

### Allegory or Miracle?

**Allegory** (the expression by means of symbolic fictional figures and actions of truths or generalizations about human existence) **Miracle:** an extraordinary event manifesting divine intervention in human affairs.

I was really disappointed when a popular talk show host and author, was talking about the Bible, stating much of it was just allegorical, that's illogical. If the creation were allegorical because science can't prove it, then logically Heaven is allegorical because science can't prove that either...so what's the point? Now he is writing a book about who Killed Jesus, you could argue that point forever but the truth is that God, out of His great love for mankind sent His Son to die on the Cross, Jesus gave His life freely and willingly taking our sin and placing it on himself as a living sacrifice for us.

This author will sell millions of books; unfortunately, when all is said and done, if the conclusion is not God's Word is infallible and irrefutable then the whole premise of the book is incorrect and will not be based on the truth. Was the Virgin birth just an allegory? What about turning water into wine, or feeding over 5,000 people with five loaves of bread and two fish. Do not forget walking on water, or raising Lazarus from the dead. Was His death, burial and resurrection an allegory? "Do you really think that anyone could really kill God?"

All of your spiritual life depends on seeing what God has done in the past, is doing in your life and the lives of those around you today, and His promises of eternal life and reward in the future. You can't see Him at work, but you are sure He is working. Even though your awareness of God might be limited, you know He exists. There are many things you believe that you can't see. Heaven is one; you cannot see Heaven, but you believe it exists. Eternal life you can't see, but it has been promised to you. Forgiveness and the promise of a new and better life are things you can't see, but you have seen change in the lives of those who were hopeless.

Just like a child resting in the arms of his or her mother, you can rest in the arms of God. He promises to provide and protect all that are His and has given His promise to relieve you of all the weight of worry, care, misery, depression, want, and heartache this world has to offer. You can't see God's arms, but you know you are being gently held and sheltered by them. ***"So the people believed, and when they heard that the Lord had visited the children of Israel and that He looked on their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshiped"*** (Ex. 4:31). Spiritual 20-20 vision is only accessible by our spirit, our heart, and our willingness to see!

We believe that "all Scripture is given by inspiration of God" (2 Timothy 3:16). We understand this to mean that the whole Bible is inspired, in that holy men of God "were moved by the Holy Spirit" (2 Peter 1:21) to write the very words of Scripture. We believe that this divine inspiration extends equally and fully to all parts of Scripture as it appeared in the original manuscripts. We believe that the whole Bible in those original manuscripts is, therefore, without error. We believe that all Scripture centers around the Lord Jesus Christ in His person, work, and in His first and second coming. Therefore, no portion of the Old Testament is properly read or understood until it leads to Christ. We also believe that all Scripture was designed for our practical instruction. (Luke 24:27, 44; John 5:39; Romans 15:4; 1 Corinthians 10:11; 2 Timothy 3:16)

### Allegory or Miracle? ... You decide.

### **In Terms Even I Understand**

So I get a knock on the door and it is the President of our Homeowners Association, better known as the HOA. He proceeds to tell me that our neighbor has been going through a tough time financially and he cannot afford to have his trash picked up, however since I had more than enough to pay for my trash pickup I would also have to pay for his. "It's a fairness issue" he said. I told him not only does this not make sense; "I mean it is okay to ask if I would like to help another person, but another thing if you force me to." I asked him to leave and that's when he threatened me with eviction. He made a point of letting me know it was all of our responsibility to help those in our community who were less fortunate than we were, for the public good. Does this make any sense to anyone reading this?

Well that is not a true story however it is an analogy of how we are being treated by our government; it never asks if we would like to help, it only demands that we pay our fair share. Government programs are far too large for us to comprehend but if we bring them down to a level that is easy to understand and we can relate to we can see how foolish it really is.

Ask yourself, what are you responsible for? Are you responsible for your neighbor's trash, rent, utilities, and maintenance? Are you responsible for their fuel, car payments, or transportation? What about their clothes? You have all of those things is it not fair for them to have them as well?

Let's shift this over to our government and how they apply this theory to society. According to them, you are responsible for, family planning, contraception, abortion, health care, , head start, education, school lunches, pre-school programs, after school programs, unemployment, poverty, disability, food stamps, welfare, wars, bridges, roads, regulations, this list is endless unless you include anything that starts with the word public, such as public housing, public schools, public radio, public television, public transportation, and public libraries, all created in the interest of the public good (your fair share).

Am I my brother's keeper? It all depends on your definition of "Keeper." Am I a protector, gamekeeper, custodian, or warden? Not hardly and if I was it would be by force not by free will.

I think the definition of those in power would apply to all of those above in order to protect people from themselves and help them in their time of need. They are like zookeepers, who confine animals in cages. Custodians who feel they know what's best for you, and wardens who keep you in line with threats and regulations, all for the good of the people, of course. So rather than encouraging individuals to be productive and successful and filled with worth they enable people to do nothing but live in hopelessness and despair on handouts from their keepers and the generosity of others who are more than willing to help others but never when they are forced too.

Look if you are going through tough times there are people out there who are more than willing to help, heck I would even let you put some of your garbage in my bin, but be careful not to demand that I help you or pay for your life style and the decisions you have made. At some point all of our bins are going to overflow and there will be so much garbage there will be no one who is willing to or a truck big enough to pick it up.

*Our job is to let you know how much God loves you.  
We would really appreciate your comments and prayer requests.  
"Much Joy in Life"*

*Yourself To Blame*  
by  
*Mayme White Miller*

*If things go bad for you  
And make you a bit ashamed  
Often you will find out that  
You have yourself to blame*

*Swiftly we ran to mischief  
And then the bad luck came  
Why do we fault others?  
We have ourselves to blame*

*Whatever happens to us,  
Here is what we say  
"Had it not been for so-and-so  
Things wouldn't have gone that way."*

*And if you are short of friends,  
I'll tell you what to do  
Make an examination,  
You'll find the faults in you...*

*You're the captain of your ship,  
So agree with the same  
If you travel downward  
You have yourself to blame*