

God's Work Knows No Limitations

When you hear about a man several thousand years ago interpreting dreams and surviving the night in a den of hungry lions, you might be inclined to say, "Impossible. I don't believe you. I won't believe it unless I see it with my own eyes."

Or if you saw Lazarus raised from the dead, a lame man walking, or any number of other supernatural interventions into the natural order of creation.

Imagine for a moment that you lived then and saw those miracles. Suppose someone prophesied that one day people will take coal and oil from the earth, convert it into fuel and electricity to power refrigerators, lights, air-conditioners, microwaves, automobiles, trains, and airplanes. Communication will be through books, newspapers, telephones, movies, radio, television, computers, email, the Internet, iTunes, e-books, Facebook, and smart phones.

Imagine being regaled with stories about heart stents, chemotherapy, pacemakers, arthroscopic surgery, the concept of the United States, a Fortune 500 company, an Apple Computer store, Starbucks, and the New York Stock Exchange. What would you say?

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What God did sparingly then, He does routinely today. Jesus raised a man from the dead. Now defibrillators routinely raise men from the dead every day. Jesus made a lame man walk. Today thousands of people routinely receive artificial limbs that let them walk.

What will the world be like in 2,000 more years that today we think would take a miracle? Time travel, dematerializing matter for instant transport, worm hole travel to yet undiscovered galaxies in personal pleasure vehicles?

Disbelief in miracles depends on assuming God would limit Himself to working only across time and cultures. But why would He do that? There is nothing in the Bible or the character of God to even remotely suggest He has limited Himself to dealing uniformly with different eras. When thought of this way and given the miracles we live with every day, it takes more intellectual effort to disbelieve than believe in miracles.

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