

truth or consequences

"not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth." heb 11:13

christians contend for the faith, while a world of unbelievers laugh and mock our "fantasy." one could almost understand their scoffing, if it were not for the wonders of it all. i mean, after all, we are dealing with a substance of hope with evidence not seen. at least i have never witnessed God in His grandeur, like most of others i'm sure. some though, have had that veil thinned between fact and faith, and have glimpsed true reality. i really do believe that.

i have had my "minor" miracles, if any miracle could be called that. i have not witnessed the blind being able to see; the deaf to hear or missing limbs grow into being. i never seen the dead raised but i believe others have. my walk has not allowed me to witness these substances being made evident. even so, i don't consider that a denial of their truth, but a confirmation that neither i or my faith needed such to confirm it. and perhaps those doubters purposefully just don't move in the right circles.

but when you seek and pray about something, and then see it come to pass, is that any less of a miracle. it doesn't matter how great or small; be it a headache or whatever. have we perhaps forgotten we even prayed about it or just marked it up to a chance happening? i

used to watch the tv show "ncis," and their leader used to say "there's no such thing as coincidences." and truly, there are no coincidences with God. He is there all along; causing, but not forcing; drawing but not shoving - confirming His being.

scientists are supposed to study a thing and form a theory about it; a theory, not necessarily truth; just a best guess. there is a quote i once read. "for the scientist who has lived by his faith in the power of reason, the story ends like a bad dream. he has scaled the mountains of ignorance; he is about to conquer the highest peak; as he pulls himself over the final rock, he is greeted by a band of theologians who have been sitting there for centuries." thomas aquinas once wrote, "to one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. to one without faith, no explanation is possible." yes, faith will get there before reason.

man, in his ignorance, knows there is a God, so he tries to form his own. in earlier days it was idols, variously shaped, yet a visible to exalt and pray to for their needs. in latter days man has acquired different gods - gods of reasoning, forces, possessions or self. "although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things." rom 1:21-23

so here we all are, left to make our own decision. it's called free will. you may be right and i may be

wrong BUT i may be right and you may be wrong. only death answers that definitively for us all, and those having returned are only show us their truth. i believe anyone with a mind to understand and a heart to seek, will find Jesus flowing forever through the pages of His word. in finding Jesus, they will be finding God, for He is God!

i would ask, "who has the most to lose from the decision we make?" if i'm wrong. i will die and go into nothingness. if you're wrong, you will die and be find an eternal spirit cast into outer darkness with weeping and gnashing of teeth. we all live to our our truth or die to it.

truth or consequences used to be a game show on tv. if one doesn't consent to the real truth, there will definitely be consequences to pay. it's no game show now but real life. i don't want that for anyone. God doesn't want that. He "is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." 2 pet 3:9

"choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve... but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."
jos 24:15