

# Shaykh Muqbil: Speaking with the Motion of the Earth is Closer to Kufr



**Shaykh Muqbil bin Hādī** (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) said,

“As for [the question of] whether the Earth is in motion, this is an affair for which neither the Book nor the Sunnah have brought [evidence]. Rather, the one who speaks with it is closer to disbelief because he ascribed [something to] Allāh without knowledge and also he rejected what is observed...”<sup>1</sup>

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**Note:** Denying that the motion of the sun is its actual physical motion from which night and day result is clear, manifest kufr because it is takdhīb of Allāh (عَزَّوَجَلَّ) and His Messenger

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<sup>1</sup> Refer to <https://youtube.com/watch?v=Ymd4PiAgkuk> for the audio.

(صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ). This is because its motion and the resultant night and day are **explicitly stated** in revelation.

As for the issue of the earth then as Shaykh Ibn Bāz explained, this is not as explicit as the issue of the sun and hence takfir is not made of such a person because he may have doubts. We see here that Shaykh Muqbil said that this view is closer to disbelief. This is because by attributing motion to the earth, you are by necessity going to have to deny that the phenomena of night and day are caused exclusively by the sun's motion which is what has come in revelation.

As for those who rely upon the speech of Shaykh al-Albānī (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ) in his opinion that the motion ascribed to the sun and moon in the Qur'ān can also be extended to the earth, this has no evidence and has not been said by any of the Salaf. Some people attempt to attribute an orbit to both the earth (relying upon Shaykh al-Albānī's opinion) and the sun. This cannot be done and is only something the mind conceives of but which cannot exist in external reality. If the phenomena of night and day is through the motion of the sun from east to west in its orbit around the earth, then how can the earth also be orbiting the sun at the same time. This is sophistry. However, it seems that there are still many Muslims with an inferiority complex who fear the scorn of atheists and disbelievers, and hence, feel more secure in presenting a weak opinion as a shield. Abū Bakr (رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ) believed in the Messenger (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) with respect to al-Isrā' wal-Mi'rāj, despite the mockery of the Quraysh Pagans, because that information came from the al-Ṣādiq al-Amīn, the Prophet. Allāh is the one who has informed us the sun and moon. To make takdhīb of that is kufr.