

Creation Science

Part 11

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John 14:6 AMPC

6 Jesus said to him, **I am the Way and the Truth and the Life;** no one comes to the Father except by (through) Me.

Truth Defined: Webster Dictionary 1828

TRUTH, noun

1. **Conformity to fact or reality;** exact accordance with that which is, or has been, or shall be. The truth of history constitutes its whole value. We rely on the truth of the scriptural prophecies.

My mouth shall speak truth Proverbs 8:7.

Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth John 17:17.

CONFORMITY, noun

1. Likeness; correspondence with a model in form or manner; resemblance; agreement; **congruity (agreement) with** something else; followed by to or with. A ship is constructed in conformity to a model, or in conformity with a model. True happiness consists in conformity of life to the divine law.

2. Consistency; agreement.

Many instances prove the conformity of the essay with the notions of Hippocrates.

3. In theology, correspondence in manners and principles; compliance with customs. Live no in conformity with the world.

2. True state of facts or things. The duty of a court of justice is to discover the truth Witnesses are sworn to declare the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth

3. Conformity of words to thoughts, which is called moral truth
Shall truth fail to keep her word?

4. Veracity; purity from falsehood; practice of speaking truth; habitual disposition to speak truth; as when we say, a man is a man of truth

5. Correct opinion.

6. Fidelity; constancy.

The thoughts of past pleasure and truth

7. Honesty; virtue.
It must appear
That malice bears down truth

8. Exactness; conformity to rule.
Plows, to go true, depend much on the truth of the iron work. [Not in use.]

9. Real fact of just principle; real state of things. There are innumerable truths with which we are not acquainted.

10. Sincerity.
God is a spirit, and they that worship him must worship in spirit and in truth John 4:23.

11. The truth of God, is his veracity and faithfulness. Psalms 71:22.
Or his revealed will.

I have walked in thy truth Psalms 26:3.

John 1:1 AMPC

1 In the beginning [before all time] was the Word (Christ), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God Himself.

John 1:1 KJV

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John 17:17 AMPC

17 Sanctify them [purify, consecrate, separate them for Yourself, make them holy] by the Truth; Your Word is Truth.

Sanctify defined

1. To cleanse, purify or make holy.
2. To separate, set apart or appoint to a holy, sacred or religious use.
3. To purify; to prepare for divine service, and for partaking of holy things

- 1828 Webster's Dictionary

God's Word or The Truth, never changes...as followers of Jesus Christ, regardless of culture, religion, opinions, science, we need to come in conformity with or agreement with His Word, His Truth because "in the beginning..." God created everything.

Malachi 3:6 KJV

6 For I am the Lord, I change not

Hebrews 13:8 KJV

8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

2 Timothy 4:1-8 AMPC

1 I charge [you] in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, Who is to judge the living and the dead, and by (in the light of) His coming and His kingdom:

2 Herald and preach the Word! Keep your sense of urgency [stand by, be at hand and ready], whether the opportunity seems to be favorable or unfavorable. [Whether it is convenient or inconvenient, whether it is welcome or unwelcome, you as preacher of the Word are to show people in what way their lives are wrong.] And convince them, rebuking and correcting, warning and urging and encouraging them, being unflagging and inexhaustible in patience and teaching.

3 For the time is coming when [people] will not tolerate (endure) sound and wholesome instruction, but, having ears itching [for something pleasing and gratifying], they will gather to themselves one teacher after another to a considerable number, chosen to satisfy their own liking and to foster the errors they hold,

4 And will turn aside from hearing the truth and wander off into myths and man-made fictions.

5 As for you, be calm and cool and steady, accept and suffer unflinchingly every hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fully perform all the duties of your ministry.

2 Timothy 4:4 KJV

4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

Paul warned Timothy, who is training pastors to watch out for man-made fictions, fables, legends in the church...that is an important statement regarding not just this series but in general regarding God's Word and applying it to all areas of our life.

Colossians 2:8 AMPC

8 See to it that no one carries you off as spoil or makes you yourselves captive by his so-called philosophy and intellectualism and vain deceit (idle fancies and plain nonsense), following human tradition (men's ideas of the material rather than the spiritual world), just crude notions following the rudimentary and elemental teachings of the universe and disregarding [the teachings of] Christ (the Messiah).

Psalm 119:130 AMPC

130 The entrance and **unfolding of Your words give light; their unfolding gives understanding (discernment and comprehension)** to the simple.

Science continues to prove the Bible is true...

2 Peter 1:19-20 AMPC

19 **And we have the prophetic word [made] firmer still.** You will do well to pay close attention to it as to a lamp shining in a dismal (squalid and dark) place, until the day breaks through [the gloom] and the Morning Star rises ([a]comes into being) in your hearts.

Psalm 8:3 AMPC

3 **When I view and consider** Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained and established,

Consider in Psalms 8:3 is the word muse which means: Deep thought; close attention or contemplation which abstracts the minds from passing scenes. To ponder; to think closely;

2 Peter 3 AMPC

1 Beloved, I am now writing you this second letter. In [both of] them I have stirred up your unsullied (sincere) mind by way of remembrance,

2 That you should **recall the predictions of the holy (consecrated, dedicated) prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior [given] through your apostles (His special messengers).**

3 To begin with, you must know and understand this, that **scoffers (mockers) will come in the last days with scoffing, [people who] walk after their own fleshly desires**

Galatians 5:9 AMPC

9 **A little leaven (a slight inclination to error, or a few false teachers) leavens the whole lump [it perverts the whole conception of faith or misleads the whole church].**

2 Timothy 2:15-18 AMPC

*15 Study and be eager and do your utmost to present yourself to God approved (tested by trial), a workman who has no cause to be ashamed, **correctly analyzing and accurately dividing [rightly handling and skillfully teaching] the Word of Truth.***

*16 But **avoid all empty (vain, useless, idle) talk, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness.***

In part 11 of this series I want to begin talking about the “Flat Earth” movement that is taking place in the church. You might be thinking “Flat Earth”? who cares?... what does that have to do with my salvation or anyone’s salvation. What is the big deal?

Jesus said, I am or the Word is the Truth. Paul said in Colossians 2:8, **“See to it that no one carries you off as spoil or makes you yourselves captive by his so-called philosophy and intellectualism and vain deceit (idle fancies and plain nonsense), following human tradition (men’s ideas of the material rather than the spiritual world), just crude notions following the rudimentary and elemental teachings of the universe and disregarding [the teachings of] Christ (the Messiah).**

Paul told Pastor Timothy who was training other pastors to accurately divide the Word of Truth, to avoid useless idle talk by shutting them down by skillfully and accurately speaking the Truth. Because, a little leaven or slight inclination into error spoils/contaminates our faith.

Paul spoke to the church and said make sure no one side tracks you with **“just crude notions following the rudimentary and elemental teachings of the universe and disregarding [the teachings of] Christ (the Messiah).”** Paul also wrote that in the last days, end of days or latter times people in the church **“4 will turn aside from hearing the truth and wander off into myths (fable) and man-made fictions.”**

Did you know that there are millions of people on this *globe* that think it is flat? Many of these are christians and we are going to look at the why.

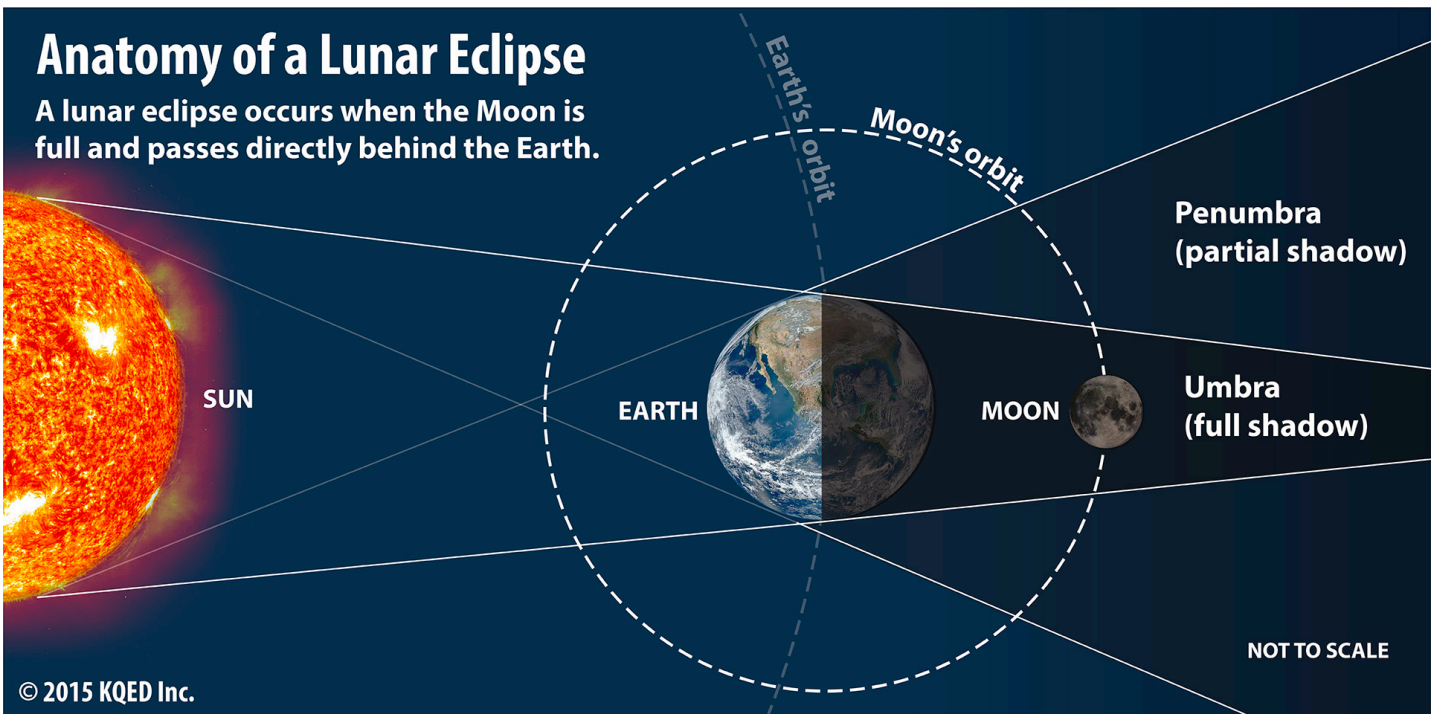
The belief in, movement of, lie/deceit or theory of a flat earth is not something I would normally take the time to address but, with so many christians in the church young and old now believing this to be true, the Truth needs to be told. From the verses we just read regarding God's Word is true and all throughout God's Word addressing the earth is round (globe) or a sphere and not flat, deception is taking place regarding a flat earth movement and in the interpretation of, application of, understanding of and rightly dividing of God's Word or the Truth.

Before we continue, below is a picture of what most flat earth individuals believe that the earth looks like. The north pole is in the center of the circle and the south pole is on outside with a high ice wall edging.



The flat earth theory or conspiracy is not something many would expect we would be discussing with the information and technology that we have today (or in the last couple of thousands of years). **The flat earth theory states the curved images showing a round or sphere shaped earth are photo shopped and all pilots, shipping companies, airlines, transportation manufacturers, navigation industry, astronomers, physicists, governments, scientists and employees are all in on the cover up of it is really a flat earth.**

First, when you look at evidence for a globe or sphere you can start with the shape of the earth's shadow that is cast on the moon during a lunar eclipse. The shadow is in the shape of a circle and the basic cosmology of the moon is 2,000 mile across and the earth's shadow is 5,000 mile across.



If the earth was flat it could cast a circular shadow but only if an eclipse was visible at midnight. But, if you have an eclipse occurring at sunset, it is going to be a flat lined image.



The only shape that consistently cast a circular shadow regardless of its orientation is a globe. But, flat earth believers will argue that this shadow on the moon is not the earth, but can't explain what it is. The amount of scientific evidence, not theory, actual evidence/facts clearly proves that the lunar eclipse is the earth's shadow falling on the moon.

Most of us here grew up hearing that Christopher Columbus proved the earth was a globe and not flat by sailing from Spain to the Caribbean 4 times over 500 year ago... that doesnt prove the earth is a globe.

The general population along with the scientific community at large believed the earth was a globe in 400 B.C. But it was many in the church that were teaching and preaching the earth was flat but evidence kept proving otherwise. Eventually this idea of a flat earth faded away until in the 1950's and 196's0 it started to return. Now, with the internet... the flat earth theory of lie is once again being taught.

Note: The fact that some people in history believed the earth to be flat highlights the fallibility of man's reasoning. Throughout history, scientists' confident assertions have later been disproven, such as the common medical practice of bloodletting or the futile quest of chemists to turn common metals into gold.

Flat earth believers point to passages like...

Isaiah 11:12 KJV

*12 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.***

Revelation 7:1 KJV

*7 And after these things I saw four angels **standing on the four corners of the earth,** holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.*

Revelation 20:8 KJV

*8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are **in the four quarters of the earth,** Gog, and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.*

...to claim that the Bible teaches a flat earth. But the phrase, "the four corners of the earth," must be interpreted within its context, and figurative language must be recognized. When the historical-grammatical approach is followed, "the four corners of the earth" is identified as a figure of speech describing the whole world using the cardinal directions (such as on a compass) from north and south to east and west. The passages are all within prophetic books, which are known for using poetic language.

Interpreting the Bible literally doesn't mean ignoring figurative language of which the Bible is rich...

1 Samuel 2:8 KJV

8 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: **for the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and he hath set the world upon them.**

Psalm 75:3 AMPC

3 When the earth totters, and all the inhabitants of it, it is I Who will poise and keep steady its pillars. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!

...these passages poetically describe the earth as sitting on pillars that God founded). After all, if someone says the sun has set, we don't accuse him of not understanding that it is the earth that is spinning around the sun.

Being inspired by God the Creator, Scripture describes our globe accurately, including its shape. Passages like the ones below describe the earth's shape accurately.

Job 26:10 AMPC

10 He has placed an enclosing limit [the horizon] upon the waters at the boundary between light and darkness.

Job 26:10 KJV

10 He hath compassed the waters with bounds, until the day and night **come to an end.**

Proverbs 8:27 AMPC

27 When He prepared the heavens, I [Wisdom] was there; when He drew a circle upon the face of the deep and stretched out the firmament over it,

Isaiah 40:22 AMPC

22 It is God Who sits above the circle (the horizon) of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; it is He Who stretches out the heavens like [gauze] curtains and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in

The Bible indicates that the earth is round, Isaiah 40:22 mentions the “circle of the earth.” This description is a trued depiction of when the earth is viewed from space; the earth always appears as a circle since it is round.

Another verse that indicates the spherical nature of our planet is Job 26:10. This verse teaches that God has inscribed a circle on the surface of the waters at the boundary of light and darkness. This boundary between light and darkness (day and night) is called the “terminator” since the light stops or “terminates” there. Someone standing on the terminator would be experiencing either a sunrise or a sunset; they are going from day to night or from night to day. The terminator is always a circle, because the earth is round.

When observing the moon through a small telescope you can look at its terminator, especially during the first or third quarter phases when the terminator is directly down the middle of the moon. The craters are most easily seen at this boundary since the sun is at a low angle and casts very long shadows there. The moon looks three-dimensional when viewed through a telescope during these phases; it is clear that the moon is a sphere, not a flat disk.

For the earth, the terminator occurs not on a cratered rocky surface, but primarily on water (since the earth’s surface is 70 percent water). Job 26:10 suggests a “God’s eye” view of the earth. This biblical passage would be nonsense if the earth were flat, since there would be no true terminator; there is no line to “step over” that separates the day from night on a flat surface. Either it is day everywhere or night everywhere on a hypothetical “flat earth.” However, the earth does have a boundary between light and darkness which is always a circle since the earth is round.

Creation displays God’s handiwork and brings Him glory...

Psalm 19 AMPC

1 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows and proclaims His handiwork.

But, creation is not the focus of Scripture and many flat earth believers are adamant that if you don't believe in a flat earth (which is a lie and is a very deceiving as we will study) then you are not a christian. Scripture clearly states that Jesus mission came to redeem a sinful mankind. He is the omnipotent Creator, gracious Savior, and risen Lord.

If a scientist were to win worldwide acclaim for their findings, of what worth would that be if he failed to discover the One in whom "all things hold together" (Colossians 1:17)? Jesus said, "For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?" (Mark 8:36). Saving sinners through faith and repentance in the Lord Jesus was God's plan before the beginning of time: "In hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began" (Titus 1:2).

10 Reasons We Know the Earth Is a Sphere

1. During a lunar eclipse, the earth's shadow is always circular. Only a sphere casts a circular shadow regardless of its orientation.
2. As we travel northward, stars above the southern horizon disappear below the horizon. Conversely, stars below the northern horizon become visible. The reverse happens as we travel southward.
3. The hulls of ships disappear first as they move away from the observer. (This observation doesn't always work on warm days because a temperature inversion can bend light along the earth's curvature.)
4. From very high altitudes (50,000 feet or more) the earth's curvature is visible.
5. When surveying triangular areas greater than 200 acres, the sum of the interior angles exceeds 180 degrees. If the earth were flat, this would not happen, but it would if it were a ball.

6. The Coriolis effect is an important physics phenomenon that impacts the atmosphere. A rotating earth causes this effect, but there is no explanation if the earth is flat and motionless.

7. Astronomical bodies appear to spin around the north celestial pole every 24 hours. Telescope mounts must compensate for this motion. This works only if the earth is a spinning ball.

8. The moon, the sun, and the other planets clearly are spheres. By analogy, one would expect the earth to be a sphere too.

9. If the earth were flat with a dome over top, everyone on earth would see the same stars. But we don't—a large part of the sky is not visible from temperate latitudes in the Northern Hemisphere and likewise in the Southern Hemisphere.

10. In the Northern Hemisphere stars appear to spin each day around the north celestial pole (the North Star is very close to the north celestial pole). In the Southern Hemisphere, stars appear to spin around the south celestial pole (but there is no bright “south star.”) This is not possible on a flat earth but must be true if the earth is a spinning globe.



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