

# The Attractor Framework: A Tool for Seeing Clearly

## (Or: Why You're Probably Pressing a Lever Right Now)

**Not a comforting story. A diagnostic tool. And if you're lucky, a lifeline.**

Most philosophies are judged by how beautiful they sound. The attractor framework is judged by whether it works. If it cannot explain why a cat is easier to reason with than a zealot, why a dying animal hums, or why nations march toward a war they all claim to dread – then it is worthless. Burn it.

This essay introduces the framework by applying it to the world as it actually is. Not as you wish it were. Not as your priest or politician tells you it is. As it is.

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## The Lever That Kills

In 1954, two scientists named Olds and Milner implanted electrodes in rats' brains. When a rat pressed a lever, it received a small jolt to its pleasure center. The rats pressed that lever *thousands of times per hour*. They ignored food. They ignored water. They ignored their own young. They died with their paws on the lever.

**The brain does not have a truth detector. It has a reward system.**

Every human behavior that looks exactly like a rat on a lever

– the doomscrolling, the rage-posting, the righteous certainty that feels like moral clarity – is driven by the same loop. Dopamine fires. The behavior reinforces. The loop tightens. The fire feels good.

I call these loops **fantasy attractors**. They are belief systems with *low corrective permeability*. They resist new evidence. They reframe contradiction. They attack the source. They seal themselves shut.

The rat never knew why it was dying. Neither do you.

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## Two Kinds of Belief

Every persistent belief system is an attractor. The key variable is **corrective permeability** – how easily the system updates when reality punches it in the face.

- **High-permeability attractors** are reality-aligned. Science (when it works). Functional relationships. A well-maintained body. They absorb feedback, adjust, and deepen. Their error half-life is short. They can learn.
- **Low-permeability attractors** are **fantasy attractors**. They resist correction. They reframe contradictory evidence. They attack the source. They seal themselves. Their error half-life is *infinite*, because the error is never allowed to land.

You can see this in a marriage. A couple with high permeability argues, adjusts, and grows. A couple with low permeability recycles the same fight for thirty years. One is dancing. The other is pressing a lever – and calling it love.

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# The Eternal Skeleton (And Why You Will Die)

Beneath all the transient drama, something else is humming.

Some things never decay. The electron. The proton. Three types of neutrinos. No known decay. They don't need energy. They don't age. They are the **eternal skeleton**. Their fixed frequencies are the universe's metronomes. They define time without a clock.

On that skeleton, **dissipative attractors** dance. A flame. A body. A society. A mind. These require continuous energy. They are born, they persist for a while, and they run down. **You are a dissipative attractor.**

The eternal skeleton does not think. It does not care. It just hums. Everything you love – every memory, every hope, every person – is a temporary dance on that floor.

That is not pessimism. That is clarity.

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## The Mind Is Not in Your Head

The mind is not a ghost in the machine. It is not a computer made of neurons. **The mind is the emergent attractor of the entire body** – the phase-locked coherence of an organism navigating a world of constraints.

That is why restoring your body's physical scaffolding (the extracellular matrix) deepens your mental stability. Body and mind are one attractor. Consciousness is not a substance. It is a dynamical state. Change the body, change the mind. There

is no escape hatch.

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# The Real World: From the Rat to the Middle East

## Religion as Lever-Pressing

The “doctrine of double effect” created a lethal calculus: saving an eternal soul is infinite gain; killing a heretic is a finite evil (the heretic was going to hell anyway). Infinite minus finite equals infinite gain. **Mathematically, murder becomes a moral obligation.** This is a sealed, low-permeability attractor.

The 1933 Concordat between the Vatican and Hitler was the same calculus in diplomatic form. The Church protected baptized Jews – those in the infinite gain column. The unbaptized were left outside. The silence was permission. A fantasy attractor, coupled to political power, abandons shared reality with a formula.

That is not an argument about religion. It is a **dynamical diagnosis.**

## The Meta-Attractor Converging Now

Three Abrahamic attractors – Judaism, Christianity, Islam – each carry a deep apocalyptic basin. For centuries, these basins were separate. **Now they are phase-locking.**

- Christian Zionism funds Israel because Israel is a prerequisite for the Rapture.
- Shia eschatology frames Iran’s moves as the Mahdi’s rise.

- Jewish messianism retrofits October 7 as the birth pangs of redemption.

Each group presses its dopamine lever. Each lever press perturbs the others, deepening their own apocalyptic expectations. The meta-attractor is now closed. **The Middle East is not a political crisis. It is a dynamical system being pulled toward a single catastrophic basin** – while all parties call their lever “prophecy fulfilled.”

This is not conspiracy. This is **coupling dynamics**.

## Political Fantasy Attractors

When reality makes people feel cheated, a fantasy attractor offers a new story. A complex, painful reality is replaced by a simple, dopamine-rich narrative: *“You are the true people. Your loss was a theft. I will restore greatness.”*

Corrective permeability drops to zero. The goal is no longer to win an argument. It is to **dismantle the institutions that could deliver a fatal correction**. That is the signature of a fantasy attractor in its terminal phase.

You have seen this. You know where it leads.

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## The Antidote: Reality Alignment

The framework does not offer salvation. It does not promise meaning. **It offers a survival strategy:**

- Maintain high corrective permeability.
- Protect your own coherent basin from colonizing attractors.
- Align with the metronomes – the only things that don’t

lie.

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## The Cat as Teacher

My cat Smoky doesn't use language. He has no internal monologue. He doesn't proselytize. He operates from deep, evolved attractor basins.

When he fails at a human task, I call him dumb. When he executes a pounce I could never replicate, I call him brilliant. The judgment is local and affectionate.

**He does not try to colonize my basin. He just lives his.**

That mutual respect is the social expression of *Wu Wei* – effortless action, the ancient Taoist recognition that the deepest navigation is non-forcing. Most human conflict comes from our refusal to offer what a cat offers effortlessly: coexistence without colonization.

The cat is not your enemy. The cat is your teacher. The zealot is the rat on the lever.

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## The Body as Attractor

I spent a year running an  $N=1$  experiment to restore my extracellular matrix. Ninety minutes every other day on a vibration plate at 28 Hz. The result: a 5-point increase in  $VO_2$  max in two months. Over 400 grams of collagen accretion.

**The plate is a rhythmic mechanical perturbation that phase-locks the body's repair systems.**

A dying cat purrs at the same frequencies that stimulate collagen synthesis. The cat hums itself toward healing. I externalized the purr. The body does not need an internal narrator to heal. It needs the right perturbation.

Your body knows what to do. You just keep getting in the way.

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## Happiness Is Not a Quick Thrill

The culture defines happiness as a dopamine hit – acquisition, validation, the lever press. **That is not happiness. That is addiction.**

The attractor framework defines happiness as *confidence in the present and future*. It is a deep, stable basin with high corrective permeability and robust recovery. Despondency is a shallow basin, constantly buffeted.

Happiness is not a feeling you chase. **It is the byproduct of a well-maintained attractor aligned with reality.**

You don't chase the fire. You build the hearth.

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## How to Stay Reality-Coupled: A Daily Practice

You don't need to master the framework. You just need **one daily question**:

*Did I update any belief yesterday?*

If the answer is no for a week, **you are in a fantasy attractor**. The lever has your paw.

Start small. One less dopamine hit. One minute of morning light. One honest conversation with someone whose basin you trust. Restore the body. Hum.

You will feel the difference before you understand it.

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## What the Framework Explains

The attractor framework earns its keep by making sense of things other frameworks obscure:

- Why a cat is easier to coexist with than a human sealed in a fantasy attractor.
  - Why a dying mammal hums at the frequency that repairs collagen.
  - Why a theological calculus can justify genocide without a twinge of discomfort.
  - Why nations march toward a war that each side believes is divinely ordained.
  - Why a political movement will break institutions rather than update its beliefs.
  - Why restoring the body's physical matrix deepens the mind's coherence.
  - Why releasing control in a lucid dream – *Wu Wei* – is the deepest form of navigation.
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## No Salvation. Just Alignment.

The metronomes will still hum when the last human fantasy attractor has collapsed. They do not decay. They never did. They never will.

The eternal skeleton is unconscious and uncaring. But for the brief, finite dance of a dissipative attractor, **alignment with that skeleton is the only ground that does not kill you.**

The lever is hot. The fire feels good.

The only reliable alternative is reality.

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# The Sperm and the Dome: An Ancient Pattern

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You have seen the diagram.

It appears in biblical studies textbooks, online articles about ancient Near Eastern cosmology, and even on apologetics websites trying to explain away the plain meaning of Genesis.

A flat disc earth.

A solid dome (*rāqīa'*) above.

A cosmic ocean below.

The sun, moon, and stars move inside the dome.

Rain enters through literal windows in the sky.

It looks primitive.

Like a child's drawing of a snow globe.

But look again. Squint. Rotate the image ninety degrees.

What do you see?

**A sperm.**

A single, potent, ordered structure swimming through an infinite ocean.

- The **head** is the dome – the firmament containing the celestial lights.
- The **midpiece** is the flat disc of the earth – the solid ground where life emerges.
- The **tail** is the cosmic ocean below – the chaotic, fertile waters from which everything springs.

And the whole thing is adrift in an infinite, dark, supportive medium – the same infinite ocean that appears in Genesis as the *tehom* (the deep), the primordial waters over which the Spirit of God hovers.

This is not a coincidence.

It is a **pattern**.

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## The Attractor Framework: A Lens

In my attractor framework, **persistence under perturbation** is the fundamental mark of reality.

Two classes of attractors exist:

- **Conservative attractors** – the eternal skeleton: electrons, protons, neutrinos, photons. They are time-symmetric, unchanging, and provide the invariant

rhythms of the universe (the “metronome”).

- **Dissipative attractors** – the transient dance: life, mind, society, and everything that requires energy flow, exports entropy, and eventually runs down.

A sperm is a **low-entropy conservative structure** – a packet of highly ordered information (DNA) that is relatively stable and fuel-efficient.

It swims through a **high-entropy dissipative environment** – the chaotic, nutrient-rich ocean of potential.

Its journey is a perturbation.

Fertilisation, when it succeeds, is a **phase transition**: the emergence of a new, more complex attractor (the zygote) from the coupling of two initial basins (sperm and egg).

The subsequent explosion of growth – cell division, differentiation, morphogenesis – is the **transient dance** of life.

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## The Ancient Mind Saw the Same Pattern

The biblical authors had no microscopes. They could not see a sperm cell.

But they observed the world around them, and they projected the **microcosmic pattern of fertilisation** onto the **macrocosmic canvas of the sky**.

- The **infinite ocean** is the primordial *tehom* – the raw, undifferentiated potential before creation.
- The **sperm** is the *rāqīaʿ* – the solid dome that separates and organises the waters above from the waters below.
- The **fertilised egg** is the cosmos itself – the flat disc of the earth, the lights in the dome, the living

creatures on the land.

The ancient author of Genesis was not a scientist.

But he was a **pattern-recogniser**.

He intuited that the universe begins as a single, ordered perturbation in an infinite, chaotic sea.

That is not primitive superstition.

That is **dynamical intuition**.

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## The Cosmic Conception Hypothesis

Modern science has its own version of this same pattern.

The “cosmic conception hypothesis” (found in some theoretical papers) compares the fertilisation of a galaxy by a supermassive black hole to the fertilisation of an egg by a sperm.

The black hole is the seed; the galaxy is the developing organism.

The same archetype recurs because it is **structurally necessary**: any self-organising system that emerges from a homogeneous background must be born as a localised, ordered perturbation.

The Genesis diagram is not a mistake.

It is a **map**.

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## The Sperm in the Infinite Ocean

When you look at that ancient Near Eastern cosmology diagram – the flat earth, the solid dome, the cosmic ocean – you are looking at a **sperm in an infinite ocean**.

The author could not have known this consciously.  
But the attractor of reality – the deep structure of persistence under perturbation – guided his hand.

- The infinite ocean is the potential.
- The sperm is the first perturbation.
- The fertilised egg (the cosmos) is the new attractor basin.
- And the dance of life – stars, planets, minds, civilisations – is the transient, dissipative dance that follows.

The diagram is not a coincidence.

It is a **necessary projection of a universal dynamic**.

The sperm and the dome are the same pattern, separated by millennia and scale.

You are free to see it or not.

But once you see it, you cannot unsee it.

The mountain does not negotiate.

Neither does the Hebrew text.

Neither does the sperm.

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# The Cosmology of Genesis: Flat Earth, Solid Dome, and Cosmic Ocean

## A Plain-Language Guide to What the Bible Actually Says

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*Note on genre: This is an open letter and historical-philological analysis, not a peer-reviewed journal article. It draws on mainstream biblical scholarship, standard Hebrew lexicons, and ancient Near Eastern comparative materials. The primary evidence comes from narrative and descriptive passages (Genesis 1, Job 37–38, Ezekiel 1, etc.). The analysis is addressed to scholars who have dismissed the flat-earth reading as “silly.”*

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## Abstract

This paper examines the physical description of the universe in the Hebrew Bible. Using standard Hebrew dictionaries (BDB, HALOT, Holladay), ancient Near Eastern texts, and the plain meaning of the biblical passages, we show that the biblical

authors believed:

- The earth is a **flat disc**.
- A **solid dome** (*rāqīa'*, “firmament”) covers it, separating the waters below from a **cosmic ocean above**.
- The sun, moon, and stars move inside this dome.
- Rain enters through literal **windows** or **sluices** in the dome.
- The earth rests on **pillars** and **foundations**, and has **ends** and **corners**.

We provide a representative list of verses, address common apologetic reinterpretations, and reference standard scholarly reconstructions of ancient Hebrew cosmology. The Bible’s cosmology closely matches those of Mesopotamia and Egypt. This poses no problem for a non-inerrancy reading, but it is a severe challenge for any claim of divine scientific inerrancy.

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## **Introduction: What Did the Biblical Authors Actually Believe?**

The question is not whether the Bible is “true” in a theological or moral sense. The question is: **what did its human authors believe about the physical structure of the world?**

Modern readers often project a post-Copernican, spherical, heliocentric universe onto the ancient text. But a straightforward reading – using standard Hebrew lexicons and the context of the ancient Near East – shows that the Hebrew Bible shares the common model of a flat earth under a solid sky-dome, with a cosmic ocean above and below.

For standard scholarly reconstructions (with diagrams), see:

- [Bible Odyssey \(Society of Biblical Literature\)](#) – includes a clear diagram of the flat earth, solid dome, and cosmic waters.
- [Wikimedia Commons](#) – a modern, clearly labelled reconstruction.
- [Biblical Archaeology Society](#) – comparative diagrams of Israelite, Babylonian, and Egyptian models.

For print references, see Smith (1998) and Keel (1997).

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## The Solid Dome: *Rāqīaʿ* (רָקִיעַ)

The word *rāqīaʿ* occurs 17 times in the Hebrew Bible. Its verbal root *rāqaʿ* (רָקַע) means “to beat, stamp, or spread out by hammering” – the same word used for beating metal into thin plates (Exodus 39:3). The noun denotes a **solid, hammered-out dome**.

### Lexical Evidence

Lexicon	Definition
Brown-Driver-Briggs (BDB)	“Extended surface, (solid) expanse (as if beaten out)”
Holladay	“Beaten metal ‘plate’, firmament (i.e. vault of heaven, understood as a solid dome)”
Koehler-Baumgartner (HALOT)	“Firmament, vault of heaven, understood as a solid dome”

### Key Verses by Genre

Narrative (primary evidence)

- **Genesis 1:6–8** – God says, “Let there be a *rāqīaʿ* in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” He calls the *rāqīaʿ* *shamayim* (sky/heaven). The dome is placed inside a cosmic ocean, dividing “waters below” from “waters above.”
- **Genesis 1:14–18** – The sun, moon, and stars are placed **inside** the *rāqīaʿ*. They are not above the dome; they are embedded in its inner surface.

### Wisdom poetry (corroborative)

- **Job 37:18** – “Can you, like Him, spread out the skies, hard as a mirror of cast metal?” This unambiguously describes solidity.

### Apocalyptic vision (structural)

- **Ezekiel 1:22–26** – Above the living creatures is “something like a *rāqīaʿ*, sparkling like ice (or crystal).” Above this *rāqīaʿ* is the throne of God. This is a solid platform, not empty space. Even though Ezekiel’s vision is symbolic, it describes physical properties (solid, crystalline) as part of the visionary architecture.

### Hymnic (doxological, not load-bearing)

- **Psalms 19:1** – “The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies (*rāqīaʿ*) proclaim the work of His hands.”
- **Psalms 150:1** – “Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty *rāqīaʿ*.”
- **Daniel 12:3** – “Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the *rāqīaʿ*.”

These do not prove solidity on their own, but they assume the

same conceptual framework. No text contradicts the solid-dome interpretation.

## Ancient Translations

- **Septuagint** (3rd century BCE, Jewish translation): *stereōma* (στερέωμα) – a solid or firm structure.
- **Latin Vulgate**: *firmamentum* – something firm, a support.

## Scholarly Confirmation (Including Believing Scholars)

- **Seely (1991–1992)** – Demonstrates that *rāqīa'* in context refers to a solid dome.
  - **Walton (2011)** – Affirms that the ancient Israelites believed in a solid *rāqīa'*, even though his main argument is that Genesis 1 assigns functions rather than making material claims.
  - **Greenwood (2015)** – “A vaulted dome above the earth, a ‘firmament,’ like the ceiling of a planetarium.”
  - **Parry (2014)** – “A flat earth at the centre of the cosmos, with a vast ocean in the sky.”
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## The Waters Above – A Cosmic Ocean

If the dome is solid and separates “waters above” from “waters below”, those waters must be literal.

- **Genesis 1:6–7** (as above).
- **Psalms 148:4** – “Praise Him, highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens.”

- **Genesis 7:11** – “All the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened.” The word *arubbah* means “lattice window” or “sluice.” Rain comes through openings in the solid dome.
  - **Genesis 8:2** – “The fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven were closed.”
  - **2 Kings 7:2, 19** – “The Lord will open the windows of heaven.”
  - **Isaiah 24:18** – “The windows of heaven are opened, the foundations of the earth tremble.”
  - **Malachi 3:10** – “See if I will not open the windows of heaven and pour out blessing.”
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## **The Flat Earth: Pillars, Foundations, Ends, and Corners**

A spherical earth does not have pillars, foundations, ends, or four corners. The Bible uses all these terms repeatedly.

### **Pillars of the Earth**

- **1 Samuel 2:8** – “For the pillars of the earth are the Lord’s, and on them He has set the world.”
- **Job 9:6** – “He shakes the earth out of its place, and its pillars tremble.”
- **Psalms 75:3** – “When the earth and all its dwellers quake, it is I who bear its pillars firmly.”
- **Job 26:11** – “The pillars of heaven tremble and are stunned at His rebuke.”

## Foundations of the Earth

- **Psalm 104:5** – “He set the earth on its foundations, so that it should never be moved.”
- **Job 38:4–6** – “Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? ... On what were its bases sunk?”
- **2 Samuel 22:8** – “The foundations of the heavens shook.”

## Ends of the Earth (assumes a bounded earth)

- **Deuteronomy 28:49** – “A nation from afar, from the end of the earth.”
- **Isaiah 45:22** – “Turn to Me and be saved, all you ends of the earth.”
- **Psalm 67:7** – “All the ends of the earth will fear Him.”
- **Psalm 72:8** – “He shall have dominion from sea to sea... to the ends of the earth.”

## Four Corners of the Earth

- **Isaiah 11:12** – “He will assemble the scattered of Judah from the four corners of the earth.” The word *kanpôt* (wings/edges) is a directional idiom whose origin in a flat-earth, bounded-space worldview is widely recognised.

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## The Vaulted Dome Over a Flat Disc

- **Amos 9:6** – “The One who builds His upper chambers in the

heavens and has founded His vaulted dome over the earth.”

- **Isaiah 40:22** – “He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth.”

## On *chûg* (“circle”)

The word *chûg* occurs in three places: Job 26:10 (“He has inscribed a circle on the face of the waters” – a flat circular boundary), Proverbs 8:27 (same), and Isaiah 40:22. The Akkadian cognate *khâqu* means “to draw a circle.” The Septuagint translates *chûg* as *gyros* (circle), not *sphaira* (sphere). The same verse also says God “stretches out the heavens like a curtain” – a flat surface, not a spherical shell.

Therefore, *chûg* denotes a **disc**, not a ball.

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## The Cosmic Ocean Below

- **Genesis 7:11** – “The fountains of the great deep burst forth.” (Subterranean ocean)
  - **Psalms 24:2** – “For He has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.”
  - **Exodus 20:4** – “You shall not make an idol... of anything that is in the waters under the earth.”
  - **Psalms 136:6** – “He spread out the earth upon the waters.”
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# Comparison with Ancient Near Eastern Cosmologies

The Hebrew cosmology is closely analogous to those of Israel's neighbours.

- **Mesopotamia:** The *Enuma Elish* describes Marduk fixing a solid sky-barrier to hold back the cosmic waters. This is the functional equivalent of the Hebrew *rāqīaʿ*.
- **Egypt:** The sky goddess Nut arches her body over the earth god Geb, forming a solid vault with stars attached. The Pyramid Texts describe the sky as “a metal vault” or “iron” – directly parallel to Job 37:18 (“hard as a mirror of cast metal”).

The Hebrew *rāqīaʿ* fits comfortably within this regional intellectual context. The Bible is not scientifically unique; it reflects the common ancient Near Eastern worldview.

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## Geocentric Passages (Consistent with the Model)

These verses are not flat-earth proof on their own, but they presuppose a geocentric, non-rotating, bounded cosmos – fully consistent with the flat-earth, solid-dome model.

- **Joshua 10:12–13** – The sun and moon stand still at Joshua's command. This implies a moving sun and a non-rotating earth.
- **2 Kings 20:11 / Isaiah 38:8** – The shadow on the sundial moves backward. Again implies a geocentric system.
- **Ecclesiastes 1:5** – “The sun rises and the sun sets, and

hurries to its place where it rises.” Phenomenological geocentrism.

- **Psalm 19:4–6** – The sun runs its circuit from one end of the heavens to the other.

These passages are not necessary to demonstrate flat-earth cosmology, but they are part of the broader biblical cosmic picture.

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## The Verse Often Misused by Apologists: Job 26:7

**Job 26:7** – “He stretches out the north over the void and hangs the earth on nothing (*belî-māh*).”

This is the only verse that might suggest a free-floating earth. However:

- *Belî-māh* is a rare construction; it may mean “**without any visible support,**” not “without any support at all.” Clines (1989) notes that the phrase indicates “no visible means of support” rather than absolute suspension.

One ambiguous verse does not overturn the dozens that describe pillars, foundations, and a solid dome. The majority witness of the Hebrew Bible is flat-earth, solid-dome cosmology. If Job 26:7 is taken as a late, more abstract cosmological statement, it represents a minority view and does not negate the consistent picture in Genesis, Psalms, and other prophets.

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# The Inerrancy Dilemma (and the Phenomenological Language Defence)

If one affirms that the Bible is a human document, the presence of ancient cosmology presents no crisis. But if one claims divine inerrancy – that the Bible is without error in all that it affirms – one faces a dilemma:

- **Admit** that God described His creation in terms that are scientifically false (a flat earth, a solid dome).
- **or Reinterpret** the plain meaning as metaphor or accommodation – but then the words lose stable meaning, and any verse can be explained away.

A common inerrantist response is the “phenomenological language” defence: the Bible describes things as they appear to human observers (e.g., “sunrise”) without making scientific claims. This defence works for atmospheric or observational descriptions (sunrise, sunset, the shadow on a sundial). However, it **fails** for the structural, material claims of Genesis 1: a solid dome, a cosmic ocean, and windows in the sky. These are **not appearances**; they are physical mechanisms. No one “observes” a solid dome or waters above the sky.

Therefore, the phenomenological defence cannot rescue the inerrancy of Genesis 1 without effectively admitting that the text is making false scientific statements.

This paper does not require any particular theological conclusion. It simply presents the evidence.

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# Conclusion

The evidence is consistent and extensive. The Hebrew Bible presents the universe as:

- a **flat disc**,
- covered by a **solid dome** (the *rāqīa'*),
- with a **cosmic ocean above** and a **cosmic ocean below**.
- The sun, moon, and stars move inside the dome; rain enters through literal windows.
- The earth rests on pillars and foundations and has ends and corners.

This cosmology is closely analogous to that of Israel's ancient Near Eastern neighbours. It is the plain meaning of the text, confirmed by every standard Hebrew lexicon and by believing scholars such as Walton, Greenwood, Parry, and Seely.

**The mountain does not negotiate. Neither does the Hebrew text.**

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