

MIRACLES THAT REFUTE CATHOLIC DOCTRINE

A miracle is what is not naturally possible. It is a supernatural occurrence. It is paranormal.

Many Catholic miracles profess to affirm the doctrine that the Virgin Mary was conceived without the sin of Adam afflicting her with the tendency to sin and with rejection by God.

Lourdes is the most famous example. There the lady called herself the Immaculate Conception.

This same doctrine was propounded in the Miraculous Medal apparitions of St Catherine Labouré. “O Mary conceived without sin pray for us who have recourse to thee”, was required to be stamped on each medal by divine command.

All Catholic miracles are supposed to show that the Roman Catholic doctrinal system is true so all of them are for the Immaculate Conception if they are from the Catholic God for the Immaculate Conception is as much dogma as the deity of Jesus Christ.

The error in all these apparitions is in the fact that they appeal to human testimony to defend their claims to be from God and to be the truth and yet they speak of a miracle, namely the Immaculate Conception, that was not a sign at all. The Immaculate Conception doctrine defies the principle that a miracle is intended to direct humanity to the truth of God and affirms the superstitious delusion that God makes mistakes despite being almighty and needs to repair them.

As creator, God must cause the soul to inherit Adam’s sin and must have miraculously made this possible. To stop making it possible he has to do a miracle to reverse the rule. God’s not letting Mary contract the sin implies that he protected her from himself and his desire to give her the sin and not the sin. A perfect God saving a woman from himself! What an absurdity! It would be better salvation not to be born at all when God is so treacherous. The Immaculate Conception was an unnecessary miracle because God should not have had to miraculously save Mary from original sin when all he had to do was simply not give it to her. The Church says we are all cleansed of original sin but not as completely as Mary at our baptism. It is full of these unseen miracles for which there is no need. If God had not made sure we would get original sin at conception, nature would have taken its course and we would not need the miracle of baptism. The unseen miracles make the consistent Catholic unable to say that miracles are meant to be signs. The miracles that do purport to be signs blaspheme the dogmas.

The miracles that are not necessary and not signs in Roman Catholicism are the immaculate conception, baptismal salvation, original sin, transubstantiation, the sacrifice of the Mass, extreme unction – not needed when you have the sacrament of penance, papal infallibility – no need for the pope to be infallible for he could depend on the infallibility of the Church when he needs infallibility, the canonisation of saints – not necessary for holy people can be an example without being canonised and we can pray to unknown saints. The list is endless.

Another one worth mentioning is the miracle of the divine inspiration of the Letter of Paul to Philemon which is a totally unnecessary scripture. The Bible is full of material that could have been done without or which was repetition. If the Roman Catholic Church has miracles that are not signs as these doctrines all imply then how can any other religion have them? They stand as evidence against any religion that does. Miracles are evil when they draw people to such terrible errors.

Ridiculous (when adhered to in the long term) and bigoted go hand in hand for the person who is not bigoted and really wants to be right will think carefully. They are bigoted against their own God if God is truth and comes first for they do not make sure they are right as far as possible.

A more serious error is the teaching of the Bible and the Church that you need to be able to help people to have virtue and yet the Bible promises that one day we will have perfect happiness in Heaven so we will not have the bother of helping anybody. They say it is because God wants us to sacrifice for others that he did not start again after the sin of Adam and Eve plunged us into disaster. He should have made a new Adam and Eve who would not sin to be our parents. The doctrine of Heaven denies the importance of virtue so to say miracles are from Heaven (and most of them superficially seem as if they are) then it follows that the miracles have no message worth listening to for they are into lies. I know the doctrine of

Heaven as presently taught says that if you practice virtue on earth you will be saved in Heaven but if it really respected virtue it would say the more virtue the better so we should live in a state of great happiness but not perfect happiness after death so that there will be room for helping others and be like that forever and ever.

The fact that Jesus was supposedly resurrected to go to this marvellous Heaven where suffering and helping others at the expense of yourself is just a bad memory warns us that if the resurrection happened then the Devil was behind it.

Christianity says it is a sin not to agree that its creed is the truth. If we can be condemned for having wrong and therefore bad beliefs then it follows that Christianity is sinful if it is wrong and all its ecumenism and praise for other religions is sinful mockery before God.

And why should we trust Christianity when only one cult can be right and the vast numbers of cults and religions shows that most people tend towards sinful religious beliefs and to nonsense?

Christianity's boast that it is a sin not to believe in Christianity gives other religious organisations the right to say the same about their doctrines. Anyway, we see that religion has to be divisive and nasty meaning that miracles that boost religious belief are nasty and of no theological value.

If bad beliefs are bad then what about terrible beliefs like eternal punishing and original sin and the suffering of Jesus to pay to God for sins he never committed? If these beliefs are wrong then it is grossly sinful to accept them and miracles that seem to verify the Christian faith are of satanic origin and prove that miracles should never be regarded as evidence for any theological system being true. Nicer beliefs are possible and if God is nice it follows that the system with the nicest doctrines should be accepted. Miracles suggest that God is nasty and are trying to smear him if it is not true.

The Church says that only the revelation given up to the death of the last of Jesus' apostles is infallible and required for belief of the Catholic. Subsequent revelation does not have the same authority and is only intended to reiterate the apostolic revelations. The Church says that Mary appearing at Fatima in 1917 was private revelation. It says the Bible is public revelation. It uses these terms to distinguish between revelation that is infallible and binding and that which is fallible and not binding.

The distinction between private revelation and public revelation is arbitrary. Take Knock. You have a better testimony that Mary was seen at the Church gable than you do that Jesus Christ rose from the dead or that God inspired the Bible book of Ecclesiastes. The resurrection and the Bible are considered public revelation.

Knock then is really evidence against Catholicism despite its seeming Catholic context.

The use of miracles to defend Catholic doctrine is an abuse.

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