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URANTIA BROTHERHOOD SCHOOL
Topical Study

MIRACLES

I. Introduction

II. Definitions

Webster - an event in the physical world deviating from the known laws of nature, or transcending our knowledge of these laws.

Urantia Book - operation of universal laws beyond our understanding; a law of nature modified, abrogated, or transcended. p. 1331, ¶6
p. 1530, ¶6

III. Jews' Attitude toward Miracles

A wonder-seeking generation and a miracle-minded people p. 1341, ¶1
p. 1518, ¶5 p. 1521, ¶1
p. 1518, ¶6 p. 1631, ¶6
p. 1519, ¶1 p. 1699, ¶3

IV. Jesus' Attitude toward Miracles

He decided he would not use the superhuman personalities on the planet and he would not use his creative power to try to advance the spiritual kingdom. p. 1516, ¶2
p. 1517, ¶2
p. 1518, ¶5
p. 1519, ¶7
p. 1520, ¶3, 4
p. 1523, ¶2, 4

V. General Discussion

Some miracles did occur, for various reasons:

Some were unintentional:

Water into wine at Cana p. 1530
Healing at sundown p. 1632
Extreme faith in presence of his creative power p. 1669-70

Some were intentional:

Leper at Iron--1st intentional miracle p. 1643-4
Josiah, the blind beggar p. 1811-13
Raising of Lazarus p. 1842-46
Blind man near Jericho p. 1873

One miracle was even done in response to the challenge of his enemies--man with withered hand

Discussion of various kinds of miracles p. 1665
p. 1633-4, ¶7
p. 1645, ¶3
p. 1658, ¶5, 6
p. 1659, ¶2
p. 1671, ¶3

VI. Discussion of Chart

Listed chronologically according to Urantia Book

At end--those listed in Bible, but not regarded as miracles in Urantia Book

Discuss in particular:

No. 13, Misc. Spontaneous Healing p. 1669, ¶2-8
No. 22, Josiah, blind beggar p. 1812, ¶6-8
p. 1813, ¶3
No. 26, Lazarus p. 1837, ¶1

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MIRACLES - COMPARISON OF URANTIA BOOK AND BIBLE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BIBLE REFERENCE</u>	<u>URANTIA BOOK REFERENCE</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>REAL</u>	<u>APPARENT</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
1. Wine at Cana	John 2:1-11	p. 1530	Nature		X	Unintentional.
2. Draught of Fishes	Luke 5:1-11	p. 1628-9	Nature		X	Jesus an experienced fisherman.
3. Epileptic in synagogue	Mark 1:21-28 Luke 4:31-37	p. 1631	Healing		X	Epilepsy only--not cured at this time
4. Peter's mother-in-law	Mark 1:29-31 Luke 4:38-39 Matt. 8:14-15	p. 1631	Healing		X	Malaria - fever left naturally
5. Healing at sundown	Matt. 8:16 Mark 1:32-34 Luke 4:40-41	p. 1632-3	Healing	X		Unintentional. The only mass healing.
6. Leper at Iron	Matt. 8:1-4 Mark 1:40-45 Luke 5:12-15	p. 1643-4	Healing	X		1st intentional healing.
7. Nobleman's son	John 4:46-54	p. 1644	Healing		X	Preknowledge concerning natural law.
8. Raising of widow's son	Luke 7:11-17	p. 1645	Healing		X	Merely a deep sleep.
9. Centurion's servant	Matt. 8:5-13 Luke 7:1-10	p. 1647-8	Healing	?	?	No explanation of the recovery.
10. Bethesda, infirm man	John 5:2-9	p. 1649-50	Healing		X	Recovery because of mental help.
11. Man with withered hand	Matt. 12:9-14 Mark 3:1-6 Luke 6:6-11	p. 1665	Healing	X		Intentional- 1st response to challenge of enemies. Done to protest restrictions on Sabbath.
12. Paralytic in Zebedee's front room	Matt. 9:2-8 Mark 2:1-12 Luke 5:17-26	p. 1666-7	Healing	X		Intentional.

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13. Misc. spontaneous healings	Mark 6:56 Luke 6:17-19	p. 1669-70	Healing	X	X	Unintentional & unconscious. People healed themselves by their faith.
14. Stilling of tempest	Matt. 8:23-27 Mark 4:35-41 Luke 8:22-25	p. 1695	Nature		X	Natural cause.
15. Kheresa Lunatic	Matt. 8:28-34 Mark 5:1-20 Luke 8:26-39	p. 1695	Healing		X	Periodic insanity and emotional troubles. Swine into sea had no connection.
16. Woman with issue of blood	Matt. 9:20-22 Mark 5:25-34 Luke 8:43-48	p. 1698	Healing	X		Unconscious healing. Touched Jesus' garment. But faith, not touch, healed her.
17. Raising of Jairus's daughter	Matt. 9:18-26 Mark 5:21-43 Luke 8:40-56	p. 1698-9	Healing		X	Deep coma following long fever.
18. Feeding of 5000	Matt. 14:13-23 Mark 6:30-46 Luke 9:10-17 John 6:1-15	p. 1701-2	Nature	X		Only nature miracle consciously preplanned.
19. Yough with unclean spirit	Matt. 12:22-28 Luke 11:14-18	p. 1713-14	Healing	X		1st case of real demoniac possession (midwayer)
20. Syrian woman's daughter	Matt. 15:21-28 Mark 7:24-30	p. 1734-5	Healing	X		Healed by mother's faith.
21. Epileptic boy—also demon-possessed	Matt. 17:14-20 Mark 9:14-29 Luke 9:37-43	p. 1755-7	Healing	X		Real healing of physical ailment and spirit malady.
22. Josiah, blind beggar	John 9	p. 1811-13	Healing	X		Intentional healing to challenge Pharisees.

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23. Ten lepers	Luke 17:11-19	p. 1827-28	Healing	X		Only 4 had leprosy--others
24. Dropsical man	Luke 14:1-6	p. 1834	Healing	X		Intentional.
25. Infirm woman	Luke 13:10-17	p. 1835-6	Healing		X	Mental healing
26. Raising of Lazarus	John 11:1-46	p. 1842-46	Healing	X		Intentional challenge to Pharisees.
27. Blind men at Jericho	Matt. 20:29-34 Mark 10:46-52 Luke 18:35-43	p. 1873	Healing	X		Healed by faith
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Two blind men	Matt. 9:27-31	p. 1699	-	-	-	These 2 episodes are mentioned, but no indication whether healing took place.
Dumb man with devil	Matt. 9:32-34	p. 1699	-	-	-	
Jesus walking on water	Matt. 14:24-36 Mark 6:47-56 John 6:16-21	p. 1703	Nature			<u>Did not happen.</u> Only Peter's dream.
Shekel in fish's mouth	Matt. 17:24-27	p. 1744	Nature			<u>Did not happen.</u> Caught fish to pay temple tax.
Man who was deaf and had impediment	Mark 7:31-37	-	-	-	-	No reference in Urantia Book
Feeding of 4000	Matt. 15:32-38 Mark 8:1-9	-	-	-	-	No reference in Urantia Book.
Blind man near Bethsaida	Mark 8:22-26	-	-	-	-	No reference in Urantia Book.
<i>Cursing of the fig tree</i>	<i>Matt. 21:18, 19 Mark 11:12-14</i>	-	-	-	-	