivial speck
The earth was made for man	Man is a weird cosmic accident
The earth is completely stationary	The earth is moving in several directions
The laws of the universe were set by God	The laws of the universe are accidental
The stars rotate around the earth	The stars only appear to rotate around the earth
The sun is reasonably close to the earth	The sun is 93 million miles away
The stars are not 'light years' away	The stars are millions of light years away
The earth is only a few thousand years old	The universe is 14 billion years old
The stars are fixed	The stars are receding
There is no life on any planet or star	Life is certain to have 'evolved' elsewhere
The volume of space is fixed	The universe is continually expanding
The universe has been damaged by sin	There is no sin
God sustains the universe by His mercy	The universe has no need of God
Christ has redeemed the universe	The universe is evolving
Christ will come again and claim the earth	A perfectly evolved man will rule the earth

NASA routinely releases 'images' which it claims depict some new technical development, mission milestone, or cosmic phenomenon. We are meant to believe these are real photographs of the subjects in question, but they are actually produced in a studio by talented artists and graphic designers using Photoshop and similar technology. CGI or computer-generated images are the mainstay of this duplicitous institution.



Pastor David Cloud

Six weeks later, Pastor Cloud returned to this topic, but this time the gloves were off. Referring to the title he had used for his piece dated 28 November – 'The Earth Is Flat and We Didn't Land on the Moon' – he said:

"The title of the November report was written "tongue in cheek," of course, because in my estimation, the flat earth stance is unadulterated nonsense. I am convinced that it is held by people with a perverse spirit toward reality."

- A Flat Earth, Nuttiness, and the Lunar Eclipse, January 9, 2018

Note his words, "a perverse spirit". If you are a Christian and you believe in a flat stationary earth, Pastor Cloud is convinced you have a perverse spirit.

He then went on to list the usual 'space age' proofs that the earth is a globe. His impatience with the so-called "nuttiness" of those who believe in a flat earth is patent throughout. The alleged proofs are followed by a surprisingly sarcastic comment:

"I was astonished to receive email from three subscribers to the Fundamental Baptist Information Service who wanted to argue for a flat earth and who believe the Apollo program was a lie. Some of the early astronauts were Masons, they say, and that is supposed to prove something. One man said he doesn't believe in the International Space Station, and though he does believe there were U.S. Space Shuttles, he is sure they didn't go to the ISS and he doesn't know where they went or what they did. Please!

"I told one man, "You have borrowed a bunch of nutty things from some nut." I told a man who wanted me to call him and discuss the matter, "I have zero interest in discussing that. It's as nutty as a fruitcake.""

His closing paragraph, however, is of particular interest since in it he claims to be unusually well qualified to make a definitive pronouncement on a matter such as this and to tell the brethren what they ought to believe – without referring at any stage to what Scripture <u>actually says</u> about cosmology. It makes painful reading:

"As for a flat earth in the Bible, I have had the privilege of studying that Book for an average of probably eight hours a day for 44 years; I have written a Bible Encyclopedia and books on Bible interpretation and difficulties. I don't know everything, but I can check anything that is proposed as support for a flat earth, and having done so, I can say unequivocally that there is no support in Scripture for such a doctrine."

Pastor Charles Lawson

Pastor Charles Lawson takes a very similar approach to that of Pastor Cloud. In a videotaped sermon given on Sunday 29th April, 2018, he made some very serious charges against Christians who speak about their belief in a Flat Earth.

Readers who wish to listen to Pastor Lawson's sermon may find it on YouTube. It was uploaded under the shameful title (possibly not chosen by the Pastor), *Flat Earthers Attack Christians*.



His sermon dealt with three topics which we are told are closely related – the setting of a date for the Rapture, the doctrine of a flat earth, and the so-called Mandela Effect. By linking the flat earth doctrine with two patent heresies, Pastor Lawson is implying, no doubt intentionally, that the flat earth doctrine is also a heresy. However he also wanted to appear reasonable, so on a few occasions he said that Christians are entitled to hold this belief if they want to – provided they never talk about it!

Apart from a conciliatory remark here and there, his sermon was essentially a badtempered attack on the flat earth doctrine. His 'argument' could be summarized as follows:

Everyone knows the earth is a globe, so any Christian who suggests otherwise is clearly a troublemaker. They can hold that belief if they want to, but by raising the matter with other Christians they are deliberately sowing discord. ("The flat earth doctrine is causing discord among the brethren" and "driving a wedge between God's people...") This will not be tolerated. Many on the Internet are failing to show respect for pastors. It is the work of Satan ("Satan wants to destroy the church from within...That tells me there is something going on that's greater than a flat earth thing. It has to do with the demonic attack upon the church from the inside.") After giving several NASA-related proofs of the globe earth, he again highlighted the supposed connection between date-setting, the flat earth doctrine, and the Mandela Effect. Toward the end of his sermon, just before he condemned 'flat-earthers' for making the church look foolish, he said: "Look at what's happening. They are assaulting the Scripture through the Mandela Effect. They are assaulting the fellowship of the saints through the Flat Earth. And they are weakening the faith of countless tens of thousands, nay millions, because of these date setters...It is not from without that the church is destroyed, it's from within."

What are we to make of all this?

A Scriptural Perspective

Let's go through the various points made by Pastors Lawson and Cloud and weigh them against Scripture – as we are entitled to do.

1. The Pastors claim that the Bible definitely does not teach flat earth cosmology

They make this claim without examining the many verses in Scripture which, taken together, set out a clear cosmology. We include many of these verses in **Appendix A**. It is very disturbing to think that two pastors, who clearly pride themselves on the Scriptural veracity of their message, are nonetheless unwilling to discuss these verses. Pastor Cloud actually says, "I have zero interest in discussing that. It's as nutty as a fruitcake." It is a very sad state of affairs when pastors who claim to be deeply acquainted with God's Word and its true meaning are anxious to avoid any discussion of what the LORD actually says about cosmology.

2. Christians who raise questions about Bible cosmology are troublemakers

Hmm, a serious charge indeed – and utterly unscriptural. We are all called to study God's Word from beginning to end. We are also called to be Bereans and examine all claims by science so-called by reference to His Word. Neither Pastor Lawson nor Pastor Cloud are comfortable with this. For some reason we are expected to ignore what the Bible says about cosmology in case – heaven forbid – it seemed to speak about a flat, stationary earth. If you believe it does then you are obviously a "nutball" (Pastor Lawson) or someone who borrows "a bunch of nutty things from some nut" (Pastor Cloud).

3. The flat-earth doctrine is part of a demonic attack on the church from within

We are reminded here of the "touch not mine anointed" refrain which the so-called prophets of the New Apostolic Reformation routinely used to silence anyone who questioned their teachings or their authority. The very fact that you dare to question them is proof that you are working for the Enemy. Sadly, Pastor Lawson seems to be heading in the same direction.

It is not a sin to expound Scripture! It is not a sin to ask basic questions about God's Word and try to understand more fully what our heavenly Father wants us to know. We are all aware that the allegorical interpretation of Scripture has long been used to obscure what the Bible is actually saying. Those who believe in a flat earth are merely removing the allegorical blinkers which for too long have obscured the passages of Scripture which appear to teach that the earth is both flat and stationary.

4. Science cannot possible be wrong

Really? If that were the case, then any Christian who rejected Evolution and the Big Bang would be vilified in much the same way as those who reject the globe earth doctrine. Pastor Lawson tries to intimidate Christians who speak about the flat earth by claiming (rightly) that their views are considered ludicrous by the scientific establishment. But is this not equally true of Christians who believe in a Six-Day Creation, the Rapture, and the resurrection of the dead?

As born-again Christians we believe God's Word because it is God's Word.

5. Born-again Christian scientists can always be trusted

Perhaps they can. Who can say? However, the Bereans didn't trust the apostle Paul unconditionally but sought to verify his claims as best they could by diligently consulting the Word of God. The book of Acts commended them for doing so.

6. Members of the target group are always characterized as 'Flat Earthers'

There is a reason for this, over and above the obvious attempt to segregate such believers and mark them as apostates. One could just as easily call them 'Stationary Earthers', but their critics are very unlikely to apply this epithet. Why? Because, by using the wonderful senses that our heavenly Father has given us, we know for certain that the earth is absolutely stationary. We know we are not whizzing through 'space' at 66,666 miles an hour and at the same time rotating in a circle at 500-1000 miles an hour. If we were our senses would instantly detect such staggering extremes of motion – before the earth itself shattered under the immense tectonic and centrifugal stress that such extremes would generate.



The critics know that if these people are called 'Stationary Earthers' their claim would sound a lot more credible. Not once in his sermon did Pastor Lawson refer to the fact that the Christians whom he lambasts for their belief in a flat earth ALSO believe that the earth is **stationary**. Pastor Cloud also takes care to avoid any mention of this crucial detail. They seem to want to deflect attention as much as possible from the fact that the Bible explicitly says the earth is stationary:

"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*], <u>that it cannot be moved</u>." – Psalm 93:1

The Word of God is clearly implying that, if the earth *was* moving, we would sense it. We must be capable of knowing that the earth is stationary to appreciate what the Holy Spirit is telling us in this short Psalm. The non-movement of the earth is cited, in conjunction with His authority over the waters, as proof that the LORD is omnipotent. In essence the Psalm is telling us that we know He is sovereign (a) <u>because</u> the earth does not move and (b) <u>because</u> the volatile waters of creation are completely under His control. Neither claim would carry much validity if it was not manifestly evident to our senses.

Psalm 93

- 1 The LORD reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved.
- 2 Thy throne is established of old: thou art from everlasting.3 The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted
- up their voice; the floods lift up their waves.
- 4 The LORD on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, yea, than the mighty waves of the sea.
- 5 Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house, O LORD, for ever.

7. Photographs of the earth from outer space

Both Pastor Cloud and Pastor Lawson attach great importance to the alleged photos of the earth taken by NASA astronauts from 'outer space.' The problem with photos, as everyone knows, is that they are very easy to fabricate using digital technology. Fairly convincing video footage can also be produced using CGI. Therefore really convincing proof of this kind would need to transmitted in real time. That should be easy to do by placing a camera on one of the 4,000 satellites that Pastor Lawson speaks about. We could all turn on a television and watch the earth in real time as it turned beneath the 'satellite', showing spectacular weather events on the surface of the earth as they were actually occurring. But this has never been done. Why? That's a question Pastors Lawson and Cloud seem unwilling to address.

It has never been done because there are no satellites above the earth. Not one. If there were four thousand or so as Pastor Lawson claims, we would be able to see a few at a time through a telescope as they passed across the face of the moon, but we don't. [We have explained in earlier papers why satellites cannot operate in 'outer space' or perform the intricate functions ascribed to them.]

Pastor Lawson seemed to be somewhat uneasy when he discussed the famous 'blue planet' photo in his sermon, which was supposedly taken during one of the NASA space missions. Instead of dwelling on the supposed multiplicity of existing photos that depict the 'blue planet', he chose instead to speak about Elon Musk and his space rocket enterprise. "Elon Musk is sending up huge rockets into space," he said, and will shortly carry fee-paying sightseers to the moon: "They're going to look out the windows and photograph the earth." This will happen in the next few years, he promised. "What will you do then?" he asked derisively.

Wait a minute. If reliable photographic proof *already* exists, then why are we asked to wait for more? There is a huge contradiction in what this pastor is saying.

The same phony promises

Of course, we all know that identical promises were made nearly 50 years ago, and absolutely nothing came of them. The Elon Musk story is being circulated to take the heat off NASA, whose chronic inability to make progress of any kind only underscores the fact that their entire space exploration enterprise was a hoax from the start. Their so-called moon rocks were shown to be petrified wood. Their space vehicles are little more than aluminum cans, and their sophisticated space suits are nylon pajamas. They claim to have lost the original footage of the first moon landing, while the original blueprints of the moon-rover are not available. They don't even have a camera on the moon to relay photos back to earth, nor have they any photos of the starry sky taken from the moon! And most if not all of their on-the-spot testimonials come from men who have sworn the oath of Freemasonry – a sinister cult dedicated to the overthrow of Christianity.

Pastor Lawson mocks 'flat earthers' for not accepting the so-called evidence proving that the earth is a globe. Nevertheless he then goes on to concede, in effect, that the existing evidence is so weak that we must await the intrepid exploits of Elon Musk before we have definitive proof. In the meantime we are expected to submit to the censorship imposed by indignant pastors like himself and David Cloud.

Space travel is impossible

"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 31:37

CONCLUSION

We could speak on this subject at much greater length, but there should be no need. The Word of God contains a very well defined cosmology and it behoves all who love His Word to study it closely. The fact that Bible commentators have traditionally shied away from this topic should not deter true believers today from undertaking a careful scrutiny of the relevant passages in Scripture. Someone who does so should not be accused of trying to cause confusion among the brethren. For centuries the Roman Catholic Church forbade its members to conduct a personal study of God's Word, all with a view to controlling their minds. They were expected to believe whatever they were told by their superiors. Both Pastor Cloud and Pastor Lawson have adopted a similar position. To their shame, they are quick to quote Freemasons in this matter, but not the Word of God.

Until pastors expound the passages in **Appendix A**, they really have no right to condemn fellow Christians who believe the earth is both flat and stationary.

Scientists are lying about Evolution. Scientists are lying about the Big Bang. Only a fool would dismiss the possibility that they may also be lying about the globe earth. Christians should take the time to weigh the evidence for themselves:

"He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him." - Proverbs 18:13

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APPENDIX A

Passages in the Bible relating to Cosmology

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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 stationary beneath the third heaven as a footstool lies fixed 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 surely 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

"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

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

"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 sealeth 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 give 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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