

Questions About Belief That Sun Rotates Around the Earth and Whether Earth Rotates on Axis

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I believe the sun rotates around the earth. Many of those who claim the earth rotated around the sun are Jesuits.

Also the earth is not spinning on its axis. Referral to photos.



Answer:

Thank you for bringing this up respectfully — this is a fascinating and important conversation that has often stirred both faith and science debates. Let's walk through this carefully, biblically, and historically.

1. What the Bible Actually Says

The verses cited on the book cover (e.g., *1 Chronicles 16:30*, *Psalms 93:1*, *Psalms 104:5*, *Isaiah 45:18*) describe the earth as “fixed,” “immovable,” or “set upon its foundations.”

But contextually, these passages are **poetic Hebrew expressions**, not scientific statements.

Just as Scripture speaks of “the four corners of the earth” (Isaiah 11:12), these are **figures of speech** describing the **stability and order of God’s creation**, not its physical motion.

For example:

“The world also is established, that it cannot be moved.”— *Psalms 93:1*

This does not mean the earth doesn’t rotate — it means **nothing can overthrow God’s creation**. The same psalm says, “Thy throne is established of old,” using the same Hebrew structure to describe God’s *unchanging reign*, not His physical location.

So these verses affirm **God’s sovereignty**, not **geophysics**.

2. How Science and Scripture Harmonize

Science has repeatedly confirmed through **observation** that:

- The earth **rotates** on its axis every ~24 hours.
- The earth **revolves** around the sun every ~365 days.
- The sun, in turn, orbits the Milky Way’s center.

These truths are consistent with the way God designed natural law.

As Psalm 19:1 says: “The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands.”

Scientific discovery doesn’t *diminish* the Bible — it *reveals* the depth of God’s handiwork.

3. About Jesuits and Scientific Theories

It’s true that some Jesuit scholars (like **Copernicus**, **Christopher Clavius**, and **Georges Lemaître**) played roles in astronomy, calendar reform, and early cosmology.

However:

- **Copernicus** (though a Catholic canon) first proposed heliocentrism in *1543*, based on observation and math, not papal mandate.

- **Lemaître**, a Belgian priest, proposed the Big Bang model, but **never denied God's authorship** of creation — in fact, he saw it as *compatible* with Genesis 1:1.

Their scientific work was not a Jesuit conspiracy; it was part of the ongoing pursuit of understanding God's universe through observation. Many Protestant scientists, such as **Kepler** and **Newton**, independently confirmed the same findings.

4. The Bible and True Science Agree

The Bible doesn't teach flat earth, stationary earth, or a geocentric universe. It teaches *theological truth* — that **God is the Creator, Sustainer, and Lord of all**.

Isaiah 40:22 already hints at a round earth:

"It is He that sitteth upon the circle of the earth..."

And Job 26:7 gives a profound insight long before modern astronomy:

"He hangeth the earth upon nothing."

That's a poetic but remarkably accurate description of gravity and space.

5. Faith and Science Are Not Enemies

Rejecting scientific observation isn't a mark of faith — it can sometimes obscure the *majesty of God's creation*.

As long as science doesn't contradict Scripture's **theological truths**, we can safely explore and learn.

Ellen G. White even encouraged study of nature as a means to know the Creator:

"God is the author of science. Rightly understood, science and the written Word agree, and each sheds light on the other."

— *Education*, p. 128

6. Summary

Claim	Response
“The Bible says Earth doesn’t move.”	The passages are poetic, describing God’s stability, not motion.
“Heliocentrism is a Jesuit deception.”	The heliocentric model was supported by Protestant and secular scientists based on evidence, not papal decree.
“Earth is flat or stationary.”	Scripture and observation both show a round earth suspended in space (Job 26:7, Isaiah 40:22).
“Belief in science is rejecting faith.”	True science honors the Creator’s design and power (Psalm 19:1).

Final Thought

The heavens and the earth are **God’s masterpiece**, and the more we study them, the more we marvel at His wisdom. Whether we study light, motion, or gravity, we are peering into **the mind of the Creator** who “measured the waters in the hollow of His hand” (Isaiah 40:12).