

1. Imagine that one day
  - a. God finally decides to give this world proof of his existence.
  - b. And does something stupendous and undeniably visible;
2. God rearranges the stars in the sky to spell out, “God is love”.
3. What would happen? We know what would happen.
  - a. People would stare up in the night sky and **wonder**
  - b. Scientists would be **stunned**
  - c. Atheists would be **dumbfounded**
4. And as the churches filled with people who had seen the miracle,
  - a. People of faith would have to resist the unchristian desire to gloat.
5. But then what would happen later? We know what would happen.
  - a. As days turned into weeks and weeks into months.
  - b. As every night the same message writ in the stars appeared in the night sky,
  - c. People would stare into the night sky and **wonder** – Wonder, what now?
  - d. Scientists would be **stunned** – Stunned, that they had not realized that such occurrences might be due to random natural forces; rather than intelligently designed supernatural ones.
  - e. Atheists would be **dumbfounded** – Dumbfounded, that they had allowed some *unexplained* event to pass as *unexplainable*, and thus violate logic.
6. And as the churches emptied of people who had come because they had seen the miracle,
  - a. People of faith would sigh and continue on as before.
7. Have you ever seen a miracle? If you have, you would not be alone.
  - a. A majority of people in the United States say they have seen one.
8. The problem comes when you ask them what they saw.
  - a. they become reticent to talk about it.
  - b. Because when they do talk about it and state the facts,
9. Somehow, it doesn’t seem so miraculous.
  - a. Like the message writ into the night sky,
    - i. Other explanations for our personal miracles suggest themselves,
    - ii. Leaving us to wonder whether our miracle
    - iii. Was really all that miraculous at all.
10. When we speak about all of this we are not engaging in idle speculation – we witnessed something horribly similar on September 11th 2001.
  - a. IN the weeks that followed our churches filled with people,
  - b. And even the most secular spoke about the power of belief during that dark time.
  - c. And yet why was this? Because of fear? Undoubtedly. Because they were thankful they had been spared? Most probably.
  - d. But as days tuned into weeks and weeks into months
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