

Astronomical Evidence

Where stars are more than just twinkly lights and planets do more than spin. Astronomy gives us repeatable, measurable patterns that only make sense on a rotating spherical Earth moving through space.

The Sky Changes with Latitude

Travel north or south and the night sky changes in a predictable way. Polaris sits higher above the northern horizon as you move toward the North Pole and lower as you move toward the equator. In the southern hemisphere, Polaris disappears entirely while the Southern Cross and stars around the south celestial pole become visible. A flat map can draw these directions, but it cannot make one coherent sky where opposite hemispheres see different celestial poles at the same time.

Star Trails Reveal Rotation

Long-exposure photographs show stars tracing circles around the celestial poles. In the north they rotate counterclockwise around Polaris; in the south they rotate clockwise around the southern celestial pole. Near the equator, stars rise and set in broad arcs. These observations are not beliefs or institutional claims. Anyone with a camera, a tripod and a clear sky can reproduce them.

Eclipses Are Predictable

Lunar eclipses show Earth's round shadow crossing the Moon. Solar eclipses trace narrow paths across Earth because the Moon's shadow falls on a rotating globe. Modern eclipse predictions work years in advance because the geometry is understood with remarkable precision. A model that cannot predict eclipses is not an alternative theory; it is just a story reacting after the fact.

Planets Are Worlds

Through modest telescopes, Jupiter shows cloud bands and orbiting moons, Saturn shows rings, Venus shows phases, and Mars changes apparent size as Earth and Mars move around the Sun. These are not decorative lights on a dome. They behave like physical bodies in space, obeying the same gravitational rules that explain Earth's motion.

The Pattern Matters

No single observation has to carry the whole case. The strength comes from convergence: star positions, planetary motion, eclipses, seasons, time zones, navigation and photography all point to the same geometry. The globe model earns its place because it predicts the sky before we look.

Latitude Star-Trail Simulator

This simulator shows why the night sky changes with latitude. The altitude of the visible celestial pole tracks your latitude, while northern and southern star trails rotate in opposite directions.

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