

the great miracle—so great that, if true, there could be no objection to the other and lesser miracles which they proclaimed everywhere. It is to them no pretty fable, no beautiful myth. In their way of telling it it was *a fact with a moral meaning*. It carried with itself the whole moral system of Christian facts and doctrines. And when the lesson of each miracle is seen, it is no excrescence to the growth of the fair tree of revelation. Its teaching is the most miraculous thing about any miracle. No miracle was simply a "sign" in the physical world. It was chiefly a "wonder" in the moral realm. The miracles carried with them an eloquence most convincing. Their light went out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard. They are stars in the moral heavens that declare the glory of God and show his handiwork.

The miracles have not only moral ends, but they are themselves teachings. There is the marrow of some gospel doctrine in every miracle of Jesus. A miracle is a doctrine incarnate. And the old-time miracles, in the destruction of Sodom, in the crossing of the Red Sea, in the healing by a look at