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Question: Please explain the 'long day' of Joshua (Josh. 10:12-14)?

Answer: The passage in question says, *“Then Joshua...said in the sight of Israel: ‘Sun, stand still over Gibeon; and Moon, in the Valley of Aijalon.’ So the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, till the people had revenge upon their enemies. Is this not written in the Book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and did not hasten to go down for about a whole day. And there has been no day like that, before it or after it...”*

Some critics point to this event as proof that the Bible is full of errors since Joshua told the Sun to stand still. If the Bible is the inspired Word of God, (they say) Joshua should have known the Sun doesn't revolve around the earth. To be scientifically accurate, he should have told the Earth to stop revolving!

However, there's no problem with what Joshua said. He spoke from a human point of view. We know the sun doesn't move around the earth, but we still say, *“What a lovely sunrise,”* not *“What a lovely earth rotation!”* We still talk about the “four corners of the earth” but nobody believes the earth is square!

What Joshua said about the sun standing still wasn't wrong. He merely described what happened from a human perspective.

--Steve McCaslin