



The Flat Earth Theory Examined

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Ephesians 5:11, 13-16: "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light. Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil."

The 1828 Noah Webster Dictionary defines:

Reprove: To blame, to convince of a fault, or to make it manifest, to excite a sense of guilt.

Circumspectly: Cautiously; with watchfulness every way; with attention to guard against surprise or danger.

Matthew 24:24: "...if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."

II Corinthians 2:11: "Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices."

II Chronicles 7:14: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then

will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

+1+Flat Earth Theory Explained

Play to 1:43: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UzIKWnZJ29s>

+2b+Divide and Conquer: The Flat Earth Theory

Play: <https://youtu.be/aTVkrvkPIvU?t=4m7s>

Henry Gruver: After Death Trip Through Outer Space

Play to 28:05: https://youtu.be/efJ7H_r3S6c?t=21m39s

Scott Johnson's Comment Regarding the Flat Earth Theory

This topic is ensnaring more and more people into its web and it is only getting worse. If you are one of those that are convinced this theory is truth, I would admonish you (humbly beg you) to please look at both sides of this issue and not just the biased, agenda driven Flat Earth Theory. This is becoming a huge problem among Christians & I am witnessing it firsthand.

Isaiah 40:22 states that God "sits above the circle of the earth." While there is no Hebrew word specifically for sphere, the Hebrew word "chuwg" (pronounced: khüg) is translated as: circle, circuit, compass & sphere. Because God is omnipresent, He looks down upon the earth from every direction. Therefore, from God's heavenly perspective – looking down upon the earth from every location – the earth would appear round from every perspective ONLY if it were a sphere. Also if this recent theory is true, where are all the people that have seen the "ends of the flat earth" and provided proof of that effect? I mean with the advent of smartphones millions of people are recording or taking pictures around the globe at a mind-numbing rate, but it is funny, I don't see millions of pictures and videos providing proof of this supposed phenomenon. Actually it makes much more sense that every astronaut, airplane pilot, sailor, etc., that have seen the "ends of the flat earth" have kept quiet about this and it is a huge conspiracy to keep everyone in the dark throughout all history. How do you explain boats and planes circumnavigating the globe!!!! And this happens every day!! So we are to believe there is a worldwide conspiracy in place to keep this flat earth theory suppressed!!!! Makes perfect sense to me. This theory is dividing Christian's like nothing I have ever seen.

Pro 6:16 These six *things* doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him:

Pro 6:17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,

Pro 6:18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,

Pro 6:19 A false witness *that speaketh lies*, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

Psa 133:1 [[A Song of degrees of David.]] Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* for brethren to dwell together in unity!

they refueled in the air. The flight instrumentation is very precise and the pilots navigated a straight course around the globe, how so given a flat earth? The first non-stop flight around the world was made by, again, a team of the US Air Force flyers in 1949. Taking off from Carswell Air Force base in Fort Worth, Texas on 26 February, Captain James Gallagher and a crew of 14 headed east in a B-50 Superfortress, called Lucky Lady II. They were refueled four times in air by KB-29 tanker planes of the 43rd Air Refueling Squadron, over the Azores, Saudi Arabia, the Philippines and Hawaii. The circumnavigation was completed on 2 March, having traveled 94 hours and 1 minute, covering 37 743 km (23,452 miles) at an average 398 km/h (249 mph).

<http://www.didyouknow.cd/aroundtheworld/flight.htm>



The earth was proven to be a sphere in around 170-180 BC by Eratosthenes, a Greek scholar that lived in 275-194 B.C. in Alexandria, Egypt. He invented the discipline of geography, including the terminology still used today. Please follow the links to learn about the incredible power of mathematics. **God created a mathematically discernible reality that we can describe in equations. The rational intelligibility of the universe is one of the strongest evidences for Biblical creation. Indeed, math is the language of creation, it is God's language. If your beliefs do not agree with the math, you're probably in error.**

You can use high school level math and geometry prove the earth is a sphere for yourself. It's not at all controversial.

Play to 6:11: [Is Earth Actually Flat?](#)

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Top 9 Ways to Know the Earth is Not Flat

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A few months ago I released an [experiment video](#) explaining how Eratosthenes calculated the circumference of the Earth using the shadow of sticks. The method was performed almost two millenia ago, and produced quite accurate results (considering the 'equipment' used). But it was far from being the only (or first) method to understand our planet's shape.

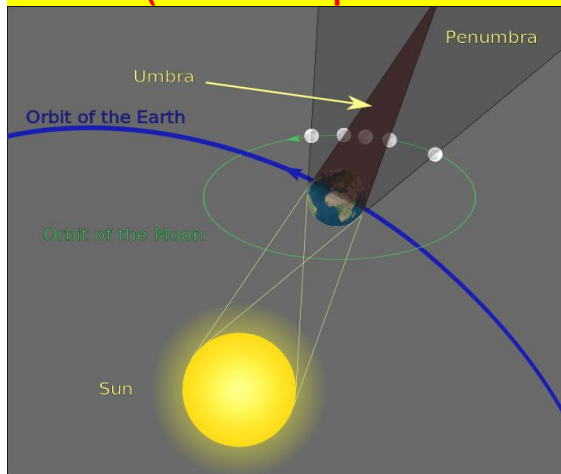
Humanity has known the Earth to be round for a few millenia and I've been meaning to refine that video and show more of these methods of how we figured out the world is not flat. I've had a few ideas on how to do that, but recently got an interesting incentive, when Phil Plait ([The Bad Astronomer](#)) wrote about a recently published [BBC article about "The Flat Earth" society](#). Phil claims it's ridiculous to even bother rebutting the flat earth society – and I tend to agree.

On we go to the top 9 ways to know the Earth is unequivocally, absolutely, positively, 100% not flat:

(1) The Moon

Now that humanity knows quite positively that the Moon is not a piece of cheese or a playful god, the phenomena that accompany it (from its monthly cycles to lunar eclipses) are well-explained. It was quite a mystery to the ancient Greeks, though, and in their quest for knowledge, they came up with a few insightful observations that helped humanity figure out the shape of our planet.

Aristotle (who made quite a lot of observations about the spherical nature of the Earth)



noticed that during lunar eclipses (when the Earth's orbit places it directly between the Sun and the Moon, creating a shadow in the process), the shadow on the Moon's surface is round. This shadow is the Earth's, and it's a great clue on the spherical shape of the Earth.

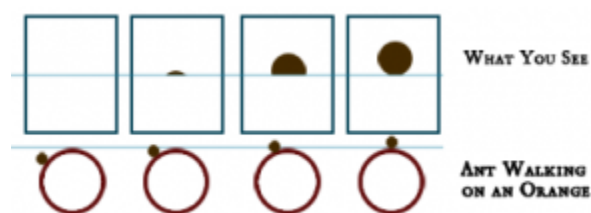
Since the earth is rotating (see the "[Foucault Pendulum](#)" experiment for a definite proof, if you are doubtful), **the consistent oval-shadow it produces in each and every lunar eclipse proves that the earth is not only round but spherical – absolutely, utterly,**

beyond a shadow of a doubt not flat.

(2) Ships and the Horizon

If you've been next to a port lately, or just strolled down a beach and stared off vacantly into the horizon, you might have, **perhaps, noticed a very interesting phenomenon: approaching ships do not just "appear" out of the horizon (like they should have if the world was flat), but rather emerge from beneath the sea.**

But – you say – ships do not submerge and rise up again as they approach our view. **The reason ships appear as if they "emerge from the waves" is because the world is not flat: it's round.**



Imagine an ant walking along the surface of an orange, into your field of view. If you look at the orange "head on", you will see the ant's body slowly

rising up from the “horizon”, because of the curvature of the Orange. If you would do that experiment with a long road (like a flat earth), the effect would have changed: The ant would have slowly ‘materialized’ into view, depending on how sharp your vision is.

(3) Varying Star Constellations

This observation was originally made by Aristotle (384-322 BCE), who declared the Earth was round judging from the different constellations one sees while moving away from the equator.



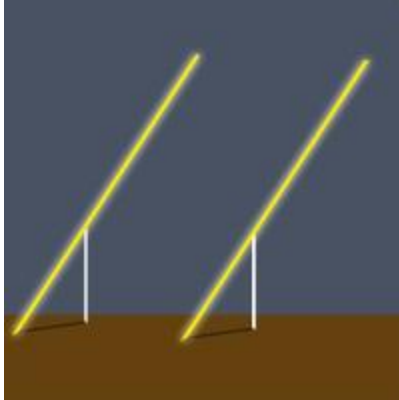
After returning from a trip to Egypt, Aristotle noted that “there are stars seen in Egypt and [...] Cyprus which are not seen in the northerly regions.” This phenomenon can only be explained with a round surface, and Aristotle continued and claimed that the sphere of the Earth is “of no great size, for otherwise the effect of so slight a change of place would not be quickly apparent.” (De caelo, 298a2-10)

The farther you go from the equator, the farther the ‘known’ constellations go towards the horizon, and are replaced by different stars. This would not have happened if the world was flat:

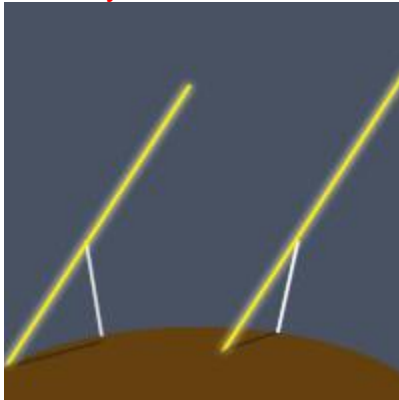


(4) Shadows and Sticks

If you stick a stick in the ground, it will produce a shadow. The shadow moves as time passes (which is the principle for ancient Shadow Clocks). If the world had been flat, then two sticks in different locations would produce the same shadow:



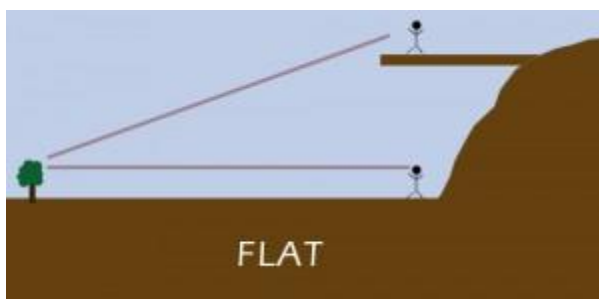
But they don't. This is because the earth is round, and not flat:



Eratosthenes (276-194 BCE) used this principle to calculate the circumference of the Earth quite accurately. To see this demonstrated, refer to my experiment video about Eratosthenes and the circumference of the earth – [“The Earth’s curvature is tasty!”](#).

(5) Seeing Farther from Higher

Standing in a flat plateau, you look ahead of you towards the horizon. You strain your eyes, then take out your favorite binoculars and stare through them, as far as your eyes (with the help of the binocular lenses) can see.



Then, you climb up the closest tree – the higher the better, just be careful not to drop those binoculars and break their lenses. You then look again, strain your eyes, stare through the binoculars out to the horizon. The higher up you are the farther you will see. Usually, we tend to relate this to earthly obstacles, like the fact we have houses or other trees obstructing our vision on the ground, and climbing upwards we have a clear view, **but that’s not the true reason. Even if you would have a completely clear plateau with no obstacles between you and the horizon, you would see much farther from greater height than you would on the ground.**

This phenomena is caused by the curvature of the Earth as well, and would not happen if the Earth was flat:

(6) Ride a Plane

If you've ever taken a trip out of the country, specifically long-destination trips, you could notice two interesting facts about planes and the Earth:

- Planes can travel in a relatively straight line a very long time and not fall off any edges. They can also, theoretically (and some do, though with stops along the way), circle the earth.

Correction (Courtesy of Klaynos, from scienceforums.net): Apparently, planes can circle the Earth without stopping!

- If you look out the window on a trans-Atlantic flight, you can, most of the times, see the curvature of the earth in the horizon. The best view of the curvature used to be on the Concorde, but that plane's long gone. **I can't wait seeing the pictures from the new plane by "Virgin Galactic" – the horizon should look absolutely curved, as it actually is from a distance.**
- **Pictures of the curved horizon from a Concorde plane** can be seen here: [Curvature of the Earth from Concorde | Taken with a fairly I ...](#) Curvature of the Earth from **Concorde** Taken with a fairly low-res digital camera (all I had with me at the time) from the window of British Airways **Concorde** G-BOAF, flying twice the speed of sound over the Atlantic.





(7) Look at Other Planets

The Earth is different from other planets, that much is true. After all, we have life, and we haven't found any other planets with life (yet). However, there are certain characteristics all planets have, and it will be quite logical to assume that if all planets behave a certain way, or show certain characteristics – specifically if those planets are in different places or were created under different circumstances – our planet is the same.

In other words: If so many planets that were created in different locations and under different circumstances show the same property, it's likely that our own planet has the same property as well. All of our observations show planets are spherical (and since we know how they're created, it's also obvious why they are taking this shape). Unless we have a very good reason to think otherwise (which we don't), our planet is very likely the same.

In 1610, Galileo Galilei observed the moons of Jupiter rotating around it (click here to see a [beautiful video reconstruction of his observations](#)). He described them as small planets orbiting a larger planet – a description (and observation) that was very difficult for the church to accept as it followed a geocentric model where everything was supposed to revolve around the Earth. This observation also showed that the planets (Jupiter, Neptune, and later Venus was observed too) are all spherical, and all orbit the sun.

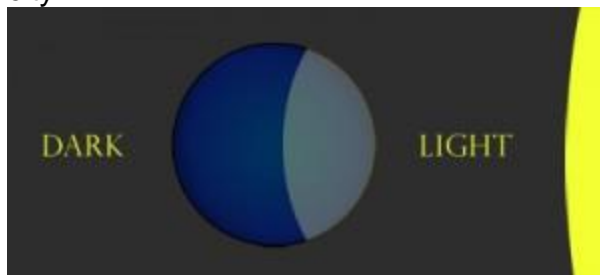
A flat planet (ours or any other planet) would be such an incredible observation that it would pretty much go against everything we know about how planets form and behave. It would not only change everything we know about planet formation, but also about star formation (as our sun would have to behave quite differently to accustom a “flat earth” theory), what we know of speeds and movements in space (like planets orbits, and the effects of gravity, etc). In short, we don't just suspect that our planet is spherical. We know it.

(8) The Existence of Timezones

The time in New York, at the moment these words are written, is 12:00pm. The sun is in the middle of the sky (though it's hard to see with the current cloud coverage). In Beijing, it's 12:00am, midnight, and the sun is nowhere to be found.

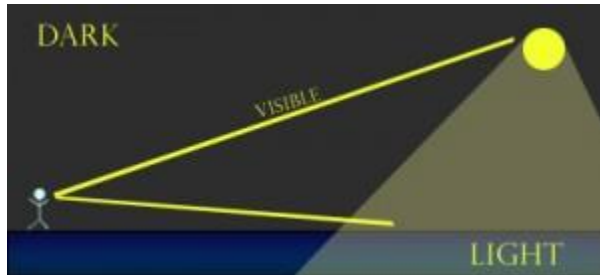
In Adelaide, Australia, it is 1:30am. More than 13 hours ahead. There, the sunset is long gone – so much so, that it's soon going to rise up again in the beginning of a new day.

Here's [a list showing what time it is around the world](#) when it is 12:00pm in New York city.



This can only be explained if the world is round, and rotating around its own axis. At a certain point when the sun is shining on one part of the Earth, the opposite side is dark, and vice versa. That allows for time differences and timezones, specifically ones that are larger than 12 hours.

Another point concerning timezones, the sun and flat/spherical Earth: If the sun was a “spotlight” (very directionally located so that light only shines on a specific location) and the world was flat, we would have seen the sun even if it didn’t shine on top of us (as you can see in the drawing below). The same way you can



see the light coming out of a spotlight on a stage in the theater, even though you – the crowd – are in the dark. The only way to create two distinctly separate timezones, where there is complete darkness in one while there’s light in the other, is if the world is spherical.

(9) Images from Space

In the past 60 years of the space exploration era of humanity’s history, we’ve launched satellites, probes and people to space. Some of them got back, some of them still float through the solar system (and almost beyond it) and transmit amazing images over to our receivers on Earth.

Here’s a list of some of the pictures we’ve seen from space throughout the years:

October 24, 1946: A group of scientists in the New Mexico desert saw the first grainy [photo of the Earth](#). The photograph was taken from a height of 65 miles (104.6 kilometers) by a 35-millimeter motion picture camera riding on a V-2 missile.

August 14, 1959: First crude [photo](#) of the Earth from the Explorer VI satellite. The photo showed a sun-lit area of the Pacific ocean and cloud coverage. It was taken from about 17,000 miles (27,350 kilometers) above the surface.

(Image Courtesy of the [NASA GRIN Website](#))

June 5, 1966: Astronaut Eugene Cernan took [this amazing picture](#) of Gemini 9 and the Earth during his EVA (Extravehicular Activity). The spacecraft itself and Cernan’s “umbilical” (the cord that keeps him connected to the spacecraft’s systems) are visible on top of a beautiful background of the Earth.

(Image Courtesy of the [NASA GRIN Website](#))

August 23, 1966: First view of Earth from the Moon. This picture was taken by Lunar Orbiter I when the spacecraft was on its 16th orbit and was just about to pass behind the Moon. *(Image Courtesy of the [NASA GRIN Website](#))*

December 29, 1966: A spectacular view of the rising Earth from the Moon, taken by the crew of Apollo 8 after coming out from the other side of the Moon, approximately 239,000 miles (384,000 kilometers) from Earth.

(Image Courtesy of the [NASA GRIN Website](#))

December 1, 1968: [Photo of Earth](#) from Apollo 8. This photograph was taken by an 80-mm lens, at a point very close to the Moon.

(Image Courtesy of the [NASA GRIN Website](#))

More pictures from the NASA Missions throughout the years can be found at [NASA GRIN Website: <http://grin.hq.nasa.gov/index.html>](#)

Brief List of Manned Missions to Space

In the past 60 years humanity’s quest for Space has produced hundreds of pictures, videos and audio records from more than just the United States. Some of these

countries used to be enemies. Some still are. The amount of proofs, from opposing countries and 'sides', for the non-flatness of the Earth, if nothing else, should cast serious doubt on any possibility for the existence of "Global Conspiracy". Here is an abbreviated list of some of the first missions to space:

- **April 12, 1961 (USSR; Vostok-1):** [Yuri Gagarin](#), becomes first man in space.
- **May 5, 1961 (USA; Mercury-3):** [Alan Shepard](#) becomes first American in space.
- **July 21, 1961 (USA; Mercury-4):** [Gus Grissom](#) performs the second sub-orbital flight at an altitude of 126 miles (203 kilometers).
- **August 6, 1961 (USSR; Vostok-2):** [Gherman Titov](#) becomes the first man to spend an entire day in space.
- **February 20, 1962 (USA; Mercury-6):** [John Glenn](#) orbits the Earth at a distance of 100-162 miles (161-261 kilometers).
- **May 24, 1962 (USA; Mercury-7):** [Scott Carpenter](#) orbits the Earth three times.
- **August 11, 1962 (USSR; Vostok-3):** [Andrian Nikolayev](#) leads the first four-day flight, and first "group" flight with Vostok-4.
- **August 12, 1962 (USSR; Vostok-4):** [Pavel Popovich](#) mans the other half of the "group" flight with Vostok-4.
- **October 3, 1962 (USA; Mercury-8):** [Walter Schirra](#) orbits the Earth six times.
- **May 15, 1963 (USA; Mercury-9):** [Gordon Cooper](#) pilots the longest (and last) Mercury mission, lasting 34 hours in space.
- **June 14, 1963 (USSR; Vostok-5):** [Valery Bykovsky](#) is the first to stay 5 days in space.
- **June 16, 1963 (USSR, Vostok-6):** [Valentina Tereshkova](#) becomes the first woman in space, spending three days in orbit.

You can find a full list of the chronology of manned space missions at the [University Corporation for Atmospheric Research](#).

More Methods Throughout History

- **[Abu Rayhan Biruni](#)** (sometimes known as "[The Father of Geodesy](#)"), has managed to calculate the circumference of the Earth using complex triangulation equations. I couldn't find the actual calculation, or the method, so I can't judge it this as a relatively easy "DIY" way to do it, but it's still worth mentioning. If anyone has any more information about the method used, do post in the comments.
- **[Bedford Level Experiment](#):** At the Bedford river in Norfolk, England. The experiments were done initially in order to prove that the Earth is flat. Though the first results of this experiment seemed to agree with the flat-earth contention, later attempts to repeat this experiment agreed with the fact that the Earth is, in fact, spherical.
- **A Bit of History:** Neil Armstrong narrating [this video](#) of the Earth as viewed from the Apollo 11 Command Module on its way to the Moon.

Credits and Thanks

This is a very long post, but it was fun to write (and learn about!). There is some credit due to other people, and I am not one to hold out the cheers:

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Extra Resources

- [Who figured out the Earth is round?](#)
<http://starchild.gsfc.nasa.gov/docs/StarChild/questions/question54.html>
- [Earth from Space \(from NASA\)](#)
<http://earth.jsc.nasa.gov/sseop/efs/>
- [First Photo from Space 1946](#): <http://www.airspacemag.com/space-exploration/FEATURE-FirstPhoto.html>
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- [Lunar Eclipse \(in Wikipedia\)](#)
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- [History of Geodesy \(in Wikipedia\)](#)
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<http://www.smarterthanthat.com/astronomy/top-10-ways-to-know-the-earth-is-not-flat/>

Did Bible writers believe the Earth was flat?



No, this false idea is not taught in Scripture. Some Bible critics have claimed that [Revelation 7:1](#) assumes a flat Earth since the verse refers to angels standing at the “[four corners](#)” of the Earth. Actually, the reference is to the cardinal directions: north, south, east, and west. Similar terminology is often used today when we speak of the [sun's rising and setting](#), even though the Earth, not the sun, is doing the moving. Bible writers used the “[language of appearance](#),” just as people always have. Without it, the intended message would be awkward at best and

probably not understood clearly. [DD]

In the Old [Testament](#), [Job 26:7](#) explains that the Earth is suspended in space, the obvious comparison being with the spherical sun and moon. [DD] [Job 26:7](#)
He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, *and* hangeth the earth upon nothing.

A spherical Earth is described in [Isaiah 40:21-22](#)—"the circle of the earth."
Note, the Biblical Hebrew word for "circle" (נֶחֱמָה—chuwg) can also mean "round" or "sphere."

"The Earth a Sphere—Certain [astronomical](#) relations were recognized very early. The [stars](#) appear as if interrelated to a globe rotating round the Earth once in [24 hours](#), and this appearance was clearly familiar to the author of the [Book of Job](#), and indeed long before the time of [Abraham](#), since the formation of the [constellations](#) could not have been effected without such recognition. The Earth therefore must be freely suspended in space, and so the Book of Job describes it: 'He stretcheth out the north over empty space, and hangeth the Earth upon nothing' ([Job 26:7](#))." (*International Standard Bible Encyclopedia*)

The Hebrew record is the oldest, because [Job](#) is one of the oldest books in the Bible. Historians generally [wrongly] credit the Greeks with being the first to suggest a spherical Earth. In the sixth century B.C., Pythagoras suggested a spherical Earth. [JSM]

The round shape of our planet was a conclusion easily drawn by watching ships disappear over the horizon and also by observing [eclipse](#) shadows, and we can assume that such information was well known to New Testament writers. Earth's spherical shape was, of course, also understood by [Christopher Columbus](#). [DD]

It is also interesting to note that there are 16 scriptures which refer to God stretching out the heavens. These are remarkable confirmations that the Bible is true, as we know today that the heavens are rapidly expanding. [TH]

"When the Bible touches on scientific subjects, it is entirely accurate." [DD]

More information

- Who invented the concept of a flat Earth? [Answer](#)
- But, doesn't the Bible refer to "the four corners of the Earth." How can a spherical Earth have corners? [Answer](#)

<https://christiananswers.net/q-eden/edn-c015.html>