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Gifuken

Japan

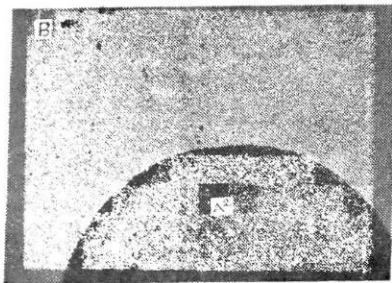
April, 1967

Mr. President
The Astronomical Observatory

Dear Sir,

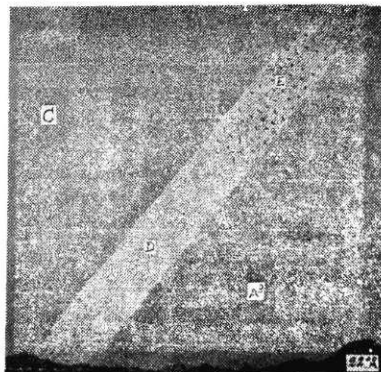
I thank you from my heart for your devoted research for truth in the universe. I am an amateur inquire making astronomical observations in Japan. I found out, so I believe, a new phenomenon in the natural world, I am going to inform you about the new phenomenon and wish to have it ascertained by the experts as you observing at each astronomical observatory in the world. (as I have no solvency for the expense to send to all astronomical observatory in the world, I can send one.)

A



A²: Shadow of the earth.

B



A³: Shadow of earth.

D: The sun's ray.

E: The untwinkle stars.

Aboresea-lev 300 meter
earth nakedeye was
discovered a new star.

In the sunset of the sixth of July in 1955 (then midsummer heat had continued from the beginning of May), observing the sky, I found out a shadow of the earth in the air forward northwest like a phenomenon of twilight.

The shadow gradually moved to the west sky as drawing. The sun was shining faintly in D as the picture.

In the upper part of the middle of rays of the sun, light, indigo, angles and pretty large stars appeared many numbers clearly.

We can find the theory concerning the sunlight appearing in the shadow of the earth.

But we cannot find the theory of being stars which do not shine in the sunlight. I wonder why the real phenomenon is not on the record. Though investigating many reference books, I have never found the record about it.

I believe that this phenomenon is certificate of the truth in the universe that never lies. Without delay I had informed the phenomenon to an astronomical observatory and an university in our country, but I have not the answer yet. I consider that we need the following conditions to observe the phenomenon.

- *The phenomenon may appear one time every fifty or sixty years at the latitude more than 32 degrees 3 minutes north.
- *The heat continues more than fifty days.
- *On twilight when air dry.
- *There is no cloud and the light we can distinguish from one's face to other's face at the front about 100 meters.

When weak sunlight streams and the shadow of the earth are made, we can see the stars in the light beam with great care. But I consider that about 32 degrees and 2 minutes from the Equator we can often observe the phenomenon, so I wish to have researchers in this direction observed with great attention. Please inform the content about the phenomenon to the other astronomers. I pray that the phenomenon will be ascertain at anywhere in the world.

We must haste research for and discovering of truth in the universe for all human beings happiness and peace.

I beg your kindly co-operation to me. Please send the documents inclosing in this envelope to the astronomical observatory and astronomers in your country.

Yours very sincerely,
Shigeharu Matsubara

Hjørring, d 19/3/82

To International Flat Earth Society
c/o North-East London Polytechnic
Long Bridge Road
Dagenham
Essex
RM8 2AS
England

Will you please send me some information about your society in the form of brochure, or something like.

With kind regards

Kristian Povung Karlson
Jernbanegade 7, 2. sal ID
9800 Hjørring
Denmark.

13, Bellnouse Lane,
Longates,
Staveley,
Derbysire,
S43 3UA
7 - 2 - 1982.

I.R.E.S.
North East London
Polytechnic,
Longbridge Road,
Dagenham,
Essex.
RM8 2 AS

Dear Mr. Hillman,

I am in the fifth year at Netnertnorpe School, Staveley and am a member of the Senior Debating Society. After the Spring Bank Holiday I have to speak in a debate on whether the earth is round or flat. At the moment I am at a loss as to what I should say. I am proposing the motion and I wondered if you could send me some information about your society as I am sure it would be of great use to me.

Are there members of your society in my area whom I could write to for there personal piont of view.

I would be grateful if you could do this for me.

Yours sincerely,

Virginia Bush. (miss).

56 BELSIZE PK GDNS
LONDON NW3 4ND
01-722-0123
16/12/81

Dear sir,

I am writing to you on behalf of a society at Cambridge University called Survival. Survival is a Friends of the Earth type society for students at the university and aims to promote awareness of alternative lifestyles and technology. To this end we hold informal lunch/speaker meetings every Wednesday, where after a short lunch, a guest speaker talks for about half an hour and then answers questions.

Recently I read in the papers that the Flat Earth Society has been revitalised and that your society is generally anti scientific dogma. I think that scientific dogma might make an interesting topic for one of our meetings and I wonder if you would be willing to speak to us on that or some related subject on 20th January.

Unfortunately our finances are low so we cannot pay you a fee, but we will reimburse your travelling expenses.

I would be very grateful if you could let me know of your decision as soon as possible.

Yours,


Scott Wlaschin

Kvidinge, Sweden 1981-12-15

Dear Sirs,

Recently through friends in the UK I got to know about your organisation. I have always considered the earth to be flat and would like to support any flat earth society.

Could you please answer the following questions:

- A. Could I become a member in your society?
- B. What is the yearly cost?
- C. Could I start a Swedish Flat Earth Society with your permission?
- D. Is there any material I could get from you in that case.

Thank you in advance.

Flat regards

Lars Olefeldt

LARS OLEFELDT
VINKELGATAN 3
S-26060 KVIDINGE
SWEDEN

P.S. I enclose 1 £ as a first contribution
DS

10, Woodside Road,
Purley,
Surrey, CR2 4LN.
10th. January 1972.

Dear Secretary,

I am writing on behalf of the Bourne Venture Scout Unit, which has become very interested in the principles and ideology of the Flat Earth Society. I have tried to contact Mr. Samuel Shenton in this connection but was told that all his books, papers, maps, etc., had been donated to you following his death. I would be very grateful if you could tell me the addresses of any Flat Earth Society members living near Purley who would be prepared to give a talk (informal) about the Flat Earth Society to the Unit one evening.

Failing this, I would be grateful for any information and literature on the Society, upon which a talk could be based. Thanking you in anticipation,

yours sincerely,

K. S. Clark

K.S.Clark.

(Secretary, Bourne Venture Scout Unit).

Mr. S.st.J.Howe
'Talbots'
27 De Parys Ave
Bedford
MK40 2TY

12/6/74

Dear Sirs,

I recently read an article
on your society in a magazine and
as a result, am extremely interested
in it. Please could you send me some
information on the Society, the Society's
history and the Flat Earth Theory,

yours

S.st.J.Howe esq.

8, 17 Onkedsene Gardens,

Sutton,

22/10/73

Surrey

Dear Sir,

I have been referred to you by the now
defunct International Flat Earth Research Society (1956) England,
regarding literature and ideas suitable for a debate entitled
'this House maintains that the Earth is flat'. I would
appreciate it if you could send me any useful information
in support of the motion.

Yours faithfully

Mary Champion



Champion.
Onkedsene
Gardens
Sutton

88 Barrow Ave. West.
Blyth.
Northumberland.
7th Dec. 73.

Science fiction foundation.
North East London Polytechnic.
Barking Precinct.
Longbridge Rd.
Dagenham Essex.
RM8. 2AS.
Dear Sir.

In reply to your letter of the 30th October
I am also belated in replying, and apologise
for any inconvenience I may have caused.

I wrote enquiring about the flat earth
society, to which you gratefully replied. I thank
you, but was unable to see Mr. Nicholls in
Sunderland. I am however still interested in
your society, and the papers you possess on
the flat earth society.

Being an undergraduate at Loughborough
University, I hold no status for enquiry into
these papers. Can I still examine the papers
for my own interest at some arranged time.

I will be at London from Sat. 29th Dec. -
Wed 2nd Jan. and although the Polytechnic
probably has a term break for Xmas the
library (presumably where these papers are kept)
may still be open. If it is at all possible for
me to examine the papers then I would be most
grateful.

If this arrangement is not possible, I

wondered if it was at all possible, to send some of the more unclassified papers via the library lending system. I have enquired into this, and your polytechnic is on this inter-college - university literature lending system. Only I fear the nature of these papers may be unsuitable for such an arrangement.

I am also interested in the rest of your activities and would therefore be grateful for any information on other aspects of your work.

Yours truly

J. M. Nicholson.

POLYTECHNIC OF EAST LONDON



MEMORANDUM

From: Peter Makepeace
Department: Library
Location: Maryland House

Date: 6th September 1990
Ref:

Subject:

To: All
Department: Library
Location: Staff

Installation
of
BLS

Copies to: Mr. P.W. Plumb; Anne Kropholler

The Computer has now been delivered to the Computer Centre at Barking. Data General will come and install it - i.e. connect up the various parts - within the next few days. The next stage is the loading of the software that runs the BLS system. This will be done by someone from BLCMP in late September.

The cabling and wiring has also been proceeding apace as many of you will have realised, having noticed people crawling around on the floor or in the ceiling at the various site Libraries.

In early October we should be in a position to get some terminals up and running and begin some training on the Cataloguing System (CASS).

November and December will see some intensive training on the Circulation System (CIRCO) and OPAC. CIRCO and OPAC should be operational at Barking and Maryland House by Christmas. Duncan House, Greengate and Holbrook should follow soon afterwards (January/February).

I will be contacting you again shortly with a request for information on Library housekeeping matters at your site - categories of material, loan periods, loan allowances and so on.

Please feel free to phone me on extension 4223 if you have any questions at all.

Finally, on a personal note, I would just like to thank everyone for welcoming me so warmly at PEL.

Peter

From the Chairman,
Room 1020,
Barking Precinct
(address as above)

Date as postmark

Dear

THE FLAT EARTH SOCIETY

I thank you for your recent enquiry concerning the Flat Earth Society. This Polytechnic has acquired most of the papers of this organization, the president of which recently died. As far as is known, it is thought that the organization is moribund, although there may be individuals who subscribe to its beliefs. This Polytechnic holds the papers as archival material, and they may be examined by appointment.

It is understood that there are still active organizations propagating the Flat Earth theory. The chief of these appears to be:-

The International Flat Earth Research Society of America,
Box 2533,
Lancaster,
California 93534,
U.S.A.

It is suggested that if you wish to pursue your enquiry further you should contact its President - Charles Johnson - at this address.

I am,
Yours truly,

Charles Barron
Chairman,
Management Committee

Patron: Arthur C Clarke

Council: Dr G S Brosan (President), George Hay (Executive Vice President), James Blish (Vice President), John Brunner (Vice President), Kenneth Bulmer (Vice President), Ursula K Le Guin (Vice President - USA), Christopher Priest (Vice President) Charles Barron (Chairman), E R Cook (Secretary), Leon Crickmore, R S F Duff, Ellis Hillman.

Administrator: Peter Nicholls

Rachel Allen
4174 Skyline Dr
North Vancouver
British Columbia.
V7R-3G7

Friday November 13th

The Flat Earth Society
% NE London Polytechnic.
Longbridge Road
Dagenham Essex.
RM8-286

Dear Sir,

My name is Rachel Allen I
am thirteen years old and I go
to Handsworth Secondary (High school)
and I'm in grade eight. I am writing
to you as I read the article
in the Vancouver sun on Nov 6th 1981.
The part that interested me most
was when Mr Johnston said, "the
Earth is enclosed within infinite
frozen water an outer darkness."

after reading your article in
the newspaper I started to think
about the theory's is the earth
flat or round. so could you explain
or send me some information on
the topic and your organization.

Yours truly,
Rachel Allen

ROBERTA BARKLEY
3674 EDGE MOUNT AVENUE
NORTH VANCOUVER
BRITISH COLUMBIA
CANADA V7A 2P1
NOV. 18, 1981



THE FLAT EARTH SOCIETY
c/o N.E. LONDON POLYTECHNIC
LONGBRIDGE ROAD,
DAGENHAM, ESSEX, RM8-2AS

To whom it may concern:

My name is Roberta Barkley. I attend Handsworth Secondary School, I am in grade eight.

I am writing this letter at the request of my teacher Mr. Kapusta. I would like more information on the Flat Earth Society because we are studying Early Explorers in Social Studies right now. Charles Johnson the president of the Flat Earth Society in Lancaster California, said, "The Earth is enclosed in infinite frozen water and outer darkness." If this information is true, how can we see planets through a telescope?

Would you please send more detailed information.

Thank - You

Sincerely Yours

Roberta Barkley

HANDSWORTH
SECONDARY
SCHOOL



1044 EDGEWOOD ROAD, NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C. V7R 1Y7 - PH: 987-3381

Dana Bayne
87A Clements Ave.
North Vancouver
British Columbia
Canada
V7R 2K7

NOVEMBER 13/1981

Flat Earth Society
c/o NE. London Polytechnic
Long Bridge Road.
Dayenham Essex.
RM8-2AS

Dear Sir:

My name is Dana Bayne. I am 12 years old and attend Handsworth Secondary School (High School) in Grade 8.

I am writing this letter to request information on whether the world is flat or not. It is for my Social Studies class in which we are studying Early explorers of the Renaissance Times.

My class and I read an article about your society in the Vancouver Sun Newspaper and I would like some more information on the Flat Earth Society please.

Sincerely
Dana Bayne

Amyr Bhayani
1152 WEST 17TH STREET
NORTH VANCOUVER B.C.
BRITISH COLUMBIA
V7P-1W2

THE FLAT EARTH
SOCIETY,
% LONDON POLYTECHNIC,
LONGBRIDGE ROAD
DAGENHAM, ESSEX, RM 8-2AS

Dear Flat Earth Society,

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER
19 1981

My name is Amyr Bhayani (AMYN BHAYANI)
I am 13 years old, at the present
I am attending Handsworth Secondary
School, (HIGH SCHOOL), I also am in grade
8. This letter requesting information regarding
of FLAT EARTH SOCIETY. This letter is apart
of a social studies assignment. My teacher
is Mr. Kopusta. The reason I am writing
this letter is because I'm wondering
if the world really is flat, or round.
My curiosity arouse when an article aroused
in the Vancouver Sun (NEWSPAPER) on
November 6TH. Can you actually prove that
the earth is flat? I have often
wondered about this. If the earth is
round how do you account for having
night and day? Would you please send
me information on your Society.
Sincerely, yours.

Amyr Bhayani.

Wendy Bone
3730 Glenview Cres.
North Vancouver
British Columbia
Canada
V7R3E8

November 13/1981

Flat Earth Society
% NE London Polytechnic
Long Bridge Road
Dagenham, Essex
RM8 - 2AS

Dear sirs:

My name is Wendy Bone. I am thirteen years old. I attend Handsworth Secondary School (high school.)

I am doing a grade 8 social studies project. I would like to know if the world is round or flat.

Charles Johnson, a member of your society, said that the earth was enclosed within "infinite frozen water and outer darkness." This quote was in the Vancouver Sun newspaper on Nov. 6/81. I would like some information about the society and the details of your theory.

Yours truly,
Wendy Bone.

HANDSWORTH
SECONDARY
SCHOOL



1044 EDGEWOOD ROAD, NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C. V7R 1Y7 - PH: 987-3381

Donald Foster, 362
West Haultain Road N.W.
Vancouver B.C.
Canada

Dec. 13, 1981

My name is Donald Foster.
I am a student at Handsworth
Secondary School (High School).
Grade eight social studies class.

Dear Haultain Society,

I am currently studying the Renaissance
in my grade eight social studies class. We are
studying about early explorers and have been led
to believe that the earth is round. I would like
to hear another opinion. I would be very grateful
if you would send information. There was an article
in the Vancouver Sun/News that the earth "was enclosed
within infinite frozen water and outer darkness." I would
hope that you will send detailed information.

Sincerely Yours,
Donald Foster

C. Douglas
280 East 29th St.
North Vancouver
British Columbia
Canada V7N-1C7
Nov. 13 Friday

Dear Sirs:

My name is Chris Douglas and I attend Handsworth Secondary school. I am 13 years old and am in the 8th grade.

We are studying the Renaissance in school, but we are also following "The Flat Earth Society" and its concepts. Our teacher regularly cuts out newspaper articles and photo-copies them so we can put them in our notebook. On

Nov. 6, in our newspaper - "The Vancouver Sun", an article appeared "Well, I see the hoax was cancelled" said the genial white-bearded man who contends that the earth is flat and that the space program is an elaborate fake. The reason your concept interests me, is because I am a fan of the space program and I'd like to hear more of what you think about the subject. How about proof of your theory?

I would appreciate hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,
Chris Douglas

HANDSWORTH
SECONDARY
SCHOOL



1044 EDGEWOOD ROAD, NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C. V7R 1Y7 - PH: 987-3381

Willy Erickson
Suite 215[#]
555 west 28 st
North Vancouver
British Columbia
V7N-2J7

NOV 13/81

Dear Sir,

My name is Willy Erickson, I am 13 years old and attend Handsworth Secondary School. (high school) Grade 8

I am writing this letter because I am interested in the Flat Earth Society, and am researching on the Flat Earth Society for a school project for social studies. We are researching the Middle Ages and are debating whether or not the world is flat or round.

I would like to know more about the Flat Earth Society. I would like to know why it started, when it started, who started it, when it started, and much more. I would like a pamphlet on the Flat Earth Society, if it could be possible.

Sincerely yours

Willy Erickson

Sandra Garkas
3915 Ruby Avenue
North Vancouver British Columbia
Canada
V7R-4B3



November 16, 1981.

The Flat Earth Society
c/o N.E. London Polytechnic
Long Bridge Road,
Dagenham, Essex.
RM8-2BS.

Dear Sirs,

my name is Sandra Garkas and I am thirteen years old. I attend Handsworth High School and I am in grade 8. We are studying the Renaissance on early explorers. In our studying it was said in the book that the early explorers believed the earth to be flat. I am writing this letter because I read an article published, that was dealing with the "Flat Earth Society". The article was published in The Vancouver Sun newspaper November 6, 1981. In one sentence it said "The Earth was enclosed within 'infinite frozen water and outer darkness'". It said that Charles Johnson was explaining his theory of the flatness of the earth. Another thing I wonder about is →



when the Flat Earth Society said that the space shuttle does not leave the Earth. They film a takeoff, then they land it and the rest is done in a Hollywood film studio. Well I am a bit mixed up about whether I should believe that the earth is "flat or round." Could you please send me some information on the "Flat Earth Society", and its beliefs in the Earth being flat?

Sincerely yours

Sandra Farkas

Elaine Fox,
1215 Bracknell cres.,
North Vancouver,
British Columbia/Canada.
V7R-1V4 Nov 13/81

The Flat Earth Society,
c/o NE London Polytechnic,
Londbridge Road,
Wagenham Essex,
RM8-2AS

To whom this may concern,
My name is Elaine Fox, I am
13 and attend Handsworth Secondary
school (high school) in grade eight.
I am writing this letter,
because our class is studying
the renaissance especially exploring
the world. I am interested about
the time it was known to every-
one the world was flat.

We recently read an article
(Lancaster California) saying the
earth was enclosed within
"infinite frozen water, and outer
darkness."

If possible could you please
send me more information
about the Flat Earth Society,
and it's theory.

Sincerely,
Elaine C. Fox



Kathleen Galay
#82 - #130 Cedar Village cres.
North Vancouver
British Columbia
Canada
November 13th / 1981

Flat Earth Society
40 N.E London Polychnic
Longbridge Road
Dagenham Essex
RM8-7AS

Dear Flat Earth Society,

My name is Kathleen Galay I am a Grade 8 student attending Handsworth Secondary school (High School) I am writing to you requesting information on whether the earth is flat or round?. I need this information for a Social studies project on the early explores of the Renaissances. The first time I heard of The flat Earth Society was an article in the Vancouver Sun on November 6th / 1981
Thank-you for your cooperation.

Sincerely

Kathleen
Galay

1047 Edgewood Rd.
North Vancouver
B.C. V7R 1Y5
Canada

Dear Sir,

My name is Robin
Hethey, I am 13 years old, and
live in Vancouver B.C. I attend
Hardsworth Secondary School
(High School), and am in
grade 8.

I am writing you to
request some information on
your society, and would
appreciate it if you would
also include your theory on
the earth.

An article appeared in
the Vancouver Newspaper about
your society, and that got
me curious.

My address is at
the top of the page.

Thank-you.

Sincerely,
(Miss) Robin Hethey

Dean Johnston
29, ¹⁹⁸¹ ~~1985~~ m
Vancouver
British Columbia
Canada V7L-1M6
The Flat Earth Society
& NE London Polytechnic
Longbridge Road
Lagenham Essex
RM8-2AS

Nov 15

Dear Sirs:

My name is Dean Johnston, I am thirteen years of age and am presently a gr. 8 student at Handsworth Secondary School (high school). My Social Studies class has recently taken up your article in our newspaper, The Vancouver Sun, Fri. Nov. 6, 1981 (enclosed). It has brought (caused) great controversy to myself and others in the class. Your theory "quote," "The earth was enclosed within (infinite) infinite frozen water and outer darkness," has brought me to wondering what the truth is. if possible could you please send ~~me~~ information on your theory.

Yours Truly

Dean Johnston

Sam Johnston
639, E 5th North Vancouver,
British Columbia, Canada,
Nov. 13, 1981,
V7L7M6

THE FLAT EARTH SOCIETY,
% NE LONDON POLYTECHNIC,
LONG BRIDGE ROAD,
DAGENHAM, ESSEX,
RM8-295

My name is Sam Johnston, I am thirteen years old
and attend Vancouver Secondary School (high school) in grade eight.
This is a Social Studies 8 project, we are now studying the Renaissance and I was wondering if the world was flat or round. There
was an article in the North Vancouver Sun that said the
earth is enclosed within infinite waters and utter darkness. I
was wondering how you could prove this statement and the theory
the world is flat. Naturally I was lead to believe the world is
round, so it is going to take quite a bit of proof to change my
mind.

Yours truly:

Sam Johnston

Braeme Kennedy,
960 Riverside Dr.,
North Vancouver,
British Columbia, Canada,
V7H-1V5

Date: November 13/1981

The Flat Earth Society,
90 N. E. London Polytechnic,
Longbridge Road,
Dagenham, Essex,
RM8-2AS

My name is Braeme Kennedy. I am 13 years old and am attending Handsworth High (Secondary) School. I am in eighth grade.

My class is studying the Renaissance. Currently, we are on a chapter involving early explorers. They believed the world is flat. I live in an age where the spherical earth is accepted. We asked ourselves the question "Is the world really flat?".

I saw an article in the Vancouver Sun Newspaper on November 6, 1981 stating a quotation by Charles Johnson who I understand is the president of the Flat Earth Society - "The Earth is enclosed within infinite frozen water and outer darkness." I would like to learn more about these ideas. We wish to discuss them in class but lack sufficient information.

We would be pleased if you would send me something [or things], brochures leaflets etc.] to add to our knowledge.