

When we think of miracles, we might forget one of the greatest miracles of all, the very existence of all that is — the earth, the sky, the oceans, the very air we breathe. Life, creation itself is a miracle. The Bible teaches that God is the author of creation. In six days God created the heavens and the earth. On the seventh day God rested. When some might think there is no such thing as miracles, the very fact of existence might be one of the greatest miracles and evidence of miracles that is.

If creation is a miracle, then the existence of the world is a miracle as well. How does seeing the universe as a miracle change how we interact with that creation?

Pause for a moment, and give God thanks for all he has made, all of creation and the world that he has made.

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In the biblical account of creation, it records God’s singular act of creating humanity, marking men and women in such a special way that the only words that could say God’s intent are, “God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created them, male and female, God created them.” It also goes on to add that the rest of creation was put in place for the benefit of humanity as a blessing to the people God had created in his own image.

Is the parting of the Red Sea a greater miracle than God’s creation of a human being, of you? How does believing that your existence is a miracle of God change how you see yourself?

In a world where miracles may be misunderstood, can you believe that knowing and loving your creator is evidence of a miracle?

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The miracle of Jesus turning water into wine at a wedding in Cana of Galilee is considered by many to be the first recorded miracle of Jesus. What many might consider to be a minor miracle may be one of the most important. In those days, a wedding was one of the high points of a Jewish family’s life. In this story, Mary, the mother of Jesus, is involved, and when the wine ran out, she goes to Jesus.

What can we understand about our relationship with God that this seemingly small miracle is granted?

This is one of the few miracles that the reason for it is given — “This beginning of His signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee and manifested in His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.” The miracle was a sign that Jesus was God’s Son, and we should believe in him.

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Jesus was following a synagogue official who asked him to come and heal his daughter. His disciples and a crowd of people followed. They had already heard of his healing of a man with leprosy, the casting out of demons and the healing of a paralyzed man. What was Jesus going to do next? It was a circus-like atmosphere. As he traveled, a woman who had suffered for 12 years reached out from the crowd and just touched the fringe of his garment. Immediately she was healed.

Jesus tells her to take courage. Why do you think Jesus encourages her with such simple words? And why is courage a key part of faith?

Why do you think that her faith in Jesus was more important than the miracle alone? And why does Jesus lift up her faith for her and the crowd who surely heard the exchange?

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