**THE CREATOR’S MIRACLES**

Miracles are unusual and unexpected manifestations of the presence and power of God. They are integral to God’s self-communication (or revelation), as recorded in the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures. In our Feature this month, I would like to consider Creation and the wonder of existence, touching on the miraculous, even in everyday life.

The question as to why things exist receives its biblical answer in the personal self-involvement of God in the shaping of life from its very beginning.

The Scriptures do not include the modern concept of “nature” with its Newtonian ideas of constancy and fixity that do not allow interventions or contraventions of nature’s “laws.”

The Newtonian view is questioned today, even by science. In the Bible, the world and all that is in it belongs to God. The world is the arena of God’s surprising and unexpected actions. God is everywhere interacting with his created world.

There is no word in Hebrew for “miracle.” It is expressed by other words: a “sign”, a “wonder or portent”, an “unusual or unexpected event” that manifests the presence and power of God. (cf. *Encyclopedia of Catholicism*, p. 868.)

God speaks to us through the visible creation. The material cosmos is so presented to our intelligence that there we can read traces of its Creator. Light and darkness, wind and fire, water and earth, the tree and its fruit speak of God and symbolize both his greatness and his nearness. (cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, par. 1147)

Both the Hebrew and the Christian Scriptures reveal God the Creator in his marvellous works and in the ordinary everyday miracles that move us with awe to praise our Creator. I quote an example from the Book of Wisdom, another from St Paul’s Letter to the Romans and finally, one from the Acts of the Apostles:

“Yes, naturally stupid are all who are unaware of God,

and who, from good things seen,

have not been able to discover Him-who-is,

or, by studying the works, have not recognized the Artificer.” (Wisdom 13:1)

“For what can be known about God is perfectly plain to them, since God has made it plain to them, ever since the creation of the world, the invisible existence of God and his everlasting power have been clearly seen by the mind’s understanding of created things.” (Romans 1:19f)

“But even then, he did not leave you without evidence of himself in the good things he does for you: he sends you rain from heaven and seasons of fruitfulness; he fills you with food and your hearts with merriment.” (Acts of the Apostles 14:17)

I invite you sit back and enjoy this month’s Video: “An Ordinary Miracle.”