

Let the Sun Arise True or False?

Have you ever checked the weather status for the next morning to see what time of day **'the sun will rise'**? Could the issue of **'the sun rising and setting'** simply be an 'expression' or a 'misnomer' or it is a truth taught in the word of God? Surely, the truth is shown there:

Rom 4:3a For **what saith the scripture?**

Gal 4:30a Nevertheless **what saith the scripture?**

When we study a doctrine, we should be careful to believe GOD's word:

Rom 3:4 God forbid: yea, **let God be true, but every man a liar;** as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.

To lie means to say something that **knowingly is not true**. Thus, a lie is a false statement. A lie is a **conscious** or **intentional** falsehood a **deceitful** precept which originated with the devil:

John 8:44 Ye are of your father **the devil,** and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and **abode not in the truth,** because there is no truth in him. When **he speaketh a lie,** he speaketh of his own: for **he is a liar, and the father of it.**

Let's let GOD's word rule -- even when knowledge of science goes against it:

1 Tim 6:20 O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of **science** falsely so called:

Let's accept GOD's word -- even when philosophy and tradition go against it:

Col 2:8 **Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy** and vain deceit, **after the tradition of men,** after the rudiments (**elements or basic principles**) of the world, and not after Christ.

Some philosophers see GOD's word as 'babel'. To them, it is 'confusion'

(Gen 11:9). They do not believe in Christ, nor the resurrection of the dead:

Acts 17:18 Then certain philosophers of the Epicureans, and of the Stoicks, encountered him. And some said, What will this babbler say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods:
because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection.

Some scientists deny the flood of waters that covered the entire earth, when God caused all flesh to die, except for Noah, his family, and the animals which were kept alive on the ark (Gen 6:17). Some scientists teach a concept called Global Warming but we, who believe the Bible know GOD's promise that **the earth will never be destroyed by MANKIND:**

Gen 8:22 While the earth remaineth,
seedtime and harvest,
and cold and heat,
and summer and winter,
and day and night shall not cease.

In context of the world that perished in the overflow of WATER (1 Pet 3:5-6), Peter prophesied that GOD will destroy the earth next time by FIRE:

2 Peter 3:7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

GOD's word shows that the SUN runs on a circuit yet MEN deny it.

Why do they accept the WIND and the WATER cycles in the same passage?

Ecc 1:5-7 The sun also ariseth,
and the sun goeth down,
and hasteth to his place where he arose.

(Ecc 1:) 6 The wind goeth toward the south,
and turneth about unto the north;
it whirleth about continually,
and the wind returneth again according to his circuits.

7 All the rivers run into the sea;
yet the sea is not full;
unto the place from whence the rivers come,
thither they return again.

There are the CYCLES / CIRCUITS / CIRCLES

of the SUN / the WIND / and the WATER.

God's glory in the heavens speaks to everyone in the whole world

day after day night after night. Do you hear? Are you listening?

Psa 19:1-6 The heavens declare the glory of God;
and the firmament (a 'firm expanse' or 'extended "solid" surface' or 'vault'
supporting waters above - Psa 148:4) sheweth his handywork.

2 **Day unto day uttereth speech,
and night unto night sheweth knowledge.**

3 **There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.**

4 Their line is gone out through all the earth, (Job 38:4-11)
and their words to the end of the world. (Rom 10:18)

In them (in the heavens) hath he set
a tabernacle (tent, home, habitation, dwelling) for the sun,

5 Which is as a bridegroom coming out (moving)
of his chamber, (closet, room)

and rejoiceth as a strong man to run (move) a race. (circular track)

6 His going forth (moving) is from the end of the heaven,
and his circuit (coming round) unto the ends of it:
and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

(Scientists will admit the 'heat' part but not the 'motion'.)

In the day of the LORD, God will black out the lights in the heavens:

Isaiah 13:10 For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: **the sun shall be darkened in** his going forth, (this phrase indicates movement) and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.

The LORD helped Joshua when He caused the sun to STOP in the sky:

Joshua 10:12-14 Then spake Joshua to the LORD in the day when the LORD 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.

13 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.**

14 And **there was no day like that before it or after it**, that the LORD hearkened unto the voice of a man: for the LORD fought for Israel.

When Hezekiah was sick unto death, he beseeched the LORD to not let him die. Through the prophet Isaiah, God told Hezekiah that He would add 15 years to his life. The sign of God's promise was that the shadow **made by the sun would MOVE BACKWARD 10 degrees**. He did not want it to MOVE FORWARD because it always does that by its regular course.

2 Kings 20:8-11 And Hezekiah said unto Isaiah, **What shall be the sign that the LORD will heal me**, and that I shall go up into the house of the LORD the third day?

9 And Isaiah said, **This sign shalt thou have of the LORD**, that the LORD will do the thing that he hath spoken: **shall the shadow go forward ten degrees, or go back ten degrees?**

10 And Hezekiah answered, **It is a light thing for the shadow to go down (forward) ten degrees: nay, but let the shadow return backward ten degrees.**

11 And Isaiah the prophet cried unto **the LORD: and he brought the shadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down in the dial** of Ahaz.

Repeatedly, the scriptures show that the SUN, not the earth, is moving:

Judges 5:31 So let all thine enemies perish, O LORD: but **let them that love him be as the sun when he goeth forth in his might.**

And the land had rest forty years.

The sun rises and goes down. The verses do not say that the earth turns:

Psalms 50:1 The mighty God, even the LORD, hath spoken, and **called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.**

God created the earth (Gen 1:1) and He formed man of the dust of the ground (Gen 2:7). You believe that, don't you?

Isa 45:12 **I have made the earth, and created man upon it:**

I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens,
and all their host have I commanded.

If you believe that, let's back up 6 verses, and see if you believe this:

Isa 45:6 **That they may know from the rising of the sun,** and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the LORD, and there is none else.

Paul quoted **Isa 59:20-21a** in Rom 11:25-27, as he described how 'all Israel shall be saved' when "the fulness of the Gentiles be come in" because "they are not all Israel, which are of Israel" (Rom 9:6) since now we know a Jew is not one 'outwardly' but one 'inwardly' (Rom 2:28-29).

In Isaiah's prophecy of the coming of Messiah,

Isa 59:19-21 So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and **his glory from the rising of the sun.** When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him. (Messiah came and lived among a generation that was being 'flooded' with tribulation. Through His death, He put the enemy to flight - Heb 2:14, Mark 3:27, Luke 4:18-21 - and redeemed/saved His people from their sins - Matt 1:21)

20 And the Redeemer shall come to Zion,
and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD.
21 As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever.

There is much scriptural evidence of the sun's rising and setting,

also in the context of the prophesied time of Gentile salvation:

Malachi 1:11 For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts.

The women who went to anoint the body of Jesus on Sunday morning arrived at the tomb at the turning of the earth ? NO!

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.

Since God's words teaches that the SUN is circling in the sky, what about the earth? Job wrote amazing information about God's creation of the earth:

Job 26:7 He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing.

Since the foundations of the earth are FASTENED, it must be motionless:

Job 38:4-11 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.

5 Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest?
or who hath stretched the line upon it?

6 Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened?
or who laid the corner stone thereof;

7 When the morning stars sang together,
and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

8 Or who shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth,
as if it had issued out of the womb?

9 When I made the cloud the garment thereof,
and thick darkness a swaddlingband for it,

10 And brake up for it my decreed place, and set bars and doors,

11 And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall thy proud waves be stayed? (He made boundries for the sea.)

The diameter (the distance straight across through the middle) of the earth at the equator is almost 8,000 miles.

The circumference (the distance around the surface) of the earth at the equator is almost 25,000 miles.

That is a gigantic sphere!

Science teaches that the earth is revolving on its axis

rotating by moving to the east

that is, turning all the way around one time every 24 hours.

Think about it logically. If this 'big ball' of earth was moving that fast then if a jet went up in the air flying the direction of EAST (the same way the scientists say the earth is spinning) its pilot would have plan for the moving of the earth because he would be 'chasing' the runway. His target would be moving AWAY from him.

OR if a jet went into the air flying the direction of WEST then maybe he could have better flown a helicopter that could HOVER because his destination would TURN TOWARD him, and he would not have to fly as many miles or hours to reach it.

But GOD's word teaches that the earth is stationary NOT moving:

1 Chron 16:29-30 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name:
bring an offering, and come before him:
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

30 Fear before him, all **the earth:**
the world also shall be stable, that it be not moved.

Over and again, God said the sun is moving the earth is still:

- Psalms 104:1-5** Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God,
 thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty.
 2 Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment:
who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:
 3 Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters:
 who maketh the clouds his chariot:
 who walketh upon the wings of the wind:
 4 Who maketh his angels spirits;
 his ministers a flaming fire:
 5 Who laid the foundations of the earth,
that it should not be removed (Same Hebrew word <mowt> as we
 just read in 1 Chron 16:30 translated 'moved' 20 times, 'removed' 5 times)
for ever.

Before the explorers ever set sail in ships for a new route to the Indies

if they believed GOD, they could have known the earth was ROUND

in a CIRCLE --- NOT FLAT:

- Isa 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?
 22 It is he 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:

If God said the sun rises and goes down and goes forth on a circuit
 (and He did) then I believe it. After all, He is God, and He did (and can
 do) whatever He wants to do. 'We' humans are nobody to tell Him different:

Psalms 135:6-7 Whatsoever the LORD pleased, that did he
in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places.

- 7 He causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth;
 he maketh lightnings for the rain;
 he bringeth the wind out of his treasures.

Just as the 'physical sun' arises and gives light to the world

so also the LORD arises, Who IS the Light of the World (John 8:12, 1:9):

Mal 4:2 But unto you that fear my name
shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings;
and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.

2 Peter 1:19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star (Greek word <phosphoros> meaning 'light bringing' or 'giving light' a metaphor of Christ > arise in your hearts:

The question comes down to this:

Do we believe GOD or MAN?

GOD is always TRUE.

But men have philosophies. Men have science. Men are liars.

Our answer should be based upon the original verse:

Rom 4:3a For what saith the scripture?

From SUNRISE to SUNSET let us PRAISE the name of the LORD:

Psalms 113:3 From the rising of the sun
unto the going down of the same
the LORD'S name is to be praised.

This is David Dowell saying, "Think about it!"