**Miracles - Ponderings**

**How great are his signs, how mighty his wonders!
His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and his dominion is from generation to generation.**

***(Daniel 4:3)***

**And it shall come to pass that when they blow the trumpets
and when you hear the sound of the trumpet,
then all the people shall shout with a great shout;
and the wall of the city shall fall down flat,
and the people shall go up every man straight before him.**

***(Joshua 6:5)***

**Remember that all the miraculous abilities you demonstrated can be naturally and automatically packaged, and preserved without the slightest impairment, for periods of 20 to 50 years or so, in an ultramicroscopic part of you, received by you at no cost and forwarded into the future at the same price, in a tiny segment of a gene in a chromosome in a solution so concentrated that a single teaspoon could contain all the instructions needed to build and operate the 6  billion people now on the planet. *(Eliot Porter, in Foreward to Summer Island)***

**There’s no use having a universe, a cosmology, if you don’t have witnesses. We are the witnesses to the miracle. We are put here by creation, by God. We’re here to be the audience to the magnificent. It’s our job to celebrate. *(Ray Bradbury)***

**Every day you're alive and someone loves you is a miracle. *(Rita Mae Brown, in Cat's Eyewitness)***

**Where there is great love, there are always miracles. *(Willa Cather, in Death Comes for the Archbishop)***

**A coincidence is a small miracle where God chose to remain anonymous. *(Heidi Quade)***

**By definition, a miracle is an event contrary to the laws of nature, worked by a super-human agency as a manifestation of its power. *(Ernest O. Hauser, in Reader’s Digest)***

**There is no order of difficulty in miracles. One is not “harder” or “bigger” than another. They are all the same. *(A Course in Miracles)***

**There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle. *(Albert Einstein)***

**Don’t expect miracles – they always prefer to come as a surprise. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**When something good happens it’s a miracle, and you should wonder what God is saving up for you later. *(Marshall Brickman, Academy-Award winning screenwriter)***

**Miracles, you see, open our minds. They burst the limits of our closely defined little world. Miracles invite us to see with wide eyes. Miracles whisper to us: “Hope is always an option.” Don’t rule out grace. There are more possibilities here than you have yet dreamed. Stay awake and be aware. Behold the wonder of what is. *(Paul L. Holte, in Unity magazine)***

**A miracle is a violation of the laws of nature; and as a firm and unalterable experience has established these laws, there is here a direct and full proof against the existence of any miracle. *(David Hume, Scottish philosopher)***

**The incredible happens just often enough to make life either disturbing or delightful. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**In human consciousness, man is involved in all sorts of limitations: sin, disease, privation. And in this consciousness, all the things that Jesus did were absolutely miraculous!  Looking as a “lowly worm of the dust” would see, just imagine turning water into wine; feeding five thousand hungry people with a few loaves and fishes; healing people lame and blind since birth. *(Eric Butterworth, in Discover the Power Within You, p. 24)***

**When we do the best we can, we never know what miracle may be wrought. *(Helen Keller)***

**How can a person be a miracle, and not know it? Maybe that’s part of the miracle. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**After all, I don’t see why I am always asking for private, individual, selfish miracles when every year there are miracles like white dogwood. *(Anne Morrow Lindbergh, in Bring Me A Unicorn)***

**You are not mature until you expect the unexpected. *(Quoted in Chicago Tribune)***

**What does the miracle mean? It means that having called upon God, things will be different from what they would have been had we not done so. It means that no matter what the difficulty, the power of God can overcome it. It means that no matter what the mistake, it can be undone and wiped out. *(Emmet Fox, in Diagrams for Living, p. 88)***

**There are no unnatural or supernatural phenomena, only very large gaps in our knowledge of what is natural. We should strive to fill those gaps of ignorance. *(Edgar D. Mitchell, Apollo 14 Astronaut)***

**Much of my life I have looked for God in the momentous, while he’s been waiting in the moment. *(Mike Yaconelli)***

**We always should recall that it is mystery that paves the way for the miracle. If there are no unknowns, the miraculous has no home. *(Dr. Larry Dossey)***

**Miracles are natural. When they do not occur, something has gone wrong. *(A Course in Miracles)***

**If we believe that we need a miracle in order to attain our good – whether it be healing, prosperity, concern for another, whatever – if we feel that only a miracle can help, then we are automatically limiting the power of our prayer. In focusing too specifically, we are ignoring the fact that God’s desire for us is total good. No miracles are needed to bring that good to us. The very nature of God is wholeness, abundance, and love. As part of God’s creation, we are inheritors of all that. To tap into those attributes is natural, not miraculous. *(Richard & Mary-Alice Jafola, in The Quest, p. 118)***

**A miracle is never lost. It may touch many people you have not even met, and produce undreamed of changes in situations of which you are not aware. *(A Course In Miracles)***

**The miracle is the more we share, the more we have. *(Leonard Nimoy)***

**I believe in miracles. The way I see it, life isn't flat and thin and "realistic"; it's rich and full of mystery and surprise. I think miracles exist in part as gifts and in part as clues that there is something beyond the flat world we see. I also think they happen every day, from the baby's perfect shoulder in the sonogram to saints performing wonders. *(Peggy Noonan, in What I Saw at the Revolution)***

**Yesterday’s miracle was not enough -- I want a miracle today, and another coming tomorrow. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**Every miracle is produced by a realization of the omnipresence of God, by knowing there is no place where God is not. *(Emmet Fox, in Diagrams for Living, p. 93)***

**Open your eyes and heart to God’s miracles. Expect them, want them, and enjoy them when they occur. When, not if. *(Betsy Williams, in 101 Simple Secrets to Keep Your Faith)***

**If by miracle, we mean an event or a condition outside of universal laws, we are wrong, because there can never be anything outside of the cosmic laws that God set up. However, sometimes things happen which are so far beyond what we would expect, that we call them miracles. What miracles really are, then, are natural outworkings of the law. *(Richard & Mary-Alice Jafola, in The Quest, p. 118)***

**Miracles are not contrary to nature, only contrary to what we know about nature. *(St. Augustine)***

**Miracles are propitious accidents, the natural causes of which are too complicated to be readily understood. (*George Santayana)***

**Serendipity is looking in a haystack for a needle and discovering the farmer’s daughter. *(Quoted by Julius H. Comroe, Jr. in Retrospectroscope)***

**Why is it so hard for us to just be? Surely part of the difficulty is cultural. We all inherit a tradition of assertiveness and a go-get-’em approach to all of life’s problems. This rough-and-ready attitude is parodied around the world: the American cowboy attitude that praises action over reason and thoughtfulness. Could it be that this general approach to life stands in the way of miracles? *(Dr. Larry Dossey)***

**Could a greater miracle take place than for us to look through each other's eyes for an instant? *(Henry David Thoreau)***

**To me, every hour of the day and night is an unspeakably perfect miracle. *(Walt Whitman)***

**Miracles sometimes occur, but one has to work terribly hard for them. *(Chaim Weizmann)***

**All so-called miracle workers claim that they do not of themselves produce the marvelous results; that they are only the instruments of a superior entity. *(Charles Fillmore, in Atom-Smashing Power of Mind, p. 10)***

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