

THE RELATION OF TIME TO MIRACLES

WHAT IS TIME?

Time and space were created to **LIMIT** our free will and give us a mechanism to extend creation. We are designed to escape this limitation as we mature as individuals and as a world. We are warned of difficulties if we attempt to transcend our current time based limitations. To move beyond our time based reality we will need to wrestle with the paradox created by two opposing realities, the temporal and the eternal. Each operate by different laws.

UB: (1301.8) 118:8.3 The spirit liberates, and the MECHANISM **LIMITS**, the function of will. Imperfect choice, uncontrolled by mechanism, unidentified with spirit, is dangerous and unstable. Mechanical dominance insures stability at the expense of progress; spirit alliance liberates choice from the physical level and at the same time assures the divine stability produced by augmented universe insight and increased cosmic comprehension.

118:8.5 The whole principle of biologic evolution makes it impossible for primitive man to appear on the inhabited worlds with any large endowment of self-restraint. Therefore does the same creative design which purposed evolution likewise provide those EXTERNAL RESTRAINTS OF TIME AND SPACE, hunger and fear, which effectively circumscribe the subspiritual choice range of such uncultured creatures.

*118:9.2 Mechanisms produced by higher minds function to liberate their creative sources but to some degree unvaryingly **LIMIT** THE ACTION OF ALL SUBORDINATE INTELLIGENCES. To the creatures of the universes this limitation becomes apparent as the mechanism of the universes. Man does not have unfettered free will; there are limits to his range of choice, but within the radius of this choice his will is relatively sovereign.

*JCIM: The acceptance of the Atonement by everyone is only a matter of time. IN FACT, BOTH TIME AND MATTER WERE CREATED FOR THIS PURPOSE. This appears to contradict free will because of the inevitability of the final decision. If you review the idea carefully, however, you will realize that this is not true. EVERYTHING IS **LIMITED** IN SOME WAY BY THE MANNER OF ITS CREATION. Free will can temporize and is capable of enormous procrastination. But it cannot depart entirely from its creator, who set the **LIMITS** on its ability to miscreate by virtue of its own real purpose.

WHAT IS A MIRACLE?

JCIM says a miracle shortens time. It says time is a learning device. The lesson is forgiveness and unity.

Tx:1.86 The miracle is much like the body in that both are learning aids which aim at facilitating a state in which they are unnecessary. When the Soul's original state of direct communication is reached, neither the body nor the miracle serves any purpose.

Miracles make minds one in God. They depend on cooperation because the Sonship is the sum of all the Souls God created.

17. Miracles are the **TRANSCENDENCE** of the body. They are sudden shifts into invisibility, away from a sense of lower-order reality. That is why they heal.

130:7.4 On the inhabited worlds, human personality (indwelt and oriented by the Paradise Father's spirit) is the only physically related reality which can **TRANSCEND** the material sequence of temporal events.

111:6.8 It is only natural that mortal man should be harassed by feelings of insecurity as he views himself inextricably bound to nature while he possesses spiritual powers wholly **TRANSCENDENT** to all things temporal and finite

112:2.10 And thus does the material and mortal reality of the self **TRANSCEND** the temporal limitations of the physical-life machine and attain a new expression and a new identification in the evolving vehicle for selfhood continuity, the morontia and immortal soul.

PARALLELS OF TIME AND MIRACLES

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Urantia quote: 136:5.5 "It therefore becomes evident that any possible supernatural or supposedly superhuman accompaniments of Jesus' ministry pertained wholly to the **elimination of time** unless the Father in heaven specifically ruled otherwise."

JCIM quote: "The miracle thus has the unique property of **shortening time** by rendering the space of time it occupies unnecessary."

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Urantia quote: 136:5.5 "No limits, of course, could be placed upon the manifestations of "the Father's will." The **elimination of time** in connection with the expressed desire of this potential Sovereign of a universe could only be avoided by the direct and explicit act of the will of this God-man to the effect that **time**, as related to the act or event in question, should not be **shortened or eliminated**. In order to prevent the appearance of apparent **time miracles**, it was necessary for Jesus to remain constantly time conscious."

JCIM quote: "The miracle is a learning device which **lessens the need for time**."

Urantia quote: 152:2.10 "In this case, so we were taught, Michael multiplied food elements as he always does except for the **elimination of the time** factor and the visible life channel."

JCIM quote: "**miracles** therefore rest on the **laws of eternity, not of time**."

JCIM quote: "The miracle, as an expression of true human charity, can only **shorten time** at most. It must be understood, however, that whenever a man offers a miracle to another, he is shortening the suffering of both"

MISCELLANEOUS QUOTES TO CONSIDER

14 - (152:2.10) And this is the first and only nature miracle which Jesus performed as a result of his conscious preplanning. It is true that his disciples were disposed to call many things miracles which were not, but this was a genuine supernatural ministration. In this case, so we were taught, Michael multiplied food elements as he always does except for the elimination of the time factor and the visible life channel.

4 - (136:8.1) The next great problem with which this God-man wrestled and which he presently decided in accordance with the will of the Father in heaven, concerned the question as to whether or not any of his superhuman powers should be employed for the purpose of attracting the attention and winning the adherence of his fellow men. Should he in any manner lend his universe powers to the gratification of the Jewish hankering for the spectacular and the marvelous? He decided that he should not. He settled upon a policy of procedure which eliminated all such practices as the method of bringing his mission to the notice of men. And he consistently lived up to this great decision. Even when he permitted the manifestation of numerous time-shortening ministrations of mercy, he almost invariably admonished the recipients of his healing ministry to tell no man about the benefits they had received. And always did he refuse the taunting challenge of his enemies to "show us a sign" in proof and demonstration of his divinity.

The eternal was created to forever increase so that makes it changeless. What a mind bender.

JCIM: What is timeless is always there, because its being is eternally changeless. IT DOES NOT CHANGE BY INCREASE, because it was forever created to increase. If you perceive it as not increasing, you do not know what it is. You also do not know what created it or Who He is. God does not reveal this to you, because it was never hidden. His light was never obscured, because it is His Will to share it. How can what is fully shared be withheld and then revealed?

106:9.11 Sooner or later all universe personalities begin to realize that the final quest of eternity is the endless exploration of infinity, the never-ending voyage of discovery into the absoluteness of the First Source and Center. Sooner or later we all become aware that all creature growth is proportional to Father identification

50. 82 The miracle is a learning device which lessens the need for time. In the longitudinal or horizontal plane, the recognition of the true equality of all the members of the Sonship appears to involve almost endless time. However, the sudden shift from horizontal to vertical perception which the miracle entails introduces an interval from which the doer and the receiver both emerge much farther along in time than they would otherwise have been.

83 The miracle thus has the unique property of shortening time by rendering the space of time it occupies unnecessary. There is no relationship between the time a miracle takes and the time it covers. It substitutes for learning that might have taken thousands of years. It does this by the underlying recognition of perfect equality and holiness between the doer and the receiver on which the miracle rests.

84 We said before that the miracle abolishes time. It does this by a process of collapsing it and thus abolishing certain intervals within it. It does this, however, within the larger temporal sequence. It establishes an out-of-pattern time interval which is not under the usual laws of time. Only in this sense

is it timeless. By collapsing time, it literally saves time. Much as daylight saving time does, it rearranges the distribution of light.

Is this the kind of danger the course is warning us about?

(1302.1) 118:8.4 The great danger that besets the creature is that, in achieving liberation from the fetters of the life mechanism, he will fail to compensate this loss of stability by effecting a harmonious working liaison with spirit. Creature choice, when relatively liberated from mechanical stability, may attempt further self-liberation independent of greater spirit identification.

Forewarn all believers regarding the fringe of conflict which must be traversed by all who pass from the life as it is lived in the flesh to the higher life as it is lived in the spirit. To those who live quite wholly within either realm, there is little conflict or confusion, but all are doomed to experience more or less uncertainty during the times of transition between the two levels of living. In entering the kingdom, you cannot escape its responsibilities or avoid its obligations, but remember: The gospel yoke is easy and the burden of truth is light.

Jesus unaware of a miracle healing

44. 71 Miracles arise from a miraculous state of mind. By being one, this state of mind goes out to anyone, even without the awareness of the miracle worker himself. The impersonal nature of miracles is because the Atonement itself is one, uniting all creations with their Creator.

Jesus was unaware of the miracle

(1698.2) 152:0.2 As Jesus went along with Jairus, the large crowd which had heard the father's request followed on to see what would happen. Shortly before they reached the ruler's house, as they hastened through a narrow street and as the throng jostled him, Jesus suddenly stopped, exclaiming, "Someone touched me." And when those who were near him denied that they had touched him, Peter spoke up: "Master, you can see that this crowd presses you, threatening to crush us, and yet you say 'someone has touched me.' What do you mean?" Then Jesus said: "I asked who touched me, for I perceived that living energy had gone forth from me." As Jesus looked about him, his eyes fell upon a near-by woman, who, coming forward, knelt at his feet and said: "For years I have been afflicted with a scourging hemorrhage. I have suffered many things from many physicians; I have spent all my substance, but none could cure me. Then I heard of you, and I thought if I may but touch the hem of his garment, I shall certainly be made whole. And so I pressed forward with the crowd as it moved along until, standing near you, Master, I touched the border of your garment, and I was made whole; I know that I have been healed of my affliction."

(1698.3) 152:0.3 When Jesus heard this, he took the woman by the hand and, lifting her up, said: "Daughter, your faith has made you whole; go in peace." It was her faith and not her touch that made her whole. And this case is a good illustration of many apparently miraculous cures which attended upon Jesus' earth career, but which he in no sense consciously willed. The passing of time demonstrated that this woman was really cured of her malady. Her faith was of the sort that laid direct hold upon the creative power resident in the Master's person. With the faith she had, it was only necessary to approach the Master's person. It was not at all necessary to touch his garment; that was merely the superstitious part of her belief. Jesus called this woman, Veronica of Caesarea-Philippi, into his presence to correct two errors which might have lingered in her mind, or which might have persisted in the minds of those who witnessed this healing: He did not want Veronica to go away thinking that her fear in

attempting to steal her cure had been honored, or that her superstition in associating the touch of his garment with her healing had been effective. He desired all to know that it was her pure and living faith that had wrought the cure.