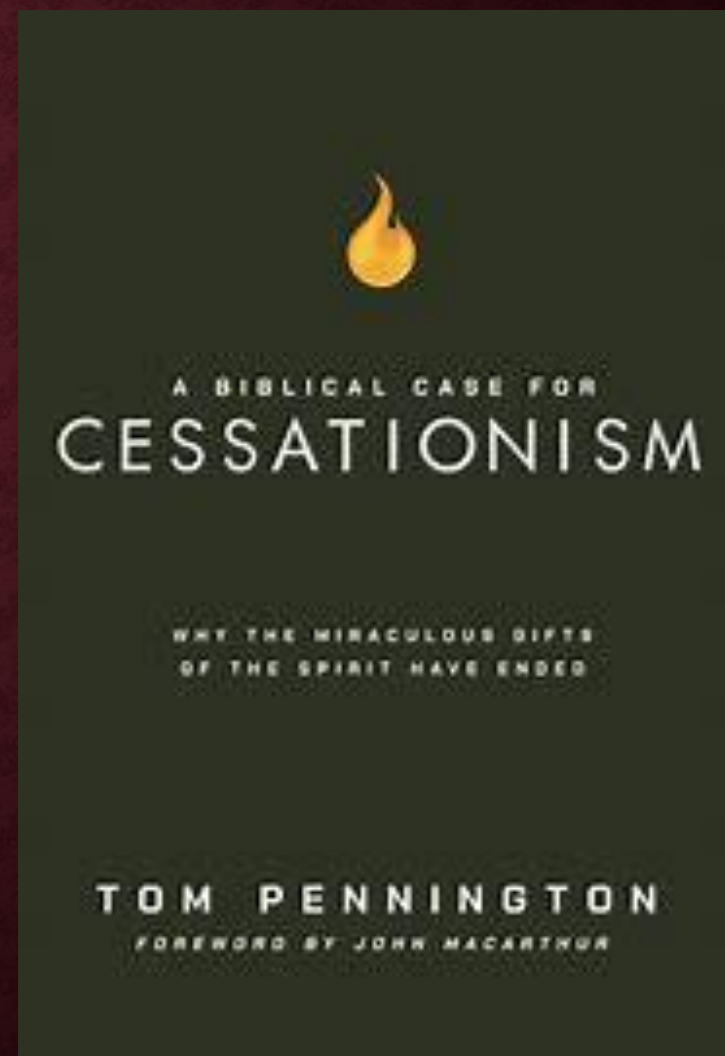
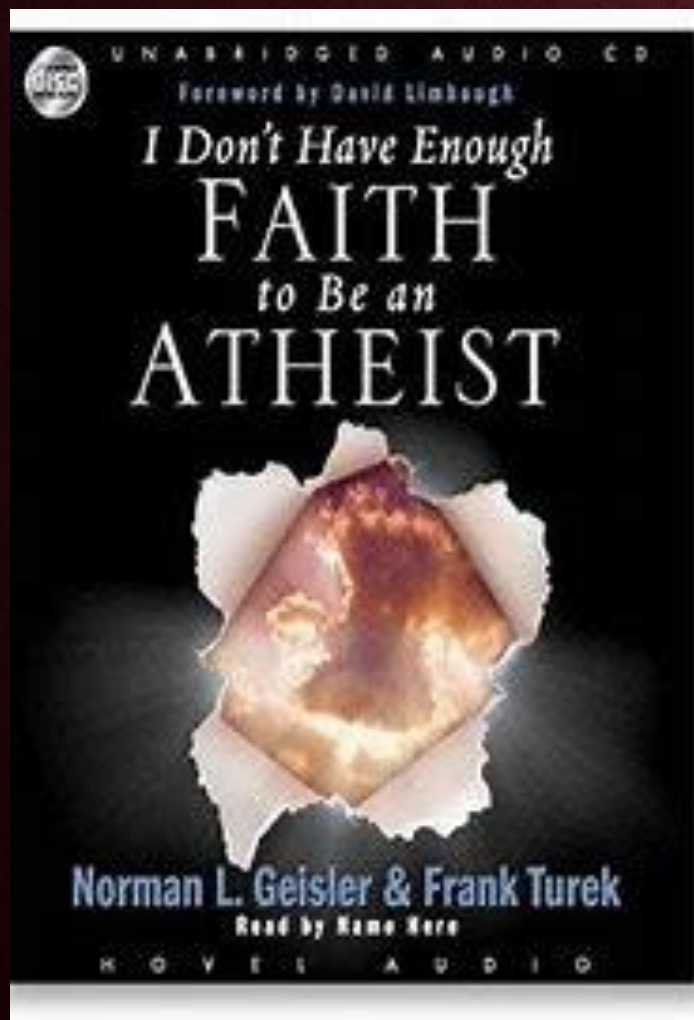


Miracles

God's Signature

Rod Turk

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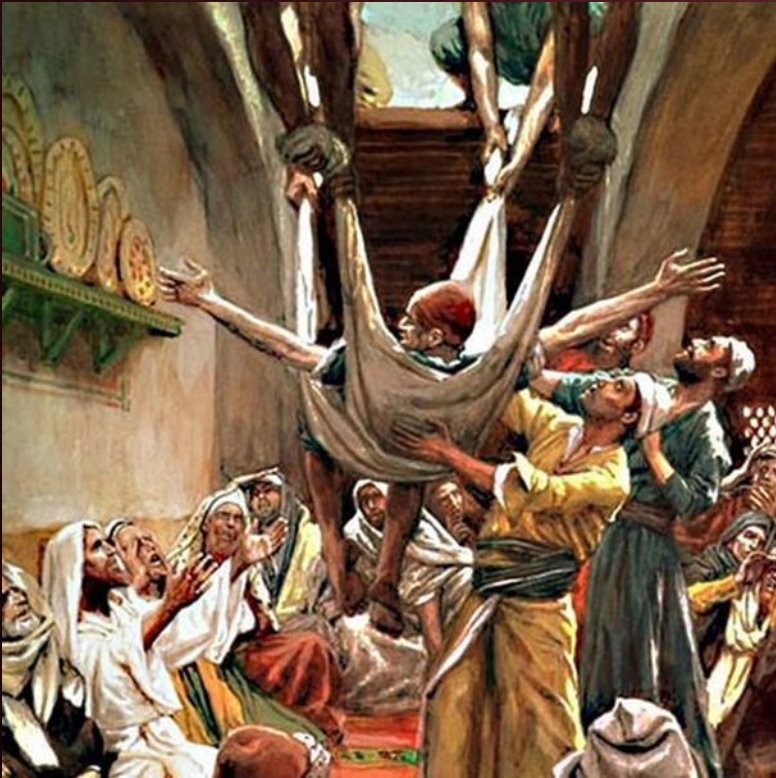


INTRODUCTION



- Worldviews and Miracles
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- Critics of Miracles
- What Is A Miracle?
- Categories of Unusual Events
- Miracles as Stumbling Blocks
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WORLDVIEWS AND MIRACLES



- **Atheism**
 - No Belief in God
 - No Supernatural Events
 - No Miracles
- **Christian Worldview**
 - God Exists
 - Supernatural Events
 - Miracles Are Possible

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD



- Transcendent
- Aseity
- Omnipotent
- [R.C. Sproul: What's Wrong With You People? - YouTube](#)

HOW DOES GOD COMMUNICATE?



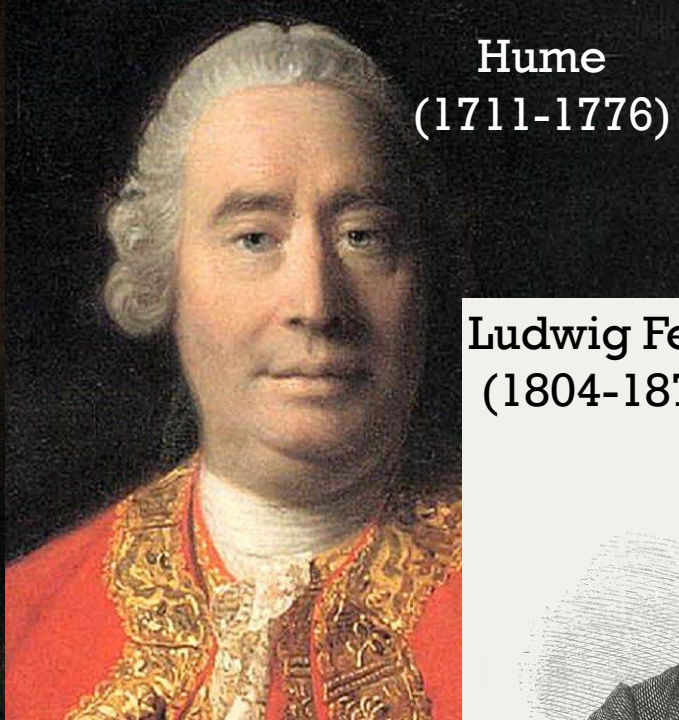
- Creation
- Conscience
- The Bible
- Message Authentication

CRITICS OF MIRACLES

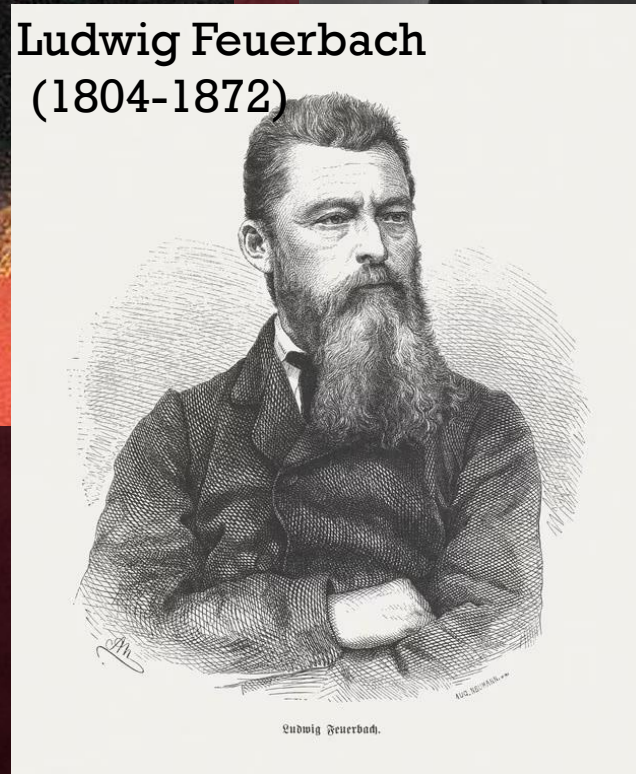
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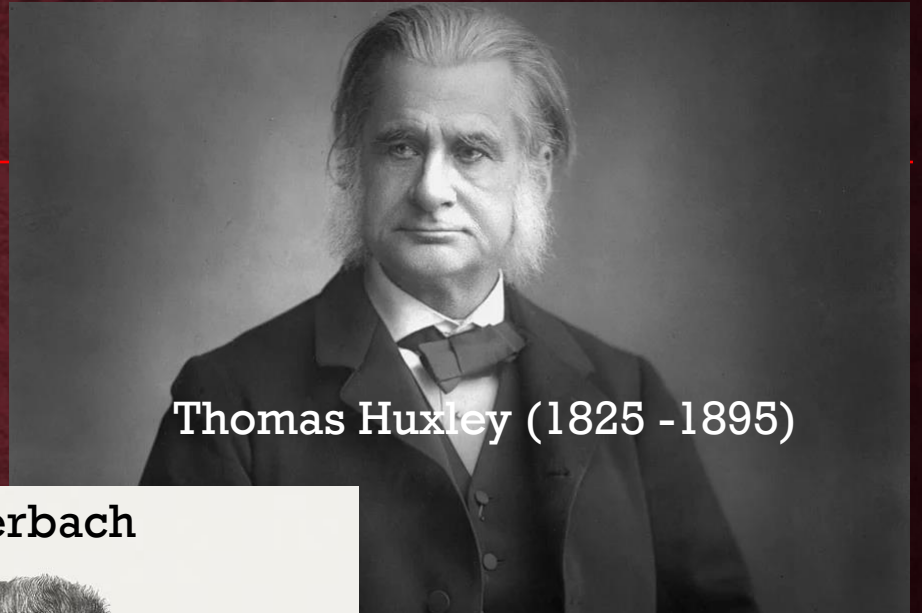
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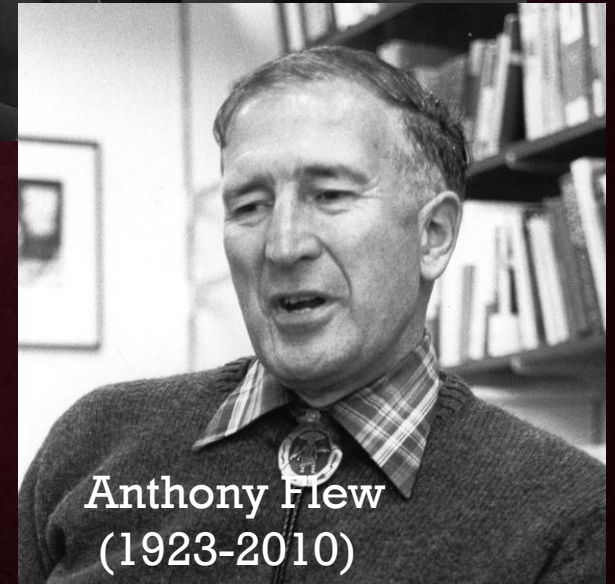
Ludwig Feuerbach
(1804-1872)



Thomas Huxley (1825 -1895)



Anthony Flew
(1923-2010)



WHAT IS A MIRACLE? CHARACTERISTICS



- Divine Act
 - Cosmological
- Unmistakable Sign of God
 - Teleological
- Moral
- Supernatural
- Never Fails
- Immediate, Lasts
- Gives Glory to God

CATEGORIES OF UNUSUAL EVENTS



- Providence
- Satanic Signs
- Psychosomatic
- Magic
- Anomalies

MIRACLES AS A STUMBLING BLOCK



The problem is not one of miracles. The problem is your perception of who God is. The Bible can be trusted as the Word of God!

C. S. LEWIS ON MIRACLES



“If we admit God, must we admit Miracle? Indeed, indeed, you have no security against it. That is the bargain.”

BIBLICAL MIRACLES



- About 250 in the Bible
- Small Windows of History
 - Moses, Elijah & Elisha
 - Jesus and the Apostles
- God's Confirmation of New Truth
- The Bible – True & Complete

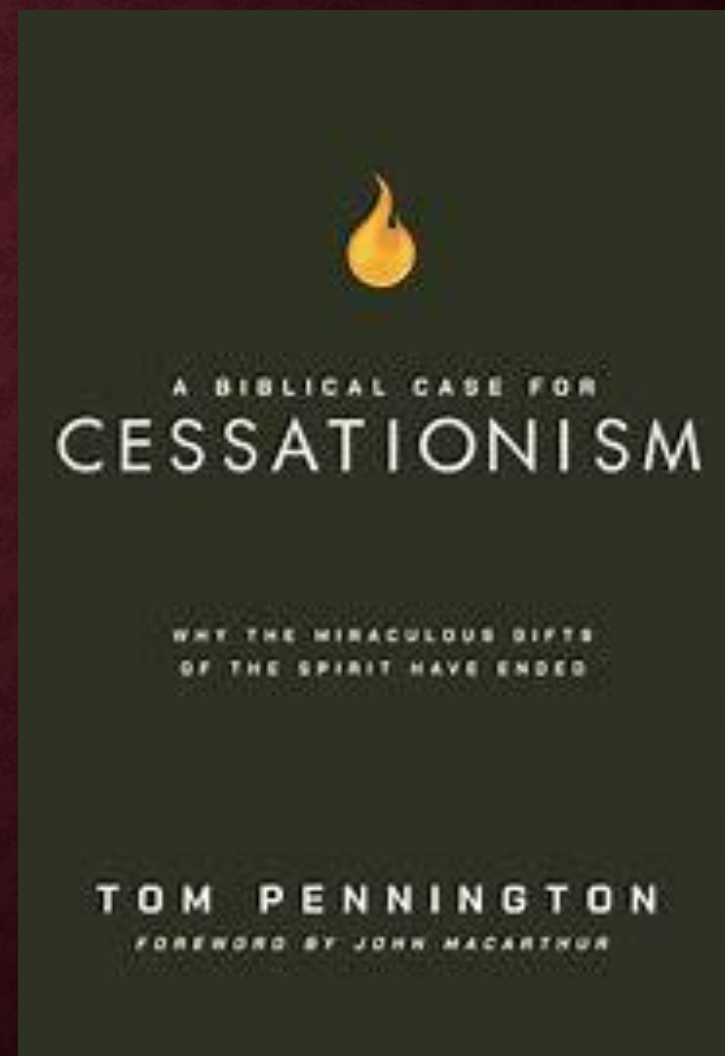
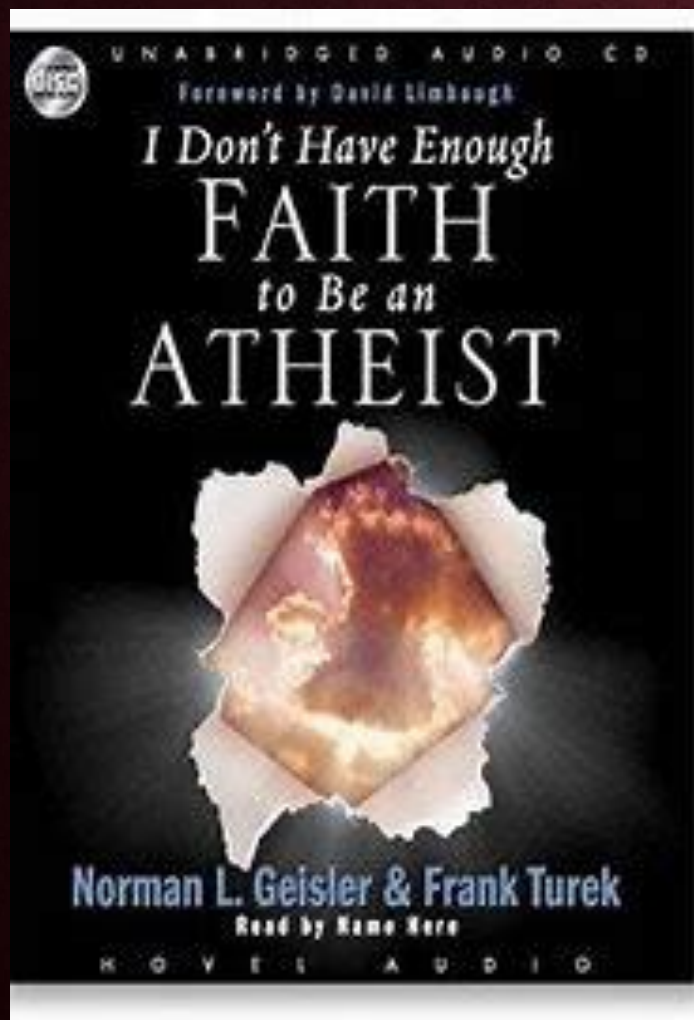
CESSATIONISM



- The Sign Gifts Are Not Used Today
 - Not Normative Today
- Miracles Were Signs of God's Presence
- True Prophets
 - Predictions Always Come True
 - Agrees With Previous Revelation (Deut 13:1-5)
 - Miracles
- Jesus – Alleviating Human Suffering

IMMANUEL BIBLE CHURCH STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe that sign gifts (apostle, prophet, healing, miracles, and tongues) authenticated the ministry and message of the apostles (Ephesians 2:20; Hebrews 2:1-4; 2 Corinthians 12:12) and served in the establishment of the church (Acts 2:41-47; Acts 9:31-42). We believe that God continues to demonstrate His miraculous power and ability to heal; but the sign gifts, as given to the early church, are not in effect today.



MIRACLES

A close-up photograph of a single, cracked egg resting on a bed of dirt and small rocks inside a dark, cavernous space. A bright, warm light emanates from a large opening in the background, creating a strong lens flare and illuminating the scene. The egg's shell is light brown with a network of fine cracks. The overall atmosphere is one of mystery and hope.

MIRACLES, SIGNS, WONDERS



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