

The Biblical and Observational Case for Geocentricity

A Place rather than a Path for the Earth

IF AT ITS “FASTEST LATITUDE” THE EARTH WITH THE ATMOSPHERE IS SPINNING 1038 MPH AT THE EQUATOR, WHY IS THE EQUATOR CALLED “THE DOLDRUMS”? WHY DOES EARTH’S SUPPOSED SPIN HAVE SO LITTLE EFFECT ON EAST-WEST PLANE FLIGHTS?



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A Word From The Author:

WE DO NOT WANT TO BE FUNDAMENTALLY WRONG CONCERNING THE EARTH ON WHICH GOD HAS PLACED US. WE KNOW THAT DARWINISM IS WRONG. WE KNOW THAT BIG-BANGISM IS WRONG. THIS STUDY PRESENTS THE CASE THAT COPERNICANISM IS ALSO WRONG, AND IN FACT PAVED THE WAY FOR DARWINISM. AS WITH DARWINISM, COPERNICANISM BECAME ESTABLISHED WITHOUT EMPIRICAL EVIDENCE. A SUBSTANTIAL CASE CAN BE MADE FOR THE GEOCENTRIC VIEW; BUT AS THIS IS A MATTER BARELY CONSIDERED TODAY, IT IS BEST TO SAY THAT THE VIEWS EXPRESSED ARE THOSE OF THE AUTHOR AND NOT NECESSARILY OF BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, LONDON OR OTHER GROUPS WITH WHICH THE AUTHOR FELLOWSHIPS.

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Introduction

Before we leave this world we want to be certain that we have *not* made a fundamental error concerning the creation in which God has placed us (See Psalms 28:5). This is especially so if it is a matter to which both the Bible and common sense seem clearly to support.

Among believers in the full inspiration and preservation of Holy Scripture there has been a renewed interest in what for most would be termed “the unthinkable.” The view is known as *geocentricity*, in which the earth is at rest, and the sun, moon and stars travel around the earth. Or, as in the words of a leading spokesman:

We maintain that the Bible teaches us of an earth that neither rotates daily nor revolves yearly about the sun; that it is at rest with respect to the throne of Him who called it into existence and that hence it is absolutely at rest in the universe (Gerardus D. Bouw, *The Biblical Astronomer*, Credo).

This was the cosmology for some 5,700 years of man’s 6000-year tenure on earth. This is what the senses assumed. This is what everyone believed. In fact history records *only two* heliocentric astronomers before Copernicus: A Greek, Aristarchus of Samos (d. 230 BC), and Seleucus of Seleucia, a Mesopotamian astronomer who lived around 150BC. More importantly, this is what *everyone* believed the Bible to teach. The Bible was always assumed to be a Geocentric Book.

Very few today are aware of the extent of the issue that presented itself to Bible believers three hundred years ago. There was no precedent for a perceived teaching of Scripture to have been held for so long, so continuously, so universally, and then to be so completely replaced by another. Nor was there precedent for the Bible to be contradicted by a later discovery. This was not another debate over the interpretation of Scripture; the acceptance of a spinning and orbiting earth was viewed as an attack upon the authority of Scripture itself.

If history has consistently used the word *Revolution* to describe an event, there is every likelihood that this is in fact what it was - an event of epic proportion! And more so if there is not any geographic (French, Russian) or other limitation given to the event. The fire Copernicus lit was called a “Revolution.” It was a revolution in the fullest sense of the word. It completely reshaped the way men thought about the world and of life itself. Only something on this scale could have prepared the way for Darwinism. And, note that even that was not called a “revolution.”

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Simply put, Bible believers up to the time of Copernicus understood that the Scriptures not only tell how we go to heaven, but also *how the heavens go*.

There are many *down to earth* considerations that are seldom thought about today.

1. The Bible, and notably the King James Bible, is a *Geocentric Book*. A substantial number of passages beginning with Genesis One show a *fixed earth* to be assumed. There is nothing in Scripture that points to a rotating, orbiting earth. The argument claiming passages depicting a stationary earth give only the “language of appearance” soon begins to run thin. It is always: *He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth his going down* (Psalm 104:19). This is an impossible concept to reconcile with heliocentricity! How could the sun know *its going down* if it is not going down, and if instead the earth is turning beneath the sun? To speak of this as poetic language ignores the fact that the first half of the verse is clearly not poetic. Both the sun and the moon exactly observe the *appointments* of their Creator.
2. In reading Genesis One, most skip over a number of key implications concerning the First, Second and Fourth Days of the Creation Week. Inadequate attention is given; to the *non-mention* of any earth motion; to the question “what was the earth orbiting before the Fourth Day”; to the fact that the firmament created on the Second Day is in fact called *the firmament*; that it is a great deal more than “an expanse” as translated by the modern versions; that it is completely separate and distinct from the earth created on the First Day (see also Exodus 20:11; 31:17), and that it is able to receive the sun, moon and stars which were created and *set in* the firmament on the Fourth Day. These factors clearly point to a central and stationary earth.
3. The system of Tycho Brahe (died 1601) in which the planets as well as the stars are centered upon the sun, and all of which, in turn, orbits a stationary earth, is shown to be in harmony with observational data. The vast number and accuracy of planetary and star calculations amassed by Tycho Brahe (likely history’s greatest astronomer!) are shown to this day to be remarkably accurate. They demonstrate with slight revision that the geocentric position is completely workable.
4. The researches of Copernicus, Kepler, Galileo and Newton *did not* produce clear proof that the earth both rotates on an axis and orbits the sun. Yet this view became firmly established in the world’s universities by the mid-17th Century. The rush to acceptance *without empirical proof* would be repeated in the stampede toward Darwinism.
5. The primary impetus for Einstein’s 1905 *Theory of Special Relativity* was the so-called “unsatisfactory” results of the Michelson and Morley light experiments of the 1880s. In this oft-repeated experiment two simultaneous light beams are sent out and back along two arms of an interferometer. One is in the direction of the earth’s assumed orbit around the sun, the other over the same distance at right angles. The right-angle beam should return slightly sooner. This is because the amount of time the other beam spends moving with the velocity of the earth (66,780 mph) and through the medium of space (called the ether) is not enough to compensate for the time it spends moving against this velocity. Though repeated with ever greater precision unto the present day, the results are the same; the light beams return at about the same time, showing virtually no movement of the earth.

This caused great consternation in the scientific community. Fitzgerald proposed “conveniently” that the earth’s speed caused the arm aimed in the orbital direction to *shrink* slightly, thus enabling the beam to

return at the same time. Einstein brought this *shrinking* concept into his bizarre 1905 theory in which objects are supposed to become more “narrow” as they approach the speed of light. Einstein further denied the existence of the ether as a medium.

In fact by this kind of reasoning *everything on earth must be wider than they actually appear*, for if the supposed velocity of the earth’s rotation is added to its velocity around the sun, and then adding the velocity of the solar system through the galaxy, and finally the speed of the galaxy through space, we would be travelling at nearly two million mph!

6. It is said that for “convenience but not *in reality*” the satellite system, and the space program generally, is based on *fixed earth coordinates*. As one example, the Geostationary Satellite “parked” at an extremely high altitude appears to be stationary over a fixed point on the Equator. There are two possible explanations as to how this works. Which is the more plausible ?

(1) At an altitude of 22,236 miles the satellite is kept aloft by its *orbital velocity* of 6,856 mph, and over a daily circumference of 164,560 miles, maintains an exact position over a spot on the earth spinning at 1038 mph.

(2) At an altitude of 22,236 miles the satellite is kept aloft by *equilibrium* between earth’s gravity and the pull of a *spinning* universe, and the *stationary* satellite maintains an exact position over a spot on the *stationary* earth.

Given, that in order for the world’s TVs and a host of other applications to work at all, there must be perfect synchronization of these vast velocities and distances; the fixed earth explanation is far more plausible. Further, the proposed *elevator* satellite gives an insight into the true nature of fixed earth coordinates. *They show that the earth is fixed.*

7. “Some may question if the geocentric model would make it impossible for NASA to predict spacecraft orbits etc. This is easily dealt with.

Assume you are looking at an orrery - a mechanical machine with the planets on long arms rotating around the sun which is at the centre. In this machine the sun is stationary at the centre

and the planets rotate around it and also spin on their axis. This is the accepted way in which the planets move around the sun.

Now imagine that, while it is working, you pick the whole machine up by holding the earth. Everything now rotates about the earth, but their relative positions as they go round the sun and to each other are exactly the same as before. Einstein's relativity does not come into it.

“What people do not realise is that NASA works out every spacecraft trajectory related to the earth - as though the earth were the centre of the planetary system. This is NOT presented as further scientific evidence as it is only used to make the maths easier, but it is interesting nevertheless.” (Malcolm Bowden).

8. It is claimed that the earth's *easterly* rotation is a major factor in wind and atmospheric patterns (known as the Coriolis Effect). However if this were the case the easterly rotation should also cause a prevailing

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westerly drift of the atmosphere. It must be both or neither. In reality, not only do we see generally prevailing *easterly* weather systems, but also jet streams in *both* the northern and southern hemisphere, moving *easterly* and much faster than the supposed rotation of the earth. Further, with the earth “spinning 1038 mph on the Equator” we should see *daily hurricanes!* With *angular momentum*, extreme weather would be the only result as winds move north and south from the rapidly moving Equator to “slower” latitudes. Instead we have the opposite – *doldrums* on the equator!

There is much more! The weather we experience is simply not going to be possible if the 300 mile high atmosphere is *riding upon* a spinning and orbiting earth. This simple fact *well explains* why the climate scientists and long distance airline pilots *play down* the effects caused by earth’s rotation.

9. It is obvious that an object or person can only share fully in the velocity of the earth’s rotation *if it is directly attached to the earth*. Once there is a “disconnect” and the object is suspended above the earth, the inertia, velocity and momentum received from the “spinnearth *can only decrease*. Gravity and the atmosphere may slow the rate of decrease, but this decrease must soon become apparent, and this especially so in east – west flying. With the earth said to be spinning from west to east, cities *would move toward* west bound flights, thus greatly shortening the flight time. With east bound planes it will be “a very long flight” as it seeks to *catch up* with its eastward moving destination.

That there can be *no other* result for east-west and west-east flights on a spinning earth is *so obvious*, and is *so ignored* today, I think you will be *so amazed* when you see how this is “explained” by long distance pilots.

10. There are many anomalies with heliocentricity, for example, it is said that the rotation of the earth has caused an *equatorial bulge* with earth’s radius to the equator to be 13.25 miles greater than the radius to the poles. What effect would this *equatorial bulge* have on a long south flowing river like the Mississippi?

“New Orleans, which is located at about 29 degrees north latitude, happens to be nearly three miles farther from the earth's center than Lake Itasca, Minn., headwaters of the Mississippi River, which is situated a shade under 47 degrees north latitude. Thus, Old Man River is forced to flow uphill on its 2,340-mile journey to the Gulf of Mexico.”

<http://www.travelersjournal.com/articles2.php?ID=291>).

In short: *How can we (and the atmosphere!) be hurtling along in a multi-directional velocity of Two Million MPH and be totally oblivious of it?*

From the standpoint of the *Senses*, from the standpoint of *Science*, and most importantly from the standpoint of *Scripture*, there is a *strong case* to be heard.

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Part I: What the Senses Observe

Nightly the magnificent display of interconnected groups of stars known as constellations rotate overhead. The entire sky, north and south, is divided into 88 of these constellations. For example in the constellation *Ursa Minor*, Polaris, the North Star, is seen at the end of the handle of the Little Dipper. The 12 constellations in the band along the path of the Sun (with the Moon and planets) form the Zodiac. During the year the Sun appears to travel backwards through these 12 constellations. While we see both the Sun and stars rotating daily from east to west, the sun is seen to be moving slightly slower, thus its backward motion. The mean solar day is exactly 24 hours; but the “star” or sidereal day (*sidus* is Latin for star) is 23 hours, 56 minutes, 4.1 seconds. This allows for one additional sidereal day for every 365 solar days.

A geocentric cosmology is what people saw and what their senses took for granted. Daily and nightly the stars along with the Sun, Moon and planets were seen rotating from east to west overhead. It never occurred to them that it was the earth’s surface that was spinning from west to east beneath these heavenly bodies. They did not “adjust to the fact” that the stars and the Sun were fixed. And, that though the Moon was moving, it was actually moving in the opposite direction and much slower than what they observed. Their cosmology was simply a common knowledge based on *sight* and *sense*.



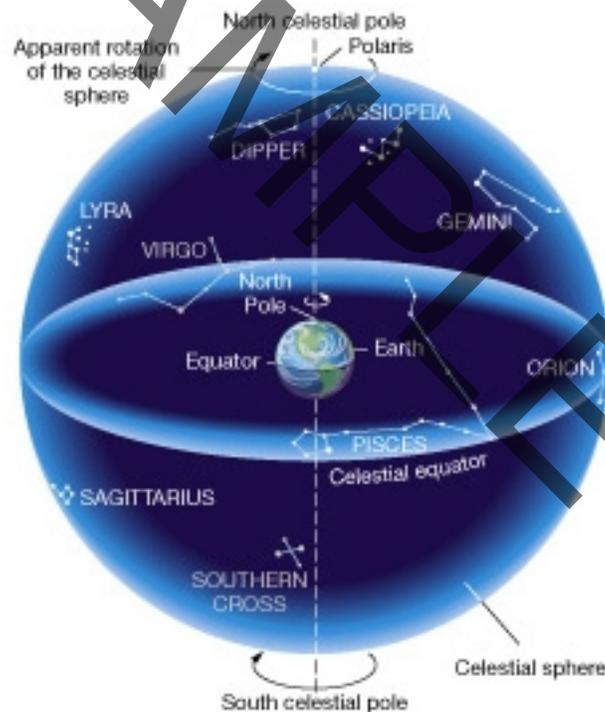
The North Star and circumpolar stars in a photograph with a long shutter speed of several hours. Note that the stars near the celestial pole make less of a trail with the long exposure. (“Circumpolar Star” *Wikipedia*).

From a vantage point in the northern hemisphere they would watch the stars rotate around Polaris - the Polar or North Star. It was their unquestioned belief that the stars were spinning overhead. The star trails from time-lapse photography give the same impression. Polaris lines up vertically with earth’s North Pole and forms the North Pole (or nearly so) of what was long known as the Celestial Sphere - the large hemispherical dome onto which the celestial bodies appear to be affixed. Polaris is never seen to change its position in the sky - regardless of the time of year. If our latitude is 50 degrees (a little below London), we will see Polaris due north above earth’s North Pole, and at an angle of about 50 degrees from our vantage point.

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All stars in the northern hemisphere, whether in a wide or small radius, are seen circling Polaris, and are known as Circumpolar Stars. This term is given to a star that, due to its proximity to one of the celestial poles as viewed from a given latitude, never sets (i.e. it never disappears below the horizon). Circumpolar stars are therefore visible from the same location towards nearest pole for the entire night on every night of the year (and would be continuously visible throughout the day also, were they not overwhelmed by the Sun's glare).

It is interesting to note that the original meaning of “Arctic Circle” meant “Circle of the Bears” (Ursa Major, the Great Bear; and Ursa Minor, the Little Bear), from the Greek *arktikos*, “near the Bear.” (“Circumpolar Star” *Wikipedia*).



The Celestial Sphere