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St-Idesbald, 8 th January 1969.

Mr. Samuel SHENTON
Secretary of International
Flat Earth Research Society
DOVER Kent England.

Dear Sir,

I heard on the radio your most interesting affirmation about the flatness or "the saucer shape of the Earth."

As I write for young people, especially for "Spirou", a well-known magazine in Belgium, France, Switzerland etc., I intend to write you an article about your theory.

I should be interested to know the history of your society, (How it was born and how many members you have in Britain and all over the world.)

I should be very pleased if you could send me some details concerning your conceptions. May I ask a few questions?

1 st. Which is the real shape of the Earth?

2 nd. If it has a saucer shape, what happens on the other side?

3 rd. Is it true that North-Pole is in the middle of the dish, and the South-Pole all around the edge?

4 th. Is it true that the sun runs around the edge, lighting the other side of the plate? (In that case, the other side of the former remains in the shade, i.e. in the night.)



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5 th. How do you explain the season variations and how do you explain the relating position of the sunrays falling vertically on the equatorial regions, but not in the North-Pole?

6 th. If it is summertime on North-Hemisphere, the rolling around the edge must light not only North-Pole, but on the same time South-Pole.

7 th. What about the curving of the horizon?

In my opinion, I think it is possible to demonstrate the flatness of the Earth, but I wonder how you can manage.

Thanking you in advance, I am
yours faithfully.

Claude Bolle

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April 24, 1969

The Flat Earth Society
c/o Samuel Shenton
24 London Road
Dover, Kent,
England

Dear sir:

I would appreciate it very, very much if you would send me some information on how to join your society. I am very interested in your theory.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely;
Frank Sportolari

July 10, 1969

Samuel Shenton, Secretary
The International Flat Earth Society
River, England

Your Dear Honored Sir,

Distressed by a tract of print appearing at such an aware moment as this in my local news, I have decided to inquire of your organization's progress in the astronomical research that I've been convinced will inevitably awaken this humanity into the scientific reality of reason. As unfortunate as you, I've been ridiculed for years in my divine belief in the doctrines of our ancient ancestral sages, whose papers have been disintegrated in a mad technological race to escape this pleasing planet and outer space with the most unnatural of bodies.

I hadn't the courage, of late, to challenge the whole of America with such a purely simple destruction of their "scientific education". My earlier frustrated persistence in the matter had

led to a calm introverted searching for the truth, until just today, when I read your claims and burst with a revitalized enthusiasm for the subject. Already, I've spoken actively to many acquaintances of this letter and hope to begin worldwide correspondence with others of similar background and testimony.

Also, I felt compelled to humbly inquire into the qualifications of membership into the International Flat Earth Society, as I know my young blood could be beneficial to the organized preservation of our ideals, a most important concept in this day of decaying convictions. May everyone soon see the light and be reunited with God in Nature. My confidence in the Zetetics as teachers fills me with dreams of a renaissance of scientific truth, and for this I will always be praying.

Thank you for your attention, and may I hear from you very soon.

Sincerely,

Bruce Hamberg
119 Ridgeway
San Antonio, Texas
U.S.A. 78209

February 19/1969.
The International Flat Earth Society
Dover, England.

26 MAR 1969

Dear Mr. Shenton;

For some time I have been propounding views which seem to be similar to yours re the shape of the earth we live on.

Note the copy of a clipping from a Winnipeg newspaper.

I would be interested in becoming a member of your organization, if you would send me some information on it.

Landis Stankke,
381 St. Charles St.,
Winnipeg 22, Manitoba,
Canada.

Thank You
Landis Stankke.

312, Clam Alley Court,
Fulham, S.W.6.

8.4.69.

Dear Mr. Shenton,

I am very sorry to have to tell you of the death of my
uncle, Gerard St. John-Culham, who died in a car accident on Friday 4/4/69
morning. He was apparently killed instantly, and thankfully suffered no pain.
The funeral is being held this afternoon. His death has come as a great shock to
us all, as he was feeling so much better, after being ill throughout the winter.

I enjoyed the debate last year, but thought the conduct of the thing
dreadful. Are you giving any others this year?

Yours faithfully,

G. St. John-Culham.

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G. St. John-Culdwart.

C/O:- A. Fluze,
63, Cumberland St.,
Westminster,
LONDON, S.W.1.

March 29.

Dear Mr. Shenton,

Thank you for your letter of March 13.

I was sorry to hear that you were still under the weather, and hope that your condition has much improved. I am reasonably well, although rather tired; and hope that after the few days at Deal next week, I shall be feeling 100 per-cent.

I leave for Deal on Friday, and will be leaving ^{there} on Wednesday 9th. Will it be possible for me to see you on this date? I know that we have much to discuss, and am very much looking forward to our meeting. I will let you know from Deal, what time I expect to arrive at Dover.

Your letter also brought me some wonderful news! I am very glad to see that at long last people are beginning to treat us seriously, and look forward with eager anticipation to the programme on B.B.C.-2. television on May 10th, and also to seeing the articles. This should be a great year for the Society, as I am sure that you will receive many enquiries after the T.V. programme; and a number of these will join us.

As I said in my last letter, I have been giving a lot of thought to ways in which we could gain more support. I hope that on the 9th, we may discuss not only the facts in our favour (I would like to show you a few photos I took in Siberia last year), but also the ideas I put forward.

All best wishes,
Yours,

G. St John-Culdwart.

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LONDON, S.W.1.

March 3.

Dear Mr. Shenton,

. Thank you for your letter of January 27.

I was very sorry to hear that you have not been feeling too well lately, and hope that you are much better now. I have completely recovered after that bad bout of pleurisy, but it has left me very weak, and I will have to take things easy for some time yet.

I am glad that you found my report of the eclipse valuable. Although it took the majority of my savings, it was well worth it, and I would readily go again. I was very interested in, and thank you for the official pamphlet of the "Total Solar Eclipse of 1954 June 30". However, I find it very distressing that documents like this, giving information, which I am sure the persons who compiled it knew to be false, can be widely distributed without anyone questioning it. Surely some of the scientists realised the falsity of it all? I realise that in official circles they are probably withholding the facts, for fear of public panic; but would there be any panic? In my opinion people would prefer to learn the truth, and would feel more secure knowing that the Earth is at rest, rather than spinning through space at 18 miles per second.

Incidentally, the letter you quoted from William J. Helmer, in my opinion offers us fresh hope. If at last some of the American officials are beginning to doubt the accepted theories, then our goal may not be so remote as I feared. However, I feel that our knowledge must be conveyed to more people.

I was delighted to see the article in "The Illustrated London News" of February 8. CONGRATULATIONS! This is the type of publicity we need. I am very glad that there are still some writers left who will give a fair ~~xxxxxx~~ account of a subject that they do not necessarily believe in. I should think that we gained a number of additional supporters or at any rate enquirers from that article!

This brings me on to another point. You say in your letter that it would be very costly to convey the facts to those who are minded to think for themselves. I agree, and fully realise the difficulties you face. I have given the matter much careful consideration, and would like to offer a few ideas with which you may or may not agree. Firstly, I feel that the Society could achieve a greater amount of useful work, and I would suggest that each member be asked to investigate that aspect in which he has the greatest interest, e.g. eclipses, rotation of the Earth, etc. Secondly that a ~~xxxxxxxx~~ committee be formed, with you as its chairman, to collect these investigations, and produce reports upon them. Thirdly that a yearly subscription of at least half a guinea be adopted, half of which is invested (in premium bonds, for example, where the Society could suddenly become rich), with the idea of being eventually put into practical use, i.e. in the publication of a document presenting the facts to those willing to consider them; the other half being used for immediate use, i.e. the cost of running the Society etc. I am sure that all the members would welcome proposals such as these, in the hope that

G. St. John-Culdwart.

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January 10.

Dear Mr. Shenton,

You must have been wondering why I have not contacted you since my return from Siberia in early October.

Well, for the last three months I have been seriously ill, and am at the moment just recovering from a bad attack of pleurisy. My doctor thinks that it probably started with a chill I caught in Siberia, but I am not so sure. Anyway, the Siberian trip was well worth the expense and effort, because apart from the enjoyment it gave me, I managed to obtain some rather interesting results, which in my opinion will add still further to the overwhelming evidence that the theory that the Earth is a globe, is wrong; and that the true form of the Earth is flat.

I thoroughly enjoyed the journey to Russia. I travelled across Europe by train to Moscow, where I was met by a representative of the U.S.S.R. Academy of Sciences, who luckily spoke excellent English (I don't speak a word of Russian!) He was, I am afraid, most amused when I told him that I intended proving that the Earth is flat, by observing the total solar eclipse; and at first, he thought that I was joking. However, by the time we reached the hotel, where I was to stay overnight before leaving for Sverdlovsk, he knew that I was sincere, although I did not manage to convince him about the true form of the Earth.

The following day I flew to Sverdlovsk, touching down briefly at Kazan. I enjoy flying very much, but unfortunately there was a lot of cloud about, and so not much could be seen of the terrain below. I was, however, able to glimpse vast stretches of the River Volga, as it meandered its way towards the sea. When I arrived at Sverdlovsk I was met by the Russian scientist Alexi I. Popov, who had agreed to help me. I had never met him before, and only knew him by correspondence, but he treated me as if I was an old friend. He said that we should have to fly to Kurgan and go from there to the official eclipse site at a remote village called Yurgamysh, where he had to collect the equipment, including a spectrograph; but he assured me that we would be observing some distance from the predicted line of totality when the time came. So later that afternoon we flew to Kurgan, arriving at the grass-covered airport, which was still under construction, in darkness. We spent the night at the Moscow Hotel, and the following morning set off for the eclipse site at Yurgamysh.

I was told that Yurgamysh was only about thirty kilometers away, as the crow flies, but we had to travel along a somewhat better road, which meant a detour of over a hundred kilometers. There was no evidence of the snow, which I was told in Moscow, had fallen some days before, and the climate was not nearly as severe as I had been led to believe; in fact, it was not dissimilar from a spring day here in England, although I must admit that there was a biting northeasterly wind. The countryside was really rather bleak; along each side of the packed-earth road, there were vast stretches of black earth ploughed up after harvest, the monotony being broken only by a few trees and scattered clusters of peasants huts.

We arrived at the eclipse site about two and a half hours after

was probably because I had a slower reaction speed than Popov. I gave in both cases a slightly later timing, which I think, our timings differed slightly, but only by a few tenths of a second. I gave in both cases a slightly later timing, which I think, and we both rushed over to the chronometer and checked the time. With light and totally was over. I immediately stopped my stop-watch.

our leaving Kurgan. It was extremely interesting to see all the pieces of complicated equipment ~~that~~ that the various groups of professional astronomers had brought with them, from all over the world. I enclose a photo ~~xxxx~~ of the area, which I in fact took using a small snapshot camera! We did not stay long at the site, because this was the day before the eclipse, and we had to get to our site and set up the equipment.

I had originally suggested that we position ourselves at a distance of some three or four degrees from the predicted line of central umbra; i.e. in a region where a near total eclipse should theoretically be seen. If the Earth is flat, a total eclipse should, according to my calculations, be observable from this point. A.I. Popov had also made some calculations (he is much more of a mathematician than I am!), and said that he felt we should station ourselves nearer to the official site, at a place where the eclipse would be total. At this point the duration of the total phase would be less than at the line of central umbra, according to the globular Earth theory. If we accurately timed the duration of totality and found it to be greater than at Yurgamysh, then we would have succeeded.

Although I had certain reservations about this, I agreed, and we positioned ourselves about twenty-nine kilometers to the north of Yurgamysh. Our site was on a large plain, with a silver birch forest to the south-west and nothing for miles to ~~the~~ the north. The weather for the whole of the 21st had been rather ominous, with an overcast sky; and I was really worried in case cloud would prevent my seeing the eclipse the following afternoon. But that evening a clearance spread in from the east, and the stars shone down brightly; we were now both very optimistic that the sky would be clear for the eclipse.

The following morning dawned a glorious blue. Popov made some final adjustments to the spectrograph with which he hoped to obtain a measurement of the spectroscopic parallax of the Sun before eclipse, and also determine the speed of the Moon relative to the Sun, which can be most easily performed when the Sun and Moon are very close together, i.e. during an eclipse. This involved measuring the photographs obtained for Doppler shifts. I checked the chronometers etc., and made certain that all was ready.

Up to that stage, everything had gone perfectly, it was almost too good to last.... At about eleven o'clock local time, clouds began building up around the horizon. They were opaque cumulus, which were slow moving, and I realised that if one of these should obscure the Sun at the moment of totality, which was expected at 16.19., all would be lost. There were also small amounts of cirrus, but these did not constitute much of a hazard. Luckily, the clouds began to clear about an hour before the eclipse was due to begin; and by the time the partial phase was under way, the Sun was shining down from a clear sky. Conditions were perfect, despite the low altitude of the Sun, 19 degrees.

As the moment of totality approached I found myself shaking all over with excitement; the moment that I had been waiting for, for over a year was at hand. When the moment of totality came, we both started our stop-watches, and Popov began his work with the spectrograph. I stood speechless for a moment, just looking at what must be the most beautiful spectacle in nature. It is impossible to put into words the beauty of the sight, all I can say is that anyone who should get the chance to see a total solar eclipse, should seize the opportunity with both hands. I tried to measure the position of the Sun relative to the stars, but failed because of lack of time. Suddenly, the sky was ablaze

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with light and totality was over. I immediately stopped my stop-watch, and we both rushed over to the chronometer and checked the time.

Our timings differed slightly, but only by a few tenths of a second. I gave in both cases a slightly later timing, which I think, was probably because I had a slower reaction speed than Popov.

We found that the eclipse started two-tenths of a second before the predicted time; which could have been due to our different position from those at Yurgamysh. But... totality ended a full five seconds before the predicted time for Yurgamysh. The total duration of totality was only 38 seconds, as compared with the 43 seconds predicted for Yurgamysh. We had failed; our totality had lasted for a shorter duration, as expected on the theory that the Earth is a globe. I was utterly heartbroken; although I had adopted a truly Zetetic attitude, the ~~thought~~ thought that we would be proved wrong, had never really entered my mind. I thought of all the other evidence pointing towards the Earth's being flat, and wondered if all the time we had been wrong.

We spent the night at our site, and the journey back to civilisation began the following morning.

On the way back to Kurgan we stopped off at Yurgamysh, where the professional astronomers were already busy packing up their equipment. It was on the site at Yurgamysh that I heard what I regard as the best news that I have ever received. Totality only lasted for 37 seconds instead of the 43 seconds predicted! When I stated that the duration of totality was one second longer from where we had been observing, I was told that we had probably made a mistake in the ~~timing~~ timing. Although I do not rule out the possibility that some error could have crept in, I am sufficiently confident that our timings were correct, because we both made independent timings which agreed afterwards.

Anyway, there is still the fact that totality lasted for a shorter duration than that predicted. Now, we hear that according to Kepler's Laws, suitably summarized by Newton, amended by Einstein, further amended by Lorentz, further amended by Hoyle, etc., these phenomena can be computed to within a fraction of a second. But here we have a vitally important phenomenon, to which astronomers had come from all over the world, where the error was in the region of 10%. By conventional approaches, this is impossible.

But the cause of the discrepancy is clear enough. For this purpose, it does not matter much whether the Sun and Moon are regarded as globes or disks; it is a matter of their apparent movement in relation to the Earth. If the Earth is a globe, then its surface will curve upward towards the sublunar point; and this will cause an error in the calculated diameter ratio of the Moon and the Sun if we regard the Earth as a plane. This is where the trouble lay. Mathematicians ~~xxxxxx~~ had calculated the eclipse on the globular theory. This is why they were many seconds out.

On the way back to England I made some calculations based on Oppolzer's formulae, and arrived at a totality value of 38 seconds ± 0.48 second. This is extremely near our observed value.

I think that all theories stand or fall on observational evidence as well as ~~xxxxxx~~ interpretation; this has always been one of the alleged strong points of Einsteinian relativity, when we consider phenomena such as the precession of the nodes of Mercury. In this case the test has been applied, and it comes down completely on the side of the flat-earth theory. In fact, there is no other explanation, short of supposing that conventional mathematics just do not know how the celestial bodies move; and this, bearing in mind all their relativistic

refinements, is tantamount to admitting that their whole basic tenets are faulty.

I would be very glad to know your views about this, because it will be some time before the test can be re-applied. The next two eclipses (Mexico-Florida 1970, Africa 1972) have longer periods of totality, and so the test will not be so sensitive. It was particularly sensitive in Siberia last year, because the eclipse was very nearly annular, and only the tip of the shadow cast by the disk of the Moon reached the Earth.

Unfortunately the results obtained by Popov with the spectrograph as far as the spectroscopic parallax of the Sun is concerned, were rather unsatisfactory; but he managed to obtain some good values for the speed of the Moon relative to the Sun. However, the true value of the trip lies in the timings we made.

The above eclipse report may be regarded as yet another piece of evidence in favour of the flat-earth; however, I feel that there are matters far more urgent which necessitate action being taken now.

I feel that there is an urgent need to convey our knowledge to more ~~xxx~~ people, so that they might too begin to doubt the false theories of the scientists. I would be grateful if you could let me know the steps you are taking to publicise our ~~xxxxxxx~~ evidence to the general public. However, we must be careful, because in this day and age, anyone with ideas differing from those of the majority, are liable to ridicule. So many ~~xxx~~ people I speak to, regard me as a crack-pot; and now that Apollo-VIII has supposedly sent back photographs showing a round Earth, the situation is even worse. They laugh in my face when I try to explain that the curvature is probably produced by distortion, resulting from the use of a wide angle lens. Anyway, we must continue to ignore this, and push on with presenting our facts to those who are willing to listen. I feel sure that one day we shall succeed, and until then we must be prepared to accept the fact that the majority of the population are like sheep being lead by a few, who purposely want to conceal the truth.

Let us hope that this year will bring us some success; I am sure that it will.

All best wishes,

Yours,

G. St John-Culdesi.

Regina, Canada, August 10/69

Mr. Shenton:

Enclosed some more evidence that the Earth is a sphere. Have just watched on TV a series of pictures of Soviet cosmonauts taking pictures of the Earth from hundreds of miles up. It is here that centrifugal force balances gravity, enabling a man-made satellite to stay in orbit. Some of the earlier ones are still in orbit around the Earth and at heights of over 600 miles could continue for centuries. Have you changed your mind? I suggest that you admit the truth and now explain it by saying that you have been having fun leading people to think that you actually believed what you claim.

N.D. Stanners. (age 78)

745 King street,
Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada.
Sunday, August 3, 1969.

Samuel Shenton Esq.,
Secretary, International Flat Earth Society,
Dover, England,

Dear Mr. Shenton:

It will be no greater surprise for you to receive a letter from Canada than it was for me to read in the press that there was as much as one person in the World who still believes that this Earth is flat.

It is also noted that you claim the Scriptural writings for your strange claim. The simple fact is that if those responsible for the Bible, either the Old or the New Testaments, had known a fraction of one per cent of what we know today they would never have written any part of them.

Enclosed are a few cuttings from our local newspaper, the Leader-Post in this city which was named in honour of the late Queen Victoria as was our Victoria Park. Every civilized country in the world accepts the fact that the World is a sphere, even to the aborigines of Australia. There are dozens of proofs. Why don't you do some reading before you pass out? If you ever took a plane journey in a jet aircraft and the horizon was clear you could see for yourself at 35,000 feet that there is a distinct curvature. This amounts to about 9 inches to the mile. If the Earth is flat where is its edge? Why has no one ever journeyed that far? In June we were in the British Isles and put our watches ahead 7 hours due to the Earth's curvature. On the westward trip home we set them back again for the same reason. If a jet aircraft at some point on the Equator travelled eastward at something over 1,000 miles per hour the sun would appear to remain stationary due to his speed equalling that at which the earth rotates. Mr. Shenton, why don't you READ, R E A D, and then R E A D again and learn something? Give up this nonsense (unless you are doing it for publicity) and admit that you are living in the past, some thousand years ago, and quit making a fool of yourself. You are one of only 80 members of your Society or one in 40 million who believe as you did. When Galileo proclaimed that the Earth was not the centre of the Universe he was made to kneel before the Pope and recant, but Popes today believe what has been proven beyond the shadow of a doubt, i.e. that the Earth is round (like a ball to you). Incidentally I lived at Basildon between 1904 and 1907 and attended school at Brentwood, although born in New Zealand in 1890. Try to appreciate that I am trying to help you and trust you will not take offence,

Yours etc.

Norman D. Stanners.

July 20, 1969

Dear Mr. Shenton,

I have just finished reading about your society in our local newspaper and I am very interested in learning more about your ideas. I would appreciate it very much if you could possibly send me some information concerning your organization and let me know how I might become a member of the International Flat Earth Society. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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United States

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U. S. A.
13 September, 1969

The International Flat Earth Research Society
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ATTENTION: SAMEUL SHENTON, GENERAL SECRETARY

Dear sir:

Recently, the national government of the United States of America claimed to have landed 2 men on the moon's surface near the Sea of Tranquility. Many people in this country doubt that the moon was actually reached by man. It is my understanding, however, that since the founding of your organization in 1956, new evidence has been accepted as proof and your group has subsequently changed its policies. What I would like to ask, if I may: Does your organization believe that men were landed on the surface of the moon?

I am a fifteen year old secondary school student and a cadet in the junior military program it maintains. Many times I question the claims of our government. Finding the moon shot hard to believe myself, I have turned to you for your opinion. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Harold W. Stillwell

Harold W. Stillwell

HWS/lat

55, Malcolm Rd,
Woodside,
S.E. 25,

21.11.69

24 NOV 1969

Dear Sir,

I am interested in your beliefs
and would appreciate it if you would
send me information on the purpose
and aims of your society, a stamped
addressed envelope is sent for this purpose.

Yours faithfully

P.A. Hammon

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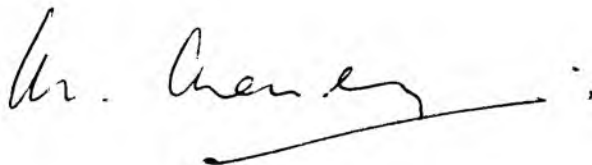
To:- Mr. Samuel Shenton,
24, London Road,
LOVER.

Dear Mr. Shenton,

Mr. Robert E. Hoyer, the London Correspondent of the "Stars And Stripes" has asked me to write to you with a view to interviewing you, either personally or by telephone, with regard to your activities as Secretary of the International Flat Earth Society. If you could please advise me of the best time that you could be contacted by 'phone (I think your number is Dover 44), then I would be most grateful.

Mr. Hoyer would like to write a feature about you. A stamped and addressed envelope is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,



(Malcolm Cheney, Staff Writer)

1969

Flat 1, 119 Kapa Rd,
Orakei,
Auckland, 5
New Zealand.

Dear Mr. Shenton,

I am a firm believer in the principles of the International Flat Earth Society and greatly desire to join this institution. It is with regret that I read in our newspapers of your dwindling membership and hope, by my admittance, to be able to further your very good work in this matter of, correctly, maintaining this planet to be Flat.

Best Wishes,
Earl Stewart.

P.S. Please send any available literature, pamphlets, etc.



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Kent.

5th November, 1969.

Dear Sirs,

We have received a letter from our customer in the United States of America, in which they request us to supply information concerning publications of the FLAT EARTH SOCIETY.

I should be grateful if you would let us have information concerning the publications which are issued by you, together with the price and availability of all publications.

Thank you for your kind attention in this matter.

Yours faithfully,
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10th January, 1969

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Kent.

Dear Sirs,

We have just received a letter from the Columbia University Libraries, 535 West 114th Street, New York, N.Y. 10027, requesting us to place an order for all of your publications. If you accept subscriptions we should be glad if you would enter our order from January, 1969, sending publications direct to the Library Service Library, 606 Butler Library, Columbia University, New York, N.Y. 10027.

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please send full information concerning your society. we have developed
a methodology to help prove your position.

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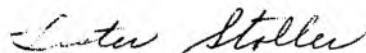
Mr. Samuel Shenton
Flat Earth Society
Dover, England

Dear Mr. Shenton:

I have known of the Flat Earth Society for some time now, but until very recently I was unable to reconcile my beliefs with yours. However, your explanation of the round appearance of earth as seen from outer space, i.e., The earth is round, but like a phonograph record rather than a ball, is very much in accord with my thinking on the matter. Incontrovertible evidence of our theory was presented last week when the Chicago Tribune reported the disappearance of a formation of five jet aircraft several hours after take-off. The last radio message received from the squadron leader indicated that he was totally lost and unable to get his bearings. In this day of sophisticated electronic instrumentation, there can be only one plausible explanation for that happenstance -- the formation flew over the edge. Looking back, the flyers could not see the thin straight line profile of earth, and looking ahead, above, and below, they saw only the blackness of space. They were hopelessly lost, at infinite altitude.

Mr. Shenton, I would like to become a member of the Flat Earth Society and await your reply with details concerning entrance requirements.

Very truly yours,



Lester Stoller

LS/dm

222, Manor Lane,

Lee,

London S.E.12

7th January 1969.

The President,

The International Flat-Earth Society,

c/o Sunday Mirror, London.

Dear Sir,

I read with interest the article in the 'Sunday Mirror' recently appertaining to your Society.

I was returning to London from Paris at the time of reading the article, and couldn't help but notice the flat expanses of country traversed en route.

I would be very grateful if you could forward me details of your Society, and several application forms for distribution to friends.

With thanks,

Yours sincerely,


G. E. Strong.

Enclose S.A.E.

From: The Reverend Peter Stubbs,
St. Alban's Vicarage,
Broadmead Avenue,
NORTHAMPTON. NN3 2RA

25th March 1969

(Dear Mr. Shenton,

27 MAR 1969

Thank you for your letter and for your kindness in
sending me the information I asked for.

I read it with interest - and with the respect
which any serious attempt to establish truth awakens.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

(Peter Stubbs

Tele.
44928

From: The Reverend Peter Stubbs,
St. Alban's Vicarage,
Broadmead Avenue,
NORTHAMPTON, NN3 2RA.

February 15th, 1969

Mr. Samuel Shenton,
24 London Road,
DOVER, Kent.

16 FEB 1969

Dear Mr. Shenton,

I have read references in the newspapers to the International Flat Earth Society and to your name as secretary.

I am curious to know what the International Flat Earth Society is about and would welcome information from you gratefully.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Stubbs

Reply — 16 MAR 1969

2005 Colice Road SE
Huntsville, Alabama 35801
March 25, 1969

Mr Samuel Shenton
Executive Secretary
Flat Earth Society
Slower, England.

Dear Mr. Shenton:

I am enclosing three letters from members of my fifth-grade class (aged 10 and 11 years). These children have read of your Society in the newspapers and would be most grateful to you for answering their questions.

Having tried to explain your theories (at least as reported in the news) to the class, I, too, shall appreciate your assistance. The children are looking forward to hearing from you — individually, if it is not too much trouble.

Sincerely yours,
Joan P. Sullivan
(Mrs. Gerald H. Sullivan)

25 MAR 1969

106 Jones Valley Drive SE
Tombville Alabama 35882
February 11, 1969

Mr. Samuel Slenton
Executive Secretary
Flat Earth Society
Dover, England

129 MAR 1969

Dear Mr. Slenton:
I don't see why you think the earth is flat. The astronauts have brought back pictures taking from the moon to the earth. I have several questions to ask you. Some of them are in picture.

1. If you stood on the end of the earth why can't you look down into space?

person
Earth

2. If many ships long ago fell off the earth, then why do we have gravity?
3. Do you believe in gravity? (circle one)
yes no
4. If we don't have gravity, then what keeps us on the earth from floating away? Write here, what you think it is.

OVER

5. Why doesn't the Flat Earth Soc
send someone up into space to see
what they saw?
6. Did you see the astronaut's pictures.
(circle one)
yes no

Please write me back.

Sincerely,

Eileen Constein

2341 Greenwood Drive
Huntsville, Alabama

February 18, 1969

Samuel Shelton, Executive, Secretary
Flat Earth Society
Dover, England

Dear Sir:

Could you explain to me how
the earth is flat and why
you think so? I hate you
very much.

Sincerely yours,
Janet Jarvis

#1

1715 Emerald Drive
Huntsville, Alabama
February 12, 1969

23 MAR 1969

Mr. Samuel Shelton
Executive Secretary
Flat Earth Society
Dover, England

Dear Mr. Shelton,

Why do you think that our earth is flat? Tell me
some reasons why you think it is.
A man said that our astronauts made eastern
pic of the earth but I don't believe it.

Will you send ~~me~~ ^{some} maps of your flat earth?

Yours truly,
Cooley Threuer

15.4.69?

95 Birchgrove Rd
BALMAIN.

Sydney, NSW
AUSTRALIA.

(Dear Mr Shenton,

I have been very
Interested in The flat Earth Society
beliefs as I feel the earth is not
a sphere but a circle of some type.

Perhaps you could send me
some literature on the subject.
As I have a few friends who
are Interested.

(
Looking to hear from
you soon.

Yours faithfully

David G M Sampster BA UCLA.

May 24

Sir:

27 MAY 1968

would you please send to me
information concerning the beliefs,
opinions and basis for the
Flat Earth position of your
society.

Respectfully,
L. R. Sacks

Lawrence R. SACKS
24 General Greene Ave
Trenton
New Jersey
08618
U. S. A.

27 MAY 1968

34, Sneyhards Green Rd.,

Erdington,

Tel. N° C21-350 2216

Birmingham, 24.

23rd. December, 1968.

Dear Sir,

I am supporting the motion, "This House
believes the ~~earth~~ ^{earth} is ~~flat~~ ^{flat}," in the first debate
of the Manshill Boys' Technical School's Debating
Society. This first debate is supposed to take
place on the 13th. of January. I wondered
if you could forward me, as quickly as is
humanly possible, details, ^{extension, information etc.} of why the earth
is ~~flat~~ ^{flat}. I would be extremely grateful if
you would do this.

Yours faithfully

PASadler.

P.S Can you explain the shape picture?

- 5 OCT 1968

Muni Abhaya Sagarji.
C/o Ratilal C. Doshi,
3/1413, Station Road,
Po:- M E H S N A N A (N.G.)
Via:- Ahmedabad - India.
Date:- 12th September, 1968

To,
The Manager,
International Flat Earth Research Society,
24, London Road,
Dover, England.

Sir,

I am much pleased to let ~~xxx~~ you know that I have been leading other research regarding Earth, its Shape & Rotation and cognate subjects on scientific, logical and philosophical grounds since last 18 years.

With view to seeking contact with Indian and Foreign institutions, Universities and colleges etc., I am in urgent need of the following informations.

(1) The copy of the latest longitudinal Survey of the American Survey Co., (Experimental proof of longitudinal length in miles or Kilometres)

(2) Complete postal address of or its availability:-
Fortian Society, New York City - 17.
(and its branches if any in U.S.A., U.K. or U.S.S.R.)

(3) Address of sources from where the following books were published and are available (along with their prices)

(I) "Earth not a Globe " (by - Parallax, An author of ' Patriarchal longevity ' and other works and founder of the ' Modern Zetetic Philosophy')

A book inquiring experimentally in-to the true figure of the Earth, proving it a plane without orbital or axial motion and the only known material world etc.,

It will be helpful to know the rules and regulations of your society, also its work and publications if any along with their prices.

I hope you will do the needful in the matter.

I am,
Muni Abhaya Sagar
(Muni Abhaya Sagar)
Researcher
The Earth Rotation Research Institute.



January 16, 1968

Mr. Stan Shenton
Flat Earth Society
24 London Road
Dover, Kent
England

21 JAN 1968

Dear Mr. Shenton,

Recently I learned that you are an officer of the Flat Earth Society. I have heard of the society and have considered joining but have had great difficulty in making contact with you.

Could you tell me what your objectives are, your publications, amount of dues and the procedure I would need to follow in order to join?

Thanking you for any information about the society that you can furnish me, I am.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lewis G. Wixon".

Lewis G. Wixon,
Instructor
Department of Geography

LGW:llb

Haliburton, Ontario, Canada,

December 30, 1968

Mr. Samuel Shenton,
Secretary,
The Flat Earth Society,
London, England.

Dear Sir:

A number of years ago I read several books, including PARALAX, and have since been convinced that the earth is not a globe but that, as set out in these books, it is flat, probably in the shape of a saucer.

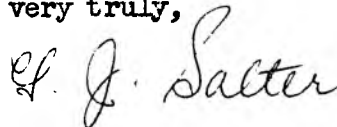
The recent space flights have not changed my conviction in this regard but I am wondering if there is any explanation for them. I do not believe they travel the distances they say they do.

In one of our newspapers it quoted you as saying, "the public is being ballihooed by the space flight--taken for a ride." That is where I obtained your name.

Have you any literature on this subject? If so, would you please advise and state cost.

Trusting to hear from you, I am

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. F. Salter".

Mrs. W. F. Salter

A. Savignano Jr.
63 Coal Street
Wilkes-Barre, Penna. 18702
U. S. A.

1967

FLAT EARTH SOCIETY
LONDON, ENGLAND

Sirs:

I am interested in the history and fundamental ideas concerning the Flat Earth Society. I have chosen your society as a topic for a research paper. I feel that your opinions and views would be fascinating material for my paper. However, I have been able to find nothing about your society in the libraries and news magazines and papers available to me.

Perhaps you could direct me to sources of information. Possibly some of your literature could be sent to me. I am willing to pay reasonable amounts of money if some of your literature is not free. I will reimburse you for postage if you desire. Your sincere interest and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
A. Savignano Jr.

A. Savignano Jr.

March 25, 1968


13 MAY 1968

Mr. Samuel Shenton, Secretary
International Flat Earth Society
24 London Road
Dover, England

Gentlemen:

I am interested in literature about your society, including
information about membership or ~~societies~~ *chapters* in Southern
California.

Yours truly,


GEORGE F. SEACAT

Mailing Address:

6051 Palo Alto Drive
Huntington Beach, California 92646
USA

11 OCT 1968

Carol Asidle
60-85 69 Avenue
Ridgewood N.Y. 11227
United States of America
October 7, 1968

Dear Mr. Shenton;

In my Space Science class, in Martin Luther High School, we were discussing a newspaper article that our teacher found in a local newspaper a couple of years ago.

My class had many arguments about your flat earth theory, but, all in all, we are inclined to wonder about the spheric earth.

If you don't mind, I think the class would like you to answer some of the questions we have.

1- How do you explain the shadow of the earth on the moon during an eclipse?

2- How do you explain what the astronauts saw while orbiting

3. How do you explain
the pictures that the astronauts took
while orbiting the earth?

My class would greatly
appreciate an answer to this letter.
Thank you for your co-operation

Sincerely yours,
Carol Suttle

2607 E. 64 St.
Brooklyn, N.Y.
11234

Dec. 24, 1968

MR. SAMUEL SHENTON
FLAT EARTH SOCIETY
DOVER, ENGLAND

DEAR SIR:

PLEASE SEND INFORMATION
ON HOW TO BECOME A
MEMBER OF YOUR SOCIETY
AND ANY BROCHURES OR LITERATURE
AVAILABLE ON THE SOCIETY'S
BELIEFS. TO:

L. Schuster
2607 E. 64 St.
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11234
U.S.A.

20 JUN 1968

ytte Arna Norway
June 16-68.

Dear Samuel Shenton.

About your flat and still standing ~~was~~ world it is necessary to remind you of a statement made by late Albert Einstein.

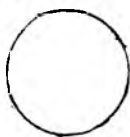

"Time is motion, motion is time," Time is unthinkable without motion.


What does Einstein mean by these ~~world~~ words,? he means our world and all the bodys that we see on the sky at night. There is absolutely

nothing in the great universe that is standing. How would you explain day and night over.

II
winter and summer if
our world was standing still
and flat? The road that our
world travel around the sun
is ellipse formed you know
it has 2 centres. And it
takes 365 days and 6 hours
to travel around it. 4 times
six are 24 each 4th year is
leap year.

nothing in the ^{20 JUN 1968} universe can stand
still

moon up  moon
down 

sun up   sun down

P.S. if our world stood still
this would have been
impossible. greetings from

Johan Screen
y the Arma

Hanstead House,

Brieket Wood,

St. Albans,

Herts.

3.10.1968

Posted 21/10/68

Flat Earth Society,

Dear Sir,

Would you please send to
the above address details of your society.
I am a seriously interested college student.

Yours faithfully,

Barry R. Short.

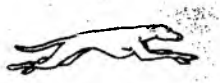
17-11-68

Dear Mr. Short:

I regret delayed reply. I have to do
all the work of lectures and correspondence. My health over the
past few years, due to a troublesome heart condition, has
reduced my output. I'm always floundering amid a vast
backlog of correspondence; nearly all of which have some
personal query which a circular letter would not cover.

In your case the query comes from
1. Q. Why give your address as Hanstead House?
I know it as Memorial Hall, Ambassador College.
Mr McNeil some years ago - missing the point altogether -

Greyhound



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10-17-68

-1 NOV 1968

Dear Sir,

After reading several articles regarding your society, I would like to submit my name for membership.

In trying times like these it gives me much comfort to know that a group like yours exists. I would like very much to carry on your work here in America.

Please give this application your consideration and contact me with full particulars

I remain yours faithfully,

Robert Shulman

419 N Adams

Green Bay Wisconsin 54301
United States of America

Samuel Shenton

1968

Dear Sir,

I would be honored to receive from you information concerning The International Flat Earth Research Society, and, if you retain an insignia, its design and coloring.

Respectfully,
William H. Sigafos
304 Queens Road
Kemah, Texas, 77565
U. S. A.

21 Prescott Ave.
Montclair, New Jersey 07042
12-3-68

Samuel Shenton, Secretary
Flat Earth Society
Dover, England

Dear Mr. Shenton;

I was recently given an article cut from a local paper explaining a little about the society. I would like to know more about this and would appreciate it if you could send me some information about the work being done by the group.

Sincerely,

Jean Marie Silk

(Miss) Jean Marie Silk

- 8 DEC 1968

4442 Livingston
Fremont, Calif.
Oct. 16, 1968

Dear Mr. Shenton:

I am a freshman in High School. I read about your society in the newspaper during Science class.

I am interested in your work and would like to know more about it. I would be grateful if you would send a letter informing me of the work you have done. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Duane Smith