

The Missing Day

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Contact "Eight"

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On May 1, 1966, Bob Gooding answered a "Contact 8" request on Channel 8 News that prompted hundreds of viewers to request a copy of a script entitled "The Missing Day". Mrs. Donald Maples asked "Contact 8" why an article such as the one she included with her request never made news on television or the larger newspapers. Mrs. Maples' text impressed Bob Gooding to such an extent that he decided to read it and give appropriate credits and thanks to the Duncanville, Plainview, Longview and Post newspapers.

It concerns a missing day in time discovered and related by Harold Hill, president of the Curtis Engine Company in Baltimore, Maryland and a consultant in the space program. Mr. Hill stated that he thought one of the most amazing things that God has for us today happened to our astronauts and space scientists at Green Belt, Maryland. They were trying to determine the position of the sun, moon and planets 100, and 1,000 years from now. In order to do this they had to plot the orbits through past centuries.

They ran the computer measurement back and forth over the centuries and suddenly it came to a halt. The computer signaled that there was something wrong either with the information fed into it or with the results compared to the standards. They called in the service department to check it out and found nothing technically wrong. The computer still came up with the same discrepancy...a day was missing in space in elapsed time. The scientists were dumfounded. There was no answer.

One of the team remembered a reference to the sun standing still in the Bible. Upon checking, they found in the book of **Joshua** a pretty "ridiculous" statement for anybody who has "common sense". According to the Scripture, Joshua was concerned because he was surrounded by the enemy and if darkness fell, they would overpower him, so Joshua asked the Lord to make the sun stand still. "So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day." (Joshua 10:13) There was a missing day!"

They checked the computers going back to the time it was written and found it was close but not close enough. The elapsed time that was missing back in Joshua's day was 23 hours and 20 minutes...not a whole day. They again read the passage and there it said, "about (approximately) a whole day." This still did not account for the other missing 40 minutes. The 40 minutes had to be found because in projecting spacial orbits it would be multiplied many times over.

Again, the man remembered somewhere in the Bible that it said the sun went backwards. In II Kings, Chapter 20, Hezekiah, on his death bed, was visited by the prophet Isaiah who told him that he was not going to die. Hezekiah did not *believe* him and asked for a sign as proof. Isaiah said, "...shall the shadow go forward ten degrees, or go back ten degrees?" Hezekiah replied, "It is a light thing for the shadow to go down ten degrees: nay, but let the shadow return backward ten degrees." (II Kings 20:9-10) Ten degrees is exactly 40 minutes!

Twenty-three hours and 20 minutes in Joshua, plus forty minutes in II Kings make the missing twenty-four hours the space travelers had to log in the logbook as being the missing day in the universe.