

Heliocentrism vs. Geocentrism

(Does the earth rotate around the sun, or does the sun revolve around the earth?)



This is a new concept to most, and may seem like foolishness, but this is a spiritual battlefield. Ever skeptical, the question I asked was, “Is this an issue of salvation?” The answer I got was, “Well, do you believe what the Bible says?” I was unprepared for this answer so I asked myself, “Well, **do I** believe what Scripture says?” What, if anything, **does** Scripture say about this issue?

That, friend, is what you should ask regarding ANY new light that comes your way. Be a Berean. Go to Scripture and study to show yourself to be approved. Don’t rely on your pastor or a trusted friend; that is leaning on the arm of flesh. Lean on YAH’s Word and you will be leaning on a foundation that cannot be moved. But let’s not get ahead of ourselves.

I was approached by three men at three separate times over the course of about a year. All three asked me what I thought about the idea that the earth was the center of our solar system (geocentrism) and all three brought different evidence to the table. I will present this evidence in the order that it came to me as I feel that these men were Divinely instructed to present this issue to me in just this manner, in order that I might see and be illuminated.

Boaz, an e-mail acquaintance, started me on this journey. Carl, a personal friend, startled me with scientific academia that supported geocentrism. There are scientists who actually AGREE with Scripture! Then John, a man I had never met or even spoken with before, called me one evening out of the blue and gave me more evidence from Scripture that Boaz had not shared.

I listened to Boaz and thought, “this is interesting,” then set it aside. I did not delete his e-mail because I thought I might have to return to it later. This turned out to be a very good (inspired) idea. When Carl mentioned that science is also proving that the earth is the center of the solar system, my antennae really went up. I asked him for his resources, quotes and such which he supplied with the promise of more to come. At this point, I began to seriously consider geocentrism in my heart because I had two independent witnesses who agreed. When John called (as a third witness) with even stronger evidence from Scripture, I had to embrace this as truth or be labeled a hypocrite. Do I, do YOU believe what Scripture says?

Here is what these men shared, in order:

Boaz shared that the SUN rises and sets...

Genesis 19:23 - *The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar.*

Judges 9:33 - *And it shall be, that in the morning, as soon as the sun is up, thou shalt rise early, and set upon the city.*

These are just two of many passages that give evidence of the sun’s motion, and this is not just an Old Testament understanding...

Matthew 5:45 - *That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.*

Notice that our Saviour says that the Father makes “His sun” *rise*. He does not say that His Father makes the earth to *rotate*. Whom do you believe, Messiah or your science book?

Mark 16:2 - *And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.*

James 1:11 - *For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways.*

Well, whatever goes up must come down... **Psalm 50:1** - *The Almighty, even YHVH, hath spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.* See also **Psalm 113:3** and **Malachi 1:11**.

Genesis 15:12 - *And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram...*

Genesis 28:11 - *And he [Jacob] lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep.*

Exodus 17:12 - *But Moses' hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.*

This is not an exhaustive study; there are many other verses (witnesses) in Scripture that say this very same thing regarding the sun as it rises and sets. For the record, the very first place that the word “sun” appears in Scripture is **Genesis 15:12** (see above). There is a rule called *the Law of First Use*. Basically, what this law signifies is that the first use of a word defines the word and its use in the rest of the body of work, in this case, the Scriptures. In this “first use” of the word *sun* it is moving--going down. This same understanding is presented in the New Testament...

Luke 4:40 - *Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them.*

Ephesians 4:26 - *Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath...*

If you are like me, my first reaction was, well of course, from earth, this is exactly what the sun appears to be doing. We don't perceive “the motion” of the earth, so it appears as if the sun and moon are doing the moving, not the earth. It was because of this first reaction that I did not immediately “see” and accept what Scripture actually SAYS. And because of my unbelief, YHVH was unable to bless me.

Did I mention the moon? **Habakkuk 3:11** - *The sun and moon stood still in their habitation... Only something that was previously moving can be said to have stood still.*

Several months passed. Because of my unbelief, YHVH sent a second witness. Carl, a Ph.D. himself, presented science as evidence...

“The world has just as many myths today as it had 3000 years ago. Can we help if the humanists and Bible critics have swallowed every myth we have today [as truth] while rejecting the Truth as myth? Having said that, we need to prove our point for we are, after all, challenging the established [heliocentricity based] belief system.” *Geocentrist astronomer, Gerardus D. Bouw, Ph.D., “Draco the Dragon”, The Biblical Astronomer, Vol. 12, #100, Spring, 2002.*

World class astronomer, Sir Fred Hoyle, wrote, “We know that the difference between a heliocentric theory and a geocentric theory is one of relative motion only, and that such a difference has no physical significance.” *Astronomy and Cosmology, 1975, p. 416*

All Hoyle is saying is that whether the earth revolves around the sun or the sun revolves around the earth, it’s only a matter of motion and one is as plausible as the other. Life on earth will not change.

Dr. Bouw again: “Again, once more for the record: it has been shown at least six different ways this century alone that the equations and physics used by NASA to launch satellites are identical to the equations derived from a geocentric universe. Thus, if the space program is proof of anything, it proves geocentricity and disproves heliocentricity.” “*News Extracts*”, *Bulletin of Tychonian Society, Spring, 1990, #53, p. 28*

“The evidence for heliocentrism is even weaker than the evidence for evolution.” *Dr. Jim Paulson, Prof. biochemistry at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, Spring 2002, BA, p. 80.*

If NASA is using equations derived from a geocentric universe in order to launch our satellites and then tell us that the earth rotates around the sun, somebody is bold face **lying!** HalleluYah, there are some professors in our institutions of higher learning that have the courage to buck the system, even to the point that they SUPPORT what Scripture says! Amazing!

After reading the above quotes (and there are many more) I believed in my heart, but not outwardly. Then along came John as witness number three. These three men do not know one another, and I had never even heard of or met John before he called. After studying and acknowledging the following evidence from John, I hope you will rejoice and join the ranks of those who live “*by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of YHVH.*” **Matthew 4:4, Deuteronomy 8:3.**

It was John whom I asked if this was a salvational issue. It was he who in essence said, well, if believing what the Scripture says is a salvational issue, then yes it is. Here is what he shared with me. You see what you think. Remember, the truth lies on only one side of this issue. Let the Spirit lead you to that truth.

The earth does not move! Three witnesses...

Psalm 93:1 - *YHVH reigneth, He is clothed with majesty; YHVH is clothed with strength, wherewith He hath girded Himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved.*

Psalm 96:10 - *Say among the heathen that YHVH reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved. He shall judge the people righteously.*

I Chronicles 16:29-30 - *Give unto YHVH the glory due unto His name: bring an offering, and come before Him: worship YHVH in the beauty of holiness. Fear before Him, all the earth: the world also shall be stable, that it be not moved.*

I don't know if you've considered it until now, but if Scripture says that earth cannot be moved, shall not be moved and be not moved, then those who adhere to the theory that the earth is rotating and revolving around the sun are in direct opposition to Yah's Word. That, friend, is a serious charge.

The Sun DOES move...

Psalm 19:4-6 - *Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath He [YHVH] set a tabernacle for the sun, Which [the sun] is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race. His [the sun's] going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his [the sun's] circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.*

David was a Hebrew, he had attended and been in a Hebrew wedding. Immediately before a wedding, the bridegroom stepped into a chariot or cart and was driven around the city or village. A herald ran before the bridegroom announcing at the top of his lungs that the feast was made ready and to fall in line for the wedding party. They made a circuit around the city then returned to the home of the groom's father for the wedding. Granted, a race can be run in a straight line, but in context, this race seems to be in a circle, where the starting point is also the finish line.

David says that the SUN (not the earth) is like the bridegroom, like a man running a race. If David had said that the earth makes a circuit around the sun, he would have been duplicitous at best, a false teacher or false prophet with no light in him (**Isaiah 8:20**) at worst. After all, he also wrote that the earth cannot be moved. Neither you nor he can have it both ways. **Ecclesiastes 1:6** further explains the word circuit. The wind goes south then north, completing its circuit. More on this later.

Joshua 10:12-13 - *Then spake Joshua to YHVH in the day when YHVH delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon. And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day.*

The book of Jasher very clearly says that the sun and moon stood still, (Jasher 88:62-65) and adds that, "there was no day like that, before it or after it, that YHVH hearkened to the voice of a man, for YHVH fought for Israel."

Brother John's final argument was almost humorous. The earth is Yah's footstool...

Isaiah 66:1 - *Thus saith YHVH, The heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool: where is the house that ye build unto Me? and where is the place of My rest? (See also **Acts 7:49** and **Matthew 5:34-35**)*

Where is your favorite easy chair? Where do you keep the footstool (if you have one)? Does your footstool rotate around your easy chair? A silly question? However, when you think about the cosmic circumstances regarding this issue, it is not so silly.

Notice in the passages that Boaz presented, none of them say that the earth rotated toward the sun (making the sun appear to rise) or away from the sun (causing the appearance of the setting sun).

Joshua didn't say, "Earth, cease rotating!" Nor did the Almighty tell him later, "by the way Josh, I knew what you meant and hearkened to your voice, but really, the earth is rotating around the sun, the sun is already standing still." No, YHVH didn't say that. Scripture portrays the earth as neither moving nor rotating, nor the sun as being in a fixed location. Whom do you believe? Yah's Word or your science book?

Now, if you will permit, I cannot study something without discovering something new and therefore adding my two cents. In researching this issue, I discovered a few things that I would like to present as exhibit D. To be honest, I was surprised to find even more evidence than was originally shared with me. I shouldn't have been. Yah's ways are higher than my ways.

Do foundations move?

I Kings 5:17 - *And the king commanded, and they brought great stones, costly stones, and hewed stones, to lay the foundation of the house.*

Ezra 3:10 - *And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of YHVH, they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to praise YHVH, after the ordinance of David king of Israel.*

Luke 6:47-49 - *Whosoever cometh to Me, and heareth My sayings, and doeth them, I will show you to whom he is like:*

He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.

But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.

Revelation 21:19-20 - *And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald; The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysopterus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst.*

The idea is that you build on a foundation that under normal circumstances WILL NOT MOVE. If it moves, the house or wall collapses. Well consider the following...

Psalm 102:25 - *Of old hast thou [YHVH] laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands.*

Isaiah 48:12-13 - *Hearken unto Me, O Jacob and Israel, My called; I am He; I am the first, I also am the last.*

Mine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, and My right hand hath spanned the heavens: when I call unto them, they stand up together.

Hebrews 1:10 - *And, Thou, YHVH, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of Thine hands.*

Again, this is not an exhaustive study, there are more passages for both foundation of earthly structures and the foundation of the earth, but you get my point....

If not, please understand that the same Strong's Hebrew word (#3245) for *foundation* was used in these Old Testament passages in **I Kings, Ezra, Psalms** and **Isaiah**—regarding the foundation of Yah's house as well as the foundation of the earth.

Please also understand that the identical Greek word for *foundation(s)* (in heaven or on earth) is used in **Luke, Hebrews** and **Revelation**— Strong's Greek # 2310.

In the beginning, YHVH placed earth on a foundation that will not move under normal circumstances. **Job 38:4** - *Where wast thou when I [YHVH] laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.* Certainly, man cannot move it, however YHVH can... (Please read **Job 9:2-12**)

I also found more evidence that circuit (**Psalm 19:6**) is indeed a circle.

Isaiah 40:21-22 - *Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth?
It is He [YHVH] that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in.*

See that word circle above? It is the same Hebrew word (#2329) as circuit (below)...

Job 22:12-15 - *Is not the Almighty in the height of heaven? and behold the height of the stars, how high they are!
And thou sayest, How doth the Almighty know? can He judge through the dark cloud?
Thick clouds are a covering to Him, that he seeth not; and He walketh in the circuit of heaven.
Hast thou marked the old way which wicked men have trodden?*

There you have it friends. If you would be numbered in the remnant of the remnant, you will be found with no guile in your mouth, **Revelation 14:1-5**. Guile in one's mouth is either speaking or believing a lie. The lie that the earth rotates around the sun is one that you neither need to believe nor repeat. For it is written...

Respectfully submitted,

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