

Those miracles

Christian belief is built on the supernatural.

For example, Christ's virgin birth, his miracle-filled ministry, his physical resurrection from the grave and his bodily ascension into heaven are a few of the many miracles essential to Biblical Christianity.

How important is belief in such miracles?

First, the apostle Paul says, “If Christ has not been raised, our proclamation is useless and so is your faith.” And he adds, “More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God.” 1 Corinthians 15.14-15.

So, **second**, is our belief on shaky ground? No. God can easily intervene to modify ordinary laws of cause and effect to produce some *new effects*.

Third, in any case these miracles that Christians believe in are a mere background to *the most astounding and biggest miracle of all* – God's creation of our universe.

The power of God is necessary for miracles (John 3.2). So of course unbelief in God will mean unbelief in miracles.

Fourth, why miracles? (1) They are connected with “truth claims” – helping people arrive at the truth. John 20.30-31. (2) They glorify God, and help people believe in him. John 2.11. (3) Deuteronomy 18.22 shows how miracles are a way to tell the true prophets from the false.

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Miracles – visible acts that reflect God's invisible reality.

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