PRIMARY AND SECONDARY MIRACLES! (YOU ARE A MIRACLE IN MOTION!)

MIRACLE DEFINED: (working definition)

- A. It is an occurrence at once above man's understanding and beyond man's ability to duplicate.
- B. It shows the intervention of a power that <u>is not</u> <u>limited</u> and <u>not understood</u> by man. (a <u>super-</u>natural-power). SUPER-NATURAL MEANS ABOVE NATURE, NOT RESPONSIBLE TO NATURE.
 - 1. Two types of miracles:
 - 2. Primary miracles- speaking matter and natural laws into existence (example, God speaking water, the solar system, plants, and animals, etc. into existence). Gen. 1.
 - 3. Secondary miracles- manipulating matter and natural laws already in existence (example, Peter walking on water). Matt. 14.

EXAMPLES OF SECONDARY MIRACLES: GOD'S BREATH OF LIFE SHARED BY GOD WITH ADAM'S BODY OF EARTH, DUST; THE COMBINING OF THESE TWO ELEMENTS BROUGHT INTO EXISTENCE A "LIVING CREATURE," ADAM. GEN2:7. (REVIEW CAREFULLY!)

A. GOD FORMS MAN- (MAN IS DESIGNED)

- B. FORMED FROM DUST OF GROUND (ALSO CREATED BY GOD). GEN. 1:1. (POTTER'S THEME.)
- C. BREATHED INTO- SHARED WITH.
- D. BREATH OF LIFE- SOURCE OF YOUR HEARTBEAT.
- E.MAN BECAME A LIVING BEING (HEB. "CREATURE.") (GEN. 1:27- MAN AND FEMALE MADE IN IMAGE OF GOD.)

Remember: GOD CREATED NATURE AND NATURE'S LAWS; THEREFORE, HE HAS THE POWER TO SUSPEND THESE LAWS OR OVERRIDE THEM AT HIS CHOOSING. ALSO, MANY OF HIS PROMISES ARE CONDITIONAL (PRECEDED BY "IF".)

HERE IS ONE BIBLICAL EXAMPLE OF GOD DOING WHAT HE CHOOSES TO DO:

Jeremiah 18, Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)

Parable of the Potter

18 This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ² "Go down at once to the potter's house; ^(A) there I will reveal My words to you." ³ So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was, working away at the wheel. ^[a] ⁴ But the jar that he was making from the clay became flawed in the potter's hand, so he made it into another jar, as it seemed right for him to do. ^(B)

⁵ The word of the LORD came to me: ⁶ "House of Israel, can I not treat you as this potter treats his clay?"—this is the LORD's declaration. "Just like clay in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand, house of Israel. (C) 7 At one moment I might announce concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will uproot, tear down, and destroy it. ^(D) ⁸ However, if that nation I have made an announcement about, turns from its evil, I will relent concerning the disaster I had planned to do to it. ^{(E) 9} At another time I announce that I will build and plant a nation or a kingdom. ^(F) ¹⁰ However, if it does what is evil in My sight by not listening to My voice, I will relent concerning the good I had said I would do to it. Go now, say to the men of Judah and to the residents of Jerusalem: This is what the LORD says: I am about to bring harm to you and make plans against you. Turn now, each from your evil way, and correct your ways and your deeds. He are they will say, 'It's hopeless. We will continue to follow our plans, and each of us will continue to act according to the stubbornness of his evil heart.' (ARE OUR HEARTS ALSO STUBBORN. REJECTING AND FIGHTING THE POTTER WHO WANTS ETERNAL SALVATION FOR US?)

*******HERE IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF GOD 'S CONDITIONAL PROMISES: Solomon had done a great work for the Lord and God was well pleased with him, but Goo had a warning for Solomon.

1 Kings 9:6, "But if ye shall at all turn from following me, ye or your children, and will not keep my commandments and my statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods, and worship them:"

Solomon had not yet failed God but God knew Solomon's heart. He knew that Solomon would not remain faithful and true in all things.

God also knew that the kings who would follow Solomon would not be as faithful either, so God issued His conditions for the continued blessing of Israel and the judgment of the nation that would befall them for their unfaithfulness and disobedience.

(John 2:18; JEWS SAID TO JESUS: SHOW US A MIRACLE. JESUS PREDICTED HIS RESURRECTION. (DESTROY THIS TEMPLE; 3 DAYS I WILL RAISE IT.) (I WILL DEMONSTRATE THAT I AM THE SOURCE OF LIFE, THE WELLSPRING OF LIFE.)

****THE MIRACLE OF CELLS IN YOUR PHYSICAL BODY:

GLORIA ALVINO GIVES US THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR BODY'S CELLS:

Within YOUR physical body lies the infinite wisdom to create new cells to replace dying cells, to maintain itself, to defend itself, and to repair itself.

Within your body there is on call 24 hours a day, and 7 days a week both a physician and a pharmacist. The physician determines the need and prescribes the cure. The pharmacist fills the prescription and delivers the needed substances in the right amount ... to the right place ... at the right time.

Your body is capable of creating all the medicines it needs to enjoy optimal health. This takes place without your notice, direction, or knowledge most of the time. Your body functions automatically working toward achieving and maintaining optimal health unless we deprive it of good natural foods, plenty of good drinking water, pure air to breathe, exercise, and a harmonious environment. There are thousands of complicated operations working in our bodies every moment of our lives. We have 70 trillion cells each containing 10,000 more molecules than the Milky Way has stars ... all working in harmony with each other.

Like the earth each physical body is 75% water the consistency of seawater. Our blood is essentially seawater in composition. Every cell of the physical body is a wondrous universe unto itself.

Like us each cell has power stations, transportation stations, a communication system, and is atypical with great variety of shape and function. Each cell is a wonder unto itself!

<u>Each cell</u> holds within it the blueprint to create the whole. All of the DNA from your 70 trillion cells would fit into a box the <u>size of an ice cube</u>. Unwound, that string could stretch to the sun and back 400 times!

The nucleus of a cell is equivalent in volume to 2-millionths of a pinhead. Two yards of this DNA packs into the cell by coiling itself endlessly on itself.

If there were 100 thousand billion cells per human that would mean there would be 125 billion miles of DNA in your physical body. Your own DNA then, if uncoiled, could wrap around the earth 5 million times!

Francis Crick, won the Nobel prize as the co-discoverer of DNA. In his book Life Itself, Its Origin & Nature, Crick concluded that the <u>organized complexity found at the cellular level cannot have arisen by chance</u>.

In all living species, proteins are made up of the same 20 amino acids, small molecules. The average protein is made up of a long chain of 200 amino acids chosen from the 20 and arranged in the right order.

The various tissues, organs, and systems of the body are miraculous. Let us consider perhaps the most impressive of all. Your heart is a fantastic pump that beats 100,000 times every 24 hours pumping 6,300 gallons of blood per day through 96,000 miles of blood vessels. 3 million red blood cells are created every second of the day to replenish this blood. Your heart beats tirelessly every moment of your life from your early days in your mother's womb to the end of this lifetime. Can you even conceive of any of the very latest machinery that could ever match that power, consistency, and constancy? It's mind boggling! Your physical body is a miracle.

Truly, your physical body is a wonder beyond comprehension even though medical science has managed to unravel a FEW of its mysteries, THE HUMAN BODY AND LIFE ARE DIVINE MIRACLES.

CONCLUSION:

- 1. MIRACLES ARE REAL, NOT FICTION.
- 2. YOU ARE A MIRACLE, LIVING MIRACLE.
- 3. YOU ENJOY THE MIRACLE OF LIFE.
- 4. YOU ENJOY THE MIRACLE OF THINKING.
- 5. YOU ENJOY THE BODY WORKING IN HARMONY, EACH PART COMPLEMENTING THE OTHER PARTS. (PUTTING THE PROPER FUEL INTO IT, MAKES IT WORK MUCH BETTER; IMMUNE SYSTEM CAN PROTECT US.)

- 6. THE MIRACLE OF A BEATING HEART.
- 7. THE MIRACLE OF OUR KIDNEYS CLEANSING OUR BLOOD.
- 8. THE MIRACLE OF WALKING AND BALANCE, SIGHT, HEARING, SPEECH.
- 9. THE MIRACLE OF YOUR HANDS AND FINGERS.
- 10. CONSCIOUSNESS. (AWARENESS OF OUR SURROUNDINGS.)
- 11. THE MIRACLE OF FAITH, HOPE, AND CHARITY. (WE HAVE THE CAPACITY TO LOVE AND BE LOVED.)

Psalm 139:13-16New International Version

¹³ For you created my inmost being; (A)
you knit me together in my mother's womb. (C)

¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;

your works are wonderful, (E)

I know that full well.

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you when I was made^(F) in the secret place, when I was woven together^(G) in the depths of the earth.^(H)

¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained^(I) for me were written in your book

before one of them came to be.

PRAY