

The next paragraph says, "Such discoveries may disconcert the skeptics, but other findings are bound to upset Biblical fundamentalists, who insist on miracles where science is ready to offer natural explanations. Many scientists are now convinced that the rocks which Moses struck, 'and the water came out abundantly,' were water-storing limestone, whose hard crust was broken by the blow."

True fundamentalists should not be upset by such statements as this ^{one which} ~~is~~ simply calls attention to a very vital point about miracles. It is a false definition of a miracle to say that it indicates something which must of necessity be a new creative act of God and contrary to all natural law. God is the Creator of natural law and He can change it when and as He may choose. However, it would be very strange if He were arbitrarily and unnecessarily to change it. All that man knows of natural law does not comprise more than a small fraction of the wonders of God's creation. Surely it does not make a more wonderful God to think that He establishes everything a certain way and then suddenly makes sweeping changes, than to think that He establishes things in the first place in the way that will be satisfactory for His whole plan through the ages. A miracle is simply, in the Biblical usage, a sign. It is evidence of the direct activity of God. The fact that on two occasions, God showed Moses where to strike so that water would come out, was a wonderful sign of God's care for the Israelites and of the fact that He was directing the work of Moses in leading them. It would be just as wonderful