# Flat Earth Dave's Clock App: Visualization vs Prediction

Flat Earth Dave’s Sun, Moon and Zodiac Clock app is one of the clearest flat-earth “model” artifacts because it gives people something visual to look at. That makes it valuable to examine fairly: the issue is not whether the animation is memorable, but whether it predicts observations.

## The Claim

The app presents a geocentric flat-earth layout where the Sun, Moon, and zodiac move over a flat world. In that framing, the conventional globe model is described as a faith-based system while the clock app is offered as a way to visualize the “true” movement of the sky.

## The Fair Test

A model of the Sun should answer ordinary questions before the observation happens:

- When will sunrise and sunset occur at this latitude and longitude?
- What compass direction will sunrise and sunset appear from?
- What will the Sun’s highest altitude be at local solar noon?
- How long will the day be?
- What happens near the Arctic and Antarctic circles during solstices?
- Why does the Sun keep nearly the same angular size through the day?

## Where the Clock-App Style Model Struggles

# 1. Animation Is Not Prediction

A moving dot over a map can feel explanatory, but a scientific model must output numbers that can be checked. “The Sun circles above us” is not enough unless it produces the correct time, direction, angle, and duration for observers around Earth.

# 2. Angular Size Problem

If the Sun is nearby and moving across a flat plane, its distance from an observer should change substantially during the day. A large distance change should cause a visible angular-size change. In reality, the Sun remains about half a degree wide.

# 3. Southern Hemisphere Geometry

On common flat maps, southern latitudes are stretched around the outside. The December Sun must somehow give long, high summer days across South America, southern Africa, Australia, and Antarctica while still matching local directions and timing.

# 4. Polar Day and Night

Any local-Sun model must reproduce months of continuous daylight and darkness near the poles. A simple spotlight circling above a disk does not naturally produce the observed polar patterns without extra assumptions.

# 5. Borrowed Accuracy

If an app uses conventional astronomical tables to place the Sun and Moon, it may inherit globe-model predictive math while displaying a flat-earth picture. That would make it a visualization skin, not an independent flat-earth model.

# Try the Checker

Use this tool to compare date/location predictions and identify what a flat local-Sun model would need to explain.

https://wiki.flatearthabsurdity.com/tools/flat-sun-prediction-checker/

# Bottom Line

The clock app is rhetorically effective because it gives the eye a simple story. But a simple story is not the same as a predictive model. The burden is to match sunrise, sunset, Sun angle, day length, seasons, polar behavior, eclipses, and southern skies with one coherent geometry.

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