

THE INTERNATIONAL FLAT EARTH RESEARCH SOCIETY (1956)

To observe—Think freely—Re-discover forgotten  
facts—Oppose theoretical dogmatic assumptions.

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Dear Mr Hillman,

I've been through a hell of a time these last few months. Two strokes (which, by dint of effort I'm gradually pulling-out of). The last left me with distorted vision which, in my trade as signwriter, has almost finished:

A saving grace was the easement from lectures during Sept: but bookings are mounting up again and I have some fear that I may not be fit enough to do a good job at Leicester University on Oct: 14 which is a follow-up from reports they received from Uni: London. Lectures on the heterodox subject of "Flat Earth" takes a lot out of me. Therefore Sir, I trust that laxity in correspondence will be forgiven.

Answering your questions:

- I) Since formation. World-wide publicity swamped me. Lack of cash leaves hopeless backlog of requests for costly literature. Most enquirers have done little or no research themselves & want to be fed.
- Ia) I have lectured all over the country and kept the thing alive as much as possible.
- 2) I have one or two scarce copies of works from previous Zetetics (can't sell, really do not want to let go, but will loan to you one at a time for fortnightly period). All writings are in need of revision and inclusion of many modern details related to sputniks etc.: The notes, which are added, were to aid Prof: Francois de Closets (Paris) with article

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which will appear in next year's French encyclopedia on astronomy and the unsolved mysteries of this earth. I trust they will also aid you to understand some of the old and modern aspects of our subject. The little booklet, "Is the earth a whirling globe?" has been very helpful to me and I hope that you will return same promptly.

If I may add a personal note, may I say that I know full-well that all mankind have been subjected, without any opposition, for so long to the anti-God theoretical astronomy which kills in early youth all respect for the Creator's statements regarding the construction of the earth and the heavens, that only one here and there will pay any attention whatsoever to any ancient and fighting contrary thought. But I have seen just how ready and keenly interested the youth of today can become when they realise that equally scientific arguments can be brought to bear upon that which has been withheld from them and which they have been indoctrinated to believe is a laughable crank subject.

Therefore over the last few years I have made every effort to reach the youthful minds.

On my return from Leicester, possibly the 16th/17th Oct. passing thru' London, I shall be carrying some of my lecture charts and I'm wondering if it might please you to see same. If so maybe you will let me know and I could meet you at any time or place named.

Yours truly

S. Shearman  
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P.S. Over.

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Due to pressure of  
some business, I see that I've  
lost a day since first writing  
date.

If you wish to meet,  
will you kindly let me know  
by Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> please. I shall  
be away pretty early on the  
Monday.

If arrangements cannot  
be made for Oct 17<sup>th</sup>, I have  
bookings for Schools in and  
near London - could advise  
dates if you wish

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