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Dr. Henry Richter – The Earth is not flat

- „I learn by letters from New York that Bro. Brown **has accepted and is now preaching the flat-world theory**. Is it possible that this theory has been brought by Bro. Wilcox from England and that you have accepted it and are teaching it? My brother, our work is to teach the third angel's message. Stick to the message. It is a weakness of Eld. Wilcox to get hold of hobbies and to stick to some things that he had better let alone. **Any kind of a theory or hobby that satan can lead** the minds of men to dwell upon he will draw their attention to so that they shall not be engaged in giving the solemn message for this time. Do not, my brother, become entangled with ideas that have no connection with the work for this time. It is better to be teaching the truth as it is in Jesus. Better to be seeking for true godliness, heart holiness, freedom from all selfishness, freedom from all envies and jealousies. It is better to pray and humble the soul before God and let the world, round or flat, be just as God has made it. Try most earnestly, by faithful continuance in well-doing, to seek for a clear title in the inheritance in the earth made new. Better lead the flock of God to drink at the higher streams, better by precept and example seek God while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. There is a revival needed in the church. When the teachers are drinking fresh draughts from the well of Bethlehem, then they can lead the people to the living stream. My soul is weighed down with the burden of the condition of things in New York. May the Lord raise up helpers, men whom He can teach, humble men whom He can lead to bear a clear, sharp testimony in faith.“
- „The Lord has given me a view of other worlds. Wings were given me, and an angel attended me from the city to a place that was bright and glorious. The grass of the place was living green, and the birds there warbled a sweet song. The inhabitants of the place were of all sizes; they were noble, majestic, and lovely. They bore the express image of Jesus, and their countenances beamed with holy joy, expressive of the freedom and happiness of the place. I asked one of them why they were so much more lovely than those on the earth. The reply was, “We have lived in strict obedience to the commandments of God, and have not fallen by disobedience, like those on the earth.” Then I saw two trees, one looked much like the tree of life in the city. The fruit of both looked beautiful, but of one they could not eat. They had power to eat of both, but were forbidden to eat of one. Then my attending angel said to me, “None in this place have tasted of the forbidden tree; but if they should eat, they would fall.” **Then I was taken to a world which had seven moons**. There I saw good old Enoch, who had been translated. On his right arm he bore a glorious palm, and on each leaf was written.“ {Ellen White: Early Writings, 39.3}
- „It is not because of inherent power that year by year the earth produces her bounties and continues her motion **around the sun**. The hand of God guides the planets, and keeps them in position in their orderly march through the heavens.“ {Ellen White: Signs of the Times, 20. März, 1884, Part 6}
- „The hand of God is continually **guiding the globe in its continuous march around the sun**. The same hand which holds the mountains, and balances them in positions, guides and **keeps in order the respective planets**. All the wonderful glories in the heavens are but doing their appointed work.“ {Ellen White: General Conference Daily Bulletin, 6. March 1899, GCDB par. 9}
- „Go to all nations, He bade them. Go to the farthest part of the habitable **globe** and be assured that My presence will be with you even there.“ {Ellen White: (1911) Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 3, p. 29}
- „God has qualified His people to enlighten the world. He has entrusted them with faculties by which they are to extend His work until it shall encircle the **globe**. In all parts of the earth they are to establish sanitariums, schools, publishing houses, and kindred facilities for the accomplishment of His work.“ {Ellen White: (1902) Testimonies 7, 51}

- „The Bible has been translated into nearly every language spoken by man, and scattered over every part of the **globe**.“ {Ellen White: (1884) Spirit of Prophecy 4, 193}
- „As the rays of the sun penetrate to the remotest corners of the **globe**, so God designs that the light of the gospel shall extend to every soul upon the earth.“ {Ellen White: (1896) Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing, p. 42}
- „The hand of infinite power is perpetually at work guiding this planet. It is God’s power momentarily exercised that keeps it in position in its **rotations**. The God of heaven is constantly at work.“ {Ellen White: General Conference Daily Bulletin, 18. Februar 1897}
- „In the matchless gift of His Son, God has encircled the whole world with an atmosphere of grace as real as the air which circulates around the **globe**. All who choose to breathe this life-giving atmosphere will live and grow up to the stature of men and women in Christ Jesus.“ {Ellen White (1892) Steps to Christ, Chapter 8, p. 67}
- „Not by its own inherent energy does the earth produce his bounties, and year by year continue its motion around the sun. An unseen hand guides the planets in der circuit of the heavens....“ {Ellen White, 1903 Education, 99}
- „The hand of God is continually guiding the GLOBE in its continuous march **AROUND THE SUN**. The same hand which holds the mountains, and balances them in position, guides and keeps in order the respective planets. All the wonderful glories in the heavens are but doing their appointed work.“ {Ellen White: The Christian Educator, April 1, 1899, par. 5}
- „The same creative energy that brought the world into existence is still exerted in upholding the universe and continuing the operations of nature. The hand of God guides the planets in their orderly march through the heavens. It is not because of inherent power that year by year the **earth continues her motion round the sun** and produces her bounties. The word of God controls the elements. He covers the heavens with clouds and prepares rain for the earth. He makes the valleys fruitful and “grass to grow upon the mountains;” Psalm 147:8. It is through His power that vegetation flourishes, that the leaves appear and the flowers bloom.“ {Ellen White, Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students, 185.3}
- „The Spirit of God rested upon me; I was wrapped in a vision of God’s glory, and for the **first time had a view of other planets**. After I came out of vision, I related what I had seen. Elder Bates then asked if I had studied astronomy. I told him I had no recollection of ever looking into an astronomy. Then he said, “This is of the Lord.” His countenance shone with the light of heaven, and he exhorted the church with power.“ {Ellen White: CET 88.2, Testimonies 1, 79}

Is that just her personal meaning?

- „In these letters which I write, in the testimonies I bear, I am presenting to you that which the LORD HAS PRESENTED TO ME. I do not write **one** article in the paper, expressing merely my own ideas. They are what God has opened before me in vision—the precious rays of light shining from the throne.“ {Ellen White: Selected Messages, Vol 1, page 27}