

## **THE TOXIN OF PROPAGANDA: MIRACLE**

The quest for miracles is the quest for religious propaganda: "Hey Jesus is the Son of God because he raised the dead and turned a few loaves of bread into a ton of it to feed thousands of people!" If Jesus is indeed God's son, we can honour him implicitly if his teaching advocated good deeds and warmth towards others. If you are a truly good person who feeds the hungry and clothes the naked etc and avoids the vices of pride, laziness etc you don't need to believe in Jesus or to know he is the Son of God. Good religion would be about doing good works and not about dogma. And therefore not about miracles. Jesus raising the dead is not about Jesus doing good works or being a good role-model. It is about getting attention for an interpretation of Jesus. Ultimately, it is not even about Jesus. It's about giving Christians the ego buzz one gets when others agree with one's absurd positions religious or otherwise.