

I Believe in Miracles
Is the Bible Credible?



A miracle is the violation of mathematical, divine, immutable, eternal laws. By the very exposition itself, a miracle is a contradiction in terms: a law cannot at the same time be immutable and violated.

Voltaire (1694-1778)

δυναμις	(an action of) force / power	Greek
σημειον	an indication / sign	Greek
τερας	a sign / portent	Greek
ἔργον	work	Greek
אוֹת	a signal / sign	Hebrew
מוֹפֵת	a sign / wonder	Hebrew
פְּלֵא	a wonder / marvel	Hebrew
תְּמָה	a wonder	Aramaic

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

The Bible, Exodus 14:21-22

Conclusion 1

In the Bible, miracles are “signs and wonders” - amazing events that point to something beyond themselves - they aren't necessarily violations of the laws of science.

*The sun knows when to go down.
You [God] bring darkness,
it becomes night,
and all the beasts of the forest prowl.*

The Bible, Psalm 104:19-20

Conclusion 2

In the Bible, “science” describes the way that God usually runs the world.

Two GUTs

Christian

Materialist

What is the
ultimate reality?

God

Strings / Branes?

What is the
Meaning of Life?

relationship
with God

none

Science works
because...

God tells it to

it just does

Two GUTs

Christian

Materialist

Do “supernatural events” happen?

God can do them

No

Do fake miracles happen?

yes – frauds,
psychosomatic,
gullible people,
etc.

Ditto

Two GUTs

Christian

Materialist

Testable
Predictions

Jesus Christ rose
from the dead

None