

Personal Application and Conversations

1. How does a Western secular society affect the way you see the world?
2. Are you ever embarrassed anytime you hear about supposed miracles? Are you too skeptical? Conversely, are you too eager to believe? Why?
3. Have you ever bought into the false notion that improbable acts require extraordinary evidence?
4. Have you experienced or known someone who has experienced something that could be defined as a miracle?
5. Where are you on the spectrum of belief in current miraculous events?
6. What are some ways you can risk this week and be open to the Holy Spirit's leading?



Painting in Dura-Europos house church in Syria may be the earliest artwork of Jesus performing a healing.
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I recently went to a Christian teachers' conference put on by Biola and Christian Educators Association International (CEAI) and the topic of the night was various approaches to living out your faith in the workplace. In one of the sessions, world-renowned philosopher J.P. Moreland was discussing the ideas of reasoned faith, risk, and the supernatural world and nonchalantly mentioned that he has 3 guardian angels around him. Needless to say, my interest was piqued. And just as it was piqued, he moved on without explanation. What was going on? Angels/demons, NDEs, miraculous answered prayer? What do we make of these things in an increasingly secular western world?

Intelligent Agent Principle: low _____ + independent
_____ = done on purpose
R_____ of witness > P_____ of event

- _____ to specific prayers
- _____
- _____ God's voice
- _____/_____ manifestations
- _____ (NDEs)

Spectrum of belief in the miraculous

- C_____
- O_____ but _____
- T_____ W_____
- P_____ / C_____

How involved are we in E_____?
P_____ P_____?

John 14:12

A quick run-through of miracles in the Gospel of Mark

Luke 24:49/ Acts 1:8/ 1 Corinthians 4:20

Resuscitations (1 Kings 17:17-24; John 11; Acts 9:40, 20: 7-12)

James 5:14-16

Where to now?

- Ex_____
- En_____
- R_____