Pastor Kevin's Correspondence with Someone who Claims the Bible Teaches the Earth is Flat

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The following correspondence is taken from the Calvary Church YouTube channel comment page (Flood of Noah, Part 1, 5 of 6)

Rossini: Hold on a minute, he has got a globe on his rostrum, when everyone knows that the bible strongly insinuates that the earth is flat. Does this guy have no shame? He is disputing the bible. Blasphemer!!!

Pastor Kevin's response to @rossini55: If everyone knows that the bible strongly insinuates that the earth is flat, then there ought to be several verses that say so. I have read the entire Bible and taught every verse multiple times. I am not aware of a single verse that says the earth is flat. Nor have I ever heard anyone like you produce a verse that says so. But the Bible does say, that God sits above the CIRCLE of the earth (Isa <u>40:22</u>) and that the earth is held up by nothing (Job 26:7).

Rossini: "circle of the earth" implies a flat disc, not a sphere. The bible strongly implies that the earth is a flat plane. Revelation 7:1 Four corners of the earth, Job <u>38:13</u> Ends of the Earth. None of these are consistent with a spherical earth, I can find others if you wish. Also: I Samuel 2 Verse 8 "the pillars of the earth are the LORD'S, and he hath set the world upon them "SO seems like a contradiction there too! :-) So it seems that everyone DID know the biblical earth was flat,well everyone except you. :-) Perhaps when you read the bible 'several times' you 'forgot' those verses. Might be time for another read-through perhaps?

Pastor Kevin's response to <u>@rossini55</u>: Circle of the earth does not imply a flat disc - astronauts have communicated this way (and they know the earth is not flat). Four corners of the earth - another term that is used by people today to communicate from the north, south, east and west. The Hebrew word that was used is KANAPH, it does not mean flat square - see christiananswersDOTnet/q-eden/edn-c017DOThtml. Pillars - Dr. Brown's theory makes a big deal about pillars, you should search his book and read.

Rossini: Seems "Kanaph" means, edges (of a garment) or corners, or wings even. Either way, its still wrong as a sphere has none of these. I cant believe your whole case about spherical earth in the bible rests on this one liberally interpreted word when all the others certainly imply a flat earth model at the very least. If they wanted to say the earth was a ball they would have said the word for ball and not circle.

Pastor Kevin's response to @rossini55: You started this discussion by saying everyone knows that the Bible says the earth is flat. I said that it does not, which is in fact the case. Now you say the Bible does not say the earth is a sphere. Now I can agree with you. Not saying the earth is a sphere does not mean that the Bible says the earth is flat. The Bible does clearly say that all have sinned and are in need a Savior (Jesus). I hope that you come to realize that before it is too late.

Rossini: OK, the Bible doesn't specifically say 'flat' but where it does make any mention of the issue, it strongly implies a flat-earth model, ie 4 corners, ends of the earth, in several places. It is certainly understandable that a first century people would come to that conclusion considering the little knowledge they had. It would have been counter-intuitive to suspect a spherical earth. Point is that an all-knowing god could have set the record straight, but didnt.

Pastor Kevin's response to @rossini55: How can you say that "any mention of the issue, it strongly implies flat-earth, ie 4 corners" when Isa <u>40:22</u> says that God sits above the circle of the earth (a view from heaven of the earth beneath), but a circle does not have "four corners"? The all-knowing God did NOT tell us everything (Deu <u>29:29</u>, John <u>21:25</u>), but what He did tell us is accurate. He has told you that He loves you, and wants to save you from the affects of sin (death), why do you resist His offer?

Rossini: Hmm.. Well it looks like there is a contradiction in the bible! Well I never! 4 corners, ends or circle? Revelation 7:1 or Daniel <u>4:11</u> or Isa <u>40:22</u>? Which one do you go for? Either way they are all wrong, as the earth is a sphere, with NO corners or ends! So he WANTS to 'save' me, but he cant/wont? Then he is not omnipotent/benevolent? He loves me, yet due to his own inability to 'save' me, he decides to burn me forever? So He wants to 'save' me, from himself? And you worship this guy??

Pastor Kevin's response to @rossini55 If you go to idiomsDOTthefreedictionaryDOTcom you will see that four corners of the earth and world are idioms used today. Those using this term are fully aware that the earth is a sphere. God won't save those who do not want to be saved; not because He can't, but because He is a loving God who does not force you to love Him back - but you should. He didn't send Jesus to send you to hell, but rather to save you (John <u>3:17</u>). It is your pride that will condemn you and YIDWJ (Yes I do worship Jesus).