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Research Proposal

Wayne Grudem defines a miracle as follows: "A miracle is a less common kind of God's activity in which he arouses people's awe and wonder and bears witness to himself.? He justifies this definition by awe, or amazement in such a way that God bears witness to himself, pointing out the deficiencies in other commonly proposed definitions. "For example, one definition of miracles is "a direct intervention of God in the world.? But this definition assumes a deistic view of God's relationship to the world, in which the world continues on its own and God only intervenes in it occasionally. This is certainly not the biblical view, according to which God makes the rain to fall (Matt. 5:45), causes the grass to grow (Ps. 104:14), and continually carries along all things by his word and power (Heb. 1:3). Another definition of miracles is "a more direct activity of God in the world.? But to talk about a "more direct? working of God suggests that his ordinary providential activity is somehow not 'direct? and again hints at a sort of deistic removal of God from the world.

Miracles is a topic I have been taught about but never researched for my own personal knowledge base. As I read Wayne Grudem's insert, I knew this was the area I would like to explore for my research assignment.