

Shaykh Ibn Bāz: Regarding Takfīr of the One Who Speaks of Earth’s Motion



Shaykh ‘Abd al-‘Azīz bin Bāz (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) said: “

“As for the one who said that the Earth [moves] in orbit and the Sun also moves, his saying is lighter than the one who speaks with the stationary Sun. However, this in itself is a clear error and opposes the preceding verses, sensory perception and outward reality. It is an avenue to the saying that the Sun does not move. Allāh has already made clear in the aforementioned verses that He placed the mountains in the Earth so that it does not move with them and [the word] *mayd* means movement (*ḥarakah*), shaking (*iḍṭirāb*) and motion (*dawrān*) as the scholars of exegesis and imāms of the [Arabic] language have textually stated. In the takfīr of the one who speaks

with this saying there is some observation to be made because the evidences relayed regarding the stationary Earth and its rest and the absence of its orbit are not as clear as the evidences relayed regarding the motion of the sun and the absence of its rest. It is also because those who affirm the orbital motion of the Earth present doubts which obligate the avoidance of [ascribing] disbelief to the one who spoke with that. But there is no doubt about the disbelief of the one who rejects the orbital motion of the Sun due to the clear definitive evidences regarding it.”¹

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Note: No experiment has ever proven the motion of the earth and nor is it possible to do so. Claims brought in this regard have unproven assumptions as the starting points and are not truly scientific in nature, these assumptions are never disclosed to reveal the conjectural nature of the claim. As for those who make this claim among the Muslims, they only have

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

shubuhāt, and no evidence, neither from the Qur'ān or the Sunnah, nor empirical evidence, and nor any argument from reason. For more details on the failure of experiments to detect earth's motion and the subsequent invention of theories to save the Copernican, Hermetic heliocentric solar system model at the end of the 19th and early 20th centuries, refer to this article:

Keeping a Stationary Earth Moving Through
Imaginary Physics and Propping Up the Cosmic
Religion of Giordano Bruno

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