

A few years ago I had a debate with a liberal professor. After the main presentation of views, we were to answer questions from the audience. After either of us answered a question, and the other was to have opportunity of expressing his views in relation to the same question. The whole debate was handled in a very courteous way, each of us always being quiet, and letting the other have his full say before speaking himself. That is to say, it was a very orderly, except in one instance where I regret to confess that I found myself unable to keep quiet in view of a statement that the other professor made.

In the course of his answer to a question, the liberal professor referred to the Bible as containing antiquated cosmological ideas. He said: "The book of Genesis teaches that the earth is flat." Sitting on the front row as I was, I could not contain myself at this point. I said, "Where?" "Well, the hole book of Genesis," I said, "Where?" "Why," he said, "that is what it teaches." I said, "Where?" "Well," he said, "the story of the flood."

I said nothing more then, but when it was my turn to speak, I pointed out that, as far as the flood is concerned, if Genesis taught that the earth was flat, and became inundated with water, it would need to explain why the water would not flow off from the sides. The story of the whole earth being covered by water for a year, sounded to me more like something that infers a round earth than a flat earth.