

Wednesday Bible Study | July 24, 2024 | Pastor Greg Davidson

Defending The Faith: Tough Questions that Skeptics Ask

I. Why would a just God send people to hell who have never heard the gospel?

- A. God is a just God. Psalm 75:2
- B. God is a God of love and compassion. Psalm 103:11-17
- C. God will reveal Himself. Romans 1:19-20
 - 1. God reveals Himself to all men and women in their souls. Romans. 1:19
 - 2. God reveals Himself to all men and women through creation. Romans 1:19-20
 - 3. God the father as a man achieved deity and immortality

II. Isn't atheism a logical, normal and sound system of belief? Psalm 14:1

- A. Do you believe that you know everything that there is to know in the universe?
- B. Do you know 80% of all that there is to know in the universe?
- C. Let's concede that you know 20% of all that there is to know in the universe.
- D. Do you think that in the 80% of knowledge that you do not possess, that there could possibly be God
- E. Then you are not an atheist, you are an agnostic. (Make this statement if they answer in the affirmative to the previous question.)
- F. So my question now is, are you an honest agnostic or a dishonest agnostic?
- G. You are an honest agnostic if your attitude is, "If there is a loving, omnipotent God in the universe who cares about me, I would like to know Him."
- H. The Bible tells us that if we want to know that God and Christ are real, He will reveal Himself and the truth about Himself to us. John 7:17 "If anyone chooses to do God's will, he will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own."

III. Isn't Christianity just a psychological crutch?

- A. It's okay for Christianity to be a crutch because mankind is crippled?
- B. Christianity is more than a crutch; it is our iron lung.
- C. Christianity is the source of the very vitality of our souls
- D. Christianity is the source of hope for cruel darkness that humanity lives in.

IV. Did Miracles really happen?

- A. Archaeology and Joshua and the long day.
- B. Science and Joshua and the long day
- C. History and Joshua and the long day

“Movement of shadow around the earth.”

Folk stories of a long night. Joshua's “Long Night Day”

Point A. Israel

Point B. Egypt

Point C. Egypt

Point D. India

Point E. China

Point 1-5. North America

Point 6. Mexican Indians

Point 7. Aztecs

Point 8. Quiche Mayans of Guatemala

Point 9. Peru

Point 10. West Africa

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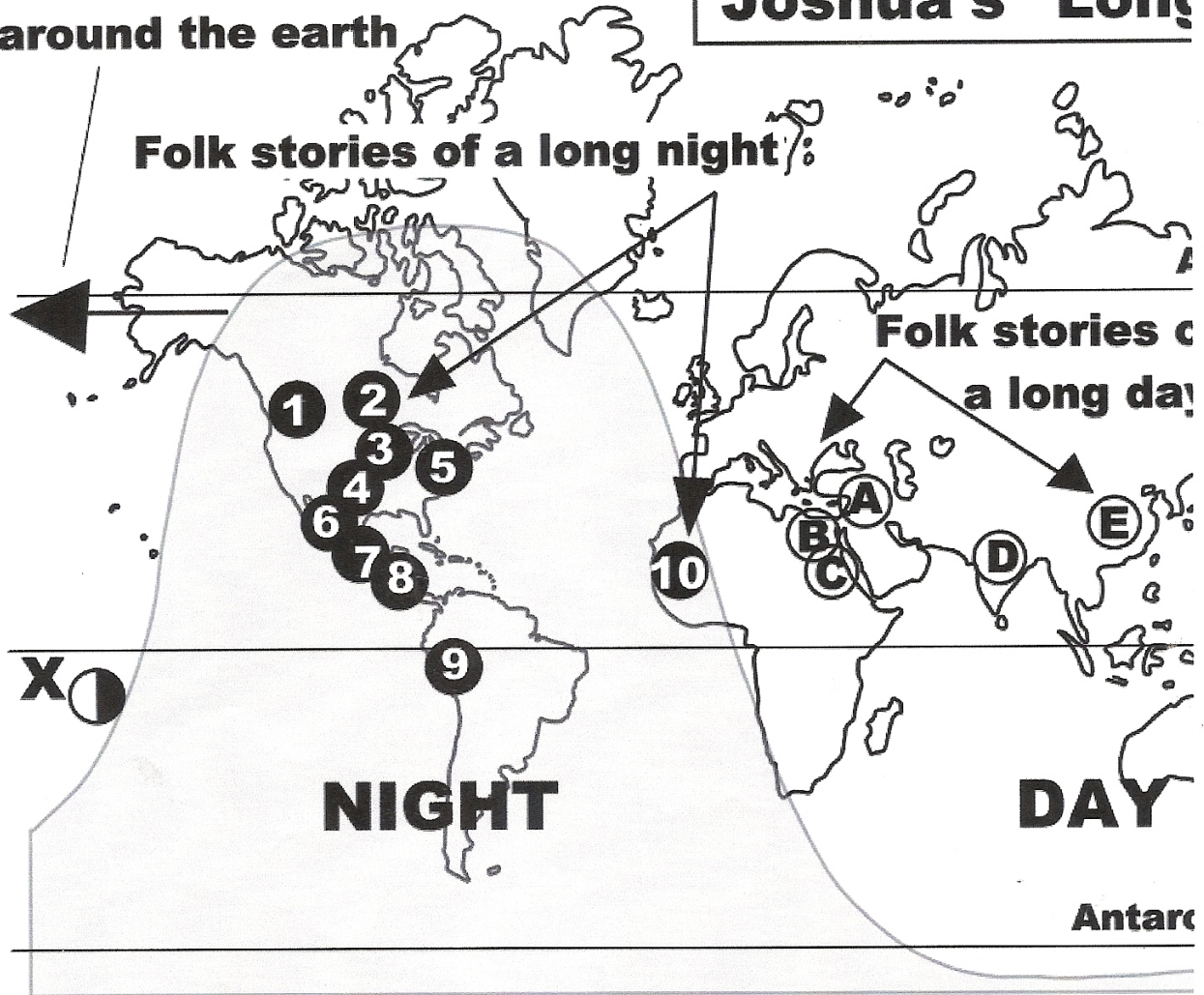
Other Records;

At What Time of Day?

Last is Location X. Fiji

Movement of shadow around the earth

Joshua's "Long



Point A. Israel If Joshua actually stopped the sun moving for a whole 24 hours as recorded in Joshua 10:12-14, [Location - Point A on chart] surely this would have similarly been noticed by men all around the world? Bouw, like Nelson, has collected a number of examples of stories in which a long day (or long night, depending on where the nation was living on the earth's surface) is still retained. We give a synopsis of some of the records that he obtained.

Point B. Egypt The Greek historian, Herodotus, recorded that when he visited Egypt, the priests there showed him an ancient manuscript that told the story of a day that lasted twice as long as a normal day. As they had accurate water clocks that could record time, they could easily record that a long day had taken place.