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"Yug sahasra yojan per Bhanu" this is a line from Hanuman Chalisa written by Tulsidas.

Yug may not be a unit of distance but time, but this sentence is not as simple as it looks- there is calculation involved.

1 Yug = 12000 years
1 Sahastra = 1000
1 Yojan = 8 Miles

Thus, Yug x Sahastra x Yojan = 12000 x 1000 x 8 miles = 96000000 miles

1 mile = 1.6kms
96000000 miles = 96000000 x 1.6kms = 1536000000 kms to Sun

NASA has said that, it is the exact distance between Earth and Sun (Bhanu).

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The line from the Hanuman Chalisa, **युग सहस्र योजन पर भानु (yug sahasra yojan par bhanu)** may or may not describe the actual distance between the Earth and the Sun, but the second half of the verse says, **लील्यो ताहि मधुर फल जानु (leelyo taahi madhur phalu jaanu)**.

Both these lines put together describe the limitless power of Hanuman ji even when he was

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It is a great misconception that Tulsidas knew the exact distance between the Sun and Earth.

Many people use the following Doha of Hanuman Chalisa as proof.

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Yes, 'Jug Sahasra Jojan par Bhanu' is an ancient Indian unit of measurement that corresponds approximately to the average distance between the Earth and the Sun.

One 'Jug' is equivalent to around 12 years, and 'Sahasra' means one thousand. So 'Jug Sahasra' refers to 12,000 years. 'Jojan' is an ancient Indian unit of length, equivalent to

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Yugi:- 12000 years for devas

Sahastra:- 1000

Yojan:- 8 mile or 8*1.3 Km

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I appreciate Raziman's answer, but I add what he neglects to mention: the Surya Siddhanta, from which he quotes, dates to the 7th century CE, well over 1,000 years after the last of the Vedas was composed. It is an advanced treatise on astronomy, which was followed later by the works of Aryabhata and others.

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Shiva Om!

Yes, absolutely, manoj ji. That is why he wrote it in one of the doha, in Hanuman Chalisa.

"Yug Sahastra Yojan par Bhanu"

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Spherical nature of earth and different planets as well as heliocentricity are indeed given in Vedic texts of Hinduism which pre-date all of the Greek astronomers by centuries (not years).

Hindus knew these scientific concepts at least two millennia before they were discovered by Galileo and Copernicus.

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They did not.

What ancient Indian astronomers were really good at was observational astronomy. Whatever could be done with naked eye observations, even with a lot of effort, they managed to do it. That is how they managed to calculate planetary positions and periods

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NOPE. Open your ncert physics book of any class and study it thoroughly.

In Ramcharita manas It is written, " Yuga Sahastra Yojan Par Bhanu (SUN). " Now the chatru yuga or the four yugas are a span of 12000 years according to Hindus.

	Divine Years	Solar Years
Chatur Yuga	22,680	4,320,000
Krita Yuga	4,600	1,728,000
Yuga Sandhya	400	144,000
Treta Yuga	4,000	1,440,000
Yuga Sandhya	400	144,000

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Yes. Most probably the verse implies that only. While describing the strength of little Hanuman ji Tulsidas in his Hanuman Chalisa described the approx. distance of Sun from Earth stating "Yuga Sahastra Yojan Par Bhanu" where,

1 yuga = 12000 years of gods and

so 1000 yugas = 12000*1000 =12,000,000

while Yojana= 8 miles

hence, total distance - 12,000,000*8 = 96,000,000 miles

This is what present calculations tells us about the distance between the Sun and Earth.

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Tulsidas did not calculate it because he could not have. The units mentioned in the link are very debatable. For instance, it says yojan is 8 miles.

Here is the Wikipedia link to Yojana, Yojana - Wikipedia, and according to this Yojana is 5 miles, and not 8. The link says it is taken from Vishnu Purana, so if anyone could reproduce the original, it would be great.

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