

## *A Flat Earth?*

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Though man has advanced tremendously in technology over the past century, we seem to be getting dumber overall. We have men dressing up as women; millions are being spent on the “discovery” of UFOs and extra-terrestrial beings; pornography is being offered in grade school libraries; many states have legalized dangerous addictive drugs and adopted zero-bail policies allowing dangerous criminals to walk the streets; and recently, some clown came up with the “Flat Earth” theory! Where in the world do people come up with the idea that the earth is flat when there is so much proof of its spherical shape available to us today? This is full proof that the evolutionary scheme of origins with man’s continual intellectual advancement is certainly **not true**. Somehow some people get so smart they become ignorant fools. Let’s take a closer look at this ridiculous theory.

So, what do flat-earthers believe? They believe the earth is a flat disc, not a round globe. They do not believe in gravity, rather some other force holds us on the ground. Thus, they assert that if we lived on a sphere we would just fall off. They do not believe that the earth is a planet; therefore, we cannot compare the spherical shapes of the planets with that of the earth. They believe the earth is the center of our solar system with the sun, moon and other planets rotating around it. They believe the North Pole is the center of the earth and Antarctica is a wall of ice forming the outer rim of the planet. These ice walls prevent the waters of the ocean from spilling over the side. They do not believe man has been to space to be able to see what the earth actually looks like. They believe that NASA is a giant conspiracy, and most countries are in on the “space fraud” because of money and greed. Their main evidence is - it looks flat. You would think such an illogical concept would be a joke, but here we are with even some in the church promoting the “Flat Earth” theory.

There are many proofs that the earth is in fact round. Did you know that a person can only see about three miles on the water? A ship sailing on the ocean will disappear from our view once it reaches the 3-mile mark (depending upon the size of the ship). The human eye can see much greater distances therefore it is not because the object gets so small that it disappears. For example, if you are in an airplane at a cruising altitude of around 35,000 feet, you are nearly seven miles above the earth. Yet, in daylight, you can look down and see highways, farms, rivers, and other landmarks pretty easily. In actuality, the ship disappears because it dips below the horizon due to the **curvature** of the earth.

We cannot detect the curvature of the earth with our eyes until we reach about 35,000 feet above the earth with a 60° view, which most people don’t have from an airplane window. Yet, passengers on the now-grounded supersonic Concorde jet were often treated to a perfect view of the curved horizon while flying at 60,000 feet. Weather balloons that

have reached 70,000 feet above the earth have sent back pictures with a clear view of a spherical horizon.

Among other evidence: the North star, Polaris, would always be visible if the earth was a level plane. However, people in the Southern Hemisphere cannot see the star at all. Watching Polaris shift positions across the sky was one of the ways the ancient Greeks first calculated the circumference of the earth.

Think about this. There is no way that China would be experiencing midnight while the U. S. would be experiencing midday if the earth were flat. All points of the earth would either experience night or day at the same time if the earth were a flat disc.

Of course, the Bible – our most reliable science book - testifies of a round earth. Isaiah 40:22 speaks of God who “*sitteth above the circle of the earth.*” If you cannot believe NASA, at least believe the Bible.

God has not just spoken of a round earth, but He has given us many evidences of such a fact. Anytime anyone makes a claim that contradicts God’s word and His evidences, they call God a liar. Make sure your beliefs concerning anything always coincide with what the Bible says and teaches. “*Let God be true, but every man a liar.*” Romans 3:4.