

BIBLICAL EARTH

What does God have to say about His creation?

ABSTRACT

This outline presents concepts of a biblical Earth that are well established in the scriptures of our Bible. These concepts are in direct and absolute contradiction to the cosmology that science has given us in the modern day.

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Introduction

Modern Cosmology

The Sun is the center of our solar system. Earth is a spheroid planet and along with other planets, they orbit the Sun at varying distances and speeds. Earth has one orbiting spheroid moon while some other planets have multiple orbiting moons. Our Solar System is one of many like it in the Milky Way Galaxy, and our galaxy is one among countless others in our known universe. Our galaxy is full of suns like ours that we call stars, and they range in distance from a few light-years to billions of light-years away. Beyond Earth's atmosphere is "space" and is the empty area that is the gap between the celestial bodies. This all is said to have started with the Big Bang about 14 billion years ago and is explained exclusively through natural and scientifically understood processes.

Modern Cosmology Quick Facts

Speed of Earth's surface at equator based on rotation: 1042 MPH

Speed of Earth in orbit around the Sun: 67,000 MPH

Speed of Earth's Solar System moving through Milky Way Galaxy: 490,000 MPH

Speed of Milky Way Galaxy toward the Great Attractor: 2,237,000 MPH

Size of Earth: 7,917 miles in diameter Size of Moon: 2,159 miles in diameter Size of Sun: 864,337 miles in diameter Distance to Sun: 93,000,000 miles Distance to Moon: 238,900 miles

Closest star (Other than Sun): 4.3 light-years Size of known Universe: 93 billion light-years

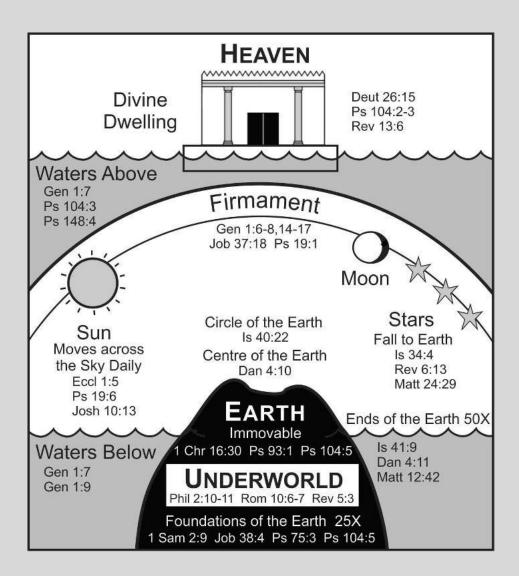
Age of Earth: 4.5 billion years Age of Universe: 14 billion years



Biblical Cosmology

According to the Bible, all that exists in our known world is encapsulated by water. Inside this water, there is a vault which contains the Earth, seas, Sun, and Moon. The Sky is hard and the stars exist in this hard sky, or possibly in the waters beyond the sky. All that there is that makes up Earth and the heavens are in the water. This vault is big, yet incredibly small compared to what we are told about the galaxies. There is no clue in scripture to how vast the waters are, yet it is waters that surround us, not the empty vacuum of space.

The Earth itself has a flat surface yet has great depths with columns and a foundation. Down deep inside exists Sheol and other underworld areas. In this cosmology, Earth is absolutely motionless and it is the Sun, Moon, and stars that move above it. It was created by Elohiym [God] as recorded in Genesis chapters one and two and had a beginning less than 10,000 years ago.



With a biblical earth view, the Bible comes to life and the stories become better understood. However, when trying to maintain agreement with modern science, the division between observable truth and "science falsely so called" is hard to discern.

WARNING

With these two cosmologies in mind, let's go to the Bible to sort out the truth. But before we do, you should know that this is not an easy task as modern versions of the Bible have been updated in some places which make this task more difficult. The following is an example of some major differences in our translations concerning these clashing cosmologies.

Job 26:7,10 (NKJV) Job Speaking

- ⁷ He <u>stretches out the north</u> over **empty space**; *He* hangs the earth on nothing.
- ¹⁰ He drew a **circular horizon** on the face of the waters, At the boundary of light and darkness

Job 26:7,10 (KJV) Job Speaking

- ⁷ He <u>stretcheth out the north</u> over the **empty place**, and hangeth the earth upon nothing.
- ¹⁰ He hath compassed the waters with **bounds**, until the day and night come to an end.

★ What is the Bible

CORNERSTONE CONCEPT

Ezekiel 32:7

And when I shall put thee out, I will cover the heaven, and make the stars thereof dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give her light.

Think about what you know about the cosmos.

Which cosmology, does this verse agree with? Well, both, so we don't discount its meaning. Here in this verse, are the stars in reference to actual stars? Like the twinkling ones that follow their path every day? Most of us would agree that this is true, but when it is said in the Bible that stars are going to fall to earth, we conjecture that it is referring to something else that was misinterpreted for star. The fact is, the only reason that the reference to stars falling to earth is questioned, is because a contradictory cosmology is believed over the words of the Bible.

I have heard it repeated that "the Bible is not a science book", meaning that its purpose is not to teach scientific or observable truths.

The Bible is, according to Richard Dawkins, a treasure trove of unscientific claims. This is absolutely true. Science of modern man and God's word do not agree on many concepts. The concepts introduced here are actually status quo.

What about the doctrine of accommodation concerning science of the day? This is the idea that God spoke in terms that the people of the day would understand and not consider the message so far fetched. That's a nice idea, but what about us today? So now **we** are the ones that must to look back at so much of the Bible that is considered ridiculously unscientific? The problem was not solved, unless the Bible is not meant for us today.

John 3:12 (KJV)

If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?

John 5:46-47 (KJV)

For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?"

Psalm 119:128 (KJV)

I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right.

Moving forward, I do not mean to assert that the Bible should be taken literally at all times. But, just as when we speak, we use figurative language to imply and communicate literal truths, it makes sense that God and the writers of the Bible spoke in similar ways.

Poetic language in a verse does not mean we have the freedom to symbolize the whole text! We **can** use the Bible to answer the when, where, how, and who.

★ Biblical Timeline

The biblical timeline should be used to address concepts of the evolutionary Big Bang model that require millions or billions of years. These concepts include A) star distance B) genesis of matter/energy/time C) layers in the dirt/geologic time scale. In establishing a biblical timeline, certain anchor-points need to be remembered.

It should be unquestionable that the Bible establishes a six day creation, a lineage line from Adam to Jesus, and a record of a worldwide flood. Modern science absolutely denounces every point of this history as false and ridiculous. The only stretch of earthly time that is unknown is how long Adam and Eve were in the garden until the fall, however, Genesis tells us that Adam lived only 930 years. So, starting at day one of creation until Jesus ascension, there is at minimum, a rough biblical timeline.

Also, there was no death on earth until Adam sinned. Therefore, there were no dead things being buried in the dirt over millions of years.

As for the timeline of the fall of the angels, I cannot find enough in scripture to establish that timeline. However, the timeline of Man on earth and of the creatures that were made with Adam, and of the Sun, Moon, and stars are absolutely established in the words of the Creator.

Genesis 1:1

<u>In the beginning</u> God created the **heaven** and the **earth**.

WE ARE TOLD IN REV. THAT TIME WILL END, SO THIS IS OBVIOUSLY THE BEGINNING OF EARTH TIME.

Genesis ...

And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

And God saw that it was good.

And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

And God saw that it was good.

And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

Exodus 20:11 (KJV)

For in **six days** the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, <u>and</u> <u>rested the seventh day</u>: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Exodus 31:17 (KJV)

It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in **six days** the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the <u>seventh day he rested</u>, and was refreshed.

REMEMBER, GOD DID NOT WORK FOR 6 MILLION YEARS AND REST ON THE 7TH MILLION YEAR PERIOD OF TIME.

Proverbs 8 (KJV):

²² The Lord possessed me (**Wisdom**) in the beginning of his way, <u>before his works of old</u>.
²³ I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. ²⁴ When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water. ²⁵ <u>Before the mountains were settled</u>, before the hills was I brought forth: ²⁶ While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world. ²⁷ When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a **compass** upon the

face of the depth: ²⁸ When he <u>established the clouds</u> above: when he strengthened the <u>fountains of the deep</u>: ²⁹ When he gave to the sea his decree, that <u>the **waters** should not pass</u> his commandment: when he <u>appointed the **foundations** of the earth</u>: ³⁰ Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him; ³¹ Rejoicing in <u>the **habitable** part of his earth</u>; and my delights were with <u>the sons of men</u>.

GOD HAS TOLD US SO MUCH IN PROVERBS 8 ABOUT HIS CREATION.

★ Creation Surrounded by water

God tells us that his creation was formed in a vault in water. There is no mention of being a speck among the galaxies. Empty cosmic vast space is not even a remote concept in creation—no Big Bang, no stellar evolution, and the order of biblical creation is in contrast to the order of cosmic evolution.

Genesis 1:2

(KJV) And the **earth** was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the <u>face of the</u> <u>deep</u>. And the Spirit of God <u>moved upon the face</u> of the **waters**.

(NIV) Now the **earth** was formless and empty, darkness was over the <u>surface of the</u> <u>deep</u>, and the Spirit of God was <u>hovering over</u> the **waters**.

Genesis 1:6

(KJV) And God said, Let there be a **firmament** in the <u>midst of the waters</u>, and let it <u>divide the waters from the waters</u>.

(NIV) And God said, "Let there be a **vault** between the waters to separate water from water."

Genesis 1:7

(KJV) And God made the firmament, and <u>divided the waters</u> which were **under the firmament** from the waters which were **above the firmament**: and it was so.

(NIV) So God made the vault and <u>separated the water</u> **under the vault** from the **water above it**. And it was so.

Genesis 1:8

(KJV) And God <u>called the firmament</u> **Heaven**. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

(NIV) God <u>called the vault</u> "**sky**."And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

Genesis 1:9,10 (KJV)

And God said, Let the <u>waters under the heaven</u> be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.

And God called the <u>dry land</u> **Earth**; and the <u>gathering together of the waters</u> called he **Seas**: and God saw that it was good.

After creation in the days of Noah, this same reality had not changed, as it is shown, that God flooded the earth with the waters that surround us. This is why the symbol of the Rainbow is so wonderful. You cannot fully appreciate the promise that God gave to never again flood Earth, unless you realize that you are in a vault surrounded by water! With the solar system model in space, why would you fear being flooded again? Science tells us that the world-wide flood was just a myth.

Genesis 7:11

In the six hundredth year of **Noah's** life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the **fountains of the great deep** <u>broken up</u>, and the **windows of heaven** <u>were opened</u>.

Genesis 8:2

The **fountains also of the deep** and the **windows of heaven** <u>were stopped</u>, AND the **rain from heaven** was restrained;

Psalm 24:1-2

(KJV) The **earth** is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the **world**, and they that dwell therein. For he hath <u>founded it upon the seas</u>,

and established it upon the floods.

(NIV) The **earth** is the Lord's, and everything in it, the **world**, and all who live in it; for he <u>founded</u> it on the <u>seas</u> and **established** it on the waters.

Psalm 136:6

To him that **STRETCHED OUT** the **earth** <u>above the WATERs</u>: for his mercy endureth for ever.

2 Peter 3:5

For this they <u>willingly are ignorant of</u>, that by the word of God the <u>HEAVENs were of OLD</u>, and the **earth** standing OUT OF THE WATER and IN THE WATER:

★ Immovable Earth

The following verses establish that the Earth is not spinning or whizzing through space as explained in the introduction. If this were the only concept of cosmology given by the Bible, it alone would set biblical cosmology apart from modern cosmology!

PSALM 93:1

(KJV) The LORD reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the <u>LORD is clothed</u> with **strength**, wherewith he hath girded himself: the **world** also <u>is stablished</u>, that it **cannot be moved**.

(AMP) The Lord reigns, He is clothed with majesty and splendor; The Lord has <u>clothed</u> and <u>encircled Himself with </u>**strength**; the **world** <u>is firmly established</u>, it **cannot be moved**.

PSALM 96:9-10 (KJV)

O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.

<u>Say among the heathen that the LORD reigneth</u>: the **world** also shall be **established** that it **shall not be moved**: He shall judge the people righteously.

PSALM 104:5

- (NLT) You placed the **world** on its foundation so it would **never be moved**.
- (KJV) Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever.
- (NIV) He set the **earth** on its foundations; **it can never be moved**.

1 CHRONICLES 16:30 (KJV)

Fear before him, all the earth: the world also shall be stable, that it be not moved.

★ Foundations and Pillars of Earth

It is repeated throughout scripture that there are not only foundations, but also pillars that the Earth is set upon. With a globe model in mind, these verses would seem to be symbolic and have little meaning. However, from a Biblical Cosmology they are firm unmovable supports.

1 Samuel 2:8 (KJV)

He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the **pillars** of the earth are the Lord's, and he hath <u>set the world upon them</u>.

2 Samuel 22:16 (KJV)

Then at the command of the Lord, at the <u>blast of his breath</u>, the bottom of the sea could be seen, and the **foundations** <u>of the earth were laid bare.</u>

Job 9:6 (KJV) Job speaking

Which shaketh the earth out of her place, and the **pillars** thereof tremble.

Job 38 (KJV) God speaking

- ⁴ Where wast thou when **I** laid the **foundations** of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.
- ⁶ Whereupon are the **foundations** thereof fastened? or who laid the cornerstone thereof;

Psalm 75:3

(KJV) The <u>earth</u> and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved: I bear up the **pillars** of it. Selah.

(NLT) When the <u>earth</u> quakes and its people live in turmoil, I am the one who <u>keeps its</u> **foundations** firm.

Psalm 102:25 (KJV)

Of old hast thou <u>laid the</u> **foundation** <u>of the earth</u>: and the heavens are the work of thy hands.

<u>Isaiah 48:13</u> (KJV)

Mine hand also hath <u>laid the</u> **foundation** <u>of the earth</u>, and my right hand hath <u>spanned</u> <u>the heavens</u>: when I call unto them, <u>they stand up together</u>

Isaiah 51:16 (KJV)

And I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may <u>plant the heavens</u>, and <u>lay the **foundations** of the earth</u>, and say unto Zion, Thou art my people.

Hebrews 1:10

(KJV) And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the **foundation** of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands

(NLT) In the beginning, Lord, you laid the **foundation** of the earth and made the heavens with your hands.

★ Edges of Earth

With the Earth as a ball, there can be no edges. The following verses would have to be taken as metaphoric. However, a Biblical cosmology has hardened set outer boundaries.

Deuteronomy 13:7

Namely, of the gods of the people which are round about you, nigh unto thee, or far off from thee, from the <u>one end of the EARTH even unto the other end of the EARTH</u>;

Deuteronomy 28:64

And the Lord shall scatter thee among all people, from the <u>one end of the EARTH even</u> <u>unto the other</u>; and there thou shalt serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, even wood and stone.

Job 28:24 Job speaking

For he looketh to the ends of the earth, and seeth under the whole heaven;

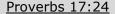
Job 37:3 Elihu speaking

He directeth it [his voice] <u>under the whole heaven</u>, and his <u>lightning unto the ends of the earth</u>.

Job 38:13-14

- ¹³ That it might <u>take hold of the</u> **ends of the earth**, that the <u>wicked might be shaken out of it</u>?
- 14 It is turned [changed] as clay to the seal; and they [edges] stand as a garment.

A Globe? Really? Not a chance!



Wisdom is before him that hath understanding; but the eyes of a fool are **in the ends** [literal: to the edges] of the earth

Proverbs 30:4

Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? [nobody] who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath <u>bound the waters in a garment</u>? who hath <u>established</u> all the **ends of the earth**? what is his name, and *what is his son's name*, if thou canst tell?

Winds example of figurative language but with meaning in natural world



Jeremiah 25:33

And the slain of the Lord shall be at that day from **one end of the EARTH** <u>even unto</u> **the other end of the EARTH**: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground.

Jeremiah 51:16

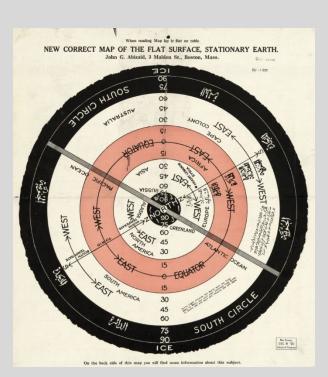
When he uttereth his voice, there is a multitude of waters in the heavens; and he causeth the vapours to ascend from the **ends of the earth**: he maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures.

★ The South Ends

In the flat earth model, the south is every-whichway toward the outer perimeter of the Earth.

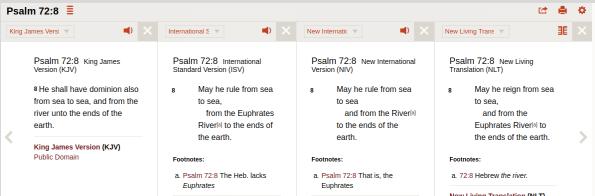
<u>Job 39:26</u> God Speaking Doth the hawk fly by thy wisdom, and <u>stretch</u> her wings toward the **south**?

Here, the hawk has wings, which when stretched, are pointing south. Is there a way that this could be true on a ball earth? In this verse, the Hebrew is solid, easy to understand, and all translations say the same thing: "stretched out" means spread out; "wings" are the outer extremities; and "the south" always means directional south.



Psalm 72:8

He shall have dominion also <u>from sea to sea</u>, and from **the river** unto the <u>ends of the</u> earth.



Here, there seems to be an attempt to arrive at some fitting answer, even if it is through conjecture that leads the reader to confusion. [see "...The Hebrew lacks Euphrates]

As shown in some ancient maps, there is a river that flows from the center of the earth unto the seas.



Psalm 74:17

Thou hast set all the borders of the earth: thou hast made summer and winter.

Isaiah 43:6

I will say to the north, Give up; and to the **south**, Keep not back: <u>bring my sons from far</u>, and my <u>daughters from the ends of the earth</u>;

★ Dome Firmament

The sky is a hardened dome and it is what seperates our air from the waters of heaven.

2 Samuel 22:10 (KJV)

He **bowed** the **heavens** also, and came down; and **darkness** was under his feet.

Job 37:18 Elihu Speaking

(KJV) Has thou, like him, spread out the **sky**, which is **strong** <u>as a molten looking glass</u>?

(NIV) can you join him in spreading out the **skies**, **hard** as a mirror of cast bronze?

IMPORTANT TO KNOW WHO IS SPEAKING IN JOB! ELIHU SPEAKING IN VERSE ABOVE. HE IS THE ONLY ONE NOT REBUKED BY 'EL [GOD] AND SEEMS TO BE THE PROPHET OF THE STORY.

Psalm 19:4-5 (MSG)

God makes a **huge dome** <u>for the sun</u>—a superdome! The morning sun's a new husband leaping from his honeymoon bed, The daybreaking sun an athlete racing to the tape.

Isaiah 51:13

¹³ (NLT) Yet you have forgotten the Lord, your Creator, the one who <u>stretched out the sky like</u> **a canopy** and laid the foundations of the earth.

¹⁶ (KJV) And I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may <u>plant the heavens</u>, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou art my people.

Ezekiel 1:22

(NIV) Spread out above the heads of the living creatures was what looked something like a **vault** [firmament], sparkling like crystal, and awesome.

(MSG) Over the heads of the living creatures was something **like a dome** [firmament], shimmering like a sky <u>full of cut glass</u>, <u>vaulted over their heads</u>.

Ezekiel 1:26 (KJV)

And **above** the firmament that was over their heads was the <u>likeness of a throne</u>, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and upon the likeness of the throne was the <u>likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it</u>.

Ezekiel 10:1 (KJV)

Then <u>I looked</u>, and, behold, <u>in the firmament</u> that was <u>above the head of the cherubims</u> there appeared over them as it were a sapphire stone, as the appearance of the <u>likeness</u> of a throne.

Amos 9:6

(NASB) The One who builds His <u>upper chambers in the heavens</u> And has founded His **vaulted dome** <u>over the earth</u>, He who calls for the waters of the sea And pours them out on the face of the earth, The Lord is His name.

(AMP) It is He who builds His <u>upper chambers in the heavens</u> And has established His **vaulted dome** <u>over the earth</u>, He who calls to the waters of the sea And pours them out on the face of the earth—The Lord is His name.

John 3:13 (KJV)

And **no man** <u>hath ascended</u> up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.

Gesenius' Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon

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שָּׁמִיִּם m. Gen. 1:6, 7, 8; Psalm 19:2; fully אַרָּיִם Gen. 1:14, 15, 17, 20, etc. the firmament of heaven, spread out like a hemisphere above the earth (from the root אָרָבְּעִי), like a splendid and pellucid sapphire (Ex. 24:10, compare Dan. 12:3), to which the stars were supposed to be fixed, and over which the Hebrews believed there was a heavenly ocean (Gen. 1:7; 7:11; Ps. 104:3; 148:4; compare, however, Gen. 2:6). LXX. στερέωμα. Vulg. firmamentum. Luth. Befte.

★ Windows of Heaven

Why would there be windows of heaven except to allow passage through a barrier? Remember that these windows let in water for the flood of Noah.

Exodus 24:10

And they saw the God of Israel: and there <u>was under his feet</u> as it were a <u>paved work of</u> a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his **clearness**.

Malachi 3:10

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the **windows of heaven**, and <u>pour you out</u> a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

Mark 7:34

And <u>looking up</u> to **heaven**, he [Jesus] sighed, and saith unto him, **Ephphatha**, that is, <u>Be</u> opened.

HERE, JESUS WAS HEALING A DEAF AND MUTE MAN.

Luke 3:21

Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the **heaven** was opened...

John 1:51

And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter <u>ye shall see</u> **heaven** <u>open</u>, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

Acts 7:56

And said, Behold, I see the **heavens** <u>opened</u>, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

STEPHEN THE MARTYR

★ Heaven and earth connected

Heaven and Earth are linked and shake together? How does the sky or space shake?

Judges 5:4

Lord, when thou wentest out of Seir, when thou marchedst out of the field of Edom, the **earth** <u>trembled</u>, and the **heavens dropped**, the clouds also dropped water.

2 Samuel 22:8

Then the **earth** <u>shook</u> and trembled; the **foundations of heaven** <u>moved and shook</u>, because he was wroth.

Psalm 68:8

The **earth shook**, the **heavens also dropped** at the presence of God: even Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

Joel 2:10

The <u>earth shall quake</u> before them; the <u>heavens shall tremble</u>: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining:

Haggai 2:6

For thus saith the Lord of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and **I will shake** the heavens, and the EARTH, and the sea, and the dry land

Haggai 2:21

Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying, I will shake the heavens and the earth;

★ Shape of Earth and Heaven

The Earth is round, but not a sphere. It has a flat surface and outer boundaries.

Job 26:10 (KJV) Job Speaking

He hath **compassed** the <u>waters with bounds</u>, until the day and night come to an end.

Job 37:10 (KJV) Elihu Speaking

By the breath of God frost is given: and the <u>breadth of the waters</u> is **straitened**.

Job 38:5,18 (KJV) God Speaking

- ⁵ Who hath laid the measures thereof [earth], if thou knowest? or who hath <u>stretched the line upon it?</u>
- ¹⁸ Hast thou perceived the **breadth** of the earth? declare if thou knowest it all.

Stretching a line implies a straight measure as it is a method of measuring a flat surface, not a spherical one.

Psalm 33:14

From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth.

Ponder on this verse. How does it make you feel?

Does our vision of space and the vast universe cause you to feel distant from God?

Psalm 104:2,9

- ² Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: who <u>stretchest out the heavens</u> **like a curtain**:
- ⁹ Thou hast <u>set a bound</u> that they [waters] may not pass over; that **they** <u>turn not again to cover the earth</u>.

Proverbs 8:27

When he prepared the heavens, I [wisom] was there: when he **set a compass** upon the face of the depth:

Isaiah 22:18 (KJV)

He will surely violently turn and <u>toss thee like</u> a **ball** [duwr, h1754] into a large country: there shalt thou die, and there the chariots of thy glory shall be the shame of thy lord's house

Isaiah 40:21-22

Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth?
 It is He that sitteth upon the circle [chuwg, h2329] of the earth, and the inhabitants

thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens **as a curtain**, and spreadeth them out **as a tent** to dwell in:

Isaiah 42:5

Thus saith God the Lord, he that created the **heavens**, and <u>stretched them out</u>; he that <u>spread forth the</u> **earth**, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein:

Isaiah 44:24

Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the LORD that maketh all things;

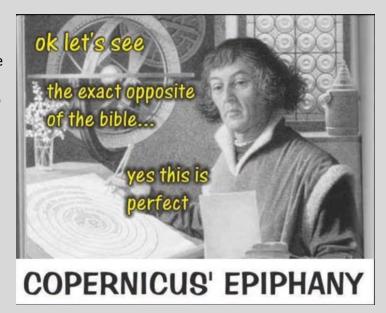
that **stretcheth forth** the heavens alone; that **spreadeth abroad** the earth by Myself.

Alternatively, if he had created a ball, he could have alluded to that in some way— such as, saying that he formed the earth like the shape of the sun, moon, or anything spherical.

Jeremiah 31:37

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 for all that they have done, saith the Lord.

Astronomers claim to have measured not only the whole Earth, but also the expanse of the universe. Can we measure heaven and Earth?



Matthew 4:8

Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

Luke 4:5

And the devil, <u>taking him up into</u> **an high mountain**, shewed unto him <u>all the kingdoms</u> of the world in a moment of time.

This is confusing on a sphere shaped Earth for sure, but what about an Earth with a flat surface? It doesn't seem possible on a flat Earth either, but if the mountain were high enough, higher than any we know. Such a mountain is suspected, by some in the flat Earth movement, to be in the center of the earth! What if it is somehow possible?

Was the devil showing him natural or spiritual kingdoms—visible or invisible? If invisible, and also having no relevance to the natural world, then why the exceedingly high mountain? Moreover, I assume that there were supernatural works being done, just based on the fact that they journeyed up to this exceedingly high mountain which was apparently not in the local region of Jesus. Also, the devil exists in the realm of what we consider supernatural.

Colossians 1:16

For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in EARTH, <u>visible</u> and <u>invisible</u>, whether they be <u>thrones</u>, <u>or dominions</u>, <u>or principalities</u>, <u>or powers</u>: all things were created by him, and for him:

Rev 1:7

behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him.

Revelation 20:1

Then I saw an angel coming <u>down</u> <u>from heaven</u>, holding in his hand the key to the **bottomless pit** [g12, abyssos].

BOTTOMLESS PIT IN A BALL EARTH FILLED WITH MOLTEN MAGMA AND IRON CORES? YES, AGAIN, SCIENTISTS WOULD SCOFF AT THE IDEA OF AN UNMEASURABLE PIT OR CHASM DOWN DEEP IN THE EARTH.

Thayer's Greek Lexicon [?]

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STRONGS NT 12: ἄβυσσος

COLLAPSE

ἄβυσσος, in classic Greek an adjective, (ος, (from ὁ βύσσος equivalent to βυθός), bottomless (so perhaps in Wis. 10:19), unbounded (πλοῦτος ἄβυσσος, Aeschylus, the Sept. (931) 950). in the Scriptures ἡ ἄβυσσος (the Sept. for אוֹלוֹם) namely, $\chi \omega \rho \alpha$, the pit, the immeasurable depth, the abyss. Hence, of 'the deep' sea: Genesis 1:2; Genesis 7:11; Deuteronomy 8:7; Sir. 1:3 Sir. 16:18, etc.; of Orcus (a very deep gulf or chasm in the lowest parts of the earth: Psalm 70:20 (Ps. 71:20) ἐκ τῶν ἀβύσσων τῆς γῆς, Euripides, Phoen. 1632 (1605) ταρτάρου ἄβυσσα χάσματα, Clement of Rome, 1 Cor. 20, 5 [ET] ἀβύσσων ἀνεξιχνίαστα κλίματα, ibid. 59, 3 [ET] ὁ ἐπιβλέπων ἐν ταῖς ἀβύσσοις, of God; (Act. Thom.32ὁ τήν ἄβυσσον τοῦ ταρτάρου οἴκων, of the dragon)), both as the common receptacle of the dead, Romans 10:7, and especially as the abode of demons, Luke 8:31; Revelation 9:1; Revelation 9:11; Revelation 11:7; Revelation 17:8; Revelation 20:1, 3. Among secular authors used as a substantive only by Diogenes Laërtius 4 (5) 27 κατῆλθες εἰς μέλαιναν Πλουτέως ἄβυσσον. Cf. Knapp, Scripta var. Arg., p. 554f; (J. G. Müller, Philo's Lehre von der Weltschöpfung, p. 173f; B. D. American edition under the word).

★ God Not Far Away

Introduces the concept of God being *close* to us.

Earth was created to be inhabited by man, and heaven, God made for himself.

<u>Genesis 21:17</u> And God heard the voice of the lad; and the angel of <u>God called</u> to Hagar **out of heaven**, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hagar? fear not; for <u>God hath heard</u> the voice of the lad **where he is**.

2 Chronicles 6:33

Then <u>hear thou</u> from the heavens, even from thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee

Psalm 33:13

The Lord looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men.

Psalm 80:14

Return, we beseech thee, **O God of hosts**: <u>look down from heaven</u>, and behold, and visit this vine;

Ecclesiastes 5:2

Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for <u>God is in heaven</u> [as in not that far], and <u>thou upon earth</u>: **therefore** let thy words be few.

Lamentations 3:50

Till the **Lord look down**, and <u>behold from heaven</u>.

Matthew 3:16

And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the <u>heavens were opened unto him</u>, and he saw the Spirit of God **descending** like a dove, and lighting upon him:

Romans 10:6

But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, <u>Who shall ascend into heaven?</u> (that is, to **bring Christ down from above**:)

★ God in Heaven Above

Shows us that God is right above us and sees everything—this is not merely a spiritual concept.

Deuteronomy 4:39

Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that **the Lord** he is God **in heaven above**, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else.

Job 41:11 God Speaking who hath prevented me, that I should repay him? whatsoever is **under the** whole heaven is mine.

Psalm 8:1

O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast <u>set thy</u> glory **above the heavens**.



Psalm 57:5

Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; let thy glory be above all the earth.

Psalm 102:19

For <u>he hath looked down</u> from the **height of his sanctuary**; <u>from heaven did the Lord</u> behold the earth;

Isaiah 14:12

How art thou <u>fallen from heaven</u>, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou <u>cut down to the ground</u>, which didst weaken the nations!

Isaiah 45:8

<u>Drop down</u>, **ye heavens**, <u>from above</u>, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, and let them bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up together; I the Lord have created it.

Acts 7:49

<u>heaven is my</u> **throne**, and <u>earth is my</u> **footstool**: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what is the place of my rest?

John 3:31

<u>He that cometh</u> **from above** is above all: he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth: he that cometh from heaven is above all.

Instead of God being above all, he has become beyond all.

DECEPTION BY WAY OF CONFUSION.

★ Dark Waters of Heaven

The blackness up in the sky that we think of as space might be the waters of heaven. These heavenly waters were a source of water in the flood of Noah's day.

WITH THIS IN MIND, THE PROMISE SYMBOLIZED BY THE RAINBOW BECOMES MUCH MORE REAL.

Genesis 1:2

And the earth was without form, and void; and <u>darkness was upon the face of the deep</u>. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the **waters**.

2 Samuel 22:12

And he made **darkness** pavilions round about him, **dark waters**, and thick clouds of the skies.

Psalm 18:9,11

- ⁹ He <u>bowed the heavens</u> also, and came down: and **darkness** <u>was under his feet</u>.
- ¹¹ He made **darkness** <u>his secret place</u>; his <u>pavilion round</u> about him were **dark waters** and thick clouds of the skies

Psalm 104:3 (KJV)

Who layeth the <u>beams of his chambers</u> in the waters: who maketh the <u>clouds his chariot</u>: who walketh upon the wings of the wind:

Psalm 148:4

Praise him, ye <u>heavens</u> of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens.

Isaiah 34:5

For my <u>sword shall be</u> **bathed in heaven**: behold, it <u>shall come down upon</u> Idumea, and upon the people of my curse, to judgment.

Isaiah 50:3

I <u>clothe the heavens</u> with **blackness**, and I make <u>sackcloth their covering</u>.

Did God really cover them in sackcloth? We would agree this is clearly not the case. We would likely agree that it is a poetic way of saying that the heavens are covered in darkness.

This passage is partially poetic, yet it is making a "scientific" statement, or one that is observable to be true in the real world. The sackcloth is a reference to the "blackness" of the sky.

Jeremiah 4:28

For this shall the earth mourn, and <u>the heavens above be</u> **black**; because I have spoken it, I have purposed it, and will not repent, neither will I turn back from it.

★ Judgment ON Earth

REAFFIRMS THAT SPACE DOES NOT EXIST AND NO ONE IS LEAVING. THE JUDGMENT WILL BE HERE.

We were made to inhabit the Earth and the judgement will be here on the Earth. The hopes of traveling to distance galaxies is a deception. Trip to Mars?

1 Samuel 2:10

The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces; <u>out of heaven shall he thunder upon them</u>: the Lord <u>shall judge the ends of the earth</u>; and he shall give strength unto his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed.

Psalm 50:4

He shall call to the **heavens from above**, and **to the earth**, that <u>he may judge his people</u>.

Psalm 105:7

He is the Lord our God: his judgments are in all the earth.

Isaiah 26:21

For, behold, the <u>Lord cometh out of his place</u> to <u>punish the inhabitants of the EARTH</u> for their iniquity: the EARTH also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.

Lamentations 2:1

How hath the Lord covered the daughter of Zion with a cloud in his anger, and <u>cast down from heaven unto the EARTH</u> the beauty of Israel, and <u>remembered not</u> **his footstool** in the day of his anger!

Amos 9:2

Though they <u>dig into hell</u>, thence shall mine hand take them; though they climb up to heaven, thence will <u>I bring them down</u>:

Matthew 24:30,31

- ³⁰ And then shall appear the sign of the son of man in heaven: and then shall <u>all the tribes of the earth mourn</u>, and they <u>shall see the son of man coming in the clouds of heaven</u> with power and great glory.
- ³¹ And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Luke 17:24

For as the lightning, that lighteneth out of the one part under heaven, shineth unto the other part under heaven; so shall also the Son of man be in his day

Luke 21:26

Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are <u>coming on the earth</u>: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

Acts 1:11

Which also said, ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? [g3772, ouranos-not the dwelling place of god] this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, <u>shall</u> so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

Philippians 2:10

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven [G2032, epouranioscan mean dwelling place of God], and things in earth, and things under the earth;

1 Thessalonians 4:16

For the Lord himself shall <u>descend from heaven</u> [G3772, ouranos-not the dwelling place of God] with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

2 Peter 3:10

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the **heavens** [G3772, ouranos-not the dwelling place of God] <u>shall pass away with a great noise</u>, and the <u>elements shall melt</u> with fervent heat, <u>the earth also</u> and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

Revelation 6:14

And the **heaven** [G3772, ouranos-not the dwelling place of God] <u>departed as a scroll</u> when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

IF PEOPLE ARE OUT TRAVELING THROUGH SPACE, OR THEY'RE ON MARS, WILL THEY JUST BE ROLLED UP WITH THE REST OF HEAVEN?

Jesus is not coming down to any other place to judge but earth. It all happens here. There is nowhere to go.

★ Nether Earth and Hell

The underworld of Hades, Sheol, and Hell are as real as the dirt we stand on. They are not merely spiritual in nature.

Deuteronomy 32:22

For a fire is kindled in mine anger, and shall burn <u>unto the lowest</u> **hell**, and shall consume the earth with her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains.

THIS IS REAL SOUNDING

1 Samuel 28:13

And the king said unto her, Be not afraid: for what sawest thou? And the woman said unto Saul, I saw **gods** ascending out of the earth.

Psalm 139:8,15

- ⁸ If I ascend <u>up into heaven</u>, thou art there: if I <u>make my bed in hel</u>l, behold, thou art there.
- 15 My substance was not hid from thee, when <u>I was made in secret</u>, and curiously wrought <u>in the lowest parts</u> of the **earth**.

Isaiah 14:9

Hell <u>from beneath</u> is moved for thee <u>to meet thee at thy coming</u>: it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations.

If Jesus is coming from above literally, then equally true is that hell is coming up from below.

Ezekiel 26:20

When I shall bring thee down with them that <u>descend into the pit</u>, with the people of old time, and shall <u>set thee in</u> the **low parts** of the earth, in places desolate of old, with them that go <u>down to the pit</u>, that thou be not inhabited; and I shall set glory in the land of the living;

Ezekiel 31:16

I made the nations to shake at the sound of his [the Assyrian] fall, when I <u>cast him down to hell</u> with them that <u>descend into the pit</u>: and all the *trees of Eden*, the choice and best of Lebanon, all that drink water, shall be comforted in the **nether parts** of the earth.

Matthew 12:40

For as **Jonas** was <u>three days</u> and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the **Son of man** be <u>three days</u> and three nights in the **heart of the earth**.

Most leading scientists would laugh at this! They would say, "There is no underworld. There is nothing living down there, it is full of churning earth and molten rock and iron."

Ephesians 4:9

Now that **he** [Jesus] <u>ascended</u>, what is it but that **he** also descended first <u>into the lower</u> parts of the **earth**?

Revelation 5:3,15

- ³ And <u>no man</u> **in heaven**, nor **in earth**, neither **under the earth**, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.
- ¹⁵ And every creature which is **in heaven**, and **on the earth**, and **under the earth**, and such as are **in the sea**, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

★ Sun | Moon | Stars

The Sun and Moon are within the firmament and the Bible's description of them does not agree with scientific cosmology. The Bible says the Sun and Moon move over the stationary Earth.

Genesis 14-18 (NIV)

¹⁴ And God said, "<u>Let there be lights</u> **in the vault** <u>of the sky</u> to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, ¹⁵ <u>and let them be lights</u> **in the vault** <u>of the sky</u> to give light on the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶ God made **two great lights**—the <u>greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the **stars**. ¹⁷ God **set them in** <u>the vault of the sky</u> to give light on the earth, ¹⁸ to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.</u>

Deuteronomy 4:19

And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the **sun**, and the **moon**, and the **stars**, even all the **host of heaven**, shouldest be driven to worship them, and serve them, which the Lord thy <u>God hath</u> **divided** <u>unto all nations under the whole heaven</u>.

Joshua 10:12-13

Then spake Joshua to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and <u>he said</u> in the sight of

Israel, **Sun, stand thou still** upon Gibeon; and thou, **Moon**, in the valley of Ajalon. And the **sun** stood still, and the **moon** stayed, until the people

had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the **sun** stood still **in the midst of heaven**, and hasted <u>not to go down</u> about a whole day.

REMEMBER, THAT ACCORDING TO SCIENCE, THE SPINNING OF THE EARTH IS WHAT MAKES THE SUN APPEAR TO MOVE.

Job 9:7 Job speaking

Which commandeth the sun, and it riseth not; and **sealeth up** the <u>stars</u>.

Psalm 19

- ¹ The **heavens** declare the glory of God; and the **firmament** <u>sheweth his handywork</u>.
- ² Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. ³ There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. ⁴ Their **line** <u>is gone out through all the earth</u>, and their words to the <u>end of the world</u>. **In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun**, ⁵ Which is [sun] as a bridegroom <u>coming out of his chamber</u>, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race. ⁶ His [sun] going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his **circuit** <u>unto the ends of it</u>: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof. ⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

Psalm 89:36,37

- ³⁶ that his line will continue forever and his throne endure before me like the sun;
- ³⁷ It shall be <u>established for ever</u> **as the moon**, and as a faithful witness in heaven. Selah.

<u>Isaiah 14:13</u>

For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will <u>exalt my throne</u> **above the stars** of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

Amos 8:9

And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord God, that I will cause the <u>sun</u> to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the clear day:

Matthew 2:9

When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the **star**, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and **stood over** where the young child was.

CLEARLY STARS ARE NOT WHAT WE ARE TOLD.

Ask an astronomer if he believes this is possible. Remember, they tell us that stars are distant, enormous, spherical furnaces like our sun.

Revelation 8:12

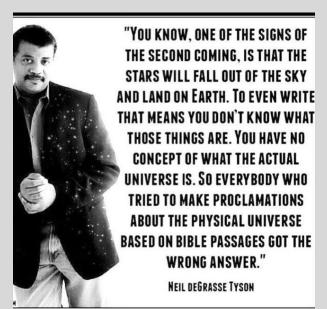
And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the <u>sun</u> was smitten, and the third part of the <u>moon</u>, and the third part of the <u>stars</u>; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.

★ Stars Falling to Earth

In the end, the stars will fall to Earth. This can in no way be possible with the cosmology presented by modern science.

The problems of stars falling to earth are A) the distance to them are millions to billions of light years B) they are said to be huge like our sun, millions of times larger than the earth.

It is a ridiculous concept to even think of an object the same size as the earth falling to earth, not to mention our sun, which is said to be a million times larger than earth yet a million times smaller than other stars. Remember also, that according to science, the distant stars have not had enough time to for its light to have traveled to earth within the biblical timeline.



<u>Daniel 8:10</u>

And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it <u>cast down some of the host</u> and of the **STARS to the ground**, and stamped upon them.

Isaiah 34:4

And all the **host of heaven** shall be dissolved, and the **heavens** shall be rolled together as a scroll: and all their **host shall fall down**, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a <u>falling fig from the fig tree</u>.

Matthew 24:29 (KJV) Jesus Speaking

Immediately <u>after the tribulation</u> of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the **STARS** <u>shall fall from heaven</u>, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

Mark 13:25 Jesus Speaking

And the **STARS of HEAVEN** shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken.

Revelation 6:13

And the **STARS of HEAVEN** <u>fell unto the earth</u>, even as a <u>fig tree casteth her untimely</u> <u>figs</u>, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.

Revelation 8:10

And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great **STAR from HEAVEN**, <u>burning as it were a lamp</u>, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters;

Revelation 9:1

And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a **STAR fall from HEAVEN** unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.

Revelation 12:4

And his tail drew the **third part of the stars of heaven**, and did <u>cast them to the earth</u>: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

Did John, Daniel, Isaiah, Matthew, Mark, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit of God misguide us about the stars falling? Have our scholarly translators failed to correctly translate all of these verses? Perhaps the problem is that people think they know what stars are. I think we all see clues in scriptures concerning the stars, in that they are likely more than we understand. But, just because they are described to have living attributes, this doesn't mean that these passages are not talking about the bright lights hanging in the sky at night because that would take away nearly all the meaning these passages are communicating.

★ Final Thoughts

Isaiah 51:6 (NIV)

Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants die like flies. But my salvation will last forever, my righteousness will never fail.

Here, the heavens, the earth, inhabitants of earth, salvation, and God's righteousness are described. According to science, the universe that we imagine around us is incomprehensibly massive. For example, the sun is one million times larger than Earth and it is unsubstantial in terms of mass and energy compared with the Milky Way Galaxy, which is a drop amongst an ocean compared with the known universe. Here, God tells us that the heavens are going to vanish like smoke, in contrast to the earth which will "wax old like a garment." Here, we are simply told that the heavens will vanish like smoke which might clue us in to their nature.

1 Corinthians 3:19

For the wisdom of this WORLD is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.

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