# Flat Earth or Not

We should come with reverence to the study of the Bible, feeling that we are in the presence of God. All lightness and trifling should be laid aside. While some portions of the word are easily understood, the true meaning of other parts is not so readily discerned. There must be patient study and meditation and earnest prayer. Every student, as he opens the Scriptures, should ask for the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit; and the promise is sure that it will be given. {TM 107.3}

The spirit in which you come to the investigation of the Scriptures will determine the character of the assistant at your side. Angels from the world of light will be with those who in humility of heart seek for divine guidance. But if the Bible is opened with irreverence, with a feeling of self-sufficiency, if the heart is filled with prejudice, Satan is beside you, and he will set the plain statements of God's word in a perverted light. {TM 108.1}

#### The sun rises up and goes down.

Ecclesiastes 1:5 – The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down, and hasteth to his place where he arose.

# The Earth moves.

Isaiah 24:19 - The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is clean dissolved, **the earth is moved exceedingly.** 

Psalms 99:1 - The Lord reigneth; let the people tremble: he sitteth between the cherubims; let **the earth be moved.** 

#### The Earth is a globe.

Isaiah 40:22 - It is he that sitteth upon **the circle of the earth**, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:

#### The Earth hangs in space.

Job 26:7 - He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing.

#### Constellations mentioned.

Job 9:9 - Which maketh Arcturus, Orion, and Pleiades, and the chambers of the south.

Job 38:31,32 - Canst thou bind the sweet influences of **Pleiades**, or loose the bands of **Orion**? Canst thou bring forth **Mazzaroth** in his season? or canst thou guide **Arcturus** with his sons?

Amos 5:8 - Seek him that maketh **the seven stars and Orion**, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night: that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD is his name:

Isaiah 13:10 - For **the stars of heaven and the constellations** thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.

#### Bodies of glory.

1 Corinthians 15:40,41 - There are also **celestial bodies**, and **bodies terrestrial**: but **the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another**. There is **one glory of the sun**, and another **glory of the moon**, and another **glory of the stars**: for **one star differeth from another star in glory**.

#### The firmament or expanse is the atmosphere, sky, or heaven.

Genesis 1:6 - And God said, Let there be a **firmament in the midst of the waters**, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

Genesis 1:7 - And **God made the firmament,** and divided the **waters** which were under the **firmament** from the **waters** which were above the **firmament**: and it was so.

Genesis 1:8 - And **God called the firmament Heaven.** And the evening and the morning were the second day.

Genesis 1:20 - And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.

Psalms 19:1 - The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

Job 37:18 - Hast thou with him spread out the sky, which is strong, and as a molten looking glass?

Deuteronomy 33:26 - There is none like unto the God of Jeshurun, who rideth upon the **heaven** in thy help, and in his excellency on the **sky**.

#### The bright light which is in the cloud causes the water to fall from heaven.

Job 26:8 - He bindeth up the waters in his thick clouds; and the cloud is not rent under them.

Job 37:11 - Also by watering he wearieth the thick cloud: he scattereth his bright cloud:

Job 37:15 - Dost thou know when God disposed them, and caused the light of his cloud to shine?

Job 37:16 - Dost thou know the **balancings of the clouds,** the wondrous works of him which is perfect in knowledge?

Job 37:21 - And now men see not the bright light which is in the clouds: but the wind passeth, and cleanseth them.

Job 37:22 - Fair weather cometh out of the north: with God is terrible majesty.

Psalms 148:4 - Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens.

Genesis 8:2 - The **fountains** also of the deep and the **windows of heaven** were stopped, and **the rain from** heaven was restrained;

#### The sun represents Christ.

Malachi 4:2 - But unto you that fear my name shall **the Sun of righteousness** arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.

John 8:12 - Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

#### Q. Why were the Testimonies for the Church given for the people of God?

I took the precious Bible and surrounded it with the several *Testimonies for the Church*, given for the people of God. Here, said I, the cases of nearly all are met. The sins they are to shun are pointed out. The counsel that they desire can be found here, given for other cases situated similarly to themselves. God has been pleased to give you line upon line and precept upon precept. But there are not many of you that really know what is contained in the *Testimonies*. You are not familiar with the Scriptures. If you had made God's word your study, with a desire to reach the Bible standard and attain to Christian perfection, you would not have needed the *Testimonies*. It is because you have neglected to acquaint yourselves with God's inspired Book that He has sought to reach you by simple, direct testimonies, calling your attention to the words of inspiration which you had neglected to obey, and urging you to fashion your lives in accordance with its pure and elevated teachings. {2T 605.1}

The Lord designs to warn you, to reprove, to counsel, through the testimonies given, and to impress your minds with the importance of the truth of His word. The written testimonies are not to give new light, but to impress vividly upon the heart the truths of inspiration already revealed. Man's duty to God and to his fellow man has been distinctly specified in God's word; yet but few of you are obedient to the light given. Additional truth is not brought out; but God has through the *Testimonies* simplified the great truths already given and in His own chosen way brought them before the people to awaken and impress the mind with them, that all may be left without excuse. {2T 605.2}

"The *Testimonies* are not to belittle the word of God, but to exalt it and attract minds to it, that the beautiful simplicity of truth may impress all." Testimonies for the Church 5:664, 665. {BHP 170.1}

#### Q. Is the Earth flat or a globe?

"As the rays of the sun penetrate to the remotest corners of the **globe**, so God designs that the light of the gospel shall extend to every soul upon the earth." {ChS 18.5-ChS 18.6}{AG 338.5}{HP 340.2}{RH November 14 1912, par.1}{AA 29.1}{CME 30.1}{CH 215.1}{DA 822.1}

"From all the ships sailing to all parts of the **globe**, the truth might reach all nations of the earth...."{RH August 1885, par.13}{MB 42.2}{MB 42.3}{T07 10.1}{4SP 193.2}

"For the Omnipotence keepeth a reckoning of the sum of guiltiness of every nation upon the **globe**...." {6MR 391.4}{1T 259.1}{6T 18.2}{7T 51.1}{8T 16.3}{9T 4.2}{2TT 373.1}{3TT 208.1}

"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...."{1888 857.1}

"Jerusalem is now no more sacred to me than any other place on the **globe**...."{PC 138.1}{11LtMs, Ms 52, 1896, par 26}{Ed 254.2}{GC 288.1}{GC 361.3}{GC 580.2}

"They were not to confine their labors to their own home or their own country, but they were to widen until it should **compass the globe**, it should go to the uttermost parts of the earth...."{5LtMs, Ms 21, 1887, par 1}{GC88 361.3}{GC88 580.1}

"Today, sanitaiums, printing houses, colleges, and evangelistic centers circle the globe...." [SMG 170.1]

"He has entrusted them with faculties by which they are to extend His work until it shall **encircle the globe**...."{GOP 349.2}

#### Q. How many times is "globe" mentioned in the Great Controversy?

- 1. The improvements in printing have given an impetus to the work of circulating the Bible. The increased facilities for communication between different countries, the breaking down of ancient barriers of prejudice and national exclusiveness, and the loss of secular power by the pontiff of Rome have opened the way for the entrance of the word of God. For some years the Bible has been sold without restraint in the streets of Rome, and it has now been carried to every part of the habitable **globe**. {GC 288.1}
- 2. Thus he persevered in his labors until the message of the judgment had been carried to a large part of the habitable **globe.** Among Jews, Turks, Parsees, Hindus, and many other nationalities and races he distributed the word of God in these various tongues and everywhere heralded the approaching reign of the Messiah. {GC 361.3}
- 3. The Roman Catholic Church, with all its ramifications throughout the world, forms one vast organization under the control, and designed to serve the interests, of the papal see. Its millions of communicants, in every country on the **globe**, are instructed to hold themselves as bound in allegiance to the pope. Whatever their nationality or their government, they are to regard the authority of the church as above all other. Though they may take the oath pledging their loyalty to the state, yet back of this lies the vow of obedience to Rome, absolving them from every pledge inimical to her interests. {GC 580.2}

#### Q. How many times is "globe" mentioned in the Testimonies for the Church?

1. Said the angel: "Hear, O heavens, the cry of the oppressed, and reward the oppressors double according to their deeds." This nation will yet be humbled into the dust. England is studying whether it is best to take advantage of the present weak condition of our nation, and venture to make war upon her. She is weighing the matter, and trying to sound other nations. She fears, if she should commence war abroad, that she would be weak at home, and that other nations would take advantage of her weakness. Other nations are making quiet yet active preparations for war, and are hoping that England will make war with

our nation, for then they would improve the opportunity to be revenged on her for the advantage she has taken of them in the past and the injustice done them. A portion of the queen's subjects are waiting a favorable opportunity to break their yoke; but if England thinks it will pay, she will not hesitate a moment to improve her opportunities to exercise her power and humble our nation. When England does declare war, all nations will have an interest of their own to serve, and there will be general war, general confusion. England is acquainted with the diversity of feeling among those who are seeking to quell the rebellion. She well knows the perplexed condition of our Government; she has looked with astonishment at the prosecution of this war—the slow, inefficient moves, the inactivity of our armies, and the ruinous expenses of our nation. The weakness of our Government is fully open before other nations, and they now conclude that it is because it was not a monarchial government, and they admire their own government, and look down, some with pity, others with contempt, upon our nation, which they have regarded as the most powerful upon the **globe.** Had our nation remained united it would have had strength, but divided it must fall. {1T 259.1}

2. Brethren and sisters, would that I might say something to awaken you to the importance of this time, the significance of the events that are now taking place. I point you to the aggressive movements now being made for the restriction of religious liberty. God's sanctified memorial has been torn down, and in its place a false sabbath, bearing no sanctity, stands before the world. And while the powers of darkness are stirring up the elements from beneath, the Lord God of heaven is sending power from above to meet the emergency by arousing His living agencies to exalt the law of heaven. Now, just now, is our time to work in foreign countries. As America, the land of religious liberty, shall unite with the papacy in forcing the conscience and compelling men to honor the false sabbath, the people of every country on the globe will be led to follow her example. Our people are not half awake to do all in their power, with the facilities within their reach, to extend the message of warning. {6T 18.2}

The Lord God of heaven will not send upon the **world** His judgments for disobedience and transgression until He has sent His watchmen to give the warning. He will not close up the period of probation until the message shall be more distinctly proclaimed. **The law of God is to be magnified; its claims must be presented in their true, sacred character, that the people may be brought to decide for or against the <b>truth.** Yet the work will be cut short in righteousness. The message of Christ's righteousness is to sound from **one end of the earth to the other** to prepare the way of the Lord. This is the glory of God, which closes the work of the third angel. {6T 19.1}

3. 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.** In all parts of the earth they are to establish sanitariums, schools, publishing houses, and kindred facilities for the accomplishment of His work. {7T 51.1}

The closing message of the gospel is to be carried to "every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people." **Revelation 14:6.** In foreign countries many enterprises for the advancement of this message must yet be begun and carried forward. The opening of hygienic restaurants and treatment rooms, and the establishment of sanitariums for the care of the sick and the suffering, is just as necessary in Europe as in America. In many lands medical missions are to be established to act as God's helping hand in ministering to the afflicted. {7T 51.2}

4. Christ made full provision for the prosecution of the work entrusted to the disciples, and took upon Himself the responsibility of its success. So long as they obeyed His word, and worked in connection with

Him, they could not fail. Go to all nations, He bade them. **Go to the farthest part of the habitable globe,** but know that My presence will be there. Labor in faith and confidence, for the time will never come when I will forsake you. {8T 16.3}

5. The work of the denomination had by this time grown too large for us to mention in detail the various advance steps. The message was now belting the **globe**, missionaries were being sent out in increasing numbers, more institutions devoted to educational, publishing, and medical interests were being established. The message was truly reaching the ends of the earth. {9T 4.2}

# Q. Did Christ Himself declare that the earth was a globe?

- 1. Christ made full provision for the prosecution of the work entrusted to the disciples, and took upon Himself the responsibility of its success. So long as they obeyed His word, and worked in connection with Him, they could not fail. Go to all nations, He bade them. **Go to the farthest part of the habitable globe,** but know that My presence will be there. Labor in faith and confidence, for the time will never come when I will forsake you. {8T 16.3}
- 2. Thus Christ gave His disciples their commission. He made full provision for the prosecution of the work, and took upon Himself the responsibility for its success. So long as they obeyed His word, and worked in connection with Him, they could not fail. Go to all nations, He bade them. **Go to the farthest part of the habitable globe**, but know that My presence will be there. Labor in faith and confidence, for the time will never come when I will forsake you. {DA 822.1}
- 3. Christ did not tell His disciples that their work would be easy. He showed them the vast confederacy of evil arrayed against them. They would have to fight "against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Ephesians 6:12. But they would not be left to fight alone. He assured them that He would be with them; and that if they would go forth in faith, they should move under the shield of Omnipotence. He bade them be brave and strong; for One mightier than angels would be in their ranks—the General of the armies of heaven. He made full provision for the prosecution of their work and took upon Himself the responsibility of its success. So long as they obeyed His word, and worked in connection with Him, they could not fail. Go to all nations, He bade them. Go to the farthest part of the habitable globe and be assured that My presence will be with you even there. Labor in faith and confidence; for the time will never come when I will forsake you. I will be with you always, helping you to perform your duty, guiding, comforting, sanctifying, sustaining you, giving you success in speaking words that shall draw the attention of others to heaven. {AA 29.1}

#### Q. How does the literal sun represent Christ, the Son of God?

Those who will look at human souls in the light of the cross of Calvary need not err regarding the estimate which should be placed upon them. The reason why God has permitted some of the human family to be so rich and some so poor will remain a mystery to men till eternity, unless they enter into right relations with God and carry out His plans, instead of acting on their own selfish ideas that because a man is rich he is to be more highly respected than his poor neighbor. God makes His sun to shine on the just and on the unjust, and this sun represents Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, who shines as the light of the world,

giving His blessings and mercies, seen and unseen, to rich and poor alike. This principle is to guide our conduct toward our fellowmen. The Lord is the teacher of the highest moral sentiments, the loftiest principles; and no man can deviate from these and be guiltless. It is the highest insult to God's goodness to doubt whether He would be willing for us to impart to others the blessings, spiritual and temporal, which He has freely given us. {TM 280.2}{SpTA06 28.2}{1888 1595.3} {Lt78-1896.6}

God lets his sun shine on the just and on the unjust. This sun represents Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, who shines on all alike, high and low, rich and poor. This principle is to guide those who work for him. From it no one can deviate, and be successful in his efforts to help his fellow beings. {RH July 21, 1910, par. 6}

Christ converted all nature into an index to illustrate His greatness, His goodness, His love. Water, air, light, life—these Christ used to illustrate His work and His character. Pointing to the sun, which had just risen above the Mount of Olives, Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." [John 8:12.] The sun in the heavens represents the Sun of righteousness. As the sunbeams penetrate to the remotest corners of the earth, so does the light of the Sun of righteousness shine upon very soul. {Lt232-1903.36}

**Christ would heighten our conception of His exalted character.** His preexistence and His prospective glory—these subjects were often brought before His disciples. He thought it not robbery to be equal with God. When He gave the law, He did not summon the nations to exalt Him with worldly pomp and grandeur. He commanded attention by the trumpets and thunders of Sinai. {Lt232-1903.37}

I am bidden to bring this subject before our people, because some of our physicians and teachers feel at liberty to talk of **God and of Christ** in ways that men are not authorized to speak. **What God desires us to know of Him is revealed in His Word and His works. The beautiful things of nature reveal His character.** They are His gift to the race, to show His power and to show that He is a God of love. But no one is authorized to say that God Himself in person is in flower or leaf or tree. These things are God's handiwork, revealing His love for man. {Lt232-1903.38}

If we gaze even a moment upon the sun in its meridian glory, when we turn away our eyes, the image of the sun will appear in everything upon which we look. Thus it is when we behold Jesus; everything we look upon reflects His image, the Sun of righteousness. We cannot see anything else, or talk of anything else. His image is imprinted upon the eye of the soul and affects every portion of our daily life, softening and subduing our whole nature. By beholding, we are conformed to the divine similitude, even the likeness of Christ. To all with whom we associate we reflect the bright and cheerful beams of His righteousness. We have become transformed in character; for heart, soul, mind, are irradiated by the reflection of Him who loved us and gave Himself for us. Here again there is the realization of a personal, living influence dwelling in our hearts by faith. {LHU 186.3}

When His words of instruction have been received, and have taken possession of us, **Jesus is to us an abiding presence**, **controlling our thoughts and ideas and actions**. We are imbued with the instruction of **the greatest Teacher the world ever knew**. A sense of human accountability and of human influence gives character to our views of life and of daily duties. Jesus Christ is everything to us—the first, the last, the best in everything. **Jesus Christ, His Spirit, His character**, **colors everything**; it is the warp and the woof, the very texture of our entire being. **The words of Christ are spirit and life**. We cannot, then, center our thoughts upon self; it is no more we that live, but Christ that liveth in us, and He is the hope of glory. Self is dead, but Christ is a living Saviour. {LHU 186.4}

Adam and Eve at their creation had knowledge of the original law of God. It was imprinted upon their hearts, and they were acquainted with the claims of law upon them. When they transgressed the law of God, and fell from their state of happy innocence, and became sinners, the future of the fallen race was not relieved by a single ray of hope. God pitied them and Christ devised the plan for their salvation by himself bearing the guilt. When the curse was pronounced upon the earth and upon man in connection with the curse was a promise that through Christ there was hope and pardon for the transgression of God's law. Although gloom and darkness hung, like the pall of death, over the future, yet in the promise of the Redeemer, the star of hope lighted up the dark future. The gospel was first preached to Adam by Christ. Adam and Eve felt sincere sorrow and repentance for their guilt. They believed the precious promise of God, and were saved from utter ruin. {RH April 29, 1875, par. 4}{1BC 1084.7}{FLB 75.5}

# Q. Does the Earth move and rotate around the sun? (Heliocentric Model)

It is not because of inherent power that year by year the earth produces her bounties, and continues her **motion around the sun**. The hand of God guides the **planets**, and keeps them in position in their orderly march through the heavens. He "bringeth out their host by number; he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth. [Isaiah 40:26.]. {CE 195.1}{ED 99.1}{HL 290.2}{MM 9.4}{PP 115.1}{FLB 28.3}{HB 182.2}{RC 136.2}{BLJ 241.5}{WGD 22.3}{WGD 337.3}

This is false science; there is nothing in the word of God to sustain it. God does not annul His laws, but He is continually working through them, using them as His instruments. They are not self-working. God is perpetually at work in nature. She is His servant, directed as He pleases. Nature in her work testifies of the intelligent presence and active agency of a being who moves in all His works according to His will. It is not by an original power inherent in nature that year by year the earth yields its bounties and continues its march around the sun. The hand of infinite power is perpetually at work guiding this planet. It is God's power momentarily exercised that keeps it in position in its rotation. {CCh 324.5}{8T 259.4}{3TT 259.2}{WGD 13.3}{WGD 340.4}

It is not by inherent power that year by year the earth yields its bounties and continues its **march around the sun**. The hand of the Infinite One is perpetually at work guiding this **planet**. It is God's power continually exercised that **keeps the earth in position in its rotation**. It is God who causes the sun to rise in the heavens. He opens the windows of heaven and gives rain. {MH 416.3}{MHH 238.1}{GCDB February 18, 1897, Art. A, par.9}{3LtMs, Ms 4, 1882, par.9}{EGWSRGES 31.5}{ST March 20, 1884, par. 6}{RH November 8, 1898, par. 10}

God Constantly at Work in Nature — God is perpetually at work in nature. She is His servant, directed as He pleases. Nature in her work testifies of the intelligent presence and active agency of a Being who moves in all His works according to His will. It is not by an original power inherent in nature that year by year the earth produces its bounties and the world keeps up its **continual march around the sun**. The hand of infinite power is perpetually at work guiding this **planet**. It is God's power momentarily exercised that **keeps it in position in its rotations**. The God of heaven is constantly at work. It is by His power that vegetation is caused to flourish, that every leaf appears and every flower blooms. It is not as the result of a mechanism, that, **once set in motion, continues its work**, that the pulse beats and breath follows breath. In God we live and move and have our being. Every breath, every throb of the heart, is the continual evidence of the power of an ever-present God. It is God that maketh the sun to rise in the heavens. He

openeth the windows of heaven and giveth rain. He maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains. "He giveth snow like wool: and scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes." "When he uttereth his voice, there is a multitude of waters in the heavens, … he maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures." Although the Lord has ceased His work in creating, He is constantly employed in upholding and using as His servants the things which He has made. Said Christ, "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work" (Manuscript 4, 1882). {6BC 1062.5}{Christian Educator April 1, 1899, par. 5}

#### Q. Is the Earth round and was the Sabbath made for a round world?

God rested on the seventh day, and set it apart for man to observe in honor of His creation of the heavens and the earth in six literal days. He blessed and sanctified and made holy the day of rest. 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.... {3MR 253.1}{10MR 9.1}{12MR 159.1}{3SM 317.1,2}

The Lord accepts all the obedience of every creature He has made, according to the circumstances of time in the sun-rising and sun-setting world.... **The Sabbath was made for a round world**, and therefore obedience is required of the people that are in perfect consistency with the Lord's created world.—Letter 167, 1900, pp. 1-3. (To Brother Irwin, March 23, 1900.) {3MR 253.2}{10MR 10.1}{12MR 159.2}

In every place [are] God's memorials of His Sabbath and of His glory in creating the heavens and the earth. God rested on the seventh day, and set it apart for man to observe in honor of His creation of the heavens and the earth in six literal days. He blessed and sanctified and made holy the day of rest. 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. But God has a world large enough and proper and right for the human beings He has created to inhabit it, without finding homes in those lands so objectionable in very many, many ways. {Lt 167, 1900, par.3}

The Lord accepts all the obedience of every creature He has made, according to the circumstances of time in **the sun-rising and the sun-setting world. Obedience is the test.** All this ploughing into the intricacy of the precise minutes and hours of the Sabbath—it is the test of man's obedience to honor and glorify God. To sin, or transgression of His law, God will prove a consuming fire. The Sabbath observance is "a sign between me and you throughout your generations forever." [Exodus 31:13, 17.] {Lt167-1900.4}

When Christ, our Redeemer, came to our world, it was His mission to make men partakers of His divine **nature**, by bringing all men who would receive and believe and practice the obedience of Christ. They would become one with Christ, and thus be in perfect, complete harmony with the principles of the law of heaven. [With] every man and woman who will receive Christ as their personal Saviour, the law is exalted. The apostle inquires, Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish

the law. [Romans 3:31.] The new covenant promise is, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them. [Hebrews 10:16.] {Lt167-1900.5}

The Sabbath was made for a round world, and therefore obedience is required of the people that are in perfect consistency with the Lord's created world. {Lt167-1900.6}

After coming out of vision, I said to my husband: "I have a message for you. You must begin to print a little paper and send it out to the people. Let it be small at first; but as the people read, they will send you means with which to print, and it will be a success from the first. From this small beginning it was shown to me to be like streams of light that went clear **round the world**." {CET 128.2}{CM 1.2}{LS 125.2}{PM 16.1}

It is our most earnest prayer that these messages may be a great strength to the young people of the advent movement all **round the world**, in perfecting Christian character, and in giving new impetus toward the completion of our great task—"The Advent message to all the world in this generation. {MYP 8.3}

#### Q. What happened to Brother Kellogg, over what, did he stumble?

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. {2LtMs, Lt 29a, 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. {Lt 16, 1875, par.27}

#### Q. How did Ellen White respond to a question about a flat or round world?

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. {19LtMs, Ms 155, 1904, par. 79}

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? {19LtMs, Ms 160, 1904, par.17}

#### Q. Is the subject of the Earth being round or flat salvational, or even important?

I am pleased to tell you the Lord strengthened me on Sabbath to bear a decided message. To His name be all the glory. I know the impression was made by His Holy Spirit. 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}

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." {21MR 419.6}

**Nonessential questions will be brought in** by those who do not purify their souls by obeying the truth. They fall far short of the standard of loving God supremely and their neighbor as themselves. I am bidden to say that sophistries will be brought in to take the place of the pure gospel of Jesus Christ. The message is given, **"Some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils."** This word has been fulfilling among our people. {21MR 420.1}

I hope Bro. Wilcox will be a truly converted man; this is his great need at the present time. He wants meekness, he wants humility, he wants genuine piety, and without it he is as sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal. His soul and your soul need the indwelling of Jesus. Whether the world is round or flat will not save the soul, but whether men believe and obey means everything. {5LtMs, Lt 43, 1887, par.7}

I then said to the congregation that I had to present to them the science of higher education. Luke 10:17-24. Now all listen, "And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted Him saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Luke 10:25. Here is a question of highest science. The Lord Jesus turned over the question to the lawyer himself. "He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou? And he answering said, 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." Christ said unto him, "Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live. But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is

my neighbor?" verses 26-29. Then Christ gave a parable of the Good Samaritan. This is the true science of Christianity. The great question is, What shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? This is the science of what constitutes the higher education; and when this question is properly adjusted, the capabilities of the whole man are called into full exercise. 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. {19LtMs, Lt 390, 1904, par 3}

I speak to the people that shall assemble in the tent-meeting in Melrose. My mind is deeply exercised this morning. I have had matters presented to me to give to our people. 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. 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. {19LtMs, Ms 145, 1904, par.3}

# Q. Can we take the pioneers writings as inspired of God?

Early Workers to Speak—God has given me light regarding our periodicals. What is it?—He has said that the dead are to speak. How?—Their works shall follow them. We are to repeat the words of the pioneers in our work, who knew what it cost to search for the truth as for hidden treasure, and who labored to lay the foundation of our work. They moved forward step by step under the influence of the Spirit of God. One by one these pioneers are passing away. The word given me is, Let that which these men have written in the past be reproduced. And in the Signs of the Times let not the articles be long or the print fine. Do not try to crowd everything into one number of the paper. Let the print be good, and let earnest, living experiences be put into the paper. {CW 28.1}{RH May 25, 1905, par. 21}

Brother Haskell is a man of experience, and is respected and honored by all. His wife is a woman of rare ability as a manager. She takes hold most earnestly, not afraid to put her hand to any work. She does not say, "Go," but she says, "Come, we will do this or that," and they cheerfully do as she instructs them. We have had most precious instruction from the Word from both Bro. and Sr. Haskell. {7MR 255.1}

God has permitted the precious light of truth to shine upon His word and illuminate the mind of my husband. He may reflect the rays of light from the presence of Jesus upon others by his preaching and writing. But while serving tables, doing business in connection with the cause, he has been deprived, to a great degree, of the privilege of using his pen and of preaching to the people. {3T 502.2}

The record of the experience through which the people of God passed in the early history of our work must be republished. Many of those who have since come into the truth are ignorant of the way in which the Lord wrought. The experience of William Miller and his associates, of Captain Joseph Bates, and of other pioneers in the advent message, should be kept before our people. Elder Loughborough's book should receive attention. Our leading men should see what can be done for the circulation of this book. {CW 145.2}

The Lord in His great mercy sent a most precious message to His people through Elders Waggoner and Jones. This message was to bring more prominently before the world the uplifted Saviour, the sacrifice

for the sins of the whole world. It presented justification through faith in the Surety; it invited the people to receive the righteousness of Christ, which is made manifest in obedience to all the commandments of God. Many had lost sight of Jesus. They needed to have their eyes directed to His divine person, His merits, and His changeless love for the human family. All power is given into His hands, that He may dispense rich gifts unto men, imparting the priceless gift of His own righteousness to the helpless human agent. This is the message that God commanded to be given to the world. It is the third angel's message, which is to be proclaimed with a loud voice, and attended with the outpouring of His Spirit in a large measure. {TM 91.2}

Many of our people do not realize how firmly the foundation of our faith has been laid. My husband, Elder Joseph Bates, Father Pierce, Elder [Hiram] Edson, and others who were keen, noble, and true, were among those who, after the passing of the time in 1844, searched for the truth as for hidden treasure. I met with them, and we studied and prayed earnestly. Often we remained together until late at night, and sometimes through the entire night, praying for light and studying the Word. Again and again these brethren came together to study the Bible, in order that they might know its meaning, and be prepared to teach it with power. When they came to the point in their study where they said, "We can do nothing more," the Spirit of the Lord would come upon me, I would be taken off in vision, and a clear explanation of the passages we had been studying would be given me, with instruction as to how we were to labor and teach effectively. Thus light was given that helped us to understand the scriptures in regard to Christ, His mission, and His priesthood. A line of truth extending from that time to the time when we shall enter the city of God, was made plain to me, and I gave to others the instruction that the Lord had given me. {1SM 206.4}

The word that comes to me is that we must revive the testimony of the dead among the living. There will be species of error brought in, but where are they when they are established? There is no more truth to that then. We must not be moved by any sophistry that man can bring in. We need the truth once delivered to the saints—the testimony of the dead to be revived. We know the Holy Ghost spoke these things. I know wherein I believe and what is the foundation of my hope. I stand where I have for the past 50 years. I have not changed. We want to be where we can speak the truth to those in need. We want all to have the truth in the inward parts. {Ms186-1905.14}

Wake up the mighty men. Let the messages of the past 50 years that have been sounding now be seen in their true force and bearing by repetition. Let the same spirit which attended these messages come into our hearts in these last days. These things are not [to] be mentioned with gloom and sadness. {14MR 288.1}{1888 763.1}

Then instruction was given to Elder Haskell that in his anxiety to supply the people with the precious truth contained in his books, in his desire that all should feel that the books are worth more than they cost, and that all should be encouraged to give them a wide circulation, he was selling his books too cheap, and thus making his own burden too heavy. {9T 73.1}

**Our Counselor said: "The books should be sold** in such a way that the author will not be left barehanded and that the publishing house shall have a proper margin so that it will have means to carry on its work." {9T 73.2}

#### J. N. Andrews

"The Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." Genesis 1:2. And now the earth, yielding to the law of gravitation, becomes a sphere, or globe, and, as a consequence of this, its whole surface is covered with water, a condition which remained unchanged till the third day. "And God said, Let there be light; and there was light." This is the next step in the Creator's work. How God gave existence to light is above our comprehension. But he did it, and it has never ceased to exist. And now he separates the light from the darkness. He calls the one day and the other night. This is why in the divine order the night makes the first division of the twenty-four hours. And Moses tells us that the evening and the morning, i.e., the night and the day, were the first day. This is a decisive proof that the days of the Mosaic record were such days as an evening and morning constitute, i.e., days of twenty-four hours. Otherwise the record is utterly unreliable, and calculated to mislead. If it be objected that a day of twenty-four hours is inadequate to the work of the first day of time, the answer is that this is all true, if the work of creation be considered the work of nature; for if nature had to create itself, all eternity would be insufficient for the work. But if an infinite Creator called the worlds into existence out of nothing, and framed them out of materials that before had no existence, then the period of twenty-four hours was quite adequate for the work of the first day of time. {SOSL 6.2}

#### Joseph Bates

**Globe** {SC1 30.2}{SC1 42.1}{SC1 43.1}{SC2 86.1}{SC2 98.1}{SC2 99.1}{SC3 198.2}

#### Stephen N. Haskell

This continues until the **globe is encircled**, and all the kings of the earth finally meet in the great battle of Armageddon. {SDP 193.1}

There was a peculiar significance in the location of these seven churches. Asia Minor, or more particularly the western portion of the peninsula to which the term *Asia* is applied in Revelation 1:4, held in the spread of Christianity, a position corresponding to that which was occupied by Palestine in the history of the Jewish nation. When God wished to make the Hebrew race the leading government of earth, He chose, for the seat of that government, a position unrivaled by any other **portion of the globe**. Palestine was Margin the highway between the South and the East and between the East and the West. When the power of God passed from this nation to the Christian Church, Asia Minor became the center of activity and the base of operation. In those seacoast towns, and in Ephesus above all others, Jew and Gentile met on equal footing. Every nationality,-Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and dwellers in Mesopotamia, representing the far North and East, met in trade, with citizens of Rome, Egypt, and Cyrene, men from the South and the West. Into these busy marts the Christian faith penetrated, and from these centers, the knowledge of the Christ was spread to all the world. {SSP 31.2}

"After these things," that is, after the occurrence of the signs mentioned in Revelation 6:12, 13, "I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth." John's view of heaven had opened to his mind the workings of the government of God, and the work of the angels was revealed as he watched the loosening of the seals. "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to

minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?" Angels who excel in strength, do the bidding of Jehovah, hearkening unto the voice of His word. Gabriel, the angel of prophecy, is by no means the only one who has a specifically assigned task. To John are shown four of these heavenly beings, **standing on the four corners of the globe**, holding the winds that they might not blow. Winds symbolize war or contention. There has been more than one war in the past, as well as more than one dark day; but at a certain period of time, there should be a distress of nations differing from all previous international troubles. {SSP 128.1}

#### Alonzo T. Jones

The ancients knew that the earth is round. The Jews knew it always. Aristotle taught it; so did Ptolemy the Geographer. Indeed, this was a familiar truth among the people of those times. {SITI January 11, 1899, p. 1.5}

It was the church fathers who, with the many other falsehoods of the great apostasy, brought in the dogma that the earth should be flat. The chief of the church fathers, and the chief author of the dogma that the earth was flat, was Augustine—the father also of the Inquisition—tho in point of time Lactantius preceded him in advocating the dogma. {SITI January 11, 1899, p. 1.6}

"If a line of separation were drawn between the civilized and the savage climates of the **globe**;... {GNT 36.2}

#### Josiah Litch

If it be objected that meteors are not stars, I ask whether the objector thinks that the star which went before the wise men of the east to the place where the infant Savior lay, was a fixed star? Or does he, think that when the "stars fall from heaven to the earth, as the fig-tree casteth her untimely figs, when shaken of a mighty wind," (Revelation 6.,) they will be those fixed stars; one of which would drown our **globe** in a sea of fire? If not, they must be just what we have witnessed; and the text has been fulfilled. {PREX2 239.1}

Q. What did the early Pioneers of the Advent movement have to say about the topic of the Universe?

#### Stephen N. Haskell – "The Story of Daniel the Prophet"

Here within the holy of holies is the abiding place of the King of kings, God the Father, where thousands and tens of thousands of angels minister before him. This, the throne of God, is the center of all creation; about it revolve the solar systems throughout the whole extent of space. Worlds circle about their suns, and suns with their attendant planets in turn circle about the throne of God. It is the wheel within a wheel which Ezekiel describes. Daniel said, "A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him," for there all is life, a living, constantly moving throne. {SDP 98.1} Daniel 7:10

God's power pervades space in every direction. Like beams of light, there radiates from him a force which holds worlds in their orbits. The power man calls gravity is but a portion of the drawing power of

God. It holds the orbs of heaven in their places, it balances the clouds, weighs the mountain, and measures the waters of the sea. The same power notes the fall of every leaf on earth, the death of the tiniest sparrow, and the pulse beats of every man. From him comes all life: "In him we live and move and have our being." We are a part of that great center of light that is our God of love, and it is that power which the prophet vainly tried to express in human language that converts the soul. The Son was one with the Father, and it was from this glory that he stepped when he offered himself at the foundation of the world. He was the Lamb slain, and the heart of God was broken in that offering. Every time the knife was plunged into a victim at the altar of the earthly sanctuary, the flowing blood touched afresh the heart of the eternal Father. Every time a broken-hearted man or woman approaches the throne in penitence, the wound in our Father's heart bursts open and bleeds again. "The broken and the contrite heart thou wilt not despise, O God." Never, never, through all eternity, will that Son resume his former condition. What he assumed for fallen man he will retain forever. He is a man still in the heavenly court, touched by every human woe. The universe beheld the gift, and bowed in adoration. The temple is filled with the glory. There seraphim and cherubim with their shining glory, as guardians, stretch their wings above his throne, veil their faces in adoration, and bow before him. {SDP 98.2}

**Ezekiel 1:16** - The appearance of the wheels and their work was like unto the colour of a beryl: and they four had one likeness: and **their appearance and their work was as it were a wheel in the middle of a wheel.** 

**Ezekiel 10:9,10** - And when I looked, behold the four wheels by the cherubims, one wheel by one cherub, and another wheel by another cherub: and the appearance of the wheels was as the colour of a beryl stone. And as for their appearances, they four had one likeness, as if **a wheel had been in the midst of a wheel.** 

Then it is that Daniel sees the language of the heavens interpreted. The universe is composed of suns, many of them mightier than our own, and each sun is the center of a planetary system, and each planet is accompanied by its satellites, a vast circle within a circle, moving in perfect order, performing its revolution in its allotted time, making, to the ear of Jehovah, the music of the spheres. The immensity of space is filled with universes, and all revolve about the throne of God; all are held in their orbits by rays of power from his throne of life; each shines with a light reflected from Him who is the fountain of life; each is guided in its path by the eye of him who sits on the throne. {SDP 258.2}

This is the type of God's order for his church upon earth. The perfect order of the heavenly bodies is a pattern for family and church organization. Each little company should shine as a star. God looks with pleasure upon the clusters of worshipers as they move in perfect order, each bending to the influence of the higher powers. As it is the power of God in the sun which holds the earth in its course, so his power, working through the highest organization on earth, controls those of smaller power. In the family, children should obey parents, and parents should obey God, even as the earth follows the sun, and the sun circles about its center-God's throne. {SDP 258.3}

The perfection of this system will characterize the last church, which will have developed the character which was looked for in ancient Israel. God's people are a peculiar people, and their peculiarities will live in the virtues of Christ, which they reflect; this fits them to become a royal priesthood. To Daniel the angel said, "They that be teachers shall shine as the brightness of the firmament." And so the prophet had the privilege of seeing a nation or company of teachers among the saved, who carried forward the work

which his own race might have done. As Christ was a teacher, who spoke with authority which none could resist, so the remnant church will be teachers by virtue of the Christ life within them. {SDP 259.1}

It was a beautiful picture, that last scene which fell upon the eyes of Daniel. So many times disappointment had been the outcome when the beginning looked so promising, but in the end it is a glorious triumph. Those who are taken from the depths of sin will shine as the stars in the firmament. {SDP 259.2}

#### Alonzo T. Jones - "The Place of the Bible in Education"

ASTRONOMY must be a study in Christian schools, in obedience to the call of the Lord, "Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: He calleth them all by names by the greatness of His might, for that He is strong in power; not one faileth." Isaiah 40:26. This will be one of the *texts*: and the brilliant galaxy of the heavens, with its suns, systems, orbits, and laws, and the literature of the subject, will be the *study-book*. And as the student contemplates the innumerable host, and remembers that God not only knows the collective number of them all, but brings out each one by its own number; that He calls each one by its particular name, and never forgets—not one ever slips His mind or escapes His attention—either its number or its name; and that by this infinite knowledge and this attention that touches the infinitesimal, each one is kept exactly in its orbit and in its time to a spider's web space in ages upon ages—as thus he learns in the study-book and there falls upon his car the pleading inquiry of the next verse in the Text-book, "Why sayest thou, ... My way is hid from the Lord, and My judgment is passed over from My God?" he *knows* that He who calls these all by their names, and *thinks upon him*, will never forget his name, nor shall he ever fail of the infinite attention. {PBE 196.1}

Another text may be, "Canst thou bind the sweet influences of **Pleiades?**" **Job 38:31.** With that as a text, **all the astronomy of the Pleiades will be the** *study-book.* And when the student has covered the field of the **Pleiades**, and knows what *are* the sweet attractive influences of the **Pleiades**, he will know that he can know, in his own life, the sweet influences of the Spirit of Him who gave sweet influences to the **Pleiades**; and that will make him in *his place* in the order of God what the **Pleiades** are in their place in the order of God. {PBE 197.1} *Job 9:9, Isaiah 13:10* 

He can read also the *text*, "He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds. He telleth the number of the stars; He calleth them all by their names." Psalm 147:3, 4. And when he has studied the look of the Pleiades and their sweet influences, and Orion and his bands, and knows that He can "bind the sweet influences of the Pleiades, and loose the bands of Orion," he will also know that He can bind up the broken heart and heal the wounded spirit, and loose the bands of sin and evil habits that hold his soul in bondage. He will then be better able to appreciate, and more ready to accept, the call to "Seek Him that maketh the seven stars [the Pleiades] and Orion." Amos 5:8. {PBE 197.2}

#### J. N. Loughborough – "The Church: Its Organization, Order and Discipline"

There is a current saying (not Bible, as some have supposed), that "order is heaven's first law." The Scriptures, however, do state that the starry heavens "declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork." Psalm 19:1. The handiwork of the Lord is especially manifest in the precise

circuit of the celestial bodies in their orbits. "Lift up your eyes on high," saith the Lord, "and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth." Isaiah 40:26. {COOD 3.1}

Elder Loughborough died in 1924 at the age of 92. He sleeps with his family in the old cemetery in St. Helena, California. Around him are more than a score of our ministers and many faithful church members awaiting the call of the Life giver. What a resurrection morning that will be when the faithful will rise at the sounding of Christ's voice and, "caught up in the air," will travel through the "open space in Orion," along the corridor of indescribable light, to the glory land! And through that great open space in Orion will descend the New Jerusalem. (See Early Writings, 41.) What wonders await the remnant! Yes, God's best things are ahead of us, preserved for the faithful! The Review and Herald, November 8, 1962. {HEVI 4.2}

#### William Miller - "Miller's Works. Volume 1. Views of the Prophecies and Prophetic Chronology"

Look again at the heavens. See the systems of the planetary world. See suns innumerable, each the centre of a system, and all the planets moving in their respective orbits around these suns, keeping their proper distances, observing regular times, and so true that revolutions unnumbered may pass off without the variation of a moment. Do not all these things show that He who spake them into existence must be truth?  $\{MWV1\ 112.3\}$ 

#### Uriah Smith - "Synopsis of the Present Truth"

The prediction of the falling stars was fulfilled in the great meteoric shower of Nov. 13, 1833, which covered no inconsiderable portion of the earth's surface. Signor Schiaparelli (*Christian Union*, May 1, 1872) received of the British Royal Astronomical Society in February, 1872, a gold medal "for his researches upon the nature and orbits of meteors, which have helped to demonstrate that these bodies belong to the stellar region, and are, in fact, falling stars." The Connecticut *Observer* of Nov. 25, 1833, copied from the *Old Countryman* as follows: {SYNPT 223.2}

The sun of our own solar system is one of these stars. If we compare it with this globe upon which we live (our handiest standard of measurement), we find it an orb of no small magnitude and magnificence. Our earth is 8000 miles in diameter; but the sun's diameter is 885,680 miles. In size it is one and a half million times larger than our globe; and in the matter of its substance, it would balance three hundred and fifty-two thousand worlds like ours. What immensity is this! {DAR 303.2}

Yet this is far from being the largest or the brightest of the **orbs** which drive their shining chariots in myriads through the heavens. His proximity (he being only some ninety-five million miles from us) gives him with us a controlling presence and influence. But far away in the depths of space, so far that they appear like mere points of light, blaze other **orbs** of vaster size and greater glory. The nearest fixed star, **Alpha Centauri**, in the southern hemisphere, is found, by the accuracy and efficiency of modern instruments, to be nineteen thousand million miles away; but the pole-star system is fifteen times as remote, or two hundred and eighty-five thousand million miles; and it shines with a luster equal to that of eighty-six of our suns; others are still larger, as, for instance, **Vega**, which emits the light of three

hundred and forty-four of our suns; **Capella**, four hundred and thirty; **Arcturus**, five hundred and sixteen; and so on, till at last we reach the great star **Alcyone**, in the **constellation of the Pleiades**, which floods the **celestial spaces** with a brilliancy twelve thousand times that of the ponderous **orb** which lights and controls **our solar system!** Why, then, does it not appear more luminous to us? — Ah! its distance is twenty-five million diameters of the **earth's orbit**; and the latter is one hundred and ninety million miles! Figures are weak to express such distances. It will be sufficient to say that its glowing light must traverse space as light only travels, — 192,000 miles a second, — for a period of more than seven hundred years, before it reaches this distant world of ours! {DAR 303.3}

Some of these monarchs of the skies rule singly, like our own sun. Some are double; that is, what appears to us like one star is found to consist of two stars — two suns with their retinue of planets, revolving around each other; others are triple; some are quadruple; and one, at least, is sextuple. {DAR 304.1}

Besides this, they show all the colors of the rainbow. Some systems are white, some blue, some red, some yellow, some green; and this means different-colored days for the planets of those systems. Castor gives his planets green days. The double pole-star gives his yellow. In some, the different suns belonging to the same system are variously colored. Says Dr. Burr, in his Ecce Coelum, p. 136: "And, as if to make that Southern Cross the fairest object in all the heavens, we find in it a group of more than a hundred variously colored red, green, blue, and bluish-green suns, so closely thronged together as to appear in a powerful telescope like a superb bouquet, or piece of fancy jewelry." {DAR 304.2}

And what of the age of these **glorious bodies?** A few years pass away, and all things earthly gather the mold of age, and the odor of decay. How much in this world has perished entirely! But the stars shine on as fresh as in the beginning. Centuries and cycles have gone by, kingdoms have arisen and slowly passed away; we go back beyond the dim and shadowy horizon of history, go back even to the earliest moment introduced by revelation, when order was evoked from chaos, and the morning stars sang together, and the sons of God shouted for joy — even then the stars were on their stately marches, and how long before this we know not; for astronomers tell us of nebulae lying on the farthest outposts of telescopic vision, whose light in its never-ceasing flight would consume five million years in reaching this planet. So ancient are these stellar **orbs.** Yet their brightness is not dimmed, nor their force abated. The dew of youth still seems fresh upon them. No broken outline shows the foothold of decay; no faltering motion reveals the decrepitude of age. Of all things visible, these stand next to the Ancient of days; and their undiminished glory is a prophecy of eternity. {DAR 304.3}

And thus shall they who turn many to righteousness shine in a glory that shall bring joy even to the heart of the Redeemer; and thus shall their years roll on forever and ever. {DAR 305.1}

#### E. J. Waggoner - "Fathers of the Catholic Church"

"We think, then, that they may be designated as living beings, for this reason, that they are said to receive commandments from God, which is ordinarily the case only with rational beings. 'I have given a commandment to all the stars,' says the Lord. What, now, are these commandments? Those, namely, that each star, in its order and course, should bestow upon the world the amount of splendor which has been intrusted to it. For those which are called 'planets' move in orbits of one kind, and those which

are termed *aplaneiz* are different. Now it manifestly follows from this, that neither can the movement of that body take place without a soul, nor can living things be at any time without motion. And seeing that the stars move with such order and regularity, that their movements never appear to be at any time subject to derangement, would it not be the height of folly to say that so orderly an observance of method and plan could be carried out or accomplished by irrational beings?" {FACC 238.1}

#### James White - "Health, or, How to Live"

"An earnest student is prone to ruin his health. Hope cheats him with the belief that, if he can study now without cessation, he can do so always. Because he does not see the end of his strength, he foolishly concludes it has no end. A spendthrift of health, is one of the most reprehensible of spendthrifts. I am certain I could have performed twice the labor, both better and with greater ease to myself, had I known as much of the Laws of Health and Life, at twenty-one, as I do now. In college, I was taught all about the motions of the planets, as carefully as though they would have been in danger of getting off the track if I had not known how to trace their orbits; but about my own organization, and the conditions indispensable to the healthful functions of my own body, I was left in profound ignorance. Nothing could be more preposterous. I ought to have begun at home, and taken the stars when it should come their turn. The consequence was, I broke down at the beginning of my second college year, and have never had a well day since. Whatever labor I have been since able to do, I have done it all on credit, instead of capital, - a most ruinous way, either in regard to health or money. For the last twenty-five years, so far as it regards health, I have been put, from day to day, on my good behavior; and during the whole of this period, as an Hibernian would say, if I had lived as other folks do for a month, I should have died in a fortnight. {HHTL 376.2}

#### J. V. Himes, Josiah Litch, and S. Bliss, Editors, The Signs of the Times, Boston, November 30, 1842.

"I feel assured that this is no atmospheric or terrestial phenomenon, but that these fiery meteors come to us from the regions of space, and reveal to us the existence of worlds of a nebulous or commetary nature, existing in the solar system, and forming constituent parts of that system. Nor are these conclusions built on mere hypothesis, but are necessary inferences from certain facts. {HST November 30, 1842, p. 86.5}

"The present generation may consider itself privileged in having witnessed grander displays of **fiery meteors**, than are to be found recorded on the pages of history." "In displays of the **Aurora Borealis**, also, we have been similarly favored. Such visitations of this spectacle, as we have enjoyed since Aug. 1827, to the present time, are by no means of constant occurrence." {HST November 30, 1842, p. 86.6}

"Those who were so fortunate as to witness the exhibition of **shooting stars** on the morning of Nov 13, 1833, probably saw the greatest display of celestial fire-works that has ever been seen since the creation of the world, or at least within the annals covered by the pages of history." {HST November 30, 1842, p. 86.7}

"This is no longer to be regarded as a terrestial, but as a celestial phenomenon; and shooting stars are now to be no more viewed as casual productions of the upper regions of the atmosphere, but as visitants from other worlds, or from the planetary voids." {HST November 30, 1842, p. 86.8}

"Subsequent inquiries have led me to the belief, that the body was so distant as hardly to exhibit any apparent parallax, but was projected on very nearly the same part of the sky by all observers. This fact at once shows that the source of the meteors was far beyond the atmosphere, and confirms the preceding conclusion that it was wholly independent of the earth." {HST November 30, 1842, p. 86.9}

# Joshua V. Himes - "Th Signs of the Times, and Expositor of Prophecy"

A Hoax.—An article intended to deceive the credulous, is going the round of the papers, and which announces that a change has taken place in the ecliptic of the earth since the last equinox, and anticipates still greater changes. It also speaks of changes in the appearance of the planets, their orbits, etc., and purports to come from some scientific man. It is however evidently a hoax, and is written by some one who has only a superficial knowledge of astronomy. It first appeared in the "Lynn Locomotive," whereas if it was what it purports to be, it would have appeared in some scientific journal, and would not have been ashamed of the name of its author, to appear as it does anonymously. {HST December 7, 1842, p. 91.9}

The falling stars their orbits leave, The sun in darkness hide; The elements asunder cleave, The moon turn'd into blood! {HST January 4, 1843, p. 126.4}

...Why from their orbits are the stars removed?... {HST March 22, 1843, p. 22.6}

# Messenger of the Lord - The Prophetic Ministry of Ellen G. White by Herbert E. Douglass

For several decades, contemporaries observed Ellen White in vision and wrote out their descriptions of these impressive events. **Open visions often changed skeptical people, even adversaries, into believers.** {MOL 144.4}

One of the earliest, most prominent, **skeptic-turned-believer was Joseph Bates.** Along with others who knew only by rumor of Ellen White's early visions, Bates was not convinced that her visions "were of God." Visions at that time were confused with spiritualistic séances or mesmerism. Bates thought they were nothing "more than what was produced by a protracted debilitated state of her body." But **he changed his mind after observing her in several vision experiences. {**MOL 144.5}

One vision, in particular, impressed him. In November 1846, at the Stockbridge Howland home in Topsham, Maine, a small company of Sabbath keepers had convened. Among them were Joseph Bates and the Whites. Ellen White was taken in vision and "for the first time had a view of other planets." After the vision she related what she had seen. {MOL 144.6}

Bates, an amateur astronomer, asked her if she had ever studied astronomy. He was astonished at what he had heard, saying, "This is of the Lord." Later, after observing several other visions, he wrote in a small tract, "I thank God for the opportunity I have had with others to witness these things.... I believe the work is of God, and is given to comfort and strengthen His scattered, torn, and pealed people." {MOL 144.7}

**Ellen White never wrote out this "astronomy vision."** She never identified by name the **planets** she saw, nor did she mention **the number of moons any planet may have.** But Bates attached the **planets'** names to what he thought Ellen White {MOL 144.8}

was describing, and others, including James White, reported what Bates seemed to have understood from her brief comments. Telescopes today reveal much more about the planets, the number of their moons, and other heavenly phenomena than Bates would ever have dreamed of. What really astounded him was not the description of "planets," but Mrs. White's description of the "opening heavens," a reference to the so-called "open space in Orion." He was reported to have said that her description "far surpassed any account of the opening heavens he had ever read from any author." {MOL 145.1}

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#### Analogy between the Moral and Physical Laws of the Universe

The laws that govern physical nature are analogous to those which the gospel introduces into the spiritual world. The earth is held to the sun by the power of attraction, and performs regularly its circuit around the central, sustaining luminary, maintaining at the same time, its equal relations with its sister planets. But the moral system upon the earth is a chaos of derangement. The attraction of affection which holds the soul to God, has been broken, and the soul of man actuated by selfishness, revolving upon its own center-only jars in its course with its fellow spirits-and crosses their orbits; and the whole system of the spiritual world upon earth revolves in disorder, the orbs wandering and rolling away from the center of moral life and power, which alone could hold them in harmonious and happy motion. Into the midst of this chaos of disordered spirits, God, the sun of the spiritual world, come down. He shed light upon the moral darkness, and coming near like the approaches of a mighty magnet, the attraction of his mercy, as manifested in Christ crucified, became so powerful that many spirits, rolling away into darkness and destruction, felt the efficacy, and were drawn back and caused to move again in their regular orbits, around the 'Light' and "Life" and "Love" of the spiritual system. {ARSH March 31, 1859, p. 146.4}

If free agency could be predicated of the bodies of the solar system, the great law that governs their movements might be expressed thus:-Thou shalt attract the sun with all thy might, and thy sister planets as thyself. The same expression gives the great law of the spiritual world. Thou shalt love the Lord with all thy soul and thy neighbor as thyself. Now if a planet had broken away from its orbit, it would have a tendency to fly off forever, and it never could be restored unless the sun, the great center of attraction could, in some way, follow it in its wanderings, and thus by increased power of his attraction, as he approaches nearer the fallen planet, attract it to himself, and then draw it back to its original orbit. So with the human spirit; its affections were alienated from God, the center of spiritual attraction and they could never have been restored, unless God had approached, and by the increased power of his mercy, as manifested in the selfdenial, sufferings and death of Christ, united man again to himself, by the power of affection, that he might draw him up from his misery and sin, to revolve around him in harmony and love forever. {ARSH March 31, 1859, p. 146.5}

If this earth had by some means broken away from the sun, there would be no way possible of recovering it again to its place in the system, but that which has been mentioned-that the sun should leave its central position, and approach the wandering orb and thus by the increased power of his attraction, draw back the earth to its original position. But the sun could not thus leave the center of the system, without drawing all the other planets from their orbits, by the movement to recover the lost one. The relations of the system would be broken up, and the whole solar economy be sacrificed, if the universal and equal law of gravitation were infringed by the sun's changing his relations in the system. {ARSH March 31, 1859, p. 146.6}

Further, the established laws of the physical universe would render it impossible that any other planet should be the instrument of recovering the earth to the sun. If another planet should approach the earth while thus wandering, the increased power of attraction would cause the two globes to revolve around each other; or if the approaching planet was of greater magnitude, the earth would revolve as a satellite around it. But this would not be to restore the earth to its place in the system, nor to its movement around the sun, but to fix it in a wrong position and wrong movement, and thus alienate it forever from the central source of light and heat. It follows, therefore, that in accordance with the established laws of the solar system, the earth could never be recovered, but would fly off forever, or be broken into asteroids. There could be no way possible for the recovery of earth, unless God should adopt an expedient unknown to the physical laws of the universe. {ARSH March 31, 1859, p. 146.7}

(This, all who believe that **God is Almighty, and Himself the author of those laws** will allow he might do). {ARSH March 31, 1859, p. 146.8}

That expedient must not destroy the great laws of system, upon which the safety of all its parts depend, but an augmented force of attraction must be thrown upon the earth from the sun itself, which would be sufficient to check the force of its departing momentum, and gradually draw it back to its place. If a portion of the magnetic power of the sun could be thrown into the earth, adhesion would take place between it and the earth, and then after the cord was fastened if that body of attractive matter could ascend again to the body of the sun, the earth would receive the returning impulse, and a new and peculiar influence would be created to draw it back to its allegiance to the sun. If, as has been said, the power came from any other body but the sun itself, or attracted toward any other body the earth would lose its place in the system forever. So in the moral world: God's relations to the moral universe must be sustained. The infinite justice and holiness of the Divine law must not be compromised. The end to be gained is, to draw man, as a revolted sinner, back to God, while the integrity of God's moral government is maintained. Now affection is the attraction of the moral universe. And in accordance with the foregoing deduction, to reclaim alienated man to God would be impossible, unless there should be a manifestation of the God-head in the world, to attract to himself man's estranged affection and then after the affinity was fastened by faith, by his ascending again to the bosom of the Deity, mankind would be gradually drawn back to allegiance to Jehovah.-Plan of Salvation. {ARSH March 31, 1859, p. 146.9}

Waiting! God, and Christ, and angels, waiting for thee; not for thy wealth and power, No, no! The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof, and the nations are to him as the small dust of the balance. He formed the earth, and appointed the sea its bounds; he whirls the planets in their orbits, with unerring certainty, and ceaseless motion. Countless millions of suns give light and heat beyond our sphere, at his control; all the dignitaries of heaven bow low at his feet and cry, Holy, holy, holy is the Lord, while he blesses them with his life-giving Spirit. {ARSH September 15, 1859, p 134.1}

It is clear as day, that when Satan fell from his high estate, it became necessary for him to develop the nature of rebellion that its tendency is to continue its efforts in behalf of disorder, and its true character opposed as it is to God, and could it have its own unbridled course, would not halt until it had brought disorder and ruin everywhere, until heaven itself had been made a desolation, and **all the starry host had been put in confused orbits.** Then had rebellion been satisfied, when glutted with destruction, and when all that was precious had been involved in like ruin with itself; then had rebellion been appeased, when **planets, suns, and starry constellations had dashed in wild confusion against each other**, then amid the crash of worlds, and the blighting of innocence, had rebellion laughed with maniacal delight, and with like desperation would have fallen upon its own sword, saying, Let us die together. I die, but I die victorious! Ambition, mad ambition, rules in the heart of rebellion, and all sin is rebellion, as far as it extends. {ARSH July 31, 1860, p. 88.7}

We have not the least reason for supposing there is any such thing in the universe as force, except what comes from mind. One of the primary characteristics of matter is, that it is inert. It cannot move of itself, nor when put in motion, can it of itself cease from moving. The Almighty impresses upon a particle, or collection of particles, motion in a straight line, and were there no other force to counteract, these particles would move on in a right line forever. But he also impresses matter with gravitation, and forthwith suns and systems are imbued with a compound motion, projecting them in wonderful order through the orbits to which this union of forces confines them. The power to move the human frame comes from the mind. We have a certain portion of matter included within our physical organism, and connected with the mind by nerves and muscles through which that matter is controlled; and when we will that the hand should rise, it rises; or that the foot should fall, it falls. The power that we have over a hand, but in higher perfection, God has over every particle of matter in the universe. Every seed that germinates does so by means of force, impressed by the Creator; every winged ray of light is sent on its errand by God's hand; every hue that variegates the face of nature is an impress of his will. Man acts upon matter indirectly as well as directly; the motion which he communicates to the hand is transmitted to the implement which the hand wields, and is thus communicated to other bodies with which it comes in contact. God acts in like manner; his machines are at work throughout the whole system of nature. One of the most wondrous laws he has given her is that each organized form shall reproduce itself, like giving birth to like, from the hyssop under the wall to the cedar of Lebanon; from the mammoth to the animalcule; from nervous man to the senseless polyp. The same rule is extended to other than organic substances; anger begets anger; love begets love; smile begets smile; terror begets terror; virtue and vice spread their likeness wherever they can find objects to influence; the thoughts and opinions of one man reflect themselves in the thoughts and opinions of others; a pulsation of music multiplies itself through all the air; a single ripple becomes a thousand waves; flames spreads flame; disease propagates disease; so far as our knowledge extends, image mirrors image, throughout the whole extent of being. {ARSH January 29, 1861, p. 81.8}

FIRST GREAT CAUSE. - The name of Deity is inscribed on all his works. The world is one vast mirror reflecting his glorious image. The magnitude of heavenly bodies; the immensity of space through which they are scattered; the vast numbers that exist, if each star is a central orb to unseen worlds revolving around it; the harmony of their movements; the adaptation of their form and motion to the convenience of the whole, and the power that binds them to their respective orbits, not only declare in unmistakable language the existence of a first great cause, but invest that cause with infinite perfection. {ARSH March 24, 1863, p. 135.17}

I was weary with my meditations and looking up I saw **two lonely stars.** All alone, seemingly, their gentle, genial **rays shone out from the firmament** as if meant for me. Nothing ever appealed more opportune and cheering. The whole nature of my reflections was changed and I thought on. {ARSH January 26, 1864, p. 70.14}

I wondered who had sent them to thus chase away my gloom. It was God. That same being whose care and love and pity I had almost doubted. It was he who had made them, placed them in their orbits and caused them to come and go to dispel the shades of night. These beautiful stars were not unstable, but ever in their nightly round did they here and there shed their timid light, never varying in their starry paths. {ARSH January 26, 1864, p. 70.15}

Thus, from the nice adjustments and balancing of revolving worlds, to the structure and operation of the organs of the smallest insect, and the simplest vegetable, and even to the arrangement of the particles of matter in the formation of minerals; and all the combinations of the elements of nature, by which the various forms and properties of matter are produced. Throughout the whole immensity of created things, mankind will readily admit that an intelligent, and wise, and benevolent Creator has established laws; and that by virtue of the laws which he has established, and continues to sustain, the forms, and properties, and powers of all material things are what they are. All, except the atheist, will frankly acknowledge that it is befitting a God of infinite intelligence, and wisdom, and goodness; that all the works of his hands should be established in order and harmonious system, and governed by precise and unchanging laws. And even he who denies the existence of a God, is forward to confess that eternal and unvarying laws reign in and over everything; and that, by the energy of those laws of nature, all the forms and conditions of nature are produced, and are preserved. Yet, strange to tell! when all these acknowledgements are made concerning the laws which govern the material universe, and all material forms, if we turn to the higher order of God's works, in which he has associated with organized matter, in human nature, organic vitality, and animal consciousness, and sensibility and voluntary motion, and intellectual and moral powers, and affirm that human life, and health, and thought, and feeling, are governed by laws as precise and fixed, and immutable, as those which holds the planets in their orbits, and cause all portions of each globe to press towards its center, and point the trembling needle to the pole, and govern all the molecular aggregations, and combinations, and arrangements of matter in the inorganic and organic world, mankind will, almost universally, without a pause for thought, deny the truth of the affirmation, and contend that human life, and health, and disease, are matters of entire uncertainty, governed by no laws, and subject only to the arbitrary control of God, or the blind necessity of fate, or the utter contingency of accident. They do not believe that there are any fixed laws of life, by the proper observance of which, man can, with any certainty, avoid disease and preserve health, and prolong his bodily existence; and they are confident that the experience of the human family in all ages has fully and conclusively demonstrated the correctness of their views. {ARSH October 3, 1865, p. 137.14}

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It has been said that order is heaven's first law. We see a demonstration of this in all the universe of God, in the movements of the heavenly bodies, the planets in their orbits, and of our own solar system, every planet circling around the sun, and all the different systems around God himself. We see it in the vegetable world, in the different laws that regulate vegetable growth, every tree bringing forth its own

kind. While there is variety, they are all bound together by one universal law. We see it in the animal creation, and especially in our own bodies. That probably is the best illustration of organization; for the apostle Paul uses it to show the organization that God has established in the church. There is a relationship of each part of the body to every other part, all acting under the direction of a common head, a common central power. This principle God incorporated in connection with his church in the world. {GCB May 28, 1909, p. 200.15}

Source Book for Bible Students, Containing Valuable Quotations Relating to the History, Doctrines, and Prophecies of the Scriptures, 1919, Review and Herald Publishing Association

Falling Stars, of 1833, Regarded as Sign of End by Many.—Scientific study of the orbits of shooting stars began after the occurrence of the most brilliant meteoric shower on record,-that of November 13, 1833. This spectacle, which excited the greatest interest among all beholders, and was looked upon with consternation by the ignorant, many of whom thought that the end of the world had come, was witnessed generally throughout North America, which happened to be the part of the earth facing the meteoric storm. Hundreds of thousands of shooting stars fell in the course of two or three hours. Some observers compared their number to the flakes of a snowstorm, or to the raindrops in a shower.—The Encyclopedia Americana, art. "Meteors or Shooting Stars." New York: The American Company, 1903. {SBBS 165.3}

Ptolemy's great work, the "Almagest," is a treatise on astronomy, setting forth the researches of ancient observers and mathematicians with reference to the position of the stars, the exact length of the year, and the elements of the orbits of the sun, moon, and planets. This work was written in Greek, and subsequently translated into Arabic, Persian, Hebrew, and Latin, etc.; it became the textbook of astronomic knowledge both in the East and in Europe, and retained that high position for about fourteen centuries, or till the time of Copernicus, the birth of modern astronomy, three centuries ago. {SBBS 401.1}

The servant of the Lord did not draw any lessons beyond that of the unchangeable certainty of the fixed stars and constellations behind the hundreds of meteorites that flashed for a moment and were gone. But there was a lesson in the stars that night, one that had at least some relevance to the problems that still plagued the work in northern Italy. {EGWE 238.1}

#### Q. What do the testimonies tell us about the Firmament?

The throne was high and lifted up, as Jeremiah saw it. Ezekiel describes the throne as above a firmament, having the appearance of "terrible crystal." And this crystal firmament, or expanse, rested above the heads of four living creatures, which were full of eyes. John was accustomed to the placid waters of the Mediterranean, and the space about the throne is described by him as "a sea of glass like unto crystal." "And in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts [or living creatures] full of eyes before and behind." {SSP 97.1}

It is also obvious that these Angels, said to be **flying through the midst of heaven**, are men delivering their message to us here on the earth's surface. Moses says, **"God made the firmament and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament. And God called the firmament Heaven. Genesis 1:7, 8. In the 20th v. says, <b>"let the waters bring forth** them that have

life, and fowls that may fly above the Earth in the open firmament of Heaven." Here we have it explained that everywhere above the earth and waters, is called the firmament, and the firmament is called Heaven. Then God's living people live in the first Heaven, heavenly places in Christ. Ephesians 1:3, 20, and 2:6; Hebrews 12:22. See 2nd Peter 3rd chap.5,7,10-12. David in 19 Psl, 1st v. speaks of the starry Heaven, second above the first. Paul says, Paradise, that is the Heavenly Jerusalem, is in the third Heaven, which is the sanctuary. The Prophet says "he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from Heaven did the Lord behold the earth. Solomon says the Heaven of Heavens. Now see his people in the first {BP2 66.3}

Heaven just above the earth, and the whole subject is clear, that Angels flying through the midst of Heaven *preaching the Gospel*, are no more nor less than men burdened with a message and are pained to be delivered. Our business then is with the Protestant Church, for it will be admitted by all that the Roman and Greek Church are corrupt and anti-Christian. {BP2 67.1}

The Book of Job contains some magnificent descriptions of the power and majesty of God. "He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing. He bindeth up the waters in His thick clouds; and the cloud is not rent under them." Who can ever tire of watching the clouds in their varying forms? They are a constant source of wonder. And then to think of the wonderful power that is represented by them! Think of the immense quantities of water that they hold, to pour out in the earth at the appointed time! For it is the direct personal power of the Lord that causes it to rain. Science may tell us, in part, what conditions must obtain before rain falls, and may predict its occurrence with considerable accuracy; but this does not disprove the fact that God Himself orders the rain. {GOSC 64.3}

"Can any understand the spreading of the clouds?" asks Elihu; and to this day the most learned scientist is compelled to answer, "None." "He bindeth up the waters in His thick clouds; and the cloud is not rent under them." Job xxvi. 8. Think of the weight of water contained in a single rain cloud. If it should all come down at once everything would be swept away before it, and the very ground would be furrowed as with a gigantic plough. Some idea of the amount of water in a single cloud may be formed when we consider that to cover merely a single acre of land an inch deep, would take more than one hundred and thirty tons of water. Now remember that in a single rain shower several inches of rain have been known to fall upon thousands of acres, and we can realize what vast reservoirs the clouds are! What held that water in the sky until the time came for it to be poured on the earth? No scientist has any theories to account for how it is done; but we know the fact, that it is held up by the power of God, the same power that drew it up. This is the power that is exerted to draw us to Him. {PTUK May 19, 1898, p. 307.15}

He "hath measured the waters in the hollow of His hand." Think of all the waters on the face of the earth, and under the earth, as well as the oceans of waters in the sky, - all held in the hollow of God's hand. In reading this verse we almost always think only of the oceans and seas on this earth. Well, it is a great thing that God holds them in his hand; but when we think of the expanse of waters in the heavens, we shall get a still more comprehensive idea of His power. A rain cloud capable of sending a shower of water to the depth of an inch over the surface of London, would weigh about one million tons. What an inconceivable mass and weight of water is therefore constantly floating about overhead, waiting God's command to fall upon the earth! "He bindeth up the waters in His thick clouds; and the cloud is not rent under them." Job 26:8. All these are gathered in the hollow of His hand. With this in mind, what comfort there is in reading the words of Christ, who comes as a shepherd, gathering the lambs with his arm, "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give unto them eternal life; and they

shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of My hand. My Father, which hath given them unto Me, is greater than all; and no one shall snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and My Father are One." John 10:27-30. With what confidence God's people may rest in that mighty hand! {PTUK September 21, 1899, p. 594.2}

# "The Everlasting Gospel: God's Saving Power in the Things That Are Made" - The Present Truth 14, 33. CLOUDS AND RAIN by E. J. Waggoner

Gen. i. 6-8: "And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and lot It divide the waters from the waters. And God made the firmament, end divided the waters which wore under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so. And God called the firmament heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day." {PTUK August 18, 1898, p. 517.4} Genesis 1:6-8

Ps. xix. 1: "The heavens declare the glory of God; the **firmament** showeth His handiwork." {PTUK August 18, 1898, p. 517.5} *Psalm 19:1* 

Eph. ii. 10: "We are His workmanship, created In Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." {PTUK August 18, 1898, p. 517.6} *Ephesians 2:10* 

Ps. xcvii. 1, 2: "The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof. **Clouds and darkness ore round about Him;** righteousness and judgment are the habitation of His throne." {PTUK August 18, 1898, p. 517.7} *Psalm 97:1,2* 

Ps. civ. 1-8: "Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, Thou art very great; Thou art clothed with honour and majesty. Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment; who stretchest out the heavens as a curtain; who layeth the beams of His chambers in tile waters; who maketh the clouds His chariot; who walketh upon the wings of the wind." {PTUK August 18, 1898, p. 517.8} *Psalm 104:1-8* 

Nahum i. 3: "The Lord hath His way in the whirlwind and in the storm; and the clouds are the dust of His feet." {PTUK August 18, 1898, p. 517.9} *Nahum 1:3* 

Jer. x. 10, 12, 13: "The Lord is the true God He is the living God, and an everlasting King." "He hath made the earth by His power, He hath established the world by His wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by His discretion. When He uttereth His voice, there is a multitude of waters in the heavens, and He causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; He maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of His treasuries." {PTUK August 18, 1898, p. 517.10} Jeremiah 10:10,12,13

Job xxxvi. 26-28: "Behold, God is great, and we know Him not; the number of His years is unsearchable. For He draweth up the drops of water, which distill in rain from His vapour; which the skies pour down and drop upon man abundantly." {PTUK August 18, 1898, p. 517.11} Job 36:26-28

Job xxxvii. 2-6: "Hearken ye unto the noise of His voice, and the sound that goeth out of His mouth. He sendeth it forth under the whole heaven, and **His lightning** unto the ends of the earth. After it **a voice roareth**; **He thundereth with the voice of His majesty**; and He stayeth them not when His voice is heard. **God thundereth marvellously with His voice**; great things doeth He, which we cannot comprehend, For He saith to the **snow**, Fall thou on the earth; likewise to the **shower of rain**, and to the showers of His

mighty Thyself with light as with a garment; who stretchest out the heavens as a curtain; who layeth the beams of His chambers in tile waters; who maketh the clouds His chariot; who walketh upon the wings of the wind." Thyself with light as with a garment; who stretchest out the heavens as a curtain; who layeth the beams of His chambers in tile waters; who maketh the clouds His chariot; who walketh upon the wings of the wind." {PTUK August 18, 1898, p. 517.12} Job 37:2-6

Job xxxvi. 30, 32: "Can any understand the spreadings of the clouds, the thunderings of His pavilion?" "He covereth His hands with the lightning; and giveth it a charge that it strike the mark." {PTUK August 18, 1898, p. 517.13} Job 36:30,32

Job xxxvii. 16: "Didst thou know the balancings of the clouds, the wondrous works of Him which is perfect in knowledge?" {PTUK August 18, 1898, p. 517.14} *Job 37:16* 

Job. xxvi. 8: "He bindeth up the waters in His thick clouds; and the cloud is not rent under them." {PTUK August 18, 1898, p. 517.15} Job 26:8

Read these texts as the living words of the living God. The whole of understanding them is in believing that they mean just what they say. {PTUK August 18, 1898, p. 517.16}

Man, as well as the **firmament**, shows the handiwork of God. In Christ are all things created, and we also are created in Christ Jesus unto good works. If we believe that God is personally present **"in the firmament of His power"** (Ps. cl. 1), then when we consider the power that is revealed there we shall know and rejoice in **"the power which worketh in us."** {PTUK August 18, 1898, p. 517.17} *Psalm 150:1* 

Look in the margin of the Revised Version, in Gen. i. 6, and note that the word rendered "firmament" is the Hebrew for "expanse." God made an expanse, a vast space to divide the waters from the waters. The stars are set in the expanse of the heavens. This idea of an expanse is found in Ps. civ. 2: "who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain." {PTUK August 18, 1898, p. 517.18} Genesis 1:6; Psalm 104:2

That God is actually and really present "in the firmament of His power," is seen in the, statement that He "maketh the clouds His chariot," and "hath His way in the whirlwind and in the storm." "The clouds are the, dust of His feet." "Behold, the Lord rideth upon a swift cloud." Isa. xix. 1. {PTUK August 18, 1898, p. 517.19} Isaiah 19:1

"When He uttereth His voice, there is a multitude of waters in the heavens." "He thundereth with the voice of His majesty." "God thundereth marvellously with His voice; great things doeth He, which we cannot comprehend." If children were taught the truth about the thunder and the storm, "as the truth is in Jesus," they would never cower in terror when the voice of God is heard in the heavens. "Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound; they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of Thy countenance. In Thy name shall they rejoice all the day; and in Thy righteousness shall they be exalted." Ps. lxxxix. 15, 16. {PTUK August 18, 1898, p. 517.20} Psalm 89:15,16

"Hath the rain a father?" Has it? Read the answer in the Bible. Where does the rain come from?-From the clouds. How does it get there?-"He draweth up the drops of water, which distil in rain from His vapour; which the skies pour down and drop upon man abundantly." If the {PTUK August 18, 1898, p. 517.21}

Poor Indian, whose untutored mindSees God in cloud, and beers Him In the wind, {PTUK August 18, 1898, p. 518.1}

to be pitied for his ignorance? Is he in reality so "untutored" as the civilised man whose learning has caused him to leave God out of all his so-called science? {PTUK August 18, 1898, p. 518.2}

"Can any understand the spreadings of the clouds?" "Dost thou know the balancings of the clouds, the wondrous workings of Him which is perfect in knowledge?" These are questions to which no man even in these days is presumptuous enough to say, "Yes." "He bindeth up the waters in His thick clouds, and the cloud is not rent under them." No scientist can explain the power by which the clouds are upheld in the slay. Only the first and only Book of science, the Bible, tells us what it is. It is the "eternal power" of the Creator, which is clearly seen in the clouds as well as in all other things that He has made. {PTUK August 18, 1898, p. 518.3}

By a little calculation we can form a slight idea of the wonderful power by which the waters are bound up in the thick clouds so that the cloud is not rent under them. This calculation can easily be made if we remember that a cubic foot of water weighs sixty-two and one-half pounds. Let us take a comparatively small space. Perhaps the area best known by all is the space covered by the Parliament buildings. A cloud holding sufficient water to cause it to rain to the depth of just fan inch over that space alone, would contain over twelve hundred and fifty tons of water. {PTUK August 18, 1898, p. 518.4}

A better idea of this weight can be obtained if we consider it as coal instead of water, for we are accustomed to seeing tons of coal. Think then of twelve hundred and fifty tons of coal being suspended over that small area. And think of the great clouds that send down their contents over miles and miles of country. What an infinite weight of water is floating about in the air over our heads! {PTUK August 18, 1898, p. 518.5}

What holds this water thus suspended? There can be but one answer: It is the hand of God. He "hath measured the waters in the hollow of His hand." Isa. xl. 13. **"The balancings of the clouds"** reveal the "wondrous workings of Him which is perfect in knowledge." {PTUK August 18, 1898, p. 518.6} *Isaiah* 40:12,13; *Job* 37:16

Jesus said, "I, if I be lifted up, will draw all [men] unto Me." Now we know that the power by which He draws is very real. It is power that is constantly in operation before our eyes, drawing up the drops of water, "which distil in rain from His vapour." It is a real, tangible power, to which we are to submit. Why should we not quietly yield to this power that tends to draw us upward to God, instead of, by our stubborn resistance, compelling it to "strive" with us? {PTUK August 18, 1898, p. 518.7}

When the Apostle sets Christ forth as the One who by Himself purges our sins, he speaks of Him as "upholding all things by the Word of His power." Heb. i. 3. The clouds of water give us something tangible by which we can grasp the power that saves us when we believe. We may trust Him, because all "power" "in heaven and in earth" is His. Then {PTUK August 18, 1898, p. 518.8} Hebrews 1:3

Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in His sanctuary; **Praise Him in the firmament of His power.** Praise Him for His mighty acts; Praise Him according to His excellent greatness. **Praise Him, ye heavens of heavens, And ye waters that be above the heavens.** Let them praise the name of the Lord; For He commanded, and they were created. He hath also established them for ever and ever; He hath made a decree which shall not pass away. Ps. cl. 1, 2; cxlviii. 4-6. {PTUK August 18, 1898, p. 518.9} *Psalm 150:1,2*; *Psalm 148:4-6* 

In the latest rendering of the Psalms, this last verse, as it is also indicated in the margin of the Revised Version, reads thus:- {PTUK August 18, 1898, p. 518.10}

He established them for ever and ever; He gave them a law which they may not transgress. {PTUK August 18, 1898, p. 518.11}

# "For the Children. 'The Brightness of the Firmament'" By E. J. Waggoner - The Present Truth 14, 34.

"The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth His handiwork." You have learned that on the second day "God made the firmament" by the power of His Word, saying, "Let there be a firmament." And He "divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament." "And God called the firmament, Heaven." {PTUK August 25, 1898. P. 538.1}

Last week we were thinking about God's power in the firmament; to-day we will talk about His glory, which the heavens declare, - the beauty of the Lord which we may see in "the waters which are above the firmament." For you know that the clouds which float to in the blue sky are large masses of water in the form of vapour, which has been drawn up there by the power of God, working through the sun. If you want to know more about this, read the "Story About Raindrops" on the next page. {PTUK August 25, 1898. P. 538.2}

God draws up to Himself the drops of water, and holds them up in the sky, and stretches them like a curtain over the earth, sending them down where they are needed in refreshing showers, to water the thirsty ground, and "make it bring forth and bud." {PTUK August 25, 1898. P. 538.3}

Of the cloud that rested over the tabernacle that was with the children of Israel in the wilderness, we are told that "the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud." This is true, not of that particular cloud only, but of all the clouds that are in the sky. Have you ever watched with delight the glorious sunrise? When {PTUK August 25, 1898. P. 538.4}

"Far eastward in the heaven you see at last the sign, - Along the far horizon a single silver line. {PTUK August 25, 1898. P. 538.}

"It broadens and it deepens to a sea of red and gold, with clouds of rosy amber around its glory rolled." {PTUK August 25, 1898. P. 538.6}

Or, more glorious still, the splendor of the sunset sky, when the ruler of the day "seems to lay down his head upon a pillow of crimson and gold," and {PTUK August 25, 1898. P. 538.7}

"Bright clouds are gathering one by one, and sweeping in pomp round the setting sun, with crimson banner and golden pall, like a host to their chieftain's funeral." {PTUK August 25, 1898. P. 538.8}

Where does all this brightness in beauty come from, - the delicate soft tenths of pink and amber, and the magnificent glowing crimson and gold?- It is the glory of the Lord appearing in the clouds. His glory which the sun reveals is reflected by the clouds before the sun rises and after it sets. The glory would be there just the same if there were no clouds reflect it to us; but through the clouds it is made visible so that we are able to see in "the brightness of the firmament," the glory of the Lord. {PTUK August 25, 1898. P. 538.9}

And then, you will remember, that after the flood of waters which destroyed the earth, God said, "I do put My bow in the cloud." The rainbow simply shows us all the beautiful colours that are in the light, which is the glory of God shining from the face of Jesus Christ. But this glory is the shining forth of His

love and goodness, so we may really see in the rainbow, when His Holy Spirit opens our eyes, the beauty of God's character. {PTUK August 25, 1898. P. 538.10}

A little while ago, while walking one morning in a large park, I watched one of the gardeners watering the plants with a large hose. As the water shot from the hose in a cloud of fine spray which fell gently to the earth, I saw reflected in it a beautiful rainbow. And I knew that this beauty of the Lord was all about me in the light, although unseen, and that like the cloud of spray I might reflect it so that others could see it, by revealing His character, His grace and loveliness. {PTUK August 25, 1898. P. 538.11}

And this is just what God is promise that His children shall do, for He says that they "shall shine as the brightness of the firmament." Think of this whenever you see the beauty of the heavens come and ask God to let His glory shine into your heart, so that you may reveal the beauty of His love, that when He comes its beauty may "shine forth" from you forever in "the kingdom of your Father." {PTUK August 25, 1898. P. 538.12}

# "Little Folks. Between the Waters" by E. J. Waggoner - The Present Truth 15, 18.

Have you thought at all during the past month, as you have seen the heavy "April showers" falling so frequently of the place where they all come from,-of "the waters that be above the heavens?" {PTUK May 4, 1899, p. 282.1}

Yes, you have looked up at the sky, and watched the clouds, and wondered how long the shower would last, how soon the veil would disappear from the face of the sun, and its bright smile invite you out again to play in its warm beams. {PTUK May 4, 1899, p. 282.2}

But have you thought of the great ocean of water that is above the firmament, bound up in the thick clouds? What holds it up there, and how is it that it stays floating in the heavens, instead of all falling to the earth and swallowing up every living thing? {PTUK May 4, 1899, p. 282.3}

Well, we can tell you what it is that holds up this mighty ocean of waters, but we cannot tell you how it is done, for that is something that no one in this world is able to explain. {PTUK May 4, 1899, p. 282.4}

In the Book of Job there are two questions asked that none of the wise men of this world have yet been able to answer: "Canst thou understand the spreadings of the clouds?" and "Dost thou know the balancings of the clouds?" {PTUK May 4, 1899, p. 282.5} Job 36:29; Job 37:16

It is the Word of God that upholds these waters in the clouds, for He "upholdeth all things by the Word of His power." When God said, "Let there be a firmament [an expanse or space] in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters," His Word, the breath of His mouth, went forth between the waters and divided them. "By the Word of the Lord the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water." Did you know that you are really dwelling "in the midst of the waters," in a tent between the waters, which are held back by the Word of God, and if He should withdraw His hand you would be at once overwhelmed and swallowed up, Just as Pharaoh and his host were in the Red Sea? {PTUK May 4, 1899, p. 282.6}

You may have thought, as you have read of the children of Israel journeying through the wilderness, how much you would like to have travelled with them, and seen "the mighty acts of the Lord,"-to have fed on

the manna that fell from heaven, to have drunk of the water gushing from the rock, to have marched through the midst of the Red Sea and the River Jordan on dry land. {PTUK May 4, 1899, p. 282.7}

But all these things were only to show them and us what wonders God is doing for us all the time. He let them "see His works forty years," so that they might "learn His ways," might learn to know Him so well that they would be able to see Him working everywhere and in all things. {PTUK May 4, 1899, p. 282.8}

He fed them with bread from heaven so that they might know that all the bread they had came from heaven, and He the One who fed them always. He made the water gush from the rock upon which He stood, to teach them that all the water in the world flows from Him, "the fountains of living waters." He held back the water; of the Red Sea and the Jordan, and led them through the midst on dry land, so that they might see that they were all the time walking on the dry land in the midst of the waters which are held back by His power. {PTUK May 4, 1899, p. 282.9}

In the Book of Exodus we are told just what it was that divided the waters of the Red Sea. "The Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong wind;" "by the blast of His nostrils the waters were gathered together." God breathed between the water, so making a way for the children of Israel to pass, while His breath separated the waters and held them back. {PTUK May 4, 1899, p. 282.10}

And this is just what He did in the beginning, and has been doing ever since He first said, "Let there be a firmament." He breathed between the waters, and divided the waters that were above from the waters that were below the firmament. {PTUK May 4, 1899, p. 282.11}

This firmament we call the atmosphere or air, which is the breath of God in which "we live, and move, and have our being. The Lord stretcheth out the heavens, [or the atmosphere] like a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in." {PTUK May 4, 1899, p. 282.12}

At one time God let the waters above and the waters below the firmament come together again as they were in the beginning. This was because the wickedness of the people in the earth was so great that God was obliged to destroy the world by a flood of waters. {PTUK May 4, 1899, p. 282.13}

Then "the fountains of the great deep were broken up and the flood-gates of heavens were opened;" the world was turned again into one great ocean and every living thing destroyed except Noah and those who were with him in the ark which floated safely upon the waters. "The world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished." {PTUK May 4, 1899, p. 283.1}

Then "God made a wind to pass over the earth," and "the waters returned from off the earth continually." **The waters were again divided**, and "the heavens and the earth which are now, by the same Word are kept in store." {PTUK May 4, 1899, p. 283.2}

How may we know that there will never be another flood of waters to destroy the earth? What has God given us to remind us of this? Think of this until next week when we will talk of it again. {PTUK May 4, 1899, p. 283.3}

#### Q. What is said about the constellations, Pleiades, Orion, and Arcturus?

Dark heavy clouds came up, and clashed against each other. The atmosphere parted and rolled back; then we could look up through the open space in Orion, whence came the voice of God. The holy city will

come down through that open space. I saw that the powers of earth are now being shaken, and that events come in order. War, and rumors of war, sword, famine, and pestilence are first to shake the powers of earth, then the voice of God will shake the sun, moon, and stars, and this earth also. I saw that the shaking of the powers in Europe is not, as some teach, the shaking of the powers of heaven, but it is the shaking of the angry nations. {CET 111.2}{EW 41.2}{LDE 272.1}{ExV 24.1}{Mar 279.5}{PT August 1, 1849, par. 20}{Broadside2 January 31, 1849, par. 5}{1EGWLM 138.6}

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Which alone spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the sea: which maketh **Arcturus**, **Orion**, **and Pleiades**, and the chambers of the south. Job 9:8, 9. {WGD 340.1}

Here the ministers of righteousness are symbolized by the seven stars, which the First and the Last has under his special care and protection. The Lord Jesus Christ is acquainted with the number of the stars. He calls them by their names, binds the sweet influence of Pleiades, and looses the bands of Orion. The ministers of the gospel of Christ are greater blessings to the church than are the stars to our world. All are in God's hand. He directs their motions. He disposes of them in their different orbs in their positions. He fills them with light and influence. He supports them, else they would soon be falling stars. They are instruments in his hands, and all the good they do is done by his hand and by his Spirit's power. {RH May 31, 1887, par. 4}

Through Amos the message of the Lord to Israel was: "Seek ye me, and ye shall live: but seek not Beth-el, nor enter into Gilgal, and pass not to Beer-sheba: for Gilgal shall surely go into captivity, and Beth-el shall come to naught. Seek the Lord, and ye shall live.... Seek him that maketh **the seven stars and Orion,** and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night: that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The Lord is his name." Amos 5:4-8. {RH February 5, 1914, par. 10}

In the actions of the priests and rulers against the good and righteous teacher, it had become depraved and distorted and criminal. "Ye who turn judgment to wormwood, and leave off righteousness in the earth, seek him that made **the seven stars and Orion,** and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night: that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out on the face of the earth: the Lord is his name. That strengtheneth the spoiled against the strong so that the spoiled shall come against the fortress. They hate him the most that rebuketh in the gate, and they abhor him that speaketh uprightly." Amos 5:7-10. {12LtMs, Ms 52, 1897, par. 14}

"He made the **Pleiades and Orion**; He turns the shadow of death into morning. And makes the day dark as night.""He who forms mountains, and creates the wind, Who declares to man what His thought is,""He who builds His layers in the sky, And has founded His strata in the earth; Who calls for the waters of the sea, And pours them out on the face of the earth—The Lord is His name." Amos 5:8; 4:13; 9:6. {MHH 236.2}

She told about **the stars and the rosy-tinted belts around one of them.** She told about **four moons** here and **seven moons** there and so forth. Joseph Bates listened. "My," he thought, "there is something very strange." **She knew nothing at all about astronomy, she had so declared.** But when she began to describe **the opening in the heavens** and tell about that open space with all its beauty, Joseph Bates exclaimed, "Oh, if only Lord John Rosse were here now to hear that description," for it was in 1845 that Lord John

Rosse, an English astronomer, had described the open space in Orion. It was called "the gap in the sky" and Joseph Bates had read the description of that open space in the Illustrated London News of April 19, 1845. That was one of his favourite themes. He had not even mentioned that to Mrs. White because he thought, "She knows nothing about astronomy. What does she know about the opening in the heavens?" {DGRGC 44.2}

Passing from the northern into the southern hemisphere, one is struck with the remarkable change in the starry heavens. Before reaching the equator, the well-known north star is apparently setting in the northern horizon, and a great portion of the well-known stars in the northern hemisphere are receding from the mariner's view. But this loss is supplied by the splendid, new and varied scenery in the southern heavens, as he sails onward toward the southern polar regions. Here, away in the south-western heavens, in the track of the milky way, every star-light night, can be seen two small, stationary white clouds, called by sailors the "Magellanic clouds." Ferguson says, "By the aid of the telescope they appear to be a mixture of small clouds and stars." But the most remarkable of all the cloudy stars, he says, "is that in the middle of Orion's sword, where seven stars (three of which are very close together) seem to shine through a cloud. It looks like a gap in the sky, through which one may see as it were a part of a much brighter region. Although most of these spaces are but a few minutes of a degree in breadth, yet since they are among the fixed stars they must be spaces larger than what is occupied by our solar system; and in which there seems to be a perpetual, uninterrupted day among numberless worlds which no human art can ever discover." {AJB 151.2}

This gap or place in the sky is undoubtedly the same that is spoken of in the Scriptures. See John 1:51; Revelation 19:11. The center of this constellation (Orion) is midway between the poles of heaven, and directly over the equator of the earth, and comes to the meridian about the twenty-third of January, at nine o'clock in the evening. Inspiration testifies that "the worlds were framed by the word of God." Hebrews 11:3 "He hangeth the earth upon nothing." "By his Spirit he hath garnished the heavens." {AJB 151.3}

From what part of Heaven will this glorious City appear? We answer, from where **the flaming sword is** "guarding the way of the tree of life," and the Cherubims are stationed. John 1:51. Furgerson, the celebrated astronomer of the last century, in describing some of the many wonders in the Heavens, says "that the two bright clouds in the heavens at the south pole, called by mariners the clouds of Magelen, are by astronomers called **cloudy stars**, but the most remarkable of all the cloudy stars is that in the **middle of Orion's Sword, where seven stars (of which three are very close together) seem to shine through a cloud, very lucid in the middle, but faint and ill defined about the edges.** It looks like a GAP in the sky, through which one may see (as it were) part of a much brighter region. Although most of the spaces are but a few minutes of a degree in breadth, yet, since they are among the fixed stars, they must be spaces larger than what is occupied by our Solar System - (the Solar System includes the Planet Uranus, which is one thousand and eight hundred millions of miles from the Sun, the circumference of her **orbit in which she revolves around the Sun** is calculated to be three hundred and fourteen millions of miles) - and in which there seems to be a perpetual uninterrupted day among **numberless worlds**, which no human art can ever discover. - Furgerson's Treatise on Astronomy, edition A. D. 1770. {BP1 6.1}

Out of ninety-three, **Orion** is the most striking and splendid **constellation in the Heavens**; her centre is midway between the poles of heaven and directly over the equator of the Earth, and is visible from all the habitable parts of the **Globe**. On her south-eastern quarter is the beautiful **star Sirius**, (one of the most

magnificent in the Heavens,) and on the north-west is stationed the Pleiades or seven Stars. "She rises at noon about the 9th of March" "and sets at noon about the 21st of June," and comes to the meridian January 23rd, at 9 P. M. She is now to be seen for a little while, in the evening twilight, about one hour high, with the Planets Jupiter and Mars on her north and north-west. When the Lord answered Job out of the whirl wind, and demanded of him to answer to the wonderful questions which he was now about to put to him, he says "Canst thou bind the sweet influences of the Pleiades or loose the bands of ORION." When Amos, the Prophet exhorted his Israel to repentance, he endeavored to impress their minds with the power of God by adverting to the wonderful phenomena in the Heavens, by saying, "Seek him that maketh the Seven Stars and Orion," etc. etc. {BP1 7.1}

Sir WILLIAM HERSCHEL says, "If stars of the eighth magnitude are to be considered at an average of eight times further distant than those of the first, then this **nebula** cannot be supposed to be less than 320,000,000,000,000,000, three hundred and twenty thousand billions of miles from the earth. If its diameter at this distance subtend an angle of ten minutes, which it nearly does, its magnitude must be utterly inconceivable. It has been calculated that it must exceed 2,000,000,000,000,000,000, or two trillions of times the dimensions of the Sun, vast and incomprehensible as these dimensions are." - See Dick's Sidereal Heavens, Vol.VIII. pp. 181,184. {BP1 8.1}

Says the author - "Suffice it to say that such an enormous mass of luminous matter was not created in vain, but serves a purpose in the divine arrangements corresponding to its magnitude and the nature of its luminosity, and to the wisdom and intelligence of him whose power brought it into existence. It doubtless subserves some important purpose, even at the present moment, to worlds and beings within the range of its influence. But the ultimate in all its bearings and relations, may perhaps remain to be evolved during the future ages of an interminable existence." Page 184. {BP1 8.2}

Again, says the ILLUSTRATED LONDON NEWS of April 19th, 1845: "Marvelous rumors are afloat respecting the Astronomical discoveries made by lord Rosse's monster Telescope. (This is said to be sixty feet long and its great speculum or reflecting large glass measures six feet in diameter and weighs three and three-fourths tons, and is calculated to discover glorious objects in the Heavens, to man heretofore unknown.) It is stated that **Regulus**, instead of being a **sphere**, is ascertained to be a Disc; and stranger still, that **the nebula in the belt of Orion (meaning the bright place before stated) is a universal system, a sun with planets moving round it, as the earth and her fellows move around our glorious luminary." {BP1 8.3}** 

Thus we see from all the testimony adduced, (and we could give much more were it necessary) that here is a most wonderful and inexplainable phenomena in the heavens: **a gap in the sky**, more than 11,314,000,000 miles in circumference. Says the celebrated HUGGENS, "I never saw anything like it among the rest of the **fixed stars** - a free view into another region more enlightened." I have had the pleasure (with others) during the past month, to see this wonder in the Heavens a number of evenings, through J. Delano, Jr's. excellent Telescope. {BP1 8.4}

It has been supposed by some, that this wonderful phenomena seen through **the sword of Orion,** has passed through some material change since it was first discovered by HUGGENS, one hundred and ninety years ago. On this point Sir John Herschel says: "When it is considered how difficult it is to represent such an object duly, and how entirely its appearance will differ even in the same Telescope, according to the clearness of the air, or other temporary causes, we shall readily admit that we have no evidence of change that can be relied on." {BP1 9.1}

As I had before partially examined the Bible view of the opening Heavens, I think I never shall forget the thrill that pervaded my whole being, the first time that I saw this **celestial wonder** coursing its way down the western Heavens! Since then, when I have viewed it through the Telescope, my mind would instinctively revert to Moses's description of the liberated children of Abraham, passing through the Red Sea, with that wonderful miracle **"the pillar of fire,** between them and the Egyptian Host." My thoughts still running onward, from type to antitype, "God looking through the cloud of fire in the morning watch;" at once vanguished the enemies of his chosen people. Exodus 14:24, 27. {BP1 9.2}

So in this morning watch God will not only look through this mighty space, (black on one side with the stormy cloud,) but, as the Prophet Joel says, he will "Roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the Heavens and the Earth shall shake: but the Lord will be the hope of his people. - So shall ye know that I am the Lord your God dwelling in Zion my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy." ("CLEANSED.") 3:16, 17. {BP1 9.3}

A western view, with an inverting eye piece, gives it the appearance of a stormy dark cloud, with a full moon just shut in behind it, and **three bright stars looking through the cloud. This dark looking cloud is called the gap in the sky.** This **constellation** measures about one thousand miles from North to South, and five hundred from East to West, and is visible to all the inhabitants of the earth. {BP1 9.4}

Here then is a mighty Image (as represented on the map of the Heavens,) stretched across mid heaven, with his gold and silver epaulettes (four hundred and eighty miles apart) and **two burning stars denoting his Northern and Southern extremities:** the golden one on his upraised left foot, the other of silver on his right knee, answering to the one on his left shoulder; girded with his brilliant studded belt and flaming sword; "doubtless, to subserve some important purpose even at the present moment." Let it be distinctly understood, with what has already been stated by the Astronomers, that this "**constellation is one of the most brilliant and noted in the Heavens,"** "that its **nebula**, (according to the celebrated Sir WILLIAM HERSCHEL) far exceeds any other object, and its magnitude utterly inconceivable, two trillions times larger than the Sun; while the Sun is allowed to be thirteen hundred thousand times larger than our **globe.** That it "never yet has been resolved into stars by the highest power of the telescope," "and there is no evidence of any change, even if it were discovered to be resolvable, (as is stated by a writer somewhat acquainted with lord Rosse's monster telescope.) If so, it goes to strengthen the argument of its first discoverer, who says "through which one had a free view into another region which was more enlightened." {BP1 10.1}

If, then, there is nothing to be seen on Earth or in the Heavens except what Joshua and David saw, 5:13, 14; 1 Chronicles 21:15, 16, that looks like this constellation, would it be thought strange for a Christian to believe that the Prophet Moses had recorded for our instruction the very answer to be given, viz. "to keep the way of the tree of life." {BP1 10.2}

I have now given a general description of this **celestial wonder**, but some may still doubt whether anything can be ascertained with respect to objects so far removed. If the most accurate calculations had not already been made in respect to many of the heavenly bodies, how could the tempest tossed mariner, after being driven for days, and sometimes weeks, sailing on all points of the compass, and perhaps, not have known his position from the time he had taken his departure from his port, only by dead reckoning, (nothing in sight but sea and sky,) ascertain his true position? Just look, - there stands the captain, on some convenient part of the deck of his ship, holding in his hand a **three cornered instrument, called a Sextant, measuring the distance between the sun and moon, or if it be in the night, between the moon and some lunar star, (which is millions on millions of miles removed from the <b>Solar System**,) noting the

moment by his watch when he brings the outer or inner edges of these two **celestial objects** to touch; then measuring their distance from the horizon. With the help of a Nautical Almanac, (which had been published years before,) in the course of twenty minutes he so confidently ascertains his position, (however strange it may appear to landsmen,) that he would, after running ten or one hundred miles more or less, as the case may be, direct one of his crew to go to the mast head, and tell him at the same time in what direction to look for land. Presently the cry would come down, thrilling through every soul in the ship, "Land ho!" "Where away?" "Off the starboard bow, sir, where you told me to look." Such instances are not rare, but of daily occurrence. "How could that be? says one, "it looks like a miracle!" So it would be, if the great God had not directed these **celestial objects** to move in perfect harmony. A place for everyone, and everyone in its place. {BP1 10.3}

One at a certain time said, "Canst thou by searching find out God? Canst thou find out the Almighty to perfection?" The wise man answers, "No man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end." Ecclesiastes 3:2; Job 11:7. These texts alone teach us that we yet know but little of the power and wisdom of the Sovereign of the universe, whose spirit fills unlimited space; which space is undoubtedly coeval and coextensive with eternity; studded with millions on millions of worlds, each moving in its appropriate Sphere, like our own Planet. But a still greater wonder is the thousands and millions of blazing Comets, even in the Solar System, (Dick, vol. 8: p. 339,) seemingly sailing with a roving commission, sweeping their burning trails all over the perceptible universe of God, each moving in its proper Orbit! some of them shooting, at times, almost with the velocity of lightning! And yet, with what precision does the Astronomer calculate their appearing again after hundreds and thousands of years, without interfering with any of the celestial scenery. Just turn over to the second page of your Almanac and learn with what admirable accuracy the Astronomer has calculated, even to a moment of time, when the moon of yesterday will be passing under the sun, and cause the darkness to be seen and felt. {BP1 11.1}

Some minds may be troubled about the flaming sword being placed at the East of the Garden, or that we could see the Eastern side. This will be better understood by looking at the motion of our Planet. It is said by Astronomers that this Earth in its annual motion, is booming round the sun at the rate of nineteen miles per second; at the same time her diurnal motion from East to West is at the rate of ten miles per minute: consequently all the objects we see in the heavens, comes from the East, and among the rest this glorious constellation of Orion, all just as natural as it is for us to see the Sun rise in the East; and in the same direction the world will soon see what the Second Advent believer has long and anxiously been waiting for: the "glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." Titus 2:13. Now let us take another view; not through Lord Rosse's, but God's great Telescope, which "declares the end from the beginning." Isaiah 46:10. {BP1 12.1}

On page 98 he says of the book of Job: "The astronomical names, Pleiades, Orion, and Arcturus, are Greek, and not Hebrew names; and as it does not appear form anything that is to be found in the Bible that the Jews knew anything of astronomy, or that they studied it, they had no translation of those names into their own language, but adopted the names as they found them in the poem." It is true "that the Hebrews had no translation of those names into their own language;" for the very good reason that they had names for them in the Hebrew 844 years before Cadmus introduced letters into Greece, and 1934 years before the Greek language was complete. In Hebrew the name of Arcturus was Ash, of Orion Cesil , and of Pleiades Cimah. See Job 9:9. {ARSH April 8, 1880, p. 227.7}

ASTRONOMY must be a study in Christian schools, in obedience to the call of the Lord, "Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: He calleth them all by names by the greatness of His might, for that He is strong in power; not one faileth." Isaiah 40:26. This will be one of the texts: and the brilliant galaxy of the heavens, with its suns, systems, orbits, and laws, and the literature of the subject, will be the study-book. And as the student contemplates the innumerable host, and remembers that God not only knows the collective number of them all, but brings out each one by its own number; that He calls each one by its particular name, and never forgets—not one ever slips His mind or escapes His attention—either its number or its name; and that by this infinite knowledge and this attention that touches the infinitesimal, each one is kept exactly in its orbit and in its time to a spider's web space in ages upon ages—as thus he learns in the study-book and there falls upon his car the pleading inquiry of the next verse in the Text-book, "Why sayest thou, ... My way is hid from the Lord, and My judgment is passed over from My God?" he knows that He who calls these all by their names, and thinks upon him, will never forget his name, nor shall he ever fail of the infinite attention. {PBE 196.1}

Another text may be, "Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades?" Job 38:31. With that as a text, all the astronomy of the Pleiades will be the study-book. And when the student has covered the field of the Pleiades, and knows what are the sweet attractive influences of the Pleiades, he will know that he can know, in his own life, the sweet influences of the Spirit of Him who gave sweet influences to the Pleiades; and that will make him in his place in the order of God what the Pleiades are in their place in the order of God. {PBE 197.1}

He can read also the text, "He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds. He telleth the number of the stars; He calleth them all by their names." Psalm 147:3, 4. And when he has studied the look of the Pleiades and their sweet influences, and Orion and his bands, and knows that He can "bind the sweet influences of the Pleiades, and loose the bands of Orion," he will also know that He can bind up the broken heart and heal the wounded spirit, and loose the bands of sin and evil habits that hold his soul in bondage. He will then be better able to appreciate, and more ready to accept, the call to "Seek Him that maketh the seven stars the Pleiades and Orion." Amos 5:8. {PBE 197.2}

Far away in the **azure heavens**, he beholds bright **constellations of stars**, where he imagines bright celestial beings who never sinned, abide, and hold rapturous and holy conversation with their Creator, whom they never offended. But how can man mount to those celestial abodes, and climb those lofty heights, or pass that long route, that dread ocean of space, to where **Orion** gives light and splendor and beauty to those **radiant spheres?** Or were it possible for him to visit those favored abodes, could he assure himself of the society of those holy beings? Would they associate with the unholy and sinful race of Adam? {ARSH March 6, 1866, p. 109.15}

Reader, do you realize that this God is yours, your friend or destroyer, just as you choose to make him? Look forth upon these mighty creations, the work, as it were, of a moment; think of the mighty power which spake them into existence; compare it with your own puny strength, and as you value your eternal interests dare not that power till it shall fall in vengeance on you, but seek to make him your friend and all will be well. "Canst thou bind the sweet influences of the Pleiades; or loose the bands of Orion?" No more then canst thou comprehend the magnitude or the durability of God's great creative power; or the hight or depth of his love. "Great is our Lord and of great power his understanding is infinite." {ARSH May 29, 1866, p. 203.4}

#### Final thoughts from the Word and the Spirit Prophecy

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

The truth and the glory of God are inseparable; it is impossible for us, with the Bible within our reach, to honor God by erroneous opinions. Many claim that it matters not what one believes, if his life is only right. But the life is molded by the faith. If light and truth is within our reach, and we neglect to improve the privilege of hearing and seeing it, we virtually reject it; we are choosing darkness rather than light. {GC 597.2}{IC 24.2}

"Your testimonies I have taken as a heritage forever, for they are the rejoicing of my heart." Psalm 92:4; 36:5-9; **119**:1, 2, 9, 30, 11, 45, 18, 24, 72, 97, 129, 54, 140, 160, 175, 165-167, 130, 98-100, 104, **111**. {MHH 271.2}

Those who have entered upon the work of teaching, or who have been called to any position of responsibility, should not be satisfied to take the product of the researches of other minds, but they should investigate truth for themselves. If they do not form the habit of investigating themes of truth for themselves, they will become superficial in their life and acquirements. The opinions of your associates may be of value to you, but you should not rely upon them and have no definite ideas of your own. You should examine the truths you have been led to believe, until you know that they are without a flaw. You lose much when you do not bring every point of faith you hold to the law and to the testimony, for you do not see or appreciate the truth as it is. Oh, that all our youth might appreciate the privilege that God has given! It is His will that you should go to the source of all light, and receive the enlightenment of His Spirit (for this will be given to every humble seeker for truth), and then you will know that the Spirit and the Word agree, and know that you know what is truth. What assurance this knowledge gives! You can then speak with power, proclaiming what you have learned as truth, knowing that you have not followed cunningly devised fables. —Testimonies on Sabbath-School Work, 58-61. {CSW 33.1}

"The word of God is sufficient to enlighten the most beclouded mind, and may be understood by those who desire to understand it. But, notwithstanding all this, some who profess to make the word of God their study are found living in direct opposition to its plainest teachings. Then, to leave men and women without excuse, God gives them plain and pointed testimonies, bringing them back to the word they have neglected to follow." "The testimonies are not to belittle the word of God, but to exalt it and attract minds to it, that the beautiful simplicity of truth may impress all." {CET 249.1}

The written testimonies are not to give new light, but to impress vividly upon the heart the truths of inspiration already revealed. Man's duty to God and to his fellow man has been distinctly specified in God's word, yet but few of you are obedient to the light given. Additional truth is not brought out; but God has through the Testimonies simplified the great truths already given and in His own chosen way brought them before the people to awaken and impress the mind with them, that all may be left without excuse. The Testimonies are not to belittle the word of God, but to exalt it and attract minds to it, that the beautiful simplicity of truth may impress all. {CCh 92.1}

The Spirit was not given—nor can it ever be bestowed—to supersede the Bible; for the Scriptures explicitly state that the word of God is the standard by which all teaching and experience must be tested. Says the apostle John, "Believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many

false prophets are gone out into the world." 1 John 4:1. And Isaiah declares, "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." Isaiah 8:20. {CCh 92.2}

#### Q. What are we to do?

I saw the necessity of the messengers, especially, watching and checking all fanaticism wherever they might see it rise. Satan is pressing in on every side, and unless we watch for him, and have our eyes open to his devices and snares, and have on the whole armor of God, the fiery darts of the wicked will hit us. There are many precious truths contained in the Word of God, but it is "present truth" that the flock needs now. I have seen the danger of the messengers running off from the important points of present truth, to dwell upon subjects that are not calculated to unite the flock and sanctify the soul. Satan will here take every possible advantage to injure the cause. {EW 63.1}

But such subjects as the sanctuary, in connection with the 2300 days, the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, are perfectly calculated to explain the past Advent movement and show what our present position is, establish the faith of the doubting, and give certainty to the glorious future. These, I have frequently seen, were the principal subjects on which the messengers should dwell. {EW 63.2}

"I have been shown that unbelief in **the testimonies of warning, encouragement, and reproof** is shutting away the light from God's people. Unbelief is closing their eyes so that they are ignorant of their true condition." "They think **the testimony of the Spirit of God in reproof** is uncalled for or that it does not mean them. Such are in the greatest need of the grace of God and spiritual discernment, that they may discover their deficiency in **spiritual knowledge.**" [Testimonies for the Church 3:255, 253, 254 (1873).] {5T 674.4}

The searching testimony of the Spirit of God "will separate those from Israel who have ever been at war with the means that God has ordained to keep corruptions out of the church. Wrongs must be called wrongs. Grievous sins must be called by their right name. All of God's people should come nearer to Him.... Then will they see sin in the true light and will realize how offensive it is in the sight of God." [Testimonies for the Church 3:324 (1873).] "The plain, straight testimony must live in the church, or the curse of God will rest upon His people as surely as it did upon ancient Israel because of their sins." [Testimonies for the Church 3:269 (1873).] {5T 676.2}

"Never was there greater need of faithful warnings and reproofs ... than at this very time. Satan has come down with great power, knowing that his time is short. He is flooding the world with pleasing fables, and the people of God love to have smooth things spoken to them.... I was shown that God's people must make more firm, determined efforts to press back the incoming darkness. The close work of the Spirit of God is needed now as never before." [Testimonies for the Church 3:327, 328 (1873).] {5T 676.3}

Psalm 93:5 - Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, forever.

Psalm 19:7 - The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: **the testimony of the Lord is sure**, making wise the simple.

Revelation 12:17 - And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have **the testimony of Jesus Christ.** 

Revelation 19:10 - And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, see thou do it not: I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for **the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.** 

John 7:17 - If any man will **do his will**, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.

#### Q. How are we to prepare for the perilous times before us?

Perilous times are before us. Everyone who has a knowledge of the truth should awake and place himself, body, soul, and spirit, under the discipline of God. The enemy is on our track. We must be wide awake, on our guard against him. We must put on the whole armor of God. We must follow the directions given through the spirit of prophecy. We must love and obey the truth for this time. This will save us from accepting strong delusions. God has spoken to us through His word. He has spoken to us through the testimonies to the church and through the books that have helped to make plain our present duty and the position that we should now occupy. The warnings that have been given, line upon line, precept upon precept, should be heeded. If we disregard them, what excuse can we offer? {8T 298.1}

In this study was presented, not my own words, but the Word and the Testimony of God. Here was presented a weight of evidence that harmonizes that the earth is a globe, it is round, it is a planet, it rotates, it orbits around the sun, the sun represents Christ, and the Sabbath was made for a round world. The firmament is an expanse, vast space, atmosphere, heaven or sky, which is the breath of God. It is also mentioned that Astronomy must be a study in Christian schools. Order is Heavens first law. We are to live by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God, given by men and women filled with the Spirit of truth. It should be made clear now what we are to believe what the Great Creator of all things has shown by His Testimonies, given for the last generation. Let us study to show ourselves approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed. Ashamed of what you ask? Of using man's wisdom to explain what God has clearly revealed. I pray we all may give glory to God by loving His truth. May our loving Creator bless you, in the name above all names given, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of the only true God, Our Father, amen and amen.

Matthew 5:6 - Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled:

Presents of God - https://www.remnantofgod.org/flatearth.htm#lsaiah40.22

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2K\_fL-9Tc4g - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gW78CLKEG20 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uexZbunD7Jg&feature=youtu.be

Something else to think about...

1) All the other planets are round and there is no reason for Earth to be any different. They are all governed by the same laws of physics.

- 2) Times zones are only possible on a round earth. Flat earthers say the sun has a lamp shade focusing light only on one area at a time and goes in a circle overhead. You cannot argue with insanity so do not try.
- 3) The Coriolis effect. The rotation of the Earth causes an interesting phenomenon on free moving objects on the Earth. Objects in the Northern Hemisphere are deflected to the right, while objects in the Southern Hemisphere are deflected to the left. This is ONLY possible on a GLOBE and that is spinning.
- 4) An equilateral triangle. If you walk 10,000 KM one direction and then turn exactly 90 degrees and walk another 10,000 KM, and then turn 90 degree and walk another 10,000 KM, you will end up where you started. And yet any geometry student knows and equilateral triangle has 3 angles at 60 degrees totaling 180 degrees. This is ONLY possible due the curvature of the earth and it been a Globe!
- 5) The sun gets lower and lower in the sky as you travel away from the equator. You can also use this to measure the earth's curvature. Again, only possible on a Globe!
- 6) The stars change in the sky as you go North or South. Orion would be upside down in Australia in comparison to the Northern hemisphere. And you cannot see the North star from the Southern hemisphere and you cannot see the southern cross from the Northern hemisphere. This is only possible if the earth is a Globe.
- 7) If you circumnavigate the Earth on the equator for instance by heading west, you will eventually come back to where you started and still heading west! And if you did this, you would observe one less sunrise than the person who stayed at home.
- 8) Sailing on the ocean. As you approached a city, you would see the tops of the buildings first and see lower down the buildings as you get closer due to the curvature of the earth. There would not be horizon in which things could disappear on a flat earth.
- 9) During a lunar eclipse, the shadow of the earth on the moon is curved.
- 10) The moon appears inverted from the Northern to Southern Hemisphere. Again, only possible if this earth is a Globe!
- 11) All planets have to be a Globe because their gravitational field acts as though it originates from the center of the body and pulls everything toward it. With a large body and internal heating (we do have volcanoes don't we) a planet behaves like a fluid, and over long periods of time succumbs to the gravitational pull from its center of gravity. The only way to get all the mass as close to planet's center of gravity as possible is to form a sphere. The technical name for this process is "isostatic adjustment."
- 12) If the earth were flat, it would have very weak and unusual gravity. Gravity always pulls to the center of the mass. So, on a Globe, the gravity pulls equally downward no matter where you are on this Globe. But if the earth was flat, as you moved further from the center of the so-called disc, gravity would be trying to pull you back towards the middle of the disc. It would like standing on a steep hill. The farther away from the center and towards the edge you went, the steeper that hill would seem to grow. At the very end, it would feel like a nearly vertical wall. So, in essence, a flat Earth would feel like a bowl-shaped Earth. Equal gravity pulling downward is only possible on a Globe!

- 13) If the sun was orbiting over head as flat earthers claim, it would vary noticeably in size as it went around overhead. But it does not because of the real distance of the sun from the earth and because it is not orbiting overhead as claimed.
- 14) Anyone can get permission to send up a high-altitude balloon and see for themselves. Altitudes of 77,429 feet (23.6 kilometers) have been achieved doing this. As long as your balloon has a payload of less than four pounds, there are hardly any restrictions on launching it. Just call the Federal Aviation Administration ahead of time to make sure you're not headed into restricted airspace. So, there is NO excuse for flat earthers NOT to produce a picture of their so-called flat earth that mocks and insults God. But they never do and never will. You cannot produce what does not exist! So, it is easy to prove the Earth is a Globe if you really wanted to and see for yourself.
- 15) We know the earth is round because we have photographic evidence. The deceived say it is faked and that NASA lies. You do not need NASA to know this Earth spins on its axis or that the world is a globe! There are hundreds of satellites in space owned by different companies from different countries around the Globe. Weather satellites, pay TV satellites, communications satellites and many more. Many have live feeds you can watch. There is over a hundred thousand staff involved with these companies, and yet we are expected to believe that in the last few decades, not one of these staff members ever spoke of a so-called conspiracy. Also, to fake the footage from these hundreds of satellites would cost billions of dollars a day in total, which could never be afforded and would bankrupt anyone one of these companies instantly!