

Healing and Spirit

Introduction:

Four evening sessions focused on recent cases of miraculous healing. Goal is to examine principles of healing when accomplished through a non-physical or spiritual mechanism.

We will evaluate well-documented instances of miraculous healing using the principles of medical science and the physical sciences. The result will be compared with traditional religious teachings in order to understand the contributions the body, the mind and the spirit make to how we perceive and determine our life experience.

Suggested prerequisites; to make attending the course meaningful:

1. Be open-minded: the attitude of having learned enough to know that you do not yet know it all.
2. Be open to the hypothesis that life's problems may actually present an opportunity for growth.
3. A thoughtful reading of Paul's letter to the Corinthians: chapters 2 & 3
4. A willingness to question how real-life examples of miraculous healing might reinforce or alter your understanding of human wisdom, as referenced in Paul's letter to the Corinthians.
5. A basic understanding that reality can be viewed entirely differently when viewed from a Newtonian perspective or a quantum perspective. For example, with each breath you take in atoms of hydrogen from the atmosphere without any harm. But that same atom of hydrogen can be the force behind the atomic bomb that ended the war with Japan in the Second World War. These two entirely different expressions of hydrogen exist simultaneously.
6. Steven Weinberg (Nobel Prize winning quantum physicist): "In our universe, we are tuned into the frequency that corresponds to physical reality. But there are an infinite number of parallel realities coexisting with us in the same room, although we cannot tune into them."
7. Miracles of healing demonstrate that other realities exist. Thus, the New Testament where death is contrasted with Resurrection and historical cases of being raised from the dead. What is the lesson?
8. A miracle demonstrates that what your awareness or consciousness is determining to be reality, may not be real, but instead a dream where you have fallen asleep but not yet awakened.

Miracles are useful in making Truth known

What is true: Newtonian or quantum reality (or both in their own way)?
What you believe, you will perceive (example of dreaming).

Theme: what can miracles teach us about who we are created to be (body, mind and spirit)? Example: influence of spirit on healing a cut or the flu.

Levels of being:

Body: the effects level (Newtonian reality).

Mind: causation level; thoughts & feelings (good and evil).

Spirit: healing & evolutionary level; “all that is created is good”.

In this course, modern real-life examples of miraculous healing will be presented to show the interaction of the human spirit with the Holy Spirit. You will be asked to consider the purpose and principles inherent in this interaction.

Hurdles to overcome in being open-minded to changing what you believe:

1. Your acceptance of an alternative view of reality may be hindered by familiarity or being widely accepted by others as reality.
2. The reality of quantum physics is difficult to comprehend, but is demonstrably true (nuclear power plants).
3. Our ability to distort how we perceive things (anthropomorphism) leads to misperceiving reality by projecting human qualities onto non-human entities and onto God.



Newer observations on the reality of “life / being” in medical science:

1. The gene decoding project indicates that evolution must have been “Directed” to have occurred in the time frame that it has.
2. 2016 Northwestern University: in vitro fertilization simultaneously emits an energetic signal at the instant of a new life being created.
3. Cloning of a new life differs from growing non-differentiated cells in culture by the introduction of a specific energetic stimulus to the cell.

Healing and Spirit Miracles are useful in making Truth known

“BREAKTHROUGH” – a modern day miracle

The “scripting” of a miracle (directed by Who?).

1. Prior to any prayers for John, a message is given to the rescue worker of where he will find John.
2. Fireman chosen as the rescuer; “I do not believe in God.”
3. John is pronounced clinically dead (after one hour without a heartbeat).
4. 1st intervention: mother “Send your Holy Spirit to save my son”.
5. Mother believes, without doubt.
6. Heartbeat returns and medical resuscitation is begun.
7. ER doctor recognizes a miracle has occurred.
8. John is transferred to the care of a world renowned expert in drowning resuscitation (who just happens to be close by).
9. Medical staff is realistic / pessimistic based upon their training and belief in what is possible.
10. All that is possible is done for John, but he fails to recover and his treatment adds further complication.
11. John’s father researches earth-bound reality of potential for recovery and has little hope for John’s recovery.
12. John’s mother persists in complete faith that God can heal John. Does not allow any negative talk.
13. Prayers for John go “viral”.
14. Pastor’s advice to John’s mother: “Let God handle it”. She surrenders and asks only for others to “Pray for John”.
15. Decision is made to end resuscitation and the miraculous healing occurs.
16. Medical specialist recognizes that a miracle has occurred and that it would not be explainable in any other way.
17. “Why” – John meets fireman in park (? random or part of the plan). ? Future implications.
18. John’s story is made available to a wider audience through this movie.

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Questions:

1. What is real: on earth as it is on earth, or, on earth as it is in Heaven? Faith is easy when all is well. In the face of tragedy, faith may falter or be enhanced (John's dad versus his mother).
2. Experience can transform belief into knowing. Does this review of how the event occurred indicate it was directed and not random?
3. All those who pray for John – what did their prayers do for John and for their own beliefs after the miracle occurs?
4. How do thoughts evolve (Santa Claus)?
5. The mind perceives what it believes and creates its own reality. When is a dream real and when is reality a dream?

Relevant quotations:

Saint Augustine of Hippo: "Faith is to believe that which you do not yet see; and the reward of this faith is to see that which you believe."

Mark 9:23 "Everything is possible for the person who believes".

John: 8:32 "Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free".

Hippocrates: "Natural forces within us are the true healers of disease".

A Course in Miracles: The resurrection is the means for the return of knowledge.

“HEAVEN IS FOR REAL” a modern day miracle

Topics for consideration:

1. That is the nature of the human spirit?
2. What is the nature of healing prayer?

What is the nature of the human spirit?

The awareness available to the spirit is different from the body-mind aspect of the human experience.

1. The time encompassed by Colton's experience in Heaven may have occurred in an instant of "earth-time".
2. Albert Einstein: "The distinction between past, present and future is only a stubbornly persistent illusion".
3. Perception and communication at the spirit level does not have the limitations imposed by the body's sense organs.
4. Colton is aware of his parent's thoughts and feelings even though he is not in their "presence". Raises the possibility that space is as much an illusion as time is when seen from an earth-bound perspective.
5. Colton's vision of Heaven is not limited. He can "see" through walls and other obstacles to physical sight and light.
6. Colton is able to hear his father and mother's conversation in separate parts of the hospital simultaneously.
7. Spirit appears to have an entirely different version of presence and sense perception than the limited perspective associated with the body's physical sense perception.

What is the nature of healing prayer?

Psychologist: rational (earth-bound) thinking (mixture of science and disappointment).

Father: yells at God. "Don't take my son" after suffering a series of life challenges.

Mother: starts a prayer chain.

Two types of prayer:

1. Win-loss prayer
 - a. Ohio State fans versus Michigan fans
 - b. Bipolar directions limit progress in an "upward" direction
2. Win-win prayer
 - a. All those who prayed for Colton's recovery without asking anything for themselves or at anyone else's expense.

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Which world/reality you perceive is a function of your mind / belief / desires.

Two options:

1. On earth as it is on earth
2. On earth as it is in Heaven

Physical sense perception versus knowing:

The body receives direction from the brain instead of determining direction.

The mind is not localizable in the brain or body.

Automatic physical functions are directed at the spirit level and expressed in function through the brain and body. This would include things like breathing, digestion and wound healing. The direction is always one of healing or maximal health in response to what is encountered.

Colton's lessons learned in Heaven:

To not be fearful:

1st request = is fear of the tarantula spider is gone.

Colton in hospital: relates to sick child "Don't ever have to be afraid".

Christ's raising others from the dead and His resurrection establishes a new reality: that of the Spirit.

Miracles authenticate the reality of Spirit.

Supporting quotation:

Luke 20: "God is not God of the dead, but of the living; for all live to him".

Spirit-like (non-physical) medications (homeopathic remedies) are able to bring about the relief of disease symptoms in a curative way (becoming resistant to recurrence of the symptom) (with the absence of side-effects).

Dr. Herring's rule: under curative homeopathic treatment, the symptoms will leave in the reverse order at which they appeared in life. This indicates a holistic connection between a patient's susceptibility to life influences and stages of response from less vital to more vital disruptions of health.

Healing Law of Similars: Those symptoms a physical substance is able to cause, are the same symptoms that will be cured when the homeopathic form of the substance is given. This indicates that the solution for a problem or susceptibility is inherent within the nature of the problem.

“THE COKEVILLE MIRACLE” a modern day miracle

The “scripting” of a miracle: (Directed by Who?)

1. Miracle: required a madman
2. Fire alarms: go off to prepare for the miraculous scenario.
3. Leaking gas: opens windows to counteract explosion effects.
4. Magic square: limits the explosion damage.
5. Boy: sees other people in room with him. Told to stand by the window – by angel (grandmother).
6. Children: saw angels related to themselves.
7. Disbelieving dad: uncovers / investigates the story. “Proof” needs a doubter to put all the evidence together. Policeman struggles to have faith and believe. Struggles with “What is real in this world”?
8. Bomb expert: unexplainable circumstances – cut wires – cartridges – direction of the blast.
9. All elements of the miraculous scenario were arranged for.
10. Years after the miracle, lives of participants have been affected in a positive way.

Miraculous events like the Cokeville miracle appear to be carefully orchestrated and provide a lesson to be learned instead of disregarded.

To recognize a miracle – give up fear of recognizing God’s Love.

We pray to God for a miracle when we recognize that we (our ego) are powerless to help or heal ourselves.

Lesson to be learned from and encounter with the miraculous: should your response, when encountering a problem, be directed to your spirit or your ego? (The result of prayer versus if the police had charged in to attack the villain).

Attack lead to counter-attack, counter-counter attack and so on.

Forgiveness / prayer does not lead to escalating confrontation.

“JUST LET GO”

Themes:

1. The relationship between seemingly unrelated events may reflect two opposite interpretations of reality (evolution: Directed or Darwinian).
2. Tragedy may be necessary to focus our attention on the need to evolve, as we are thick-headed and readily susceptible to influences which appeal to our lower instincts.
3. Two differing choices are available in reacting to life's challenges:
 - a. Retribution & counter attack – or –
 - b. Forgiveness & love your enemies (as they are you).
4. What is real / true can be perceived in two opposite ways, as illustrated in the three previous stories of miraculous healing:
 - a. Heaven is for real – or –
 - b. The body's physical senses define what is real.

The influences arguing for retribution:

Chris's mother wants punishment: “they should pay”.

District attorney: “no act of God”. Sees justice as an eye for an eye.

Coworker suggests civil lawsuit, as it made her life easier.

Chris Williams's periodic anger / angst “you took my family from me”.

The forces arguing for forgiveness:

Letter from parents of child killed in car accident years ago.

He writes similar letter to the parents of adolescent drunk driver.

Message “Just Let Go” heard right after the accident.

Grocery clerk (Angelo): “This life is a flash in the pan”.

Similarities between accidents separated by 30 years.

Reverend Williams: “I didn't do it, I couldn't” & “Sometimes life is about doing things that don't make sense:.”

The message “Just Let Go” subsequently changed the life experience of untold numbers of people (even us, as we watch the story being retold).

Events that seem unrelated, unfair or tragic may be misinterpreted in the present moment. They may actually not be as they appear, when seen from a more enlightened perspective.

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If the Holy Spirit's message is "Just Let Go", what are we to let go of?

1. Judging things we only know of partially [be open to learning a higher purpose to life's events].
2. Condemning or criticizing [instead, be forgiving].
3. The past [stop carrying past guilt forward to influence how you perceive the present].
4. Endless cycles of feeling attacked and counterattacking [instead, invest your energy in things that are helpful or constructive].
5. Thinking that you are alone and separate from God [instead, know that all things can work for good].
6. That sickness and death are punishment for sin [an alternative truth is demonstrated by instances of those raised from the dead and Christ's Resurrection].

Metanoia: concluding thoughts and questions:

Your beliefs / attitudes determine the life experience you will have.

1. If you see your problems in life as problems, you will likely continue to experience problems in life.
2. If you see your problems as an opportunity to realize the potential given to you in your being (creation), your life experience can be more like it is in Heaven than it is on earth.
3. A miracle returns the memory of God to a mind that has no fear to keep the memory away.
4. Miracles are useful reminders in both learning what is true and in questioning if the reality we experience on earth is real. Is death an illusion (lesson following from Christ's resurrection)?
5. Question: are you separate from God or only choosing to believe that is the case? Possible answer: your desire to know evil brought about a need for correction (healing is part of the purpose of sickness) – (the action of the Holy Spirit in your life).
6. At the spirit level, the mind's thoughts and feelings are shared as one.
7. Miracles are possible, when your will is one with God's Will.
8. A definition of love: errors are forgiven with all consequences erased (the parable of the prodigal son).
9. Loving thoughts bring peace and joy to both the giver and the receiver.