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Date, 21/2/75-

Respected Sir,

You must be very well aware that Modern science has persistently tried in various ways to propagate that the 'EARTH IS ROUND' and that it rotates on an axis. The very persistence has had its effect on people generally, and it seems that people have come to hold such belief. Such belief has resulted in a sort of a disbelief in the delineation of such subjects in the Shastras in particular and for the Holy Word in general.

But if looked at from an unbiased and unprejudiced mind, it will be clear that what are now paraded as final findings regarding Earth's Shape and Rotation, contain a bunch of mutual contradictions. By themselves such findings as are currently held are insufficient, and what is more, those conclusions based on these are not completely reliable.

It is with a view to correct such notions and to further corrective rethinking that we are forwarding such papers and literature published by the **Jambudveepa Nirmana Yojana**.

We hope You will be kind enough to think over the argument and proof, which we have presented, with an unbiased and unprejudiced mind and hope you will kindly give your views and suggestions to encourage and support us.

If you are anxious to know more details regarding the above subject, kindly write to the Learned Scholar of Geogrophy, **Muni Shree Abhaya Sagarji** (Jain Sadhu) who is doing this research for the last twenty years, through this office.

Encls. : 1 *Does the earth rotate?*
2 *A Questionnaire!*
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Yours Faithfully,

[Signature]
Manager,

The Earth Rotation Research
Institute.

N. B. If You have got, or in your knowledge, any published or unpublished literature regarding this subject kindly inform us.

THE EARTH ROTATION RESEARCH INSTITUTE

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Mrs. L. J. Shantin,
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North East London,
Essex.

Sub: Reminder

Dear Sister,

After receiving yours of 6-9-71 I have sent you a letter in the second week of October wherein I have requested you to let me know the details of literature, charts and map's pertaing to the doctrine of flat Earth which you can supply. I wish you to send me the details of their prices too.

Will you then please take this reminder in earnest and send me the required details in our previous letter and oblige.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

MUNI ABHAYSAGAR

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Date as Postmark

Please reply to:

The Chairman,
Room B.4

INFORMATION BULLETIN N0.4.

The papers of the Flat Earth Society, which The Science Fiction Foundation has recently acquired, have now been codified and are ready for examination by research students or by any interested person.

Basically, the archival material consists of the following items:-

- 1 Correspondence In
- 2 Correspondence Out
- 3 Index to Correspondents
- 4 Leaflets - Bird's Eye View
Save Our Children
Solar Eclipse of 30th June, 1954
- 5 Lecture Diagrams - Unclassified
- 6 Literature and Diagrams - Unclassified
- 7 Magazines
- 8 Magnetic Tape - Talk
- 9 Manuscript - Zetetic Astronomy - Unpublished
- 10 Manuscript of an unpublished book
- 11 Maps and Diagrams in a holdall
- 12 Notes - Unclassified
- 13 Pamphlets - Publicity Handouts
- 14 Photographs Illustrating Theory
- 15 Photographs - Publicity Handouts
- 16 Posters, Maps and Diagrams in a Roll for
Lecture purposes
- 17 Press Cuttings
- 18 Stationery

Anybody wishing to inspect these papers should make application, preferably in writing so that the research room may be reserved, either to the Chairman or to the Administrator of The Science Fiction Foundation at Room B.4 of the Barking Precinct of the North East London Polytechnic at the above address.

Charles Barren
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Charles Barren
Chairman,
Management Committee

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The papers of the Flat Earth Society are housed in the archives of the Science Fiction Foundation and are available for examination by researchers most days during term-time from 9.30a.m. - 12.30p.m. Consultation is by appointment only.

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Telephone calls should be made before 12 noon.

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THE FLAT EARTHERS
by Ellis Hillman

"Every schoolboy knows that the earth is a solid ball, slightly flattened at the poles, and surrounded by a cosmos of inconceivable immensity. Since Magellan sailed around the world in 1519, a few have doubted that the earth is round. Yet it is precisely because these views are universally accepted that the shape of the earth is such a happy field of speculation for the pseudo-scientist.

"Three eccentric theories of the earth have each won a surprising number of adherents in the present century: Voliva's flat earth;+ the view that the world is hollow and open at the poles,+ and - most incredible of all - that we are living in the inside of a hollow sphere."

Flat and Hollow - in Facts and Fallacies in the Name of Science by Martin Gardner.

It is difficult to believe that there exists any group of people who seriously entertain the belief that the earth is flat. Yet such is the case. There are such people.

If it were possible to design an instrument or meter to measure degree of absurdity provoked by a seemingly ridiculous proposition - the Flat Earth theory would almost certainly represent the top of the scale.

The Flat Earther has been the butt of politicians and comedians alike who regard him as the ultimate in absurdity. It is, therefore, perhaps of some interest to separate fact from fiction, and discover the real truth about the Flat Earth Society, its history, evolution and ideas.

History of the Flat Earth Society

The present International Flat Earth Research Society whose headquarters were in Dover has a long and remarkable ancestry. The late Secretary, Sam Shenton, had contacts with former members of the Zetetic Society, which was still flourishing at the turn of the century; this writer had the pleasure of meeting recently one of its most distinguished veterans - a nonagenarian lay preacher by the name of I.E. Wesley in Leicester. He found him a Noah-like patriarchal figure of great spiritual strength and impressive appearance. This society had its origins in the activity of the "Parallax", alias Charles Brough, in the last century. "The Zetetic", which he launched, described itself as a monthly journal of cosmographical science. It had on its masthead a quotation from Locke: "He who resolves to be just and yet will hear only one side, will be unjust in spite of his resolution."

In his "Address to the Reader", Charles Brough explains the necessity "for the appearance of The Zetetic in the ranks of journalism". He wrote: "... the growing interest which this all-important question of the shape and mobility of the Earth is being regarded, and the numbers that are daily espousing the cause which we advocate, seem in themselves a sufficient guarantee for the belief that the time cannot be far distant when public opinion will unanimously demand its speedy and final settlement.

++ Wilbur Glen Voliva was the General Overseer of Zion, Illinois, from 1905 to 1935. He propounded the view that the earth is shaped like a flapjack, with the North Pole, the centre and the South Pole distributed around the circumference. From a recent communication, it appears that the Christian Apostolic Church which he helped to create regards the Flat Earth theory as "a personal project of the late Wilbur Glen Voliva and not a doctrine of the Church".

Readers of the journal were informed in a small advertisement on the back page that "sets of back numbers" could be obtained, post free for seven stamps, addressed "Editor of The Zetetic, 24 Leighton Road, Kentish Town, London NW."

Perhaps the most massive Zetetic Astronomy contribution to Flat Earth literature was Parallax's own Zetetic Astronomy published in 1873 by John B. Day. This 425 page work became the source-book for nearly all the later writings of prominent British Flat Earthers including the work of the same name written jointly by Lady Blount and Albert Smith (who wrote under the name of Zetetes), in 1893.

The activities of Parallax were recorded at length in both the local and national press, and even such eminent persons as Augustus De Morgan, President of the Royal Astronomical Society, and Professor of Mathematics in Cambridge University, was moved to write in the Athenaeum Journal for 12th October 1872.

"The flat earth floating tremously on the sea, the sun moving always over it, giving day when near enough, and night when too far off, the self-luminous moon, with semi-transparent invisible moon created to give her an eclipse now and then; the new law of perspective, by which the vanishing of the hull before the masts, usually thought to prove the earth is globular, really proves it flat: all these and other things well fitted form exercises in learning the elements of astronomy. Parallax, though confident in the extreme, neither impeaches the honesty of those whose opinion he assails, nor allots them any future in convenience." (Quoted "Zetetic Astronomy" p.416).

The Universal Zetetic Society was founded in New York in September 1873 and in London in December 1883, as the Zetetic Society by Parallax and "others". We are further informed that "many local branches were started in all the principal countries" with the exception of Russia, "where the Earth is not allowed to circulate."

A number of eminent Victorians associated themselves with this Society whose President was Lady E.A.M. Blount and Vice-President, C. De Lacy Evans M.R.C.S., Ph.D., etc., late surgeon of the Gold Coast. The committee included Joseph Chamberlain Esq., Major-General Armstrong, Dr. E. Haughton, M.D., and an Archbishop, C.I. Stevens, D.D., LL.B. The motto was 'Veritate Victoria'.

George Bernard Shaw himself appeared to have been acquainted with the indefatigable work of this Society and he relates a delightful story in his "Everybody's Political What's What", which recreates the intellectual atmosphere of those times.

"On another occasion I was present at a meeting addressed by a gentleman who was devoting his life to combatting the modern heresy that the earth is globular, and maintaining that it is flat. The debate that followed was quite the funniest that I have ever attended. Opposition such as no other atheist could have provoked assailed him and he, having heard their arguments hundreds of times, played skittles with them, lashing the meeting into a spluttering fury as he answered easily what is considered unanswerable. When he was asked whether he had ever watched a ship through a telescope and seen it sink beneath the horizon he blandly inquired whether the questioner had ever used a telescope in this manner. Apparently nobody present except myself and the Lecturer ever had. The lecturer went on, "I have myself witnessed this interesting illusion. My questioner, though he admits he has spoken from hearsay about the ships, has no doubt often stood on a railway bridge and seen the two parallel tracks converge and meet in the distance. May I ask him whether he believes that the two lines do actually converge and meet

Perhaps this worldwide mushrooming of Fundamentalism reflects something deeper than just an escape from the ever accelerating scientific and technological revolution. Perhaps the Flat Earther represents a last-stand defence against the acceptance of everything, however incredible, that science has to teach us. By questioning the most fundamental of our assumptions, he forces us to re-think our most cherished prejudices. His continued presence in this bewildering "scientific" world of ours is surely not to be denied.

P.S. It would be churlish to fail to refer to at least one of the Hollow Earth theories propounded by Army Captain John Cleves Symmes who sent a letter dated St. Louis, Missouri Territory, April 10, A.D.1818 - -

"To All the World

I declare the earth is hollow and habitable within; containing a number of solid, concentric spheres, one within the other and that it is open at the poles twelve or sixteen degrees. I pledge my life in support of this truth, and am ready to explore the hollow, if the world will support and aid me in the undertaking."

Two documents were attached to this manifesto. One was the announcement of a book (which never appeared), and the other a certificate of sanity!

(Willy Ley's "Watchers of the Sky", p.513).

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Falkirk,
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23rd November 1971

Dear Mr. Barren,

Flat Earth Society

My research scientist colleagues and I have been most interested to look through the fascinating collection of material that you kindly sent me from the archives of the Flat Earth Society. As you stated on an earlier occasion, some of the logic and the arguments used were certainly ingenious, especially the ones where they made use of the US space probe photographs to support their case.

They have also made good use of various concepts that are difficult to grasp or prove easily, such as the earth and its atmosphere revolving through the vacuum of space at 66,000 mph or the fact that if one climbs a 300 ft. cliff, the water level horizon does not appear to change very much. Regarding this latter point, there is quite a neat way of making use of water levels to prove and to measure the curvature and size of the earth, given in "Mathematics for the Million" by Lancelot Hogben in Chapter 4 entitled Euclid without Tears. He relates how a surveyor in the mid-nineteenth-century suggested taking a straight canal ~~above the water~~ and driving in two sticks at (say) a mile apart and ~~then~~ ensuring that they project above the water by exactly the same amount at each point. A third stake is then driven in at a point exactly half-way between the original two sticks and the ~~top~~ height of the top adjusted until it is just level with the line of sight between the first two sticks. The height of this third stick above the water is then carefully measured and, given accurate enough instruments, can be found to be rather less

than the height of the original sticks, due simply to the ~~original~~ curvature of the earth. From ~~this~~ measurement the radius of the earth itself can also be calculated. I have illustrated the theory and give an example in the appendix.

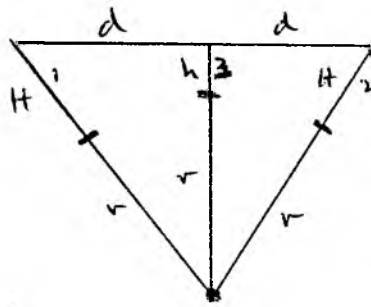
Anyway, thank you again for all the trouble you took and the kindness you showed in sending me this most interesting literature which is now gratefully returned. I shall be intrigued to see how the Science Fiction Foundation makes use of it! I noted that the cost of sending the parcel to me in the first instance was rather expensive and hence I enclose a cheque for 75p to cover the cost of this and a small donation to the funds of the Science Fiction Foundation.

Many thanks,

Yours sincerely,

C. L. Hicks

C.L. Hicks

APPENDIXUse of Water Levels to Prove/Measure the Curvature of the Earth.

Consider Sticks 1, 2 and 3; 1 and 2 of height 'H' and 3 of height 'h'.

Then by Pythagoras:

$$(r + H)^2 = d^2 + (r + h)^2$$

$$\cancel{r^2} + 2rH + H^2 = d^2 + \cancel{r^2} + 2rh + h^2$$

$$r(2H - 2h) = d^2 + h^2 - H^2$$

$$r = \frac{d^2 + (h^2 - H^2)}{2(H - h)}$$

Now $(h^2 - H^2)$ is very small compared to d^2

$$(H - h) = \frac{d^2}{2r}$$

and

$$r = \frac{d^2}{2(H - h)}$$

Let $d = 1,000$ yards

If $r = 4,000$ miles $\approx 8 \times 10^6$ yards

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{then } \underline{(H - h)} &= \frac{(1,000)^2}{16 \times 10^6} \\
 &= \frac{10^6}{16 \times 10^6} = \frac{1}{16} \text{ yards} \\
 &= \frac{36}{16} \text{ inches} \\
 &= \underline{2\frac{1}{4} \text{ inches}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Stick 3 will be $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches nearer the surface of the water.

N.B. Hence a measurement accurate enough to show up the $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches difference will prove the radius of the earth is circa 4,000 miles.



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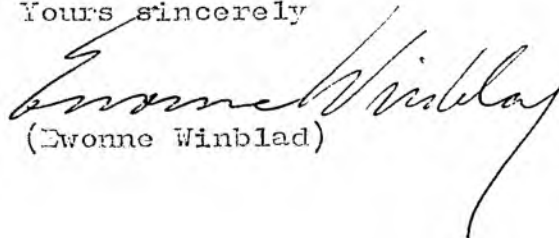
January 25, 1972.

Dear Mr Barren,

Thank you for your help and valuable information concerning the programme for the Swedish television dealing with the Flat Earth Society. The interviews with you and Allan Sim came across very well indeed and I have today sent the programme to Stockholm. With this letter I return the material you very kindly lent me last Wednesday. The fog over Dover lifted very briefly when we came there and it stayed clear long enough for us to reenact the scene beneath Dover Castle.

Thank you again for your assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely


(Ewonne Winblad)

ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
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Mr. Barren,
Barking Precinct,
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Longbridge Road,
Dagenham,
Essex.

1975 August 27.

Dear Sir,

The Society's Library was visited this morning by Mr. John Hare, who informs me that the North East London Polytechnic has obtained the archives of the 'Flat Earth Society' and that these items are in your care.

It occurs to me that you may be interested in the recent communication, a copy of which is enclosed, which has been received here from the 'Earth Rotation Research Institute'. The Library has the two enclosures referred to in the letter if you wish to come and inspect them.

I am passing this letter to you as this is the only society still extant which I know of that holds to the 'Flat Earth' view; if you know of others I should be interested to hear of them.

Yours faithfully,

E. Lake

Mrs. E. Lake,
Assistant Librarian.

Mr. Charles Barren
1, Broomhill Road
Goodmayes
Ilford
Essex
ENGLAND

23rd August, 1974

Dear Mr. Barren,

I am writing you on the suggestion of our mutual friend, George Hay, who thinks you perhaps can help me with the following.

I have written a number of non-fiction books published in several countries, including USA, dealing with science fiction and related subjects. I am now finishing a textbook primarily on ideal commonwealths, and will soon start on a new project dealing with what could be called Fortean themes. I am not a believer in flying saucers, Atlantis, Mu or whatever, and do not intend to do yet another book on these subjects, but rather a very serious study in a few other themes (that I don't believe in either, but certainly are worth a serious study).

In this connection, I am doing research in the belief that Earth is flat; and I have actually dug up some old material on this subject. I understand from George Hay that the Science Fiction Foundation recently acquired the remaining papers of the British Flat Earth Society. Being very interested in studying this material, I now wonder if I might do so. George Hay even suggests I could ask you whether I could buy the material from you at a reasonable price--something that I naturally would be very interested in doing. I have a very large collection on related material in my files, and can take care of it in a suitable way.

I would appreciate very much if you could let me know your views on this--I want to stress the fact that I am not planning some kind of nut book, but a serious work.

Looking forward to your reply,

Yours sincerely,



/Sam J. Lundwall

cc. Peter Nicholl



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23rd August, 1974

Dear Mr. Nicholl,

The enclosed copy of a letter to Mr. Charles Barren should explain my interest in the Flat Earth Society papers. George Hay knows me well and can vouch for my serious intent. I am very interested in looking through the material--and I would naturally be very interested in acquiring it. It would find a good and secure place in my extensive files on related subjects here.

I would appreciate to know the Foundations views on this.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

/Sam J. Lundwall



Information Office, Town Hall, Dover

Tel: 206-941

Dear Sir/Madam,

An up-to-date list of names and addresses of secretaries of local Clubs, Societies and Organisations is now being compiled, and I would be grateful if you would let me know as soon as possible the name and address of your secretary. This information is needed in order that an up-to-date list is available to satisfy the numerous requests received on this subject.

Please be good enough to complete the slip below and return to this office at your very earliest opportunity.

L.A.B.
Information Assistant

To: The Information Office,
Town Hall, Dover.

Date

Name of Organisation *The International Flat Earth Research Soc*

Name and address of secretary

.....

Telephone No. Business

Home

Any other remarks:



68 GROUP DEBATING SOCIETY

ABP/CW

8 High Street,
Baldock,
Herts.

Tel. Baldock 892041

9th December, 1977.

Dear Sirs,

I write, on behalf of the 68 Group Debating Society, to enquire as to whether or not a member of your Society would be able to accept an invitation to one of our Dinner Debates to propose or oppose a motion phrased to reflect the research carried out by your Society.

We are a small dinner debating society meeting at approximately six week intervals through the winter months. We meet in the dining room of The George Hotel, Silsoe, Beds., and after dinner a formal debate takes place, with both proposer and opposer speaking for for some quarter of an hour or so. The motion is then discussed from the floor and the main speakers are given some five minutes or so to sum their case before the vote is taken. Press are not admitted as a general rule. The Group is unattached to any other organisation, existing purely to dine and debate subjects of general and particular interest. Our average attendance is perhaps 30, ladies being invited on specific occasions. Dress is black tie.

We sincerely hope that one of your representatives will feel able to accept our invitation. We have in mind Friday 3rd March 1978 as a possible date and perhaps you might care to bear this in mind when replying.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Alan B. Porter.
68 Group.

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International Flat Earth Research Society,
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Dagenham,
Kent.

Dear Sirs,

We have in our factory a discussion group at which we invite speakers in various topics. Our committee would be interested to hear the thoughts of your society. We would be willing to pay travelling expenses.

Could you please tell me if you would agree to this and perhaps suggest some dates which would be convenient for you (preferably January to March 1978).

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,
for Metal Box Packaging Ltd.

M. J. Moore

1 Lee Green.
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18/6/77.

Dear Sir,

I am wondering if you could kindly help me in a matter concerning the Polytechnic. I was interested in the beliefs of a society called the Flat Earth Society, and got in touch with the reference dept of my local library. They informed me that it had until recently been run by a gentleman by the name of William Shenton, but that on his decease, his experiments and a bequest for the furtherance of same had been taken over by your school. The address I was given was -

Room C37A
Barking Precinct.
North East London Polytechnic.

I wrote to this address, and enclosed a stamped addressed envelope hoping for a reply, but have had no word in six weeks. What I wanted, was information on their beliefs, and any success they had had in proving that the world is not as we take it to be, - a sphere.

I would be grateful if you could help me in obtaining a reply from these people.

Yours faithfully,

John A Bennett

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27.6.77

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17th October, 1976.

Dear Sir,

As secretary of the Westcliff High Schools' International, Literary & Debating Society, I am writing to you to enquire whether a member of your society would care to address one of our meetings to explain the aims of your society.

The meetings, at which Sixth Formers of both sexes are present, take place between 12.50 and 1.40 p.m. on Fridays and the usual format is for the guest to speak for about twenty minutes and then to answer questions from those present.

We would prefer your speaker to come on March 4th of next year but if this is not convenient, perhaps we could arrange an alternative date.

Expenses will be reimbursed if this is required and private transport can be provided from Chalkwell Station.

We look forward to hearing from you,

Yours faithfully,

Geoffrey Battersby

(Geoffrey Battersby)

975 Diestel Rd.
Salt Lake City, Utah 84105 USA
September 1, 1975

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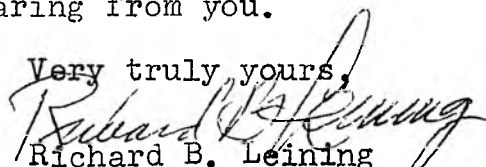
Dear Sirs:

The address of your Society was supplied by the New Scientist, to whom I inquired while visiting in Britain this summer.

An engineer in the US aerospace industry, I may wish to add the IFERS to my list of professional memberships. Do you solicit memberships? Could you perhaps supply answers to some of the following questions:

1. What are the activities of the Society? Is it more than a mailing address? Who are the officers? Is it under royal patronage?
2. Does the Society issue a journal or newsletter? What is the subscription rate in the US? Is this the overseas rate or the over-the-edge rate?
3. Are there qualifications for membership, and annual dues? If so, what are they, and is a subscription included in the dues?
4. Is there a Manifesto or White Paper on space exploration, utilitarian satellites, and the like? On abandoning the great circle course as a fuel saving?
5. How do you plan to observe Columbus Day, which is October 12? (My Scottish wife and I plan to observe it as our wedding anniversary, irrespective of the true shape of the earth.) Here this is a serious holiday, on which the post office, the banks, and the state liquor stores close. Not on our account, of course, but on account of that Italian wanderer.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

Richard B. Leining

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13th February, 1975

International Flat Earth Research Society,
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N. E. London Polytechnic,
Longbridge Road,
Dagenham,
Essex.

Dear Sirs,

Members of the senior part of our school have expressed an interest in your Society and I should like to arrange a meeting at which you **could** put forward some of your theories. This would be a lunch-hour meeting starting at 1.00 p.m. and ending at 1.45 p.m. It could be arranged on any weekday, except Friday, before the 26th March, 1975. We should very much like to report this meeting in our school magazine.

Unfortunately, as a school, we have no funds for fees for visiting speakers, but we could possibly come to some arrangement over travelling expenses.

I should be most pleased if you could contact me to say whether or not it would be possible to arrange such a meeting.

Thank you,

Yours faithfully,

Hanna Bociak (miss)

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Stapleton,
Bristol BS 16 1TQ.

14th. January 1975.

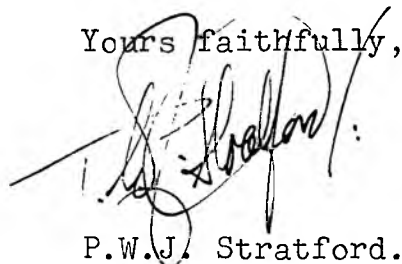
Dear Sirs,

I would like to study the Flat Earth theory, and the evidence supporting it. I am writing a paper on the way scientific discoveries are made, as part of a course in Education at Bath University, and it seems to me that the flat earth theory could well be in the same sort of position in which many of our great scientists found themselves before their theories were recognised. It is this relationship which I wish to examine, but it seems to me that before I can begin looking at it, I must know far more about the theory and surrounding evidence.

I wonder if you would be kind enough to suggest some books for me to read, or send some of your own literature, or perhaps even put me into contact with a local member of your society, who would be willing to talk with me and help me understand the theory and its implications?

If you can help me in any way, I would be most grateful.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P.W.J. Stratford', written over a faint circular stamp or watermark.

P.W.J. Stratford.

1179 Grosvenor Avenue
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July 24, 1973

Mr. Charles Barren
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Dear Sir:

I apologise for the tardiness of this reply, but I have been extremely busy at this end. However, I thank you for your reply of the twelfth of March of this year, and herein lies my answer.

Your offer to duplicate material for me was most generous, and I will not hesitate to take you up on it. In Information Bulletin No. 4, included in your reply, I have found several items which I am sure would be useful. These are:

4. Leaflets - Bird's Eye View
Save Our Children
Solar Eclipse of 30th
June, 1954
6. Literature and Diagrams -
Unclassified
13. Pamphlets - Publicity Handouts
14. Photographs Illustrating Theory
15. Photographs - Publicity Handouts
16. Posters, Maps and Diagrams in a
Roll for Lecture Purposes
17. Press Cuttings

As much of this material as you could send to me would be most appreciated, and if any monetary expense is involved, I would be happy to reimburse you via moneyorder.

Two more things. Any information you have concerning Mr. Shenton, and any other organizations associated and/or amalgamated with the International Flat Earth Society, would be of help to me. And some information on your own organization, of which I had heard nothing until your letter.

I recognize several of the leading sci-fi authors among your staff: Arthur C. Clarke, James Blish, John Brunner, Kenneth Bulmer. I follow science-fiction fairly closely, so news of your Foundation was a shock, and a pleasant surprise.

I thank you for your help, and any trouble which I may have incurred. Hoping to hear from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

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