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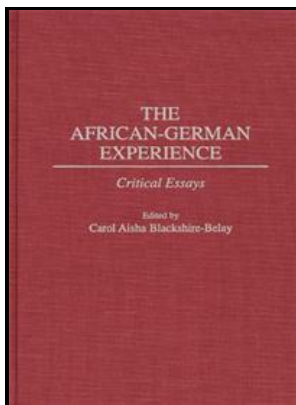
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Do we prefer to languish in a comfortable and familiar error rather than exert the effort necessary to discover the truth? Yet this curious illusion persists today, firmly established with the help of the media,



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textbooks, teachers--even noted historians.

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He follows this line of thought through to the later 1800s and the emergence of Evolution, where he asserted that an artificial and unnecessary

argument arose, where it had never previously existed, between religion and science. Neither Christopher Columbus nor his contemporaries thought the earth was flat. But perhaps the most intriguing focus of the book is the reason why we allow this error to persist.

### **Inventing the Flat Earth: Columbus and Modern Historians**

Russell conclusively shows how the 'flat earth' myth was concocted and popularized by Washington Irving and a French erudit and how the 'flat error' was declared by Darwinist historians, who compared the denial of Darwin's theory to Columbus's struggle for acceptance by his scholastic religious contemporaries. This is not a surprise to me because I see discussion about this very issue regarding the historicity of scripture, as well, given that it meets contemporary rather than modern documentary standards. It can be of interest to scholars and other serious readers as well as to students in the classroom dealing with problems of medieval-modern intellectual history.

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