

GOD IS ALWAYS AT WORK
In His Creation
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If God took His hands off the world what do you think would happen?

Thesis: God is still at work in the world today and His efforts are not as odds with nature.

GOD IS CREATOR AND SUSTAINER OF THE UNIVERSE

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
Genesis 1:1 NIV

But in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. 3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.
Hebrews 1:2-3 NIV

God is in charge of His creation. Without His hands on the world it would not exist.

Religions of the world have deified nature, worshipping the sun, moon, stars, rain, wind, earth, mountains, animals, etc.

GOD IS INTIMATELY INVOLVED IN HIS CREATION

"The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. 25 And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. 26 From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. 27 God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. 28 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'
Acts 17:24-28 NIV

1. The Biblical language of God's creation and His care has been understood for countless generations in various cultures.
2. The Bible is concerned with the **Who** and **What** of creation. The **Who** is God and the **What** is His work.
3. The Bible is not concerned with the **How**, or the mechanism of natural events. Scientists are free to observe, experiment and theorize in order to explain how natural phenomena takes place. The Biblical writer's aim is not to satisfy curiosity but to stimulate worship.

MIRACLES OF GOD DO NOT VIOLATE NATURE

Christ himself is the Creator who made everything in heaven and earth, the things we can see and the things we can't; the spirit world with its kings and kingdoms, its rulers and authorities; all were made by Christ for his own use and glory. 17 He was before all else began and it is his power that holds everything together.
Colossians 1:16-17 NIV

The distinction between natural and supernatural is unbiblical whenever it draws a line between laws of nature and acts of God. Rather, the biblical distinction is between ordinary, recurring events, which are predictable, and miracles, which are not.

The problem with a world view that says once the world is set in motion and no longer needs a Creator, is the resulting determinism and materialistic philosophy turns into its own religion.

TWO REPEATABLE MIRACLES

Now let me offer what I believe to be two repeatable miracles: confession and forgiveness.

What confession and forgiveness do to our hearts is nothing less than a miracle. And we control these miracles.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9 NIV

Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written: "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord.
Romans 12:19 NAS

Knowing God is always with us and at work around us is the source of the peace that is greater than our minds can understand.

And that brings us back to worship.