



Weekly Devotion

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Crystals

by Duke Southard

“And God did extraordinary miracles at the hands of Paul, so that handkerchiefs or aprons were carried away from his body to the sick, and diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them.”

— **Acts 19:11**

Recently, we visited an ear/nose/throat specialist to determine the cause of my wife’s occasional dizziness. After several non-invasive tests, he arrived at a diagnosis, explaining in layman’s terms what was happening. My limited medical knowledge came into play as he described an inner ear issue with the crystals that apparently inhabit an internal part of the ear, enabling us to maintain our equilibrium. A few of these crystals had become misaligned, thus causing dizziness. She was given some exercises, and we left with considerable relief for the benign diagnosis.

Later that day, she was relating the results to our daughter, probably oversimplifying the description of the crystals and their function. The image of these tiny crystals trying to get back in the rotating line in her ear made all three of us chuckle. Then our daughter commented.

“How can anyone say there is no God?” she said. The explanation for the comment sent us thinking in a more profound vein. Who but the Creator could come up with such a way for a creature to stay balanced? Later, we discussed the wider implications of a God who creates “God moments” on a regular basis all around us. One needs only look at the beauty of our natural surroundings, or the wonder of animal and plant life coexisting with us, to ask the same question.

The skilled hands of surgeons, medical procedures, and medicines bring about miracles every day. Unexplained divine interventions occur on a regular basis. All we need to do is observe this world of ours to ask the same question: How can anyone say there is no God?

Journaling:

Think about your experiences with doctors. Have any of them convinced you there must be a God? Or is it the reverse? Or somewhere in between?

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