

# Takfīr of the One Who Denies Night and Day are Through the Actual Motion of the Sun Around the Stationary Earth



**Shaykh ‘Abd al-‘Azīz bin Bāz (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)** wrote the following in a treatise on the subject:

“All praise is due to Allāh and may Allāh make good mention of His Prophet in the highest company and grant him safety, to proceed: It has become widespread amongst many of the writers, authors and teachers in this era that the Earth moves in orbit and the Sun is stationary. Many people have spread this [idea] and questions surrounding it have increased. I saw it as an obligation therefore that I should write a

concise word on this [subject] that will direct the reader to evidences for the futility of this saying and to knowledge of the truth regarding this matter.

So I say: **The Noble Qur’ān, the Prophetic Traditions, the consensus of the scholars of Islām and observable reality all indicate that the Sun is moving in its orbit exactly as Allāh (سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى) subjected it [to do so] and that the Earth is stationary and fixed.** Allāh has expanded it for His servants and made it as a [spread out] repose and an even plain for them. He also made it steadfast by way of mountains so that it does not move with them.”

After citing many evidences:

“...These noble verses are definitive evidences and clear proofs that the Sun moves and is not stationary and that the Earth is fixed and at rest... The verses with this meaning are many and the scholars of exegesis - may Allāh have mercy upon them - such as Ibn Jarīr [al-Ṭabarī], al-Baghawī, Ibn Kathīr, al-Qurṭubī and others have textually stated what the aforementioned decisive verses indicate regarding

the Sun's motion and its traversal of its orbit whilst appearing [from the East] and departing [towards the West]. [Likewise], the Earth being stationary and firmly-settled.

In this manner, the well-known, dependable scholars of Islām have made clear what the Noble Qur'ān has indicated that the Sun and the Moon both swim in their orbits upon the arrangement that Allāh has made for them both and that the Earth is fixed and at rest, Allāh made it firmly-settled by way of mountains which He made as pegs for it.

**Whoever claimed other than this and said that the Sun is stationary, not moving [in orbit] has belied Allāh and has belied His Noble Book which cannot be approached by falsehood from in front or behind, a revelation from an all-wise, praiseworthy one...** Everyone who uttered this statement **has uttered disbelief and misguidance** because it is a denial of Allāh's [truthfulness], a denial of the Qur'ān, and also a denial of the Messenger (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) because he has made clear in authentic traditions that the Sun is in motion and that when it

departs to the West it goes and prostrates beneath the Throne as is established in the two Ṣaḥīḥ compilations from the tradition of Abū Dharr (رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ).

And everyone who belies Allāh, the Sublime, or belies His Noble Book or belies His trustworthy Messenger (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) **is a misguided disbeliever.** And just as this futile saying opposes the texts, it also opposes what is observed by the senses, and is arrogation in the face of reason and reality. For the people, both Muslims and non-Muslims, have not ceased to observe the Sun in motion, both in its approach [from the East] and its departure [towards the West]. And they observe the Earth to be stationary, fixed... In summary, this is a corrupt saying from many angles whose enumeration would be lengthy.”<sup>1</sup>

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For detailed evidences from Shaykh al-Tuwayjurī (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ), refer to the article at <http://aboutatheism.net/?wzovydv>

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<sup>1</sup> Al-Adillah al-Naqliyyah wal-Ḥissiyah ‘alā Jaryān al-Shams wa Sukūn al-Arḍ. (1402H),