

and he said, the whole book, and I said, Where, ~~and~~ and he said, Well, it ~~say~~ says that the whole earth was covered with the flood, and surely this suggests a flat earth. I said nothing more then, ~~and~~ <sup>but</sup> when I rose to speak myself ~~and~~ that if the writers of the early chapters of Genesis had believed that the earth was flat, it would surely have seemed more likely that a flood that covered the whole earth, the waters would pour off the sides than if they would heap up as high ~~as~~ as described in Genesis. This would seem to fit more with the round earth to which the water was held by gravity than with the idea of a flat earth. As a ~~fact~~ matter of fact, there is no ~~one~~ sentence in the Bible anywhere which teaches that the earth is flat. The Bible does ~~not~~ not attempt to explain some of these matters of ~~cosmology~~ <sup>in itself</sup> cosmology to us. It does not go into that, but it does not include ~~any~~ of the erroneous ideas which may have been held at the time. But I know now ~~there~~ that there were ~~in~~ some ~~of~~ thinkers in ancient times who believed that the earth was round. We have no way of knowing exactly ~~what~~ ~~th~~ - what the writers of the Bible believe on this point. We had one very interesting instance in the book of Luke where there ~~is~~ is a description of a situation which ~~would seem stran~~ must have seemed strange indeed to people who believed in a flat earth. In those days when artificial light such as we have today have only come into existence in the last century. Before that time it would have been utterly impossible, for instance, after the ~~sun~~ sun had set. In ancient times ~~people~~ people worked in the fields in ~~day~~ time, not at night. In Luke we read that ~~we~~ when the Lord comes back, there <sup>two men</sup> will be ~~one~~ working in the fields: one will be taken, and one will be left. Two men will be sleeping in the same bed, one will be taken and one will be left. This must have seemed very strange to ~~the~~ people who ~~bel~~ believed in a ~~flat~~ flat earth. They might have said, Well, perhaps if He comes in the day time, ~~one~~