

The Earth Round or Flat

"God has qualified His people to enlighten the world. He has entrusted them with faculties by which they are to extend His work until it shall **encircle** the **globe**." {CME 30.1}

"Jesus has connected it [earth] again with the **sphere** of glory." (st November 24, 1887). {1BC 1085.1}

"In the matchless gift of His Son, God has **encircled** the whole world with an atmosphere of grace as real as the air which **circulates around** the **globe**." {SC 68.1}

"The hand of God is continually guiding the **globe** in its continuous march **around** the sun." {ChristianEducator April 1, 1899, par. 5}

"Come all along the lines, a chain of living voices united with determined effort **ring around** the **globe**, and the whole church is to awake from the death like slumber and say, "Come", and to act in character the invitation they make, "Come." {1888 857.1}

"We are to carry the light into the highways and byways, nigh and afar off until the gospel of the kingdom has **encircled** the **globe**." {Lt48-1907 (February 1, 1907) par. 14}

Referring to the sun, EGW says, "The **sun** may shine day after day in pure splendor, and call forth no remark; but let an eclipse take place, and everyone's attention is attracted to the darkened **orb** of the day." {ST July 18, 1892, par. 6}

The hand of God guides the **planets** in their orderly march through the heavens. It is not because of inherent power that year by year the **earth** continues her **motion round** the **sun** and produces her bounties. The word of God controls the elements. {CT 185.3}

When men are so careful to search and dig to see in regard to the precise period of time, we are to say, God made His Sabbath for a **round world**; and when the seventh day comes to us in that **round world**, controlled by the sun that rules the day, it is the time in all countries and lands to observe the Sabbath. In the countries where there is no sunset for months, and again no sunrise for months, the period of time will be calculated by records kept.... {Lt167-1900 (March 23, 1900) par. 3}

Let those who are presenting theories as to whether the **earth** is **round** or **flat**, leave this question, for **God has not given it to them to solve**, and earnestly inquire, "What shall I do that I may have everlasting life?" Let them heed the answer, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself." {Lt280a-1904 (September 3, 1904) par. 14}

Better to be seeking for true godliness, heart holiness, freedom from all selfishness, freedom from all envies and jealousies. It is better to pray and humble the soul before God and let the **world, round** or **flat**, be just as God has made it. {Lt43-1887 (April 15, 1887) par. 5}

The whole **round world** is God's vineyard, and the surplus means was not yours to appropriate and hold and hold in America, burying in a napkin, hiding in the **earth**, that means which was not yours, or A. R. Henry's and your associates', to misappropriate as you pleased. {Lt194-1898 (April 1898) par. 3}

From this small beginning it was shown to me to be like streams of light that went clear **round the world**." {CET 128.2} Life Sketches, 125 (1915).

It was music from the angelic throng that thrilled the hearts of the shepherds on Bethlehem's plains and swept **round the world**. {3SM 334.4}

The sun shines in the heavens, passing over its usual round, and the heavens still declare the glory of God; {SpTEd 131.1}

The cultivation of certain faculties to the neglect of others makes Bro. Andrews a one-sided man. When on the subject of the **round world**, Bro. Andrews could scarcely think or talk without dwelling upon this subject. He carried this matter to extremes. He wearied the readers and listeners to his lengthy arguments upon that subject. Precious time was used up in talking and writing upon that subject, which needed to be canvassed, but did not require so great thoroughness. Bro. Andrews was wearying himself and others, and at the same time was leaving undone the weightier matters. {PH159 188.1}

It is better to pray and humble the soul before God and let the **world, round or flat**, be just as God has made it... Whether the **world is round or flat** will not save a soul, but whether men believe and obey means everything.—Letter 43, 1887. {21MR 413.2-3}

On Sunday afternoon I urged the truth with more decided firmness and power. A man was present who had expressed a desire to see me and talk with me in regard to the **round and flat world**. I sent him a message that when Christ gave my commission to do the work He had placed upon me, **the flat or round world was not included in the message**; the Lord had taken care of His house, His world here below, better than any human agency could care for it, and until the message came from the Lord, silence was eloquence upon that question. {21MR 414.2}

There will be no agitation of the question whether the **world is round or flat**, but the whole burden of the soul is: What shall I do to inherit eternal life? We need now to make every talent that God has given us to be employed to His name's glory. {21MR 414.5} {Lt390-1904 (August 29, 1904) par. 3}

An urgent request came to me from a man who desired to discuss with me in regard to the **round world**—to him a very important matter. {21MR 421.3}

My answer was, "I have a message to this people in regard to the life they must live in this world to prepare them for future life which measures with the life of God. **We have nought to do with the question whether this world is round or flat**. [The important thing] is to serve God with full purpose of a renewed heart, sanctified and made holy by the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ." {21MR 421.4}

I was shown that, although Brother [M. G.] Kellogg has not the experience in addressing the people, or the tact in discussion as Brother Cornell, yet his labors taken as a whole are more valuable than the labors of Brother Cornell, for his spirit is kind and tender, he is benevolent and self-denying, and his exemplary deportment wins the hearts of all. His influence is constantly to build up, while Brother Cornell will build up, and then tear down. Brother Kellogg stumbled over the question of the **round world**, yet God would not leave him in confusion because he was honest of heart. His hand upheld him, and swept back the cloud of unbelief which had confused his mind. The whole transaction was the work of the enemy to destroy Brother Kellogg. But the Lord overruled the matter to disappoint the enemy and get glory to His own name. {Lt29a-1872 (October 1872) par. 62}

Merritt Kellogg's freak on the **round world** turned a number from the truth who were the very best ones, apparently, in the cause of God. But he has, since he became again settled in the truth, tried to bring back these he had [caused to] stumble. But this could not be done. They stand as living witnesses of the fearful results of a man having his own way and serving the enemy while feeling fully confident he is right and doing God service. Oh, men who have filled responsible positions, men who have a knowledge of the truth and divine will, ought not to act like unreasonable children, fractious and petulant. Satan seizes every instance of weakness manifested by God's servants and presents them in the worse light to inexperienced, faltering souls and they are thrown into doubt and discouragement. {Lt16-1875 (June 6, 1874) par. 27}

We are not situated as we were when my husband was living and you were with us. We are now living in Cooranbong, twenty miles from any city. The climate of New South Wales is as good as any I have knowledge of, and you know I have traveled nearly **round** the inhabited **world**. We came here to get the benefit of this climate. Our school interest demanded that we have land which could be cultivated, and fifteen hundred acres were purchased for that purpose. I have bought about sixty acres of this land and have had a plain and comfortable cottage built. {Lt128-1896 (July 9, 1896) par. 2}

The Lord God has given abundant evidence of His willingness to carry our burdens. As we lift His burdens, He lifts you and the burdens also. He invites all, who labor and are heavy laden, "Come unto me." You are not told that you just go '**round** the **world** to Battle Creek to tell your troubles and unload your burdens to your fellow men. "Lo, I am with you alway," Christ says, "even till the end of the world." "I am a God at hand, and not afar off." {Ms17-1896 (May 13, 1896) par. 28}

I had one come up to me and want me to give information about a **round** or **flat world**. Said I, I have no such burden on my soul at all. **I have nothing to say to you or to anybody else about a round or a flat world.** What we want is a round character. We have altogether too much of a flat character, and we want now to think of building a character that shall be round and perfect, as our Father which is in heaven is perfect, and we want that every talent that you have should be in exercise. Grow in grace and in the knowledge of the truth, that you may go forth, and—what says Christ? Teach them all things about a **round world**? No. That I have commanded you. That is what we are to teach. Teach the lessons that Christ gave in His life practice. {Ms155-1904 (September 4, 1904) par. 78}

We are now forming characters for eternal life. We had some splendid meetings at Melrose, where the sanitarium is located. There was a tent pitched there. They were having the council meetings, but there was a man who had a special burden. He wanted us to consider the subject of whether the **world** was **round** or **flat**. I sent word to him that I had no burden, because Christ had not commanded me anything of the kind. He had not given me any of that work to do. But I concluded that God would take care of all that was in the **world** whether it was **round** or **flat**, and we need not distinguish that in order to have salvation, because there were a number pushing such things in to keep us from the very main question. What was that? {Ms160-1904 (September 15, 1904) par. 17}

I have had presented to me the plans that have been laid to send several of our brethren on a tour **round** the **world** as not the light from heaven? Money and time was consumed in traveling, which, had they been invested in the improvements so sadly needed, would greatly have helped the cause of God. {Lt93-1898 (November 5, 1898) par. 8}