

Isaiah told him that he would be healed from his illness, and we read a very strange statement about how God gave a sign to Hezekiah and caused the shadow on the sun dial to move back quite a distance. It is a thing which one wonders exactly what the celestial mechanics was which the Lord used in doing it. We certainly believe what the Lord did but exactly what was involved, the account is not perhaps full enough for us to entirely understand it. Occasionally we hear someone say that astronomers have found that the length of the history of the universe according to our instruments is off just a certain number of hours. They have found that that was accounted for by the day when the sun stood still in the time of Joshua and there still a few hours left which are made up by Hezekiah's sign. Just what this statement ~~that~~ means that ~~that~~ there is a difference in the time I have never been able to figure out and I have never found anybody who has any ideas about it. It is a very strange statement. It seems to me that someone made up an interesting story, someone who didn't know anything about astronomy and less about the Bible, and others have taken it and have passed it on. I have never been able to figure out yet what the statement means that there is great length of time missing from the universe. What was it missing ~~from~~ from? I am sure I don't know. If any of you come across anything that would throw further light on it at any time, I would be interested to understand what the theory is.

(Question) To see just exactly what the evidence is I would recommend that nobody passes on that particular thing as a corroboration of the Scripture unless you find some clear explanation as exactly what it means and also what the evidence is on this particular subject of debate. I personally have just never been able to understand what really is involved. Certainly it is true that in calculations people often make mistakes. Now it would be altogether possible that sometimes a calculation would be arrived at which would be definite and certain and in which there would be an interval which could not be accounted for. But before we would use such a thing as accountable evidence we would want to have