

## TAOS PROPHECY CONFERENCE 2022

### SESSION 5: THE FLAT EARTH

#### A GLOBAL HISTORY

- Most historians credit Pythagoras, the sixth-century B.C. Greek philosopher with being the first to recognize a global earth.
- The earth as sphere is the only view of Babylonians, Persians, Greeks, and Jews in the 500 years before Christ.
- It is often taught that the church believed in a flat earth during the dark ages. However, even a cursory look at Christian writings during this time prove this to be false.
- *De sphaera mundi* was written in 1230, clearly teaching the earth as a sphere.
- There was really never a large flat-earth movement until today.

#### WHO BELIEVES IN A FLAT EARTH (AND WHY WE LIKE THEM!)

- The modern flat earth movement is almost exclusively found among exclusive KJV users.
- These believers are “rock solid” in believing God’s Word to be inerrant.
- These believers believe that the revelation of God’s Word about the earth is the final word.
- These believers are not afraid to go against the grain.
- In other words: *these believers are just like us.*

#### LET’S LOOK AT THE SCRIPTURE USED TO SUPPORT THE THEORY

- Genesis 1:7 and the teaching of the **firmament**.
  - Flat earthers teach this as a solid glass-like dome over the earth.
  - Oxford English Dictionary gives this definition: “In the literal etymological sense: Anything which strengthens or supports; a substratum, a firm support or foundation. *literal and figurative.*”
  - To insist that the firmament is a glass dome, they must take the words of Genesis 1:14, **in the firmament**, to mean *under the firmament*.
  - They must also believe that the firmament has windows, see Genesis 1:20.
  - The firmament is given a name in verse 8: **heaven**.
    - We must use this name as the Biblical definition of *firmament*.
    - Genesis 1:26 uses the same Hebrew word translated in verse 8 as **heaven**. In verse 26 it is translated as **sky**.
    - Therefore, the Bible declares that the *firmament* is the *sky*.
- Isaiah 40:22 and the **circle of the earth**.
  - Flat earth adherents interpret this as the *dome* above the earth.
  - Such interpretation is supposed to prove a flat earth with a dome. Somehow earth’s supposed dome proves flatness of the earth.
  - However, if **circle** means dome, and if a dome is “half a sphere,” then does **circle** prove *flatness or sphericalness*?

- Ezekiel 7:2, Revelation 7:1, and other passages that refer to earth’s “corners.”
  - The problem with the use of these passages is that, if taken literally, they prove “squareness” more than “flatness.” And no flat-earther believes in a square plane called the earth.
  - A square plane would go against the “dome” theory, and this theory is fundamental to a flat-earth view.

## FALSE CLAIMS OF FLAT EARTHERS

- That a spinning globe around a moving sun theory depends on the Big Bang, therefore if you believe in a spinning globe moving around a sun, you have to believe in the Big Bang.
  - Such a view ignores other reasons for orbit that are much more satisfactory than the Big Bang.
- Satellites are fake...they would burn up due to the high temperature of the Thermosphere.
  - While each molecule of gas in the Thermosphere has extremely high temperatures, there are *very few molecules* at this level. In fact, they raise the surface temperature of the satellite only slightly.
- There are never any stars in NASA’s pictures of the moon.
  - This has everything to do with exposure time. A fraction of a second simply isn’t capable of capturing the light of the stars.
- If we are speeding through a space of billions of stars, we should never see the same stars.
  - This fails to recognize that *the stars are also moving*.

## CONCLUSIONS:

- The Flat Earth theory is held by the most well-meaning of all individuals.
- Being well-intended does not mean being right.
- Every scientific claim of flat earth thinkers can be addressed and sufficiently answered.
- Every Biblical claim of the flat earth thinkers is also addressed by careful exegesis using responsible principles of hermeneutics.