

Correspondence

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THE EARTH IS FLAT!

(To the Editor "The Swan Express.")

Sir,—I beg for a small space in your paper to reply to W. Rhodes Scragg, respecting a public lecture delivered by him at Midland Junction on October 19, namely, "Amazing Bible Astronomy." No doubt about it, it was amazing, coming from one who professes to believe in the Bible as the Word of God. One could laugh at the pretty tale he told, if it were not so serious. His main burden was to prove that the earth was a globe and that it was travelling at a mad speed towards the sun; in fact there was a mad race between the sun and earth, but the sun had no chance, as it could only crawl along at the rate of 600 miles a minute, and the earth chased it at a speed of 1100 miles a minute and caught it, but instead of smashing it up, it went round it, and it took a year to go round (it must have slackened up a bit). It puts one in mind of a dog chasing its tail.

Then he quotes Job 38: 12-14, and puts his own interpretation on it; but

the scripture is not of any private interpretation. It is as well to compare scripture with scripture. Please turn to a few of many texts to see what they say:

Genesis 1: 9-10, And God said, let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let dry land appear, and God called the dry land earth and the gathering together of the waters called He seas.

Note, God does not make a globe three parts water and one part land and call it the earth.

The dry land—Earth.

The waters—Seas.

Joshua 10: 12-13, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon and thou Moon in the valley of Ajalon. And the Sun stood still and the Moon stayed, and the Sun stayed in the midst of heaven and hasted not to go down about a whole day.

Not a word about the earth staying in its mad career; but perhaps Joshua wasn't as wise as our learned friend,

and didn't know the earth was whirling round much faster than the sun.

Psalm 93: 1, The world also is establishment that it cannot be moved.

Psalm 104: 5, Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be moved for ever.

2 Peter 3: 5, In the last days there shall come scoffers . . . willingly ignorant that by the Word of God, the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water.

Does it need any comment? It is quite plain; a child could understand it! But then, again, did they know as much as our friend Scragg?

A few of many honest confessions of eminent men:

There are more frauds in modern science than anywhere else . . . I have been thrown off my track often by them, and for months at a time.—Thomas A. Edison.

All known facts declare that we live on a flat earth; I am fully settled in this belief.—Miles Grant.

The magnificent fable of scientific astronomy does not shake our faith in the testimony of the inspired writers respecting the world.

The earth is an immense plane at rest where God placed it, and not a globe flying through space with lightning speed.—Dr. Leask.

The Creator himself says: Heaven (is) above Earth (Land) is beneath, and Water under the Earth.

Now see what infidels say:

The two beliefs (modern astronomy and Bible cosmology) cannot be held together in the same mind; for he who thinks he believes both, has thought very little of either.—Thomas Paine, in "His Age of Reason."

As we are whirling upon our spinning and glowing planet through unfathomable space . . . what are the phantom gods to us?—"The Clarion" April 24, 1903.

Are we to believe that the Bible contains errors, legends and myths? Does it represent fiction as facts? Does it contain scientific inaccuracies" and discrepancies, as asserted by infidels? Is the account of the creation given therein a myth, and Joshua's sun standing still a fable?

In short, are the early books of the Bible the works of unscientific men with vivid imaginations; or are they the records of glorious truths which God revealed to mankind through his servants Moses and the Prophets?

Yours, etc.,

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