

## **Some Benefits of ‘Circular Reasoning’**

The uncovering of a strange anomaly

**Abstract:** *While no one could mistake the Bible for a textbook of science, it is well able to contend with the Academy on many of the fundamentals of life. The example considered here has to do with the alleged rotation of the Earth and its elliptical orbit around the Sun.*

### **Preamble**

Previous writings<sup>(1)</sup> by this author have made it clear that the world now has empirical evidence for the Being and Sovereignty of its Creator; it follows that the truth of His Word to man is beyond all reasonable doubt. This revelation has come about in a remarkably simple manner – the alternative numerical reading of the Bible’s opening Hebrew words describing the features of an ingeniously designed, multi-layered cryptogram. At a stroke, intellectual man is thus confronted with a significant change of paradigm; a new benchmark has come into being against which all rational debate concerning the deepest issues of life must now be measured. The claim, “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”<sup>(2)</sup> can no longer be lightly ignored!

### **Introduction**

By tradition, virtually everyone entering this world is taught that he/she lives on a rotating oblate spheroid (the Earth) which circles around an inconsequential star (the Sun) at a distance of some 93 million miles. Yet, from the earliest times the Earth, was held to be at rest and occupy the centre of the universe; in other words, the doctrine of *Geocentrism* prevailed. Then, along came Copernicus (16<sup>th</sup> century) who introduced the *Heliocentric* (i.e. Sun-centred) model and ‘solar system’. Though no proof has ever been offered for the reality of Heliocentricity, it has been accepted and proclaimed by the acknowledged leaders in the field, viz. Galileo, Kepler, Newton and Einstein<sup>(3)</sup> - and, indeed, by all who today offer to explain what we see happening in the heavens.

However, these notions – sound as they may appear to be – are strongly challenged by the Word of God which – repeatedly and invariably – declares the Earth to be fixed and immovable (e.g. 1.Chr.16:30, Ps.93:1, Ps.96:10, Ps.104:5). Thus, from this quarter we are reliably informed that Earth neither spins nor rotates about a central Sun. Further, since the Sun was created after the Earth to service it with “light by day”, its assumed central presence and remote position present problems.

It is frequently asserted that there is no proof for what the Scripture claims; for it implies that it is the Sun that moves over or around a stationary Earth. Certainly, it is hard to believe that something so significant could have escaped the attention of so many clever and distinguished minds over so long a period of time! Nevertheless, there exists a proof that is accessible to all thinking people – one that requires neither expensive instrumentation nor particular expertise. It runs as follows:

## The Proof

Consider the following sequence of events experienced by the bright young amateur scientist <A>:

- <A> boards a train travelling east to west (E>W) to his destination; through the window he observes a distant fixed landmark – apparently moving W>E.
- On his return journey, the same landmark now appears to move E>W.
- By simple observation, <A> has discovered that when moving in a straight-line the stationary objects around him appear to move in the opposite direction.
- Sometime later <A> visits an entertainment park with his friend <B> and boards an open roundabout while <B> occupies a nearby seat as an interested spectator. As he rotates, <A> fixes his eyes intently on <B> and observes that he appears to oscillate to and fro.

[The explanation: because for half of <A>'s rotation he will be travelling W>E and, for the other half, E>W].

Interestingly, <B> experiences the same phenomenon with respect to <A> once the mutual line of sight is established and maintained.

- Such a simple observation – so readily confirmed in practice – has interesting implications – but to uncover the most rewarding of these requires <A> to take a holiday.
- <A> books an early summer holiday in the far North to witness the phenomenon of the 'Midnight Sun' (i.e. an unbroken sequence of 24-hour days when the Sun never sets).
- Temporarily resident within the Arctic Circle, mindful of his recent experiences and believing Earth to be a rotating globe, <A> prepares to ride this gigantic slowly turning roundabout...
- ...expecting to see the Sun (allegedly a fixed distant object) proceed in its normal E>W fashion across the sky for 12 hours, and then continue – in the opposite direction – for the remaining 12. But this doesn't happen! So, what's gone wrong?
- Nothing wrong, except the truth of the belief that the Earth rotates. It is clear that this *natural roundabout* is stationary! – and that what <A> in fact witnesses is the Sun rotating above and around him!!
- Confirming all this, here is the link to a composite photograph depicting shots of the Sun taken at regular intervals by a camera rotated clockwise in synchronism <sup>(4)</sup>.
- Pondering his earlier experiences, <A> realises that the amplitude of the oscillation he observed in the entertainment park was a function of the ratio of the diameter of his circular path to <B>'s distance from the roundabout. He was thus led to understand that what he really should have expected to see on his holiday was a slowly trembling Sun fixed in the sky!

## Conclusions

- For many hundreds of years this truth has been available to all who believe the Bible to be Inerrant; but, clearly, it is strangely invisible to those who don't!
- The Theory of Heliocentricity is refuted – along with all that rests upon it!
- The truth of God's Word is upheld; the doctrine of Geocentrism is restored.
- A question is raised, viz. "How does the Academy recover from such a glaring error?"

## Footnotes

(1) The following papers demonstrate various aspects of this truth:

1. The Persuasive Powers of the Creation Geometries  
[www.whatabeginning.com/PA\\_Creation\\_Geometries\\_3.pdf](http://www.whatabeginning.com/PA_Creation_Geometries_3.pdf)
2. The A4 Enigma  
[www.whatabeginning.com/A4Enigma.pdf](http://www.whatabeginning.com/A4Enigma.pdf)
3. The Ultimate Assertion: Evidence of Supernatural Design in the Divine Prologue  
[www.whatabeginning.com/Academia.pdf](http://www.whatabeginning.com/Academia.pdf)
4. Genesis 1:1 – the Parametric Equations  
[www.whatabeginning.com/Parametric.pdf](http://www.whatabeginning.com/Parametric.pdf)
5. A Number of Rare Distinction  
[www.whatabeginning.com/Misc/Miracle\\_2701.pdf](http://www.whatabeginning.com/Misc/Miracle_2701.pdf)

These are also available at Academia.edu.

(2) 2Timothy 3:16-17

(3) "... in my student years, I came to know the strange result of Michelson's experiment. Soon I came to the conclusion that our idea about the motion of the Earth with respect to the ether is incorrect, if we admit Michelson's null result as a fact. This was the first path which led me to the special theory of relativity. **Since then I have come to believe that the motion of the Earth cannot be detected by any optical experiment**, though the Earth is revolving around the Sun." Albert Einstein

(4) Here is a Time-lapse photograph taken by Amulf Husmo between July 21<sup>st</sup>, 1900 hrs and July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1800 hrs, 2015. It is a 360 degrees panorama showing the Sun's cycle North of the Arctic Circle. The location is the Island of Loppa in Norway – latitude  $\approx 70^\circ$  North.

<https://www.gettyimages.co.uk/detail/photo/norway-midnight-sun-high-res-stock-photography/290186-001> (last visited on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020)

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