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« **on:** January 01, 2010, 06:18:35 PM »

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 **Re: Absolute Proof the Earth is Flat** (<https://www.theflatearthsociety.org/forum/index.php?PHPSESSID=8ejv1svfdda8iln16aj4oupg4&topic=35311.msg866087#msg866087>)

« **Reply #1 on:** January 01, 2010, 07:11:14 PM »

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That seems more or less accurate. Although I've never seen evidence that Daniel believes/doesn't believe the Earth is flat, and would very much like to see it if it exists. Many of the flat-Earthers on this site started out as round-Earthers, as you can tell by looking at their first posts. Of course, it could be argued that they had a sincere change of heart after reading opposing viewpoints...

No, wait, that would be laughable.

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-David  
*E pur si muove!*

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« **Reply #2 on:** January 01, 2010, 10:21:25 PM »

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If you read most of the posts around the forums, its pretty much a fact that this place is filled with trolls. That doesn't make it any less fun for me though. Combating blantant verbal horse waste with sound logic is a great way to keep up on your physics skills. Plus, I like the fact that the website lets people look at the world at a different angle.

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 **Re: Absolute Proof the Earth is Flat** (<https://www.theflatearthsociety.org/forum/index.php?PHPSESSID=8ejv1svfddaq8iln16aj4oupg4&topic=35311.msg866263#msg866263>)

« **Reply #3 on:** January 02, 2010, 07:47:25 AM »

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« Reply #4 on: January 02, 2010, 07:48:31 AM »

Also, as this thread is really about FE'ers and their beliefs, I'm moving it to FEG.

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« Reply #5 on: January 02, 2010, 08:02:23 AM »

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Wilmore, the only problem is that some of the dedicated devil's advocates never drop character. That makes it difficult to know for sure who is a true believer and who is a dedicated DA.

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Science is what happens when preconception meets verification.

Quote from: Robosteve

Besides, perhaps FET is a conspiracy too.

Quote from: bullhorn

It is just the way it is, you understanding it doesn't concern me.



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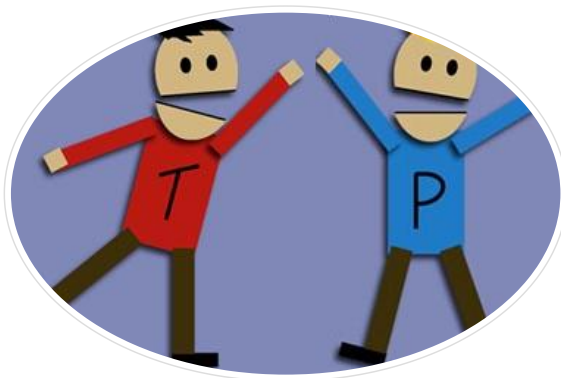
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« Reply #7 on: January 02, 2010, 09:19:29 AM »

Quote from: Saddam Hussein on January 02, 2010, 09:02:46 AM (<https://www.theflatearthsociety.org/forum/index.php?PHPSESSID=8ejv1svfddaq8iln16aj4oupg4&topic=35311.msg866319#msg866319>)

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Just curious, what does the "8/30 never forget" thing refer to?

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**Quote from: Tom Bishop on December 07, 2009, 04:26:37 PM** (<https://www.theflatearthsociety.org/forum/index.php?PHPSESSID=8ejv1svfddaq8iln16aj4oupg4&topic=34650.msg851359#msg851359>)

There is evidence for a NASA conspiracy. Please search.



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« **Reply #8 on:** January 02, 2010, 10:29:50 AM »

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👤 EnglishGentleman (<https://www.theflatearthsociety.org/forum/index.php?PHPSESSID=8ejv1svfddaq8iln16aj4oupg4&action=profile;u=20800>)

📄 **Re: Absolute Proof the Earth is Flat** (<https://www.theflatearthsociety.org/forum/index.php?PHPSESSID=8ejv1svfddaq8iln16aj4oupg4&topic=35311.msg866511#msg866511>)

« **Reply #9 on:** January 02, 2010, 04:19:35 PM »

Quote from: Saddam Hussein on January 02, 2010, 10:29:50 AM (<https://www.theflatearthsociety.org/forum/index.php?PHPSESSID=8ejv1svfddaq8iln16aj4oupg4&topic=35311.msg866374#msg866374>)

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« **Reply #10 on:** January 02, 2010, 06:25:28 PM »

Quote from: EnglishGentleman on January 02, 2010, 04:19:35 PM (<https://www.theflatearthsociety.org/forum/index.php?PHPSESSID=8ejv1svfddaq8iln16aj4oupg4&topic=35311.msg866511#msg866511>)

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Well, we were hacked. The full story is somewhere on this forum.

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👤 Taters343 (<https://www.theflatearthsociety.org/forum/index.php?PHPSESSID=8ejv1svfdda8iln16aj4oupg4&action=profile;u=13616>)

📄 **Re: Absolute Proof the Earth is Flat** (<https://www.theflatearthsociety.org/forum/index.php?PHPSESSID=8ejv1svfdda8iln16aj4oupg4&topic=35311.msg866604#msg866604>)

« **Reply #11 on:** January 02, 2010, 07:14:03 PM »

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I love gays



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« **Reply #12 on:** January 02, 2010, 07:33:31 PM »

Quote from: Taters343 on January 02, 2010, 07:14:03 PM (<https://www.theflatearthsociety.org/forum/index.php?PHPSESSID=8ejv1svfdda8iln16aj4oupg4&topic=35311.msg866604#msg866604>)

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😬 There is no way that you genuinely believe in an FE. Having individual members list who they think are the real FE'ers can be a good way to get some a general list, but you usually want to disregard the part where they say "and myself". If we were going to go by individual assertions alone, then the majority of senior members here would be FE'ers, which we know is not true.

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« **Reply #13 on:** January 04, 2010, 12:56:47 AM »

Quote from: Dino on January 01, 2010, 06:18:35 PM (<https://www.theflatearthsociety.org/forum/index.php?>

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Sorry Dino but I can't see any proof of a FE from that statement. But it was a great title to get me to read what I already know.

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Quote from: hallsofvallhalla on July 07, 2010, 01:06:43 PM (<https://www.theflatearthsociety.org/forum/index.php?>

PHPSESSID=8ejv1svfddaq8iln16aj4oupg4&topic=40540.msg1010663#msg1010663)

Why do we fall back to earth? Because our weight pushes us down, no laws, no gravity pulling us. It is the law of intelligence.



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« **Reply #14 on:** January 04, 2010, 11:46:38 PM »

how is that absolute proof? its just about trolls.

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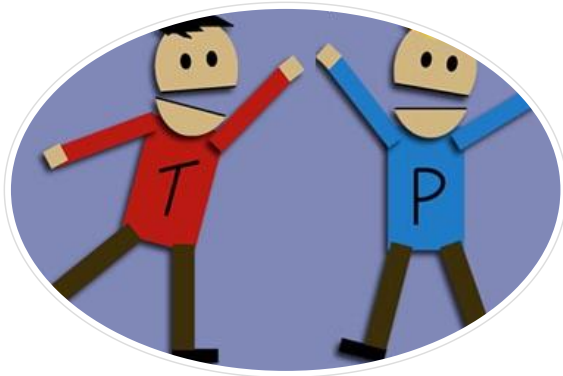
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« Reply #15 on: January 05, 2010, 07:48:58 AM »

i believe the earth is flat. ive recently finished reading earth not a globe. ive been a flat earth agnostic (unsure if earth is round or not) but ive recently evolved into an fe'er. if one really looks they can see that the new world order is covering lots of stuff from us. bohemian grove, 9/11, illuminati, etc...

so there u have it. its not that we're stupid.

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« Reply #16 on: January 05, 2010, 08:38:07 AM »

I don't think Tom Bishop really believes the Earth is flat.

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There is evidence for a NASA conspiracy. Please search.



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That seems more or less accurate. Although I've never seen evidence that Daniel believes/doesn't believe the Earth is flat, and would very much like to see it if it exists. Many of the flat-Earthers on this site started out as round-Earthers, as you can tell by looking at their first posts. Of course, it could be argued that they had a sincere change of heart after reading opposing viewpoints...

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An interesting theory. Do you have any evidence for it?

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He doesn't, because we aren't. Rather than type it all out again, I'll quote a previous post I made on this subject:

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« **Reply #20 on:** January 06, 2010, 06:03:52 PM »

Forgive me if I don't believe you (or anyone else) had a sincere change of heart and concluded that the Earth is really flat. I can believe that some people think that the Earth is flat - people have been led to stranger beliefs by religious and ideological indoctrination. But the idea that a round Earther would be converted into a flat-Earther by the arguments presented on this site is just not credible.

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I'm sure you're ever-so-offended. By the way, it should really be called the George Scott Remark, not the George Scott Fallacy, because it's not a fallacy in the sense of logical fallacies.

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So, what was the one compelling piece of evidence that truly convinced you that that the earth is flat? Has is caused you to undertake a career which will spread the truth or to advance the theory to prove to the mainstream world that this is in fact the case?

It seemed strange that in your post history there is less than a day's gap between posts of an ardent supporter for the theory which has more tangible evidence and has a more reasoned explanation and the epiphany where you converted to support the FET.

Also, having evidence to support something and that something's actuality are two entirely different things, like fossils on multiple continents showing that dinosaurs built ocean going boats.

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Look at my join date; I definitely remember the time you are referring to, and have done my share of devil's advocacy as well. But I wouldn't expect anyone to believe me if I claimed to make a sincere declaration of belief that the Earth is flat. The thing about spending time on these boards is you quickly get a sense of which arguments are used to argue that the Earth is round, which of them don't work (such as your very first argument of observing the curvature of the horizon) and which of them do (such as the existence of north and south pole stars, as demonstrated by my avatar).

We're not talking about rocket science here; proving that the Earth is round is really quite simple. This is like the evolution vs. creationism debate: the evidence for evolution is rock solid, and easy to understand. The evidence for creationism is nonexistent. The reason there are still creationists is because they have an unshakeable faith in a particular interpretation of Genesis that disagrees with evolution, and so they are incapable of evaluating the evidence for both sides on their merits. Anyone who takes the time to evaluate the evidence, and is capable of evaluating both sides on their merits, will inevitably accept that the theory of evolution is correct and the creationists' arguments are nonsense. Nobody has ever been converted from understanding and believing in the theory of evolution to believing in creationism based on the arguments of creationists; it's impossible. Similarly, no rational open-minded person could look at the evidence for a round Earth and the evidence for a flat Earth and conclude that the Earth is flat.

You have clearly spent enough time on these boards to be familiar with the arguments on both sides, and the fact that you started out believing that the Earth is round shows that you don't have an ideological block that forces you to accept a flat Earth. You certainly seem to be a rational individual. So please pardon me if I continue to believe that you don't actually believe in a flat Earth.

On the other hand, that post above is probably entirely true; this is an eye-opening site, and does encourage the use of skepticism and basing your beliefs on observable evidence rather than on arguments from authority. So a "change in mindset" is entirely possible, if you don't actually mean that you changed your beliefs to include the belief in a flat Earth. But when you claim to be a "real FEer," if by that you mean you sincerely believe that the Earth is flat, then I don't find this claim very credible.

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-David  
*E pur si muove!*



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I read and comprehended what you wrote and I bolded the conflicting part, which served to initiate the confusion. You joined, played 'devil's advocate' for a few months, took a year away and returned with a totally different mindset. To me this would indicate a gap of about 1 year between a post of "I ardently believe the Earth to be round" and "I sincerely believe the earth to be flat".

Quote from: Lord Wilmore on April 15, 2006, 05:17:45 PM (https://www.theflatearthsociety.org/forum/index.php?PHPSESSID=8ejv1svfddaq8iln16aj4oupg4&topic=1602.msg12850#msg12850)

....No, I can simply provide more tangible evidence and a more reasoned explanation than you can.

And I would still like someone to explain why there is a discernable curvature of the Earth.....

Followed the day after by:

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...Well, first allow me to state that I have since converted, and I now support FE theory, and I will do my best to improve it...

I'm just saying that this seemed to be in conflict with what you stated. Am I reading something incorrectly?

Yes, you are, and skeptical scientist has already pointed out why.

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Wait. Which side is the Devil on? I was trying to play God's advocate.

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