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Flat sky! Ask anyone to describe the shape of the sky, and all will say in substance that it looks like a flat dome resting on the horizon. But why should not the top of the dome look as far away as the sky of the distant horizon? The explanation seems to be that haziness of the horizon sky makes for indistinctness and thus gives the idea of great distance, whereas the clean, pure sky of the zenith, just on account of its distinctness, gives the idea of nearness. Anything that looks hazy or indistinct seems far away: that is everyday experience. The sun and the moon both look larger at the horizon than high in the heavens because in the first case they are projected against a far-away sky, and in the second case against a near sky.

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