

A LETTER FROM LONDON

The Editors,
Access.

Dear Sirs,

Today in London I came across two strange pieces of writing. One was an article by Roy Nash in Access 2, 2, Nov. 1983, in which Nash stated absolutely correctly: "I don't even understand most of Harris's arguments"; but then he denied me the possibility of even helping him to understand by openly and categorically backing off "a further exchange" with me.

The second thing I found was written by a Roy Nashe esq. in Accesse, no volume given but dated November 1483. It reads as follows:

Oootsyde mine hous this morn the sunne did rise in the easte and sette in the wefte. As far as I am confened the sunne does goe round the earth, which itselfe standeth stil. I do not thynke it credible that "different but equally plausible theories and related methodologies" of "different observers could determine/postulate with equal justification" that the sunne doth not goe round the earth, but rather that it is the earthe that doth goe round the sunne while (kan you imagine this!) spinning on a non-material axis. I paufe to chuckle. I meane, the earth and the sunne are real objects whych kan be seen and so forthe, and be knowne to bee of the sorte wherein the earth standeth stil wile the sunne, as any foole kan see sinfe it is as clear as a ded hedgehog at midday, goeth round and round yet not becometh giddy.

I wonder, especially as Nash makes such a point of his British ancestry in a paper singularly lacking in interesting let alone valid points, whether these two authors might be of a common lineage.

Yours faithfully,

Kevin Harris.