

Beyond Conventional Wisdom

We have been taught to reason and think logically. Our parents used that technique to help us separate right from wrong and realize there is a good reason for what we are asked to do. We are taught that there must be a logical explanation for everything that happens. That is one reason why the events described in the Bible seem impossible. The stories are beyond conventional wisdom. *But Jesus beheld them, and said, "With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible". (Matthew 19:26).*



We have heard the stories. God created the earth in six days, with all its intricacies, of how each part of creation is masterfully designed. Moses parted the Red Sea to escape Pharaoh. You don't see that on America's Got Talent! David defeated Goliath with just a sling shot. OK — we can believe it might have been a lucky shot, but there are other stories of smaller armies, inspired by God, defeating other opponents with much greater numbers. Mary delivered a baby boy when she was still a virgin. That "miracle child" healed people from lifelong illnesses and brought people back to life after they were deceased. You just can't make this stuff up.

We are limited in what we can do as human beings. Naturally, we apply human limitations to what we think God can do. The earth came to be because something, or someone, awesome made it. Science tells us that matter cannot be created or destroyed. So, how did we get here? There is a God who is beyond human understanding. Furthermore, creation is only the start of his provision for us.

Much of the Bible reveals the incredible lengths to which God goes in order to rescue lost and hurting people. He sent His son, Jesus Christ, to show us the way to salvation. God walks alongside us when we are hurting to give us comfort and peace. And God gifts us with abilities and the motivation to help others. He equips us to help the needy.

The Bible is the greatest story ever told — from creation to being new in his presence, from Genesis to Revelation. As outlandish as its stories are, the Bible is not a fairytale but is true. God does what only God can do.

We are fortunate to have the Bible as the inspired Word of God. It teaches us the history of a rebellious, doubting, sinful mankind trying to take control of our lives instead of trusting God.

God's way of doing things is far different than the culture of mankind. For example, we read in the Bible to love our enemies (Matthew 5:43-44). That is not consistent with our culture. Therefore, it should not be surprising that God's ways are different from ours.

Among the unbelievable concepts of the Bible is that He wants you and me, despite our flaws (politically correct for "sins."). Unbelievable as it is, God sent His son to die for you and me. It is a love story because God loves us. No matter what we have done, He opens the door for us to ask for and receive forgiveness so that we can live with Him for eternity. How's that for an unbelievable store line — one that is beyond conventional wisdom? But it is true.

Read: Ephesians 2:1-9

What's the Point? God can do the impossible. We can trust the power of God, and we can trust that He loves us. Seek to live according to His ways.