

June 20, 1965

Robert Scharff  
3354 Hilary Drive  
San Jose, 95124,  
California  
U.S.A.

Dear Sirs:

I admire your individuality and non-conformance regarding the subject of the earth's shape. Your organization, the Flat Earth Society, intrigues me; I would be very glad to receive information concerning it and, possibly, become a member.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Scharff

EAST SURREY CONSERVATIVE AND UNIONIST ASSOCIATION

## Selsdon Young Conservatives

*Chairman:*

Mr. Christopher Wheble,  
67, Arundel Avenue,  
Sanderstead,  
Surrey.



*Programme  
Hon. Secretary:*

Miss Valerie Bowles,  
86, Foxearth Road,  
Selsdon,  
Surrey/

15th June, 1965.

Mr. Shenton,  
24, London Road,  
Dover,  
Kent.

Dear Mr. Shenton,

I am writing on behalf of the Selsdon Young Conservatives to ask whether it would be possible for yourself or one of the members of the International Flat Earth Society to come along one Thursday evening to give us a talk on this very interesting theory of your Society.

As you will have realised our meetings are held at Selsdon, Surrey which is quite a way from Dover, if you yourself cannot come perhaps one of your colleagues nearer to Selsdon would be able to.

If you are interested may I suggest one of the following evenings: 20th January, 1966, or 3rd February, 1966.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

*V. Bowles.*

Valerie Bowles  
Hon. Asst. Secretary.

PIERRE SERVET  
10, Avenue Aristide Briand  
sous le Saumier - (jura)  
France

le 14 Février 1965

The International flat Earth  
research Society  
24, London Road  
Dover  
(Angleterre)

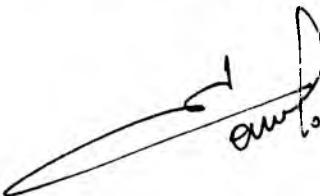
Messieurs,

J'ai eu connaissance de votre adresse par une revue française; Mais cette revue ne s'est contenté que de donner votre idée, à savoir que la Terre est plate.

M'intéressant à ces problèmes j'aimerais connaître vos théories et vos arguments pour démontrer votre idée.

En espérant avoir une réponse de votre part,  
Je vous prie de croire, Messieurs, en ma parfaite considération.

P.S: Pourrez-vous me répondre  
en français. Merci.



Miss Lillian Sheasley  
21 Rosemont St  
San Francisco, California  
U.S.A.

June 14 1905

Secretary  
Flat Earth Society  
Dover, England, Great Britain

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith, is postage for mailing information about your club. Could you please send me data about the "Flat Earth Society." I would appreciate it if you let me know the costs, should you require a fee, for any relevant literature, etc.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

Miss Lillian Sheasley

16<sup>th</sup> April

1965

Bramleigh  
13, Salts Ave.,  
Loose, Maudslane,  
Kent.

Dear Sir,

I have seen ships disappearing from view over the horizon, seen the circular shadow of the earth on the moon, proved to myself by my own astronomical observations that our sister planets Jupiter and Saturn are globular and rotate about their peculiar axes and have no reason to believe that scientists are out to hoodwink us about the shape of our planet. Will you please tell me your own ideas for I am dreading that otherwise I have been living under false impressions for the first 19 years of my life.

(1)

yours sincerely,

J. L. Short

J. LAWSON SHORT



# *sidcup eighteen plus group*

*affiliated to the federation of eighteen plus groups.*

58, MONTROSE AVENUE, SIDCUP, KENT.

19th January, 1965

- Shenton, Esq.,  
Flat Earth Society,  
70, London Road,  
Dover.

Dear Sir,

I would be pleased to know if you could oblige us with a speaker from your society. I have obtained your address from a former member of the North West Kent Debating Society, to whom you spoke some time ago.

If there is anyone nearer, I would be glad to have his address.

If not, I would be pleased if you could talk to us. We would, of course, pay travelling expenses and any other expenses involved.

The date most suitable to us is Tuesday, 27th April. If this date is not convenient to you but you would like to talk to us, will you kindly let me know of any convenient Tuesdays around that time.

Hoping to hear from you favourably,

Yours faithfully,

M.J. Gebbett

1965

Barry Smith,  
612 Mortimer Ave.,  
Toronto 6, Ontario,  
Canada.

Samuel Shelton  
Secretary,  
Flat Earth Society,  
Dover England.

Dear Sir,

I heard about your Society on a television show and have become quite interested in your concept of the spatial pattern of the earth.

I would appreciate receiving some information on the society and would also like a pamphlet or map which explains your position further as I did not understand some of the ideas you put forth.

Sincerely,

Barry Smith

December 11<sup>th</sup> 1965

P.O. Box 35  
LAVINGTON. N.S.Wales  
AUSTRALIA.

To Mr. Samuel Shenton  
Dear Sir.

I heard that you believed the earth  
is flat and stationary, I also believe the same.  
I thought you might be able to help me in a further  
study. Do you know of any books, that would be a  
help. Hoping to hear from you soon.

I am yours faithfully

Mr. Ormon Spalding.

June 11, 1965.

Samuel Schenton,  
Executive Secretary ,  
International Flatearth Society  
Dover, England

Dear Sir:

Some of us in Buffalo read an article in our local paper about your statement made when the American Astronauts circled the world.

We were very interested in your views regarding the aspect of our world.

We would be interested in arranging to have a chapter started here. Would you please forward information relative to charter, applications and general literature involving the society to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

*Edward S. Spector.*  
Edward S. Spector  
Ellicott Square Bldg.  
Buffalo, New York, 14203  
U.S.A.

1965

Save Earth Society  
London, England

Dear Sir,

I have just recently heard  
of your organization and am very much  
interested in obtaining more information  
on it. Would you be so kind as to tell  
me about your society? Thank you very  
much.

Sincerely,

Susan Stevens

Susan Stevens  
27782 La Porte Ave.  
Hayward, Calif.  
94545

N. KENNETH SUNTER,  
414, WILMSLOW RD.,  
Manchester 20

Tues. 15-June-1965

S. Shenton Esq,  
Flat Earth Research Society,  
22, London Rd,

Dover

Dear Mr. Shenton, you were kind enough to reply  
to a letter of mine in Sept 1962, in your letter you  
said you would write later - after you had dealt  
with an enormous correspondence. In the "Guardian" of  
10 June 1965 I read with great interest an article  
about your Society.

Therefore I again wish to ask for details of  
Membership etc., and the titles of any books on the  
subject - which is of great interest to me - and  
should be to all.

Sincerely,  
N. K. Sunter.

Stamps addressed envelope enclosed

49 Halford Rd,  
Richmond,  
Surrey.  
21.7.64

Dear Sir

I am most interested in the Flat Earth Society as you seem to have a true idea of the Universe as opposed to this modern Physics which is obviously false. I would be most grateful if you could be so kind as to send me any literature about the Society. Enclosed S.A.E.

Yours sincerely

~~Reply over~~

S.B.J. Stroud

(Astrologer)

5.10.64.

Dear Mr. Strand.

I thank you for your kindly letter of 21/7/64 and appreciate your interest in our research into so-called FLAT EARTH.

I have been, for over a year, seriously ill with heart trouble and have been unable to cope with the correspondence which is quickly accumulating.

We have no literature just now. The costs crippled us very early on. However if you will kindly keep your interest & if & when I can get some literature produced, I will do my best to send you some, or notice of same.

Yours truly

S. Shenton.  
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402 Forest Ridge Road  
North Little Rock, Arkansas  
April 4, 1967  
Sylvan Hills Elementary School

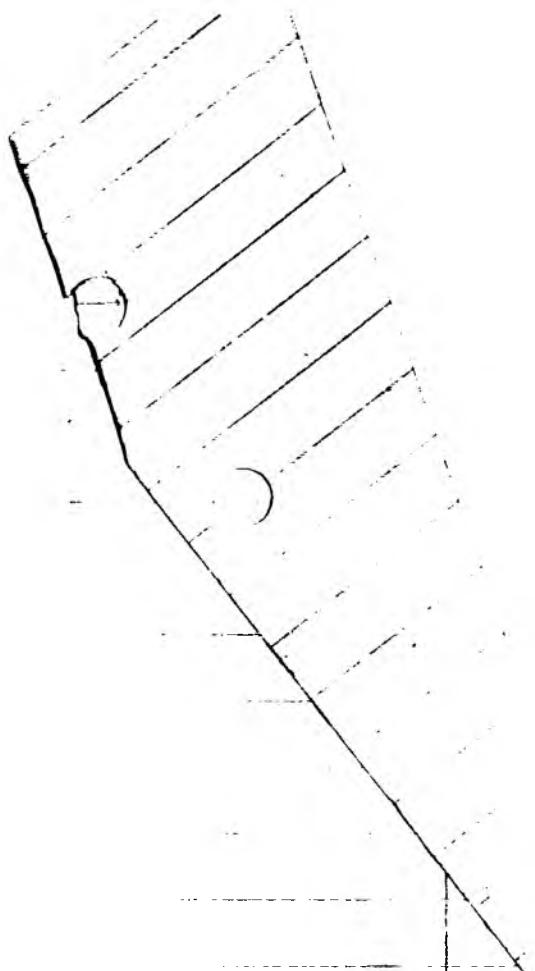
Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find letters from some members in my class. We are very interested in your ideas even though your article from Associated Press (March 26, 1966) was more sensational than scientific. We have enclosed these letters just as they were written by the students, who are twelve years old.

We have enclosed a self-stamped envelope for your reply. We would appreciate a reply before May 26, 1967, as this is the date school closes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Judith Thomson,  
6th Grade Science



Worshipper of  
the Sun

Dear Mr. Fletcher,  
I am a student at the University of Illinois. I have  
a question for you if you will take the trouble to get in  
touch with me. The question is this: What is the  
difference in the adoption of certain measures to  
protect us from the sun and to protect us from  
the cold? I would like to know if there is any  
difference in the way we go about it in each case.

1704 Kellogg Road

North Little Rock, Ark.

March 30, 1961

Dear Mr. Shenton:

Our Science class is interested in the article about the earth being flat so I would like to ask you some questions.

1. What do you think is the shape of the other planets?
2. What about the photographs taken of the earth?
3. Where does the sun go when it sets?
4. Where does the sun come from when it rises?

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,  
Martha Luckett

17 Wesley Drive  
N. Little Rock, Ark.  
March 31, 1967

Dear Mr. Sherton,

Recently, I read in the newspaper that you believed the earth was flat. I am not saying the earth is flat, round, or cylinder shaped, but if it is flat, where did you get your information and how? Have you ever heard of the I.G.Y? If the earth is flat please explain : tides & gravity. What do you think the other planets look like? What is on the underside of the earth if it's flat?

March 2, 67

Dear Mr. Shenton,

Do the earth is flat, huh? I was sitting here when one of my friends dropped in. He told me the story he heard, from a earthly being, when talking a trip to earth. Well, I thought I better tell you not to open that big hole on your face to far, as you might get a foot in it. (I think that is what the humans say.) Well, you better keep quite. From sitting here on the side of Mars I can see the earth very well, as being as man from Mars I do not need any of those things you call glasses, as if one eye gets bad, I just buy another. So I can see the earth very well. the Earth is not flat but square!!

a former Martian now  
living on the planet Earth

Cathy Ylinen

2299 E. 16<sup>th</sup> ave.

No. St. Paul, Minn.

U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

I have heard a lot about you. I have a few questions for you. I hope to be an astronomer someday, and I would like to hear your theories.

Why, if the Earth is like a cylinder, do cosmic rays bend greatly at the equator? Why do they bend and gradually get straighter inbetween the poles and the equator?

What shape are the planets? Why is everything in the universe moving but us? Why aren't the sun flat if we are?

Why don't the penguins and polar bears fall off at the poles? Where exactly do the sides of the cylinder and the flat part meet?

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Carol Strickland

P.S. What makes the seasons?

Dear Sir,

My teacher has read your article in the Sunday paper to my class.

Below are some questions I would like for you to answer.

When an eclipse occurs, the earth casts a round shadow on the sun.  
So how can the earth be flat?

Do you believe the Earth is the center of the universe?

Do you realize there is such a thing as GRAVITY?

When a ship sails out to sea, the last thing you see is the sail of the vessel  
as flat, the bottom part would probably be seen. How do you  
explain this?

If you answer these quickly, I would be  
most obliged.

Ligned,  
Keith

A little believer in a

Earth

P.S. The dots on 's, ect. are in the  
shape of the Earth !!

Age 11  
Grade 6  
Sylvan Hills  
Elementary School

819 East Woodruff  
North Little Rock, Arkansas  
March 29, 1967

Dear Sir:

Do you believe the sun is the center of the solar system?

What do you think the other planets look like? Do you think they are flat or round?

Would you please draw me a picture of what you think the planets in our solar system look like.

What do you think the inside of the earth is like?

Thank you very much.

Yours truly,  
R. S. C.

Dear Mr. Shenton,

Our sixth grade class had some questions on your theory that the Earth is flat.

If the Earth is flat why haven't any boats fallen off the edge?

If the Earth is flat and following your theory the sun is striking the Earth at the same heat and same time, how do you account for the change of seasons?

Why does it get dark? Where does the sun go?

What shape are the planets if the Earth is flat?

Does this flat Earth float, or does it have a solid foundation?

We noticed that in the picture you are lecturing with a round globe why don't you get a flat one?

These are just a few questions our class had.

Sincerely,  
Linda Garrison

Dear Mr. Shenton:

I have a few questions. If the earth  
is flat why does the water not run  
off? How do you think the solar  
system was started? How do you explain  
when a ship sails off, the bottom  
vanishes first? If the world is  
convex what is on the other side?

Sincerely yours,  
Richard Perkins

402 Forest Ridge Road  
Sylvan Hills Elementary  
April 5, 1967

Samuel Skerton  
241 London Road  
Dover, England

Dear Sir:

I, Cathie Sims and my friend, Martha Flippin, who are writing this letter, would like it very much if you would answer these few questions:

1. What brings you to the conclusion that the earth is flat?
2. If the earth is flat, then what causes tides?
3. How could you explain the shadow of an eclipse being round?
4. How would you explain these: If the earth

is flat, than how than do we have both day & night, for if it was flat, we would have either eternal day or eternal night

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,  
Cathie Sims  
and  
Martha Flippy

Dear Sir:

Will you please answer the following questions.

If the Earth is flat what is underneath? Where does the sun go when it rises + sets? What about the seasons? Why don't we fall off the earth? What shapes are the other planets?

Yours truly,  
George Ann Burkhart

P. S. THANK YOU.

(2) Sept. 29, 1966

Dear Mr. Shenton,

54 OCT 1966  
I know that you  
are a member of the  
flat earth society.

It has been proved  
that the earth is  
round, the astronauts  
did see the earth  
on its axis and rotating.

Because why would  
they be imagining this  
it would be such a  
thrill to be up...

passed down from  
Colombia, she earth  
really does rotate

not the sun. 4 OCT 1966

Will you please send  
me information  
from your flat earth  
society, please,  
thank you; Yours truly,

Jack John Hyden.

1966

Dear Mr. Shanton,

We are a group of science and engineering students at the University of Minnesota. For the past several years we have devoted much time and energy to research on the sun, earth, and heavenly bodies. We have, from our studies, acquired calculations which prove beyond any dou-  
that the earth is shaped approximately like a  
plate rather than the false popular notion that  
it is spherical.

Through correspondence with other free-  
thinking scientists, we have heard about the  
International Flat Earth Society. However, because of the doubt and ridicule which our studies have encountered, we hesitated to contact you for fear that we might become the victims of a hoax.

We heard that you have stated that the diameter of the sun is 32 miles. Because of the proximity of this figure to our own calculated figure, we tend to believe in your sincerity. Further studies support our observation that there is really no discrepancy.

between scientific calculation and that which is obviously fact. From the earliest of times, scientists ( most modern day scientists included ) have based their studies on false assumptions.

Before any further correspondence, we desire more information about the society and its members and the principles on which it is based. We understand that there are several other Americans who are members. Please excuse our hesitance to divulge any further information about our research. These days you cannot choose confidences too carefully for fear of fraud. Please do not construe our caution as mistrust.

Sincerely yours,

*David Jackson*  
Michael B. Ellis, Astronomer

*Dave Perrin*  
*Stanley Sheldon*

The Orchard,  
42 Wellfield Road,  
Alrewas,  
Burton-on-Trent.  
Staffs.  
June 10<sup>th</sup> 1965.

Telephone:  
Alrewas 216.

Dear Mr. Shenton,

I read an article about you and your society in today's "Guardian," and several things in it aroused my interest so much that I should like to pursue the matter a little further.

I am one of the younger generation who you claim are continuing to labour under a delusion perpetrated by custom. I know nothing of your theories or convictions, but to my mind it seems that if the beliefs of several people have caused them to form a legitimate society, then it is worth considering those views. Until now I have left unquestioned the statement that the Earth is round, but if there is an argument to say that it is flat, then I should be most interested to hear it. I obviously at present could not state whether I support or oppose

If your Society has any literature on the subject  
I should be pleased to receive it. I do hope that  
you will forgive me writing in this rather obscure  
~~unusual~~ manner, but your address was not quoted in  
the article.

Yours sincerely,

C. J. Salengro [Miss].

615 Briarcliff Rd  
Montgomery, Alabama, USA  
June 22, 1965

International Flat Earth Society  
Dover, England

Dear Sir:

A very informative Editorial about YOUR ORGANIZATION has appeared in a recent issue of the ALABAMA JOURNAL, a daily newspaper published here in Montgomery.

Upon receipt of \$3.00, a clipping of the Editorial will be AIR MAILED TO YOU.

Sincerely yours,

*J S Simpson*  
J S SIMPSON

You all come and spend your VACATION down here in Alabama - thank you -