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Miracles are events, supposedly involving no trickery, like the Virgin Mary healing the sick instantly and magically at Lourdes and Jesus rising from the dead which, we are told, only God or a god can do for they temporarily change the laws of nature. Those who see miracles as pointing to a deity who has the power and desire to make life perfect are accusing miracles of being attempts to mislead us and to enslave us to evil because that is what miracles would be doing for this is a God who cannot exist and belief in him is a crime against humanity therefore they are crimes too! Accordingly, they are not evidence for any religion and if they say they are they are lying. If they happen at all they are evidence for a malevolent force and they should not be sought. They would be a scheme to deform self-esteem and advance evil if not directly then in some indirect and subtle way that we will never notice.

Miracles decrease our trust in the regularity of nature because they diminish our confidence that the person attacked with a knife in the heart will die for a miracle could save her and so they undermine the principle that human life is of absolute importance so they cannot be true to themselves and call us to a better way of living. The decline may be very slight but life is so important that nothing can be allowed to do that.

You have miracles allegedly verifying the truth of Christianity. But this cult says that doubting the faith is a sin that calls God a liar. Doubt can indeed do damage – like when you doubt that you should take your medicine though you have no or little reason to and that leads you to be careless with it and getting sick though you should know better - but it is never wilfully harmful because it is sincerely wondering if the contents of the faith are right or not so it cannot be categorised as sinful. It is not a feeling – it is what you think and insincere doubt is not doubt at all. So the miracles are standing up for this most malicious slander. If we do not doubt then we cannot learn. Religion assaults and strangulates the reason and this is an attack on the whole person and it has kept a vortex of evil uncontrollably spinning up and around the globe for too long. A system of belief that proscribes doubt does not believe a word of what it preaches. It is scared we will find out that it is wrong.

Some say that since God alone can tell the future that prophecy alone is the miracle that verifies that God has spoken. But they say the Devil has miracle powers and he likes to appear as an angel of light so maybe he could predict the future and rig it to happen like he predicts. If magicians can do such great tricks he can do better so whether he has miracle powers or not the results will be spectacular. If miracles are unreliable as this logic states then prophecy is no good either.

Miracles are not done by God to fix mistakes for he cannot make any. He supposedly does them to show where his true doctrine or true religion is. A miracle is so strange that it is wise to believe in the religious implications of one you see yourself or one seen by people you know very well and find very reliable in preference to even those of thousands seen by others. Anybody with a bit of money can get academics and others to bear witness to some event being a true miracle – a common enough thing these days - so to trust in signs with all the fraud that goes on is really to trust people and not God and to allow them to tell you what to believe instead of him telling you. To treat God like that is blasphemous. We mean well when we oppose God so he would understand. He would be happy to get such fair treatment from us if he is good so he will favour us more than the believers.

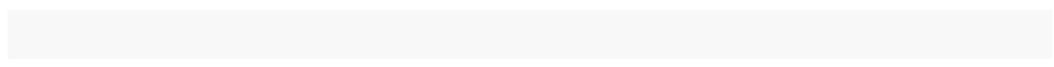
If miracles are to be signs they need to be very rare. Scholars reason that if somebody reports a miracle it is more likely some mistake or trick has taken place than that a real miracle has taken place. So very strong evidence is required. Even if you prove blood is coming from a statue, you still can't prove its supernatural. Aliens could be doing it through super-scientific tricks. Plus many miracle cures end up explained in time as science progresses. There can never be enough evidence that a miracle happened. This is not saying that miracles never happen but only saying the evidence is always insufficient.

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Belief in miracles has more consequences than good. It leads to people believing in the resurrection of Jesus to give one of millions of examples on poor evidence. This demeans them for they deserve proper evidence and they deserve help to become more rational. It demeans those who they influence. It demeans the children they pass the faith on to. Miracle believers only accept as true the miracles that suit what they want to believe. For example, if the miracle of food being multiplied happened at Mecca the Catholic Church would not believe it no matter how good the evidence was. It's a bigoted double-standard. It shows that faith in miracles only pays lip-service to evidence and makes itself look scientific or rational. Islam threatens unbelievers with eternal damnation which makes the Catholic Church look totally monstrous and callous. It is because of people's faith in miracles that so many fake prophets and gods and seers are able to mislead them and use them for their own glorification and fame and perhaps make money and get fast sex. It has led to some groups becoming suicide cults. Those who question Christian miracles have to endure anger, hatred and venom from believers especially on the internet. It is better for everybody to stop believing in miracles than for one person to be harmed as a result of belief.



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