### The Bible v Neo-Science.

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few extracts for reasonable and consistent Christians to meditate upon, after which they may be led to inquire, whether The Bible is not irruly scientific, and therefore the assumptions of Modern Theoretical Astronomy and, the (so-called) Sciences ramifying from it, are in direct antagonism with the Book on which their Christianity is based.

- "For if ye believed Moses, ye would believe Me, for he, wrote of Me, but if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe My words?" John V. 46-47.
- "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Gen. I. 1.
- "And the evening and the morning were the first day." Gen. I. 5.
- "And God said, Let there be light! and there was light;"
- "And God saw the light, that it was good, and God divided the light from the darkness." Gen. I. 8-4.

We here have LIGHT WITHOUT THE SUN, that orb not being created until the FOURTH DAY; Modern Astronomy assumes ALL LIGHT TO emanate from the sun.

- "And God made two great lights, the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night; the stars also. And God set them in the firmament of heaven to give light upon the earth, and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness." Gen. I. 16-18.
- "The Sun to rule by day . . . The Moon and stars to rule by night . . . Ps. CXXXVI. 8-9.
- "So God created man." . . . Gen. I. 27.
- "And God saw everything that He had made, and, behold, it was very good." . . . Gen. I. 31.
- "The pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and He hath set the world upon them." I Sam. II. 8.
- "Of old hast Thou laid the foundation of the earth." . Ps. CII. 25.
- "Ye enduring foundations of the earth." Micah VI. 2.
- "Thou hast established the earth, and it abideth." (or standeth) Ps CXIX. 90.
- "The world also is established that it cannot be moved." Ps. XCVI. 10. Ps. XCVII. 1.
- "Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth"?
- "Who hath laid the measures thereof (or stratas of the earth) if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?
- "Whereupon are the foundations (sockets) thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof," Job. XXXVIII. 4-6.
- Hebrew, "Tasad erets al mekoneha al-timoth clam vaed" which is rendered, (God), Who founded the earth on its bases that it should not be moved for ever and aye.', Ps. CIV. 5.
- "For He hath founded it (The Earth) upon the seas and established it upon the floods." Ps. XXIV. 2.

"O give thanks to the Lord of lords, that by wisdom made the heavens, and that stretched out The earth (land) above the waters." Ps. CXXXVI. 6.

"For this they wilfully forget, that there were heavens from of old, and an earth compacted out of water and amidst (in) water by the Word of God, by which means, the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished." 2 Peter III. 5.

"Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth." . . . Heb. I. 10.

The foregoing Passages, and those that follow are in direct antagonism with the Suppositions of the whole of Modern Theoretical Science; both cannot be true. Therefore, before ignoring or condemning Bible teaching, it is the duty of thinkers to first prove which side is right, as only the unthinking or hypocritical profess to accept both. The Truth is magnified by strict and unbiassed investigation, and does not require wrapping-up in crafty-question-begging—Sophistry; such hypothetical juggling only tends to warp the mind, and often leads people to Doubt, if not avowed Infidelity.

- "Thus saith the Lord, if heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel." Fer. XXXI. 37.
- "For He looketh to the ends of the earth and seeth under the whole heaven." Job. XXVIII. 24.
- "Again the devil taketh Him up into an exceeding high mountain and sheweth Him all the Kingdoms of that region." . . . Matt. IV. 8.
- "Under the sun, . . . under heaven." . . . Ecc. I.
- "That spreadeth abroad the Earth." (land) Isa. XLIV. 24.
- "My right hand hath spread out the heavens," Isa. XLVIII. 13.
- "Canst thou with Him spread out the sky, which is strong as a molten mirror?" fob. XXXVII. 18.
- "The likeness of a firmament . . . stretched forth over their heads above." Eze. I. 22.
- "There is a path which no fowl knoweth, and which the vulture's (or eagle's) eye hath not seen, the liou's whelps have not trodden it, nor the fierce lion past by it," fob. XXVIII. 7.8.
- "He that sitteth above the circle of the earth... that stretched out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent, . . . . Isa. XL. 22.
- "When He established the heavens I was there, when He set a circle upon the face of the deep, when He made firm the skies above." Prov. VIII. 27-28.
- "He hath described (or placed) a boundary upon the face of the waters, unto the confines of light and Darkness." Job. XXVI. 10.

The four preceding passages, clearly describe the SOUTHERN CIRCUMFERENTIAL and IMPASSABLE ICY BARRIER OF THE WORLD, (where unthinking people ASSUME they should fall off or over.) Vide Vasco di Gama's, Cook's and Sir James Ross' Antarctic Voyages.

Hibrow. "Nothah tsaphon al-tohu toleh erets al-balgamah." (or belimah) fob. XXVI. 7 which is rendered. "He spreadeth out the North over the empty waste, (or desolation) and hangeth (or supporteth) the earth (land) upon no thing but the firmament of His power, (the waters of the Great Deep)." Vide Adam Clarke and other Commits.

To hang or support, in this case, completely excludes the idea of motion more especially so, in connection with an ASSUMED Sea-earth-globe of 25,000 miles circumference, ASSUMED to have many motions, one of which is that of flashing through ASSUMED space at the brain-reeling-speed of 19 miles per second. It would be as sane, and consistent to talk of supporting or hanging-up flashes of Lightning, as of such a sea-earth-globe under the SUPPOSED conditions.

"The same day were all the fountains of The Great Deep broken up." Gen. VII. 11. (One of the most expressively significant passages in the Bible.)

And all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven were covered Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail, and the mountains were covered." Gen. VII. 19. 20.

- 'The Almighty shall bless thee with the blessing of heaven above, and blessings of the deep that lieth under." Gen. XLIX. 25.
- "Blessed be his land, for the precious things of heaven, for the dew, and for the deep which croucheth beneath." Deut XXIII. 13.
- "Or in the waters under the earth," Exo. XX. 4.
- "Or the likeness of anything that is in the waters beneath the earth." Deu. IV. 18.
- "Heaven above . . . earth beneath . . . waters beneath the sarth." Deu. V. 8.
- "As for the earth, out of it cometh bread, and under it is turned up as it were fire." Job. XXVIII. 5.
- "In them (the heavens) hath He set a tabernacle for the sun, which is as a bride-groom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race. His going forth is from the end of the heaven and his circuit unto the ends of it." Ps. XIX. 4-6,
- "The sun also (zarach) bursts forth, and the sun (bu) goes. in, (or away) and hasteth to his place where he (zarach) bursts forth," Ecc. I. 5.
- "Let them that love The Lord, be as the sun when he goeth forth in his might." Judges V. 31.
- "And he (The Lord) brought the shadow (of the sun) ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down in the (sun) dial of Ahaz." II Kings. XX. II.
- "So the sun returned ten degrees." Is. XXXVIII, 8.
- "Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon! and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon! and the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, . . . . Josh. X. 12-13
- "The Sun and Moon stood still in their habitation." Hab. III. 11.
- "And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth." Rev. VI. 13.

This last passage IN THE SO-CALLED LIGHT OF MODERN ASTRO. NOMY, amounts to downright Balderdash.

We may now glance at a few significant passages from the Old and New Testament Apocryphas, which may be of interest IF NOT AUTHORITY.

Old Testament Atog:

"In the beginning, when the earth was made, before the borders of the world stood, or ever the winds blew," II. Esdras VI. 1.

"Let the earth be made, and it was made, let the heaven be made and it was created."

"In His word were the stars made."

"He hath shut the sea in the midst of the waters, and with his word hath He hanged (or supported) the earth upon the waters." II Esdras XVI. 55-61.

"He spreadeth out the heavens like a vault; upon the waters hath He founded it." (The Earth).

"He made man, and put his heart in the midst of the body, and gave him breath, life and understanding." II. Esdras XVI. 55-61.

"Great is the Earth, high is the heaven, swift is the sun in its course, for he compasseth the heavens round about, and fetcheth his course again to his own place in one day." I. Esdras IV. 34.

"For the dumb water, and without life (at God's command) brought forth living things." II. Esdras VI. 48. also 38-47.

"The mountains also and foundations of the earth shall be shaken with trembling, when the Lord looketh upon them." Ecc. XVI. 19

"In his time (Isaiah's) the sun went backward." Ecc. XLVIII. 23.

"Did not the sun go back by his (Joshua's) means? and was not out day as long as two?" Ecc. XLVI. 4.

The whole of Ecc. XLIII. is most expressively antagonistic to Modern Theoretical Astronomy, and the so-called Science which ramifles from it.

New Testament Apoc:

"Unconstant, not knowing the Majesty of God, how great and wonderful He is who created The World." II. Her. Com. XII, 19.

"Who with the word of His strength fixed the heavens, and founded the earth upon the waters." I. Hermas. Vis. I. 28.

"And even the world itself is upheld (or supported) by the four elements." I. Her. Vis. III. 130. Vids. Zstetic Astrony. by "PAUALLAX" Chap 13.

Now then consistent and reasonable Christians! confronted by these passages from your own Text Book, (irrespective of those from the Apocryphas) EXCEPT YOU DELIBERATELY IGNORE THEM, or resort to subterfuges extraordinary, AWAY MUST GO the PRIME HYPOTHESIS of the "GLOBULARITY and mad-whirling-flashing-motions of this World," with the closely related assumption of "Universal Gravitation," and consequently, the assumed and unproved Inconceivable Distances and Magnitudes of all things selectial, the Pluralities of Worlds, Myriads of suns and their various systems, the Profundities of etherfilled Limitless-Space. The undefinable-Periods of Geological-Times.

Atomic-Origin of all Things celestial and terrestrial, and other Evolutionary-quagmires; disbelief in "The Creation," and "The Universal Flood," ignorance as to the meaning of the words Up. Down, Above, Below, Under and Over; and all the other BEFOGGING AND UNPROVE-ABLE ASSUMPTIONS, along with the mystical and sophistical arguments and contradictions of Modern Theoretical Astronomy, and the numerous (so-called) Scientific Hypotheses, connected with, and ramifying from It, and without which, It could not possibly exist.

IF you persist in stultifying your senses and reasoning faculties, thus ALLOWING WITHOUT PROOF all the brood of Suppositions and assertions of Modern Theoretical Astronomy, then, The Bible with all Its Facts, can be quietly ignored, or at best considerably whittled-away, as IN THE SO-CALLED LIGHT of the Modern Theoretical Assumptions, It is covertly hinted, or openly stated to be nothing more than a collection of Childish fables and absurd myths, therefore, not worthy even the notice of Agnostic-Infidels, much less the respect and absolute confidence of those CALLING THEMSELVES Christians, no matter of what denomination: BUT, with a knowledge of THE VITAL AND FUNDAMENTAL TRUTH, that THE WORLD IS NOT A GLOBE, the way becomes clear and intelligible, The Biblical Records standing out bright and sharp as unmistakable FACTS and ACTUAL REALITIES, thus proving to the centre the Impregnability of the Rock of Holy Scripture, notwithstanding the assaults made upon It by MODERN-EDUCATIONALLY-BIASSED, and misdirected minds.

- "The two beliefs"—Modern Astronomy and The Bible.—
  "cannot be held together in the same mind, he who thinks he believes both, has thought very little of either."—Thomas Paine. "Age of Reason."
- "If Moses can be shewn to be caught red-handed in ignorance or error, what shall we think of The Christ who quoted and referred to him as an authority." Present Day Atheist.
- "I had been told so often that The Bible was no authority on scientific questions, that I was lulled almost into a state of lethargy."
- "If it shall turn out that Joshua was superior to La Place, that Moses knew more about geology than Humboldt, that Job as a scientist was the superior of Kepler, that Isaiah knew more than Copernicus . . . then I will admit that Infidelity must become speechless for ever." "Ingersoll's Tilt with Talmage."
- "In whatever way or manner may have occurred this business (Modern Theoretical Astronomy, and the Modern Elementary Theoretical Science) I must still say that I curse this Modern Theory of Cosmogony, and hope that perchance there may appear in due time some young Scientist of genius who will pick up courage to speet this universally disseminated deliveum of lunatics."

#### FACTS versus THEORY.

The Lundy Island light is 540 feet above sea level, and is visible at LEAST 85 miles under normal conditions; according to the globular theory it should be 261 feet below the horizon (allowing 15 feet for altitude of observer) at that distance, or out of sight at a distance of 29 miles. How can this, with innumerable other instances, be accounted for by globularists?

Why is there no allowance made for curvature in railway and canal cuttings? It is falsely stated by Newtonians that an allowance must be made, and if the earth were a globe, an allowance would most certainly be needed, yet engineers make no allowance for this supposed

curvature, see copy of letter from :-

"THE MANCHESTER SHIP CANAL CO."

Engineers' Office, Manchester,
February 19th, 1892.

Dear Sir,

It is customary in railway and canal constructions for all levels to be referred to a datum, which is nominally horizontal, and which is so shown on all sections. It is not the practice in laying out Public Works to make allowance for the curvature of the earth.

Yours faithfully, W. H. H.

In case any lunatic engineer should attempt to allow for the supposed rotundity of the world's surface the authorities would immediately stop such work under powers given by the Standing Orders of the Houses of Lords and Commons which forbids any allowance being made for non-existent curvation.

How can the mariner's compass point to the N. and S. poles on the equator? and how in the southern hemisphere can it point N. on

the surface of a globe?

What reasonable explanation can be given to the fact that the horizon at sea is always seen as a perfectly straight line, when it should on the globular theory, dip to the right hand and left as the

are of a circle?

If the world has five motions, as astronomers say, can any Newtonian tell us why we do not, in some measure feel them? It is easy, perhaps to imagine that were there only one motion we might not feel it, but it requires a very imaginative mind to think that five motions, and all in different directions, should not be felt, when the slightest shock of earthquake is perceptibly felt for many miles. Would the fly and orange trick answer here? if the orange were set spinning like a top, would the fly feel the motion?

If the earth be in motion, why do the clouds often travel in opposite directions to its rotation? This would not be possible with a spherical body rotating swiftly. The air and clouds would travel in

the same direction, and with the same velocity.

" Prove all things, hold fast that which is good."

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Every one knows that witchcraft, divination, or sorcery, professes to give people certain information which they could not obtain without some such artificial or superhuman aid.

Now this is just what these modern oracles have done with respect to astronomy and physical science generally. They have pretended to act as the interpreters of the laws of nature, and have declared that divine authority, common sense, and the overwhelming evidence of demonstrable facts, are not to be consulted or regarded as trustworthy guides on a subject which is conressedly occult and incapable of verification by the ordinary tests of practical research, or of any but professional oracles ! Somunless we are to remain in the benighted ignorance which they say has blinded the eyes and clouded the understanding of the wisest sages the world has produced during a period of the first 5,000 years, we are driven to consult the oracular craftsman who tell us the world is not the motionless plane which Moses described, which we see with our eyes, and our forefathers have declared to be the truth; but is only an inferior star or tailless comet; whirling round the central sun at the awful speed of over one thousand miles a minute, and upheld in its prodigious orbit by the attractive influence of the Sun, at the immeasurable distance of ninety-three or ninety-five million miles! Not only so, but all human beings and all living animals, as well as all inanimate objects on the surface of the earth or the ocean, are held on and prevented from falling off this shooting rocket by the device of terrestrial gravitation ! And though everything on the face of this "globular earth" is upside down to the other half, yet no one is to suspect that such a peculiar position is at all capable of causing any inconvenience or seese of insecurity, any more than if we were all inside instead of outside this whirling ball.

This is the origin of modern witchcraft. We know that many innocent old women have suffered the most savage and inhuman treatment without any justification whatever. But these male craftsman have succeeded in foisting on their credulous and highly educated dupes ten thousand times more worthless and

pernicious inventions than any old fortune-teller ever ventured to conceive. If any class of men on the face of God's earth ever deserved the indignant derision and howling scorn of an insulted humanity, it is the scientific professors who have imposed this execrable and infidel superstition upon a professedly Christian people, while they have never been able to demonstrate the truth of one single statement since they first invented the imposture, two hundred years ago!

Female "fortune-tellers" have frequently and notoriously declared what has afterwards proved to come true. No denial can be maintained against such a statement. But with respect to these male sorcerors, who have pretended to describe the shape of the earth and the physical condition of the Universe generally, never have they, in one single instance, guessed the truth on the special subject they professed to understand better than all the rest of mankind!! And so conscious are they of the false and utterly baseless character of their infidel theories, that not an individual oracle amongst them, has courage enough to defend his principles in the presence of any honest and intelligent opponent!

There are no Societies, learned or religious, in England at this moment, which are duping their victims out of larger sums of money, and on falser pretences than those which profess to have the progress of scientific truth as their chief object; and yet are giving absolutely nothing in return for all that they have received and are still collecting every year! What with Darwin and his monkeys, Tyndall and his star dust, Herbert Spencer and his Religion of the future, Richard Proctor and his "Pretty Proofs of the Earth's Sphericity," and a host of modern scientists with their atheistical theories, it seems indeed that the nation is altogether forgetting her protestantism and the clergy their duty as defenders of the faith.

Therefore it behoves all classes, irrespective of creed or social position, to resist this device of Satan for bringing dishonor and discredit on the Word of God. Let the reader speak against it

and denounce it in every possible way and on every opportunity that presents itself. Let each one tell his neighbour that he believes the world is as God made it, a circular and motionless plane, with the Sun, Moon, and Stars revolving at very moderate distances above it; that the Earth which Genesis tells us was created contemporaneously with the Heavens, as the very "beginning" of all God's works, is not a planet, (which were not made till the fourth day) does not turn upside down every twenty-four hours; does not shoot through space, three or four times quicker than a flash of lightning, carrying the windstand the waters with it; that neither the Earth's curvature nor its motion has ever been detected or proved ever since these fanciful ideas were first suggested. In a word, that Satan has succeeded in crowding more lies into the system of modern astronomy than ever he did into any other subject with which man is acquainted.

Many of us say—"I wish I could do something to benefit my fellow man; I cannot preach, and I am not rich enough to give much away." But here is a grand work in which every Christian can take a share, and which will cost nothing but a few words. No one can be blamed for their ignorance; but it is cowardly to adhere to what we may know to be wrong, just that we may avoid the taunts of a few well paid professors. For forty years of his life, the writer of this paper, was as ignorant of the truth upon the subject as the rest of the educated classes; but when he saw the error and the infidel tendency of it, he has used all the means and influence in his power to expose and denounce the imposture. And he has also derived more real pleasure in the study of Biblical Science than any other subject in the world could possibly afford.

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