

Dear Friend:

Thank you for your letter with its enclosure of the debate by Harry Rimmer, which I am returning herewith in accordance with your request.

I wish I could agree with you and say that it impresses me as logical and consistent and scholarly.

The Christian world today is facing an interesting situation. We have the Word of God which is our complete and final source of information on spiritual matters, and there is nothing more important than ~~we~~ disseminating the spiritual information that it contains. The Bible also contains a considerable amount of material dealing with various sciences. Yet it was no part of God's plan to give us full information about these sciences. If he had desired to do so it would have had to be many times as long as it is.

I am thoroughly convinced that everything that is taught in the Bible relating to any field of knowledge whatever is absolutely true and dependable. However I am equally sure that it was not the Lord's intention to give us full information about a great many things about which the Bible teaches. I feel that ~~is~~ it is very important that we see exactly what is given there and what is not stated. On matters that are not stated it is important that we keep from taking a position which might later be proven to be erroneous.

It nowhere states in the Bible that the earth is round. Neither does it state that the earth is flat. Many modernists assert that the Bible is out of date because it says that the earth is flat. I unhesitatingly challenge them

where such a statement is made. Yet I cannot say that the Bible clearly teaches that the earth is round although one or two passages seem to suggest such a view. The Lord did not choose to give us definite information on this point.

The same is true about the matter of the earth going around the sun. The