

Yes, miracles really do happen

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There seems to be a fascination in some circles with the supernatural and the metaphysical. On the other hand, others are so entrenched in their perception of reality that they deny anything out of the ordinary and predictable. And yet, the unexplainable is the very context of the Bible itself starting with creation and culminating in the revelation of the new heaven. Jesus pronounced, "All things are possible with God!" Miracles are not as rare as some people think. They happen every day!

Have you ever met somebody who claims that a miracle has happened in her life? Most of us have. And while many of these are dismissed as mere happenstance and naiveté, there's a plethora of rational and intelligent individuals who call themselves "believers."

Following the narratives of Jesus' ministry, one cannot read very far without encountering miracle healings of the most amazing variety. Critics of the New Testament will allegorize the message and therefore remove its historicity. They would rather say that miracles didn't happen in Jesus' life. This helps them better understand why they don't see them today. But does that mean that they don't exist today just because some do not see them or acknowledge them?

It wasn't that long ago when we began to uncover the inside of the molecule. When we explore the physical universe at the microscopic levels and beyond, we find such amazing things. This information being discovered in the nano-universe is changing the face of physics, and the whole world of science. The intricacies and design are causing some to see the entire world differently. And yet, there are many that are living their daily lives as content as can be, completely oblivious to the very contents of almost everything around them.

As you hold this newspaper and sip your choco-latte with cream, it is doubtful that you have any idea what is in your hand beyond the level that the eye can see and your 10th-grade science book told you about. Is it possible that there exists a whole world of animation and energy all around you that you are completely oblivious to? The very concept of the nuclear bomb is to tap into the vast energy packed inside of an atom. You are holding billions in your hand right now.

So here is my point. Before you so

glibly dismiss your neighbor for reporting that God performed a miracle in her life, and relegating her to the emotionally frenzied nuts that are easier categorized and labeled than understood, maybe you should think twice. If there is enough mystery and naiveté in you regarding the contents of the paper and java in your fist, just maybe there is something about God you still need to learn.

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