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What is a miracle?

Marvelous Thing (wrought wonders)

Psalms 78 : 12

‘pele’ - a miracle

Marvelous Work

Isaiah 29 : 14

“Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvelous work among this people, even a marvelous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid.”

‘pala’ - properly perhaps to separate, that is, distinguish (literally or figuratively); to be marvelous, be wonderful, be surpassing, be extraordinary, separate by distinguishing action

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What is a miracle?

Wonders

Psalms 105 : 5

‘mopheth’ - in the sense of conspicuousness; wonder, sign, miracle, portent

Miracle (Signs)

John 4 : 54

Acts 4 : 16

‘semion’ - an indication, especially ceremonially or supernaturally; a sign, prodigy, portent, i.e. an unusual occurrence, transcending the common course of nature

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The Biblical definition:

An event or effect contrary to the established constitution and course of things, or a deviation from the known laws of nature; a supernatural event.

God's first miracle

Genesis 1: 1 – 2

God out of nothing, outside of nature, created, made come into existence, that which was not there before.

God in His creation, created the known laws of nature.

Sun / Moon = 24 hr. period = 1 day

Earth revolves around the sun = 365 days = 1 year

Rain falls, plants grow, animals eat = Circle of Life

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Some common misconceptions among the world

Horrible auto wreck where no one was hurt.

A come back win for a sports team, when it appeared that all odds were against them.

A spouse surviving a massive heart attack known as the *widow maker*.

The birth of a child.

How are these outside the bounds of nature?

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Miracles vs. Magic

Are miracles magic?

No, Why?

Miracles aren't tricks!

God has separated Himself from magic conjurers

Exodus 4 : 1 – 5

Exodus 7 : 10 – 13

What did Pharos men perform?

II Thessalonians 2 : 8 – 12

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Only through the power of God are miracles performed.

John 3 : 1 – 2

“...we know that...no one can do these signs...unless God is with him.”

Acts 19 : 11 – 12

Even “unusual miracles”

I Corinthians 12 : 4 – 11

Diversities of gifts (miraculous gifts)

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Miracles have a purpose

Exodus 4 : 5

“that they may believe that the Lord God ... has appeared to you.”

Belief

John wrote so that we would believe without having to see.

Mark 16 : 20

Confirm the Word

Acts 3 : 1 – 8

Glorify God

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Do miracles happen everyday in common everyday experiences?

No – remember “supernatural”

Do magicians perform miracle?

No – merely parlor tricks

Is there an Apostle alive today?

No – all have died (thousands of years ago)

Do we still have a need for miracles?

I Corinthians 13 : 9 – 13

When perfection is here – that which is in part will disappear

Is “that which is perfect” come?

Yes – James 1 : 25

No – The word has been confirmed and delivered to us.