

SCIENCE, MIRACLES, AND UNICORNS

THINGS HARD TO UNDERSTAND BY WHAT WE SEE AND HEAR

*“Yet the LORD hath not given you an heart to perceive,
and eyes to see, and ears to hear, unto this day.”*

~ Deuteronomy 29:4

1. Things Hard to Hear

- a. Bible contains strange things – dragons, unicorns, satyrs, floods, miracles, etc.
- b. Should we consider the Bible myth, fantasy, fairy tale, make believe, because of this?
- c. Science works based on what we see and hear, can replicate, compare, test, observe.
- d. Science has a hard time (fails) with things that it cannot (“science” becomes dogma)
- e. Science levels authoritative accusations and charges - “no evidence in science”
- f. God does not need popular science’s approval to be true (men long for it) - Rom 3:3-4
- g. When in doubt, things are hard to hear, whose testimony do you believe? ← A benefit.
- h. Peter heard things hard to be understood - John 6:60-68, 2 Peter 3:16
- i. The failure to science something (see and hear) does not mean it is not true.
- j. Sometimes even seeing something is does not mean people believe - Deu 29:2-4
- k. Science does know enough to judge many things the Bible speaks about.

2. Things We Don’t See Everyday

- a. There are things we see every day, and things we don’t.
- b. Black swans had “no evidence in science” <17c, meteors <19th c., coelacanth <20thc.
- c. Some things are known by different names - e.g. camelopard (19thc), the great auk
- d. Unicorns (9x) are fantasy creatures! Num 23:22, Ps 29:6, Isa 34:7 (monoceros)
- e. Dragons (30+) are mythical animals! Science = 1840s terrible lizard bones (dinosaurs)
 - i. Behold Behemoth (elephant?) that God made with man - Job 40:15-24
 - ii. Leviathan sounds strange - Job 41 v5,15-18,21,33 (so does pterodactyl, plesio)
 - iii. “No evidence in science” - Komodo, bearded, flying, George, china, Bel, da Vinci
 - iv. Revelation contains many dragons including this one → Isa 27:1, 20:2
 - v. How many local floods killing dinosaurs happened until we say “floods all over”
- f. Tower of Babel (origin of languages) is “myth”, but towers scattered everywhere.
- g. Floating iron (impossible!) 2 Kings 6:1-7, but we send aircraft carriers to sea.
- h. Talking donkey (absurd!) Num 22:28-30, but animal intellect/language = science

3. The Nature of Miracles

- a. Miracles are the strangest thing – multiplying food, healing blind, manna, superpowers
- b. Miracles are miraculous to those without sufficient knowledge of what is happening.
- c. “Magic is just science we don’t understand yet.” – Arthur C. Clarke
- d. Everyday miracles → conception, chemistry, internet, phones, planes, fireworks.
- e. Being able to explain a thing (science) does not remove the wonder, the need for God.
- f. “Miracles are not scientific!” – Of course, miracles are by their nature unbelievable.
- g. “Miracles are impossible because they break laws of physics.” Who made laws?
- h. Miracles are only a problem for those who deny the force that performs them – God.

4. The God of Nature

- a. If God created the world, then wouldn't he be of power to perform miracles? Pro 20:12
- b. If Jesus raised from dead, he does miracles, if not, you are yet in your sins. 1Cor 15:17
- c. If Jesus is virgin born, he is of God, if he is not, then he is not the Saviour – 1 Tim 2:5
- d. How do fish fall from the sky, Blood falls, geoengineering, HVAC, scurvy cured?
- e. Programmers put shortcuts, warp zones, unlock codes – why can't the Maker of all?
- f. Defy gravity, walk on water, heal w/mud, multiply food. Matrix = maybe; God = never
- g. God of the gaps is wrong, but so is science of the gaps. The Bible fills gaps.

5. God and Discovery

- a. "Miracle's are things God does" – once you see God's creative genius and power.
- b. Two false fears:
 - i. If science allows too much 'unknown' science loses authority.
 - ii. If science allows God, Bible, miracles, then it undermines discovery/exploration.
- c. Science as an ultimate authority on reality is modern idolatry. God is truth.
- d. The Bible does not prevent discovery, it accelerates it by removing superstitious idolatry
- e. Giving God benefit of the doubt (belief), eyes and ears are opened to possibilities.
- f. Bible belief does not remove the need for science, it gives a lens to justify using it.
 - i. It tells you what God is doing, and what he is not doing ← dispensational need.
- g. Science is a tool. Technology a convenience, neither one serves as replacement god.
- h. Doing science requires the knowledge of this book – humility, wonder, belief, understanding of what you don't see everyday, from a God you can trust.