

# FLAT, HOLLOW, AND INVERTED EARTHS

## AN ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY OF FLAT, HOLLOW, AND INVERTED EARTH THEORIES

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### Works discussing all:

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