

## “God Communicates Through Miracles and Healings – Part 2”

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Well known atheist Bertrand Russell famously said if he died and found himself in front of God, Russell would accuse him of not providing evidence for his existence.

“There is absolutely no evidence that any supernatural being has ever intervened in our law-governed, physical universe.”

Atheist Eddie Tabash

In Ethiopia, more than 80% of believers in a Lutheran Church attributed their conversions to healings and exorcisms.

90% of church growth in China is fueled by healings.

*“Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make them well...pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”*

James 5:14-16

*“ I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me in leading the Gentiles to obey God by what I have said and done – by the power of signs and wonders, through the power of the Spirit of God.”*

Romans 15:18-19

Healings can happen immediately, gradually, or sometimes only ultimately. Sometimes healings are partial.

Kay and I have witnessed seventeen supernatural healings in the churches we have served. Most of them included prayer in Jesus’ name with laying on of hands. One happened over the phone. Several happened during the worship service. But always in the name of Jesus. The faith of all of them was deepened and they became more faithful in following Jesus.

*“If most of us living in the United States or in the western world derive our confidence in the miraculous from what we observe in our own church or from talking to other Christians we know in the West, we will have little to no expectation that God will respond when we pray for people’s healing. But if we step back and take an informed look at the worldwide picture for the last half century, suddenly it becomes much easier to pray for a miracle with expectation. As a general rule of thumb, the greater our expectations of God, the more of the supernatural we will see...True stories of God at work...build our confidence.”*

J. P. Moreland

*“If you haven’t seen any truly miraculous healings, ask yourself how often you pray for these things... when I ask you how often you go into a hospital room and pray for the sick and suffering to be miraculously healed? How often do you lay your hands on the sick in your church and pray for them? Most of the people I talk with who have never seen a miracle are people, by and large, who never take the trouble to go and lay their hands on sick people in believing prayer. Conversely, I have yet to find anyone who regularly lays hands on the sick in believing prayer who doesn’t see at least some miraculous healings.”*

Jack Deere