

becoming deep with meaning and full of glow. If Christ, with a touch, or a word, quickens a dead body, that is a miracle.

A revelation from God to man by vision or dream, by word or act; a prophecy of things that could not be foreseen, nor brought about, by human wisdom or power; whether for the world at large, a nation, or an individual, concerning doctrine, precept, ritual, sacrifice, law, are miracles.

A miracle is a mighty work, a Divine kindling of light for intellectual and moral purposes; an altering of the usual course, not to correct nature's blunders, not to repair defective machinery, not to abrogate law; a divinely free volitional act to meet, restrain, instruct intelligent creatures; and to establish special relations between God and man.

The providential ordering of events to accomplish any specially predicted occurrence is a miracle.

Natural process greatly partakes of the miracle. No limit can be set as to where either begins or ends. Every event, viewed as standing by itself, is a miracle: the multitude magnifies the marvel. When Professor Tyndall inadvertently touched a wire leading from an electric battery, the discharge went through his body. Life was absolutely blotted out for a very sensible interval without a trace of pain. He states that in a second or so consciousness returned. The appearance which his body presented to himself was that of a number of separate pieces. The arms were detached from the trunk, and seemed suspended in the air. Doubtless the whole of this was natural; but who will prove that the naturalness was not by a miracle interpenetrating every part?

The Godward intellect sees all as a miracle. When God is not in a man's thoughts, that man says of every miracle: "it is nought;" yet that man, if scientific, knows, so far as science is concerned, nothing warrants belief that nature, or any part of it, exists at any moment apart from Divine spontaneous action. It seems due to this action that, little by little, everything seems to work in its own way towards some good it is most fit for. Every advance from ignorance to knowledge is really a marvel. If we speak to the earth it teaches us; and sometimes an unbelieving man obtains a reply