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A lot of today's assumption that miracles don't happen is based more broadly in the culture on the teaching of David Hume. He was a philosopher a few hundred years ago and there were two main parts of his argument. The first part was that miracles are a violation of natural law but his understanding of natural law doesn't fit any understanding of natural law that we have today. His argument doesn't work on today's understandings of natural law. The second part of his argument is that he says there's no credible eyewitnesses for miracles. But even in his own day there were people who claimed to have experienced miracles and he simply dismissed their credibility because 'of course we know that miracles don't happen.' So it's a circular argument.

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I have a very firm belief that if you open your heart a little bit to God, He'll do the rest.

The first thing to get clearly established is that the natural order itself is sustained by God and kept in operation by God, and I think there are good arguments for that. That is to say, that God is not just at work when things behave oddly. God is at work when things behave regularly.

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When I was first searching for God and first investigating the Christian faith, part of it was that I wanted to see that this was a miracle that had a public nature to it, that people had seen, that there was evidence in history that could testify to it, and this is something which I think is really unique about the central miracle of the Christian faith, about the resurrection. This is something that Christians claim many people saw, and that the text of the New Testament claim that many people saw, and that we can go back to those historical documents and date them.

Miracles by definition are not predictable. I've had some people say "Well why aren't there more of them in medical journals?" And of course there are a few but you don't have a lot of them in medical journals because scientific journals deal with what is replicable. That's what science is supposed to deal with. I mean it's good that science deals with that. But human relationships are not always replicable. We have to use a different approach to understanding when we look at human relationships and how much more when we're dealing with a God of infinite knowledge and infinite wisdom.

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In my own life, my wife and I had been through seven miscarriages and other things. Saying that God does miracles doesn't mean that miracles happen all the time. And in fact the Biblical understanding of miracles...miracles are just a foretaste, they're just a sample of the promise of the future of God's Kingdom where there will be no more tears, no more death. It's just to let us know that God loves us in the meantime. But there's something in the Gospels that goes deeper than Jesus' miracles, and that's the Cross. Because in the Cross it shows us that God suffers with us and in the deepest pain, in the deepest travesty, the deepest sign of human injustice, God was still at work with the promise of hope. And we can look at that as well as look at the sample miracles and realise that even in this world of suffering and pain we can have hope because God really is here.

(Miracles are) definitely not consistent or predictable. I guess I deal with it pretty similarly to the way I deal with my marriage with my wife. There are times when I wish that Jo would just do whatever it is that I want her to do whenever it is that I want right? There are plenty of times where I feel that, but I think that in my wiser moments I realise that actually it's not what I desire from her - for her to be so predictable, so consistent, so able to be manipulated by my desires that actually I'm living with a robot and not with a wife. And I think that something similar is true in my relationship with God and in the way that God works in the world. I do think He works miraculously in the world but sometimes He has a perspective which is different than ours.

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I believe that this is purely a miracle that God has done. God is beyond all science and He created us and He can do anything that He wants. I also honestly believe that the doctors did a fantastic job. But when medical science failed, God who is a master of impossibility, came through.

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