

A Scientific Blunder (?) or How could the Sun Stand Still?

Introduction

A. We have today a Mystic Word - seems to grip
and awe many people - especially the Young

1. All need to say - Science has proved so and so.
and that settles it -

(a) One would think we were worshippers ^{of Science}

(b) And yet all true Scientist tell you -
man's best efforts to explain

H. Spencer - Science is partially unified knowledge

2. Trouble is - somehow or other we think
the laws of Nature unalterable -

(a) I remember 3 yrs ago (1919) I was talking
to man... couldn't believe Bible - contradicts Science
where? - Crossing Red Sea - law of gravitation

(b) God can and does suspend Nature's laws
of heat expands + cold contracts -
- water -

3. We should therefore hesitate before
we declare - any Scripture contains ^{Scientific} ~~Blatant~~

BODY

A. It seems to me if one bible story that
is cavilled at more than any other -
and deemed absolutely unscientific ^{story of} ~~Joshua's~~ ^{long day}

1. You will find account in Joshua X: 12-14

2. It was the time when Joshua was
taking the promised land - ... Gibeon

(a) Kings of Amorites hear that Gibeon
had become an ally -

(b) They decided to encircle her &
capture it - vs 6 -

(c) Then the Lord said Fear not vs 8-9

3. Read - vs 12-14 -

Symms 710
712 (230) 709 (m)
707
691 -

Read Matt 8:19-34

The first impulse of man is to deny it - ^{could} ~~maybe~~ ^{not be} ~~set~~ -

- B. Eastern Allegorical method of speaking -
1. Like the white chad - thought ^{from rose} ~~set~~ -
(a) They thought the earth rigid - - - Whereas the Sun is fixed
1. Job 26:7 - Earth upon nothing
Isa 40:22 - who sitteth upon the Circle
2. In 1748 the Astronomer Bradley & more recently
M. Madler of Dorpat discovered
after elaborate calculation - Allegories -
Thus Job 38:31 - was found accurate
think of its influence - 3000 Billion miles from Sun
Orbit - 150, million - a year - for 1000 yrs

C. Some years ago I read an article in
prestigious Record - purporting to explain away
miraculous -

- (a) - By what is known of refraction of light
immense cloud placed -
(b) - An hour or two might be explained
but one complete revolution of earth -

3. Others have said - Revolution of Earth (planned)
(a) Since whole day gained - and Noon had been reached
only 6 hours in which to gain 24 - $\frac{1}{4}$ rate - loss of 750 years

4. Others have declared it impossible,
and therefore non scientific -

- (a) Prof. Totten of America - deduced from Astronomical
has published the result on an elaborate math. Calcul.
- taking Equinoxes, Eclipses & Transits - working
back to Joshua's ~~fall~~ - United States on Wed.
- calculating from prime date of Creation - on Tues
 \therefore a day has been inserted

(b) - W. Mairinders, F.R.S.P. of Royal Observ. Greenwich
traces not only spot on which Joshua stood but the
date & time of day.

(c) Herodotus - Father of History - lived 480 B.C.
himself a Greek - tells that the priests of Egypt
showed him the record of a long day

(d) Chinese writings state there was a long day
in the reign of Emperor Yeo, a contemporary of Joshua

(e) - Rear Admiral Palmer when at Mexico
discovered - Mexicans has a record
of long day in year known to them as 7 Rebas
Past - Future 1902 -

C. This with the record of
Jasher the upright vs 13
makes 6 times from 5 diff.
parts of world —

1. Greece, Egypt, China
Mexico, Palestine.

2. But how —

(a) Did you be travelling in
opposite direction ... post
come between — stop —

(b) Earth revolving
20000 miles per hour
Sun travelling 150 mil. per year
or nearly 500,000 per day

(c) To make up — $\frac{1}{20}$ of a day —

Conclusion —

A. Dr Parker the Eminent preacher — ^{speaking} of ^{Pharaoh} Israel
"If we take God into our counsels.
we need not fear what man can do to us"
— Red Sea was a mere incident.

B. They tell us that a million tons of water
pabs over Niagara Falls every hour
who can stop it? Impossible
yet God stopped it — One winter froze
into solid ice.

C. I read to you that wonderful
experience of the disciples —

1. — Peace be still —

2. — Why are ye fearful!

3. These wonders take away
all excuse for