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the fourth century of our common era began and ended with a miracle constantine s famous vision of the cross at one end and theodosius victory bearing prayer at the other in this book historian h a drake shows how miracles in this century forever altered the way christians pagans and jews understood themselves and each other

the fourth century of our common era began and ended with a miracle traditionally in the year 312 the roman emperor constantine experienced a vision of the cross that led him to convert to christianity and to defeat his last rival to the imperial throne and in 394 a divine wind carried the emperor theodosius to victory at the battle of the frigidus river other stories heralded the discovery of the true cross by constantine s mother helena and the rise of a new kind of miracle maker in the deserts of egypt and syria these miracle stories helped christians understand the dizzying changes they experienced in the fourth century far more than the outdated narrative of a life and death struggle between christians and pagans they help us understand the darker turn christianity took in subsequent ages in a century of miracles historian h a drake explores the role miracle stories played in helping christians pagans and jews think about themselves and each other these stories he concludes bolstered christian belief that their god wanted the empire to be christian most importantly they help explain how after a century of

trumpeting the power of their god christians were able to deal with their failure to protect the city of rome from a barbarian sack by the gothic army of alaric in 410 augustine s magnificent city of god eventually established a new theoretical basis for success but in the meantime the popularity of miracle stories reassured the faithful even when the miracles came to an end thoroughly researched within a wide range of faiths and belief systems a century of miracles provides an absorbing illumination of this complex polytheistic and decidedly mystical phenomenon

for as long as the idea of miracles has been in the public sphere the conversation about them has been shaped exclusively by religious apologists and christian leaders the definitions for what a miracles are have been forged by the same men who fought hard to promote their own beliefs as fitting under that umbrella it s time for a change enter john w loftus an atheist author who has earned three master s degrees from lincoln christian seminary and trinity evangelical divinity school loftus a former student of noted christian apologist william lane craig got some of the biggest names in the field to contribute to this book which represents a critical analysis of the very idea of miracles incorporating his own thoughts along with those of noted academics philosophers and theologians loftus is able to properly define miracle and then show why there s no reason to believe such a thing even exists addressing every single issue that touches on miracles in a thorough and academic manner this compilation represents the most extensive look at the phenomenon ever displayed through the lens of an ardent nonbeliever if you ve ever wondered exactly what a miracle is or doubted whether they exist then this book is for you

a selected history of religious miracles from seventeenth century belgium offering insight to the beliefs of catholic europeans in the age of reformation in the tradition of the return of martin guerre and the great cat massacre miracles at the jesus oak is a rich evocative journey into the past and the extraordinary events that transformed the lives of ordinary people in the musty archive of a belgian abbey historian craig harline happened upon a vast collection of documents written in the seventeenth century by people who claimed to have experienced miracles and wonders in miracles at the jesus oak harline recasts these testimonies into engaging vignettes that open a

window onto the believers unbelievers and religious movements of catholic europe in the age of reformation written with grace and charm miracles at the jesus oak is popular history at its most informative and enlightening praise for miracles at the jesus oak in his usual manner lively and fresh harline not only brings ordinary people front and center but also offers startling insight into the political and religious dynamic of the time his approach and writing style although historically responsible are enjoyable for non specialists as well his work makes clear what professional historians alas sometimes forget an enjoyable story need not be taboo tertio belgium more than simply a collection of delightful tales miracles still enthrall commonweal

do miracles still happen today this book demonstrates that miraculous works of god which have been part of the experience of the church around the world since christianity began continue into the present leading new testament scholar craig keener addresses common questions about miracles and provides compelling reasons to believe in them today including many accounts that offer evidence of verifiable miracles this book gives an accessible and concise overview of one of keener s most significant research topics his earlier two volume work on miracles stands as the definitive word on the topic but its size and scope are daunting to many readers this new book summarizes keener s basic argument but contains substantial new material including new accounts of the miraculous it is suitable as a textbook but also accessible to church leaders and laypeople

jesus turned water into wine mohammad split the moon into two and buddha walked and spoke immediately upon birth according to recent statistics even in the present age of advanced science and technology most people believe in miracles in fact newspapers and television regularly report alleged miracles such as recoveries from incurable diseases extremely unlikely coincidences and religious signs and messages on unexpected objects in this book the award winning author and philosopher yujin nagasawa addresses some of our most fundamental questions concerning miracles what exactly is a miracle what types of miracles are believed in the world s great religions what do recent scientific findings tell us about miracles can we rationally believe that miracles have really taken place can there be acts that are more religiously significant than miracles drawing on a vast variety of

fascinating examples from across the major religions nagasawa discusses the lively debate on miracles that ranges from reported miracles in ancient scriptures in the east and west to cutting edge scientific research on belief formation throughout he drives us to ask ourselves if and how we can still believe in in miracles in the twenty first century about the series the very short introductions series from oxford university press contains hundreds of titles in almost every subject area these pocket sized books are the perfect way to get ahead in a new subject quickly our expert authors combine facts analysis perspective new ideas and enthusiasm to make interesting and challenging topics highly readable

nineteenth century miracles or spirits and their work in every country of the earth a complete historical compendium of the great movement know as modern spiritualism

as war pestilence and famine spread through europe in the middle ages so did reports of miracles of hopeless victims wondrously saved from disaster these rescue miracles recorded by over one hundred fourteenth century cults are the basis of michael goodich s account of the miraculous in everyday medieval life rescue miracles offer a wide range of voices rarely heard in medieval history from women and children to peasants and urban artisans they tell of salvation not just from the ravages of nature and war but from the vagaries of a violent society crime unfair judicial practices domestic squabbles and communal or factional conflict the stories speak to a collapse of confidence in decaying institutions from the law to the market to feudal authority particularly the miraculous escapes documented during the hundred years war the italian communal wars and other conflicts are vivid testimony to the end of aristocratic warfare and the growing victimization of noncombatants miracles goodich finds represent the transcendent and unifying force of faith in a time of widespread distress and the hopeless conditions endured by the common people of the middle ages just as the lives of the saints once dismissed as church propaganda have become valuable to historians so have rescue miracles as evidence of an underlying medieval mentalite this work expands our knowledge of that state of mind and the grim conditions that colored and shaped it

a translation of and philological historical commentary on an

anonymous hagiographical text which provides insights into faith healing and the treatment of hernias in 7th century constantinople

named one of the best books of the year by people o the oprah magazine financial times kansas city star bookpage kirkus reviews publishers weekly booklist new york times bestseller a stunner justin cronin it s never the disasters you see coming that finally come to pass it s the ones you don t expect at all says julia in this spellbinding novel of catastrophe and survival by a superb new writer luminous suspenseful unforgettable the age of miracles tells the haunting and beautiful story of julia and her family as they struggle to live in a time of extraordinary change on an ordinary saturday in a california suburb julia awakes to discover that something has happened to the rotation of the earth the days and nights are growing longer and longer gravity is affected the birds the tides human behavior and cosmic rhythms are thrown into disarray in a world that seems filled with danger and loss julia also must face surprising developments in herself and in her personal world divisions widening between her parents strange behavior by her friends the pain and vulnerability of first love a growing sense of isolation and a surprising rebellious new strength with crystalline prose and the indelible magic of a born storyteller karen thompson walker gives us a breathtaking portrait of people finding ways to go on in an ever evolving world gripping drama flawlessly written it could be the most assured debut by an american writer since jennifer egan s emerald city the denver post pure magnificence nathan englander provides solace with its wisdom compassion and elegance curtis sittenfeld riveting heartbreaking profoundly moving kirkus reviews starred review look for special features inside join the circle for author chats and more

between may and october of 1917 three young shepherds were reportedly visited six times by an apparition of the virgin mary near the town of f tima in portugal at the final apparition event approximately 70 000 visitors gathered to witness a prophesied miracle intended to convince the public that the children s visions were of divine origin the miracle took the form of a solar anomaly witnesses claimed that the sun began to dance exploring the early development of the cult of the virgin of f tima and the overthrow of the liberal secular government by pro catholic elements jeffrey bennett offers the first

book length scholarly study of the cult s relationship to the rise of authoritarian politics in portugal when the sun danced offers a fascinating look at the cultural dynamics that informed one of the most turbulent periods in the nation s history

new york times bestselling author lee strobel trains his investigative sights on the hot button question is it really credible to believe god intervenes supernaturally in people s lives today this provocative book starts with an unlikely interview in which america s foremost skeptic builds a seemingly persuasive case against the miraculous but then strobel travels the country to quiz scholars to see whether they can offer solid answers to atheist objections along the way he encounters astounding accounts of healings and other phenomena that simply cannot be explained away by naturalistic causes the book features the results of exclusive new scientific polling that shows miracle accounts are much more common than people think what s more strobel delves into the most controversial question of all what about miracles that don t happen if god can intervene in the world why doesn t he do it more often to relieve suffering many american christians are embarrassed by the supernatural not wanting to look odd or extreme to their neighbors yet the case for miracles shows not only that the miraculous is possible but that god still does intervene in our world in awe inspiring ways here s a unique book that examines all sides of this issue and comes away with a passionate defense for god s divine action in lives today also available the case for miracles spanish edition kids edition and student edition

despite the dominance of scientific explanation in the modern world at the beginning of the twenty first century faith in miracles remains strong particularly in resurgent forms of traditional religion in miracles david l weddle examines how five religious traditions hinduism judaism buddhism christianity and islam understand miracles considering how they express popular enthusiasm for wondrous tales how they provoke official regulation because of their potential to disrupt authority and how they are denied by critics within each tradition who regard belief in miracles as an illusory distraction from moral responsibility in dynamic and accessible prose weddle shows us what miracles are what they mean and why despite overwhelming scientific evidence they are still

significant today belief in miracles sustains the hope that if there is a reality that surpasses our ordinary lives it is capable of exercising from time to time creative liberating enlightening and healing power in our world

christianity today 2013 book award winner winner of the foundation for pentecostal scholarship s 2012 award of excellence 2011 book of the year christianbook com s academic blog most modern prejudice against biblical miracle reports depends on david hume s argument that uniform human experience precluded miracles yet current research shows that human experience is far from uniform in fact hundreds of millions of people today claim to have experienced miracles new testament scholar craig keener argues that it is time to rethink hume s argument in light of the contemporary evidence available to us this wide ranging and meticulously researched two volume study presents the most thorough current defense of the credibility of the miracle reports in the gospels and acts drawing on claims from a range of global cultures and taking a multidisciplinary approach to the topic keener suggests that many miracle accounts throughout history and from contemporary times are best explained as genuine divine acts lending credence to the biblical miracle reports

ordinary people of antiquity interacted with the supernatural through a mosaic of beliefs and rituals exploring everyday life from 200 bce to the end of the first century ce robert knapp shows that jews and polytheists lived with the gods in very similar ways traditional interactions provided stability even in times of crisis while changing a relationship risked catastrophe for the individual his family and his community however people in both traditions did at times leave behind their long honored rites to try something new the dawn of christianity reveals why some people in judea and then in the roman and greek worlds embraced a new approach to the forces and powers in their daily lives knapp traces the emergence of christianity from its stirrings in the eastern mediterranean where jewish monotheism coexisted with polytheism and prayer mixed with magic in a time receptive to prophetic messages and supernatural interventions jesus of nazareth convinced people to change their beliefs by showing through miracles his direct connection to god like power the miracle of the resurrection solidified jesus s supernatural credentials after his death followers continued to use miracles and

magic to spread jesus s message of reward for the righteous in this life and immortality in the next many jews and polytheists strongly opposed the budding movement but despite major setbacks christianity proved resilient and adaptable it survived long enough to be saved by a second miracle the conversion of emperor constantine hand in hand with empire christianity began its long march through history

modern culture tends to separate medicine and miracles but their histories are closely intertwined the roman catholic church recognizes saints through canonization based on evidence that they worked miracles as signs of their proximity to god physicianhistorian jacalyn duffin has examined vatican sources on 1400 miracles from six continents and spanning four centuries overwhelmingly the miracles cited in canonizations between 1588 and 1999 are healings and the majority entail medical care and physician testimony these remarkable records contain intimate stories of illness prayer and treatment as told by people who rarely leave traces peasants and illiterates men and women old and young a woman's breast tumor melts away a man s wounds knit a lame girl suddenly walks a dead baby revives suspicious of wishful thinking or na ve enthusiasm skeptical clergy shaped the inquiries to identify recoveries that remain unexplained by the best doctors of the era the tales of healing are supplemented with substantial testimony from these physicians some elements of the miracles change through time duffin shows that doctors increase in number new technologies are embraced quickly diagnoses shift with altered capabilities but other aspects of the miracles are stable the narratives follow a dramatic structure shaped by the formal questions asked of each witness and by perennial reactions to illness and healing in this history medicine and religion emerge as parallel endeavors aimed at deriving meaningful signs from particular instances of human distress signs to explain alleviate and console in confrontation with suffering and mortality a lively sweeping analysis of a fascinating set of records this book also poses an exciting methodological challenge to historians miracle stories are a vital source not only on the thoughts and feelings of ordinary people but also on medical science and its practitioners

the ancient accounts tell us that jesus could calm storms with a word feed thousands with just a few scraps of bread and fish walk on water cure the sick and even raise people from the dead in this

enlightening book an official tie in to the major bbcl 3 part television series presented by rageh omaar michael symmons roberts examines many of jesus miracles in the context of 1st century galilee he reveals that jesus miracles were full of hidden meanings and shows how by cracking this ancient code we can come to a deeper understanding of who jesus of nazareth really was a healer a prophet or the long awaited messiah and son of god rights to this series have also been sold to the discovery channel what made jesus miracles stand out for the people of his time was not that god had acted in the world but that god had acted in the world in very particular and significant ways for twenty first century westerners its is not so easy to us miracles can seem less like a language and more like a code but it is not an uncrackable code michael symmons roberts

kathryn kuhlman helped to shape a generation of pentecostal charismatic theology and practice by reintroducing a depth of spirituality which harkened back to the teachings of the mystics she introduced the concept of spiritual silence to a generation of sawdust trail pentecostals known for their exuberant and lively worship services and she

images of miraculous healing in the early modern netherlands explores the ways in which paintings and prints of biblical miracles shaped viewers approaches to physical and sensory impairments and bolstered their belief in supernatural healing and charitable behavior drawing upon a vast range of sources kaminska demonstrates that visual imagery held a central place in premodern disability discourses and that the exegesis of new testament miracle stories determined key attitudes toward the sick and the poor addressed to middle class collectors many of the images analyzed in this study have hitherto been neglected by art historians

the future of healthcare may be very simple you will sit in your living room chair and drink your tea coffee and beer as you sip the chair will absorb an encyclopedia of knowledge about your physical state of affairs a life management computer in your kitchen will integrate the data and then display it for you on your watch face a daily physical work up precisely tailored to your body will pop up on the display showing you what you have to do over the next 24 hours to avoid all the major disease processes currently plaguing the world

this comprehensive data bank will draw on all the world s medical databases which have been integrated to help you prevent disease you will rise from your chair and undertake an exact modicum of exercise tailored to your requirements performing proscribed activities that will build your stamina precisely based on your chair data the health status monitoring sweatshirt that you wear during exercise will continue its analysis throughout the day your diet will be calibrated from your medical database which vii viii 21st century miracle medicine will be stored in a now common bathroom appliance the special preventive care server in fact clothed in your own domestic decor the home will become the most sophisticated medical center in the world all you have to do is keep going as medicine becomes an invisible service and your life will be effortlessly extended ten to twenty years

the jefferson bible or the life and morals of jesus of nazareth as it is formally titled was a book constructed by thomas jefferson in the latter years of his life by cutting and pasting numerous sections from various bibles as extractions of the doctrine of jesus jefferson s composition excluded sections of the new testament containing supernatural aspects as well as perceived misinterpretations he believed had been added by the four evangelists in 1895 the smithsonian institution under the leadership of librarian cyrus adler purchased the original jefferson bible from jefferson s great granddaughter carolina randolph for 400 a conservation effort commencing in 2009 in partnership with the museum s political history department allowed for a public unveiling in an exhibit open from november 11 2011 through may 28 2012 at the national museum of american history

the miracle book by morris cerullo will reveal how god wants you to live in a rhythm of miracles dr cerullo will take you behind the scenes to share with you the stories of miracles he has experienced and will guide you to receiving your miracles chapter titles include you were made for miracles your life can be filled with miracles take your eyes off your circumstances see your problems as miracle opportunities every promise of god contains the seed for your miracle

embracing the viewpoints of catholic protestant or orthodox thinkers of conservatives liberals radicals and agnostics christianity today

is anything but monolithic or univocal in the oxford companion to christian thought general editor adrian hastings has tried to capture a sense of the great diversity of opinion that swirls about under the heading of christian thought indeed the 260 contributors who hail from twenty countries represent as wide a range of perspectives as possible here is a comprehensive and authoritative though not dogmatic overview of the full spectrum of christian thinking within its 600 alphabetically arranged entries readers will find lengthy survey articles on the history of christian thought on national and regional traditions and on various denominations from anglican to unitarian there is ample coverage of eastern thought as well examining the christian tradition in china japan india and africa the contributors examine major theological topics such as resurrection the eucharist and grace as well as controversial issues such as homosexuality and abortion in addition short entries illuminate symbols such as water and wine and there are many profiles of leading theologians of non christians who have deeply influenced christian thinking including aristotle and plato and of literary figures such as dante milton and tolstoy most articles end with a list of suggested readings and the book features a large number of cross references the oxford companion to christian thought is an indispensable guide to one of the central strands of western culture an essential volume for all christians it is a thoughtful gift for the holidays

the incarnation is the central miracle claimed by christians god it is said took in human form every other miracle precedes or follows this this is the central thesis of c s lewis book miracles in which he argues that a christian must not only accept but also revel in miracles as evidence of god s unique personal involvement in his creation lewis addresses rationalists agnostics and deists on their own terms providing a beautiful and happy affirmation that miracles do happen in our daily lives

can modern intellectuals believe in miracles editors r douglas geivett and gary r habermas provide a collection of essays to refute objections to the miraculous and set forth the positive case for god s action in history

where do you seek god are you waiting for him to appear in a

monumental life altering event in god moments catholic blogger andy otto shows you how to discover the unexpected beauty of god s presence in the story of ordinary things and in everyday routines like preparing breakfast or walking in the woods drawing on the ignatian principles of awareness prayer and discernment otto will help you discover the transforming power of god s presence in your life and better understand your place in the world andy otto found god s presence in surprising moments during his life when as a jesuit scholastic he taught children in jamaica and also as he discerned the call to marriage with his wife by combining elements of ignatian spirituality with the lessons that came from his experiences otto identified three practices that helped him find god in all things awareness gain an understanding that god is present in the ordinary messiness of our lives such as battle with depression or sharing in the struggle of a friend prayer develop a prayer life using ignatian practices such as asking for a morning grace and examining how your prayer was answered at the end of the day that way you can focus on a personal relationship with god that finds everyday physical activities such as making a meal as an opportunity to talk to him discernment the more you are aware of god s presence and draw closer to him in prayer the better you can learn how to plug into god s narrative of the world in a way that enables you to participate in the divine story through the use of your gifts and talents with god moments as a guide you ll have a better understanding of how to seek personal wholeness in the reality of god s presence in the ordinary and learn to accept his invitation to participate in his transformation of the world

an astonishingly revisionist biography of alexander graham bell telling the true and troubling story of the inventor of the telephone we think of alexander graham bell as the inventor of the telephone but that s not how he saw his own career bell was an elocution teacher by profession as the son of a deaf woman and later husband to another his goal in life from adolescence was to teach the deaf to speak even his tinkering sprang from his teaching work the telephone had its origins as a speech reading machine and yet by the end of his life despite his best efforts or perhaps more accurately because of them bell had become the american deaf community s most powerful enemy the invention of miracles recounts an extraordinary piece of forgotten history weaving together a moving love story with a

fascinating tale of innovation it follows the complicated tragedy of a brilliant young man who set about stamping out what he saw as a dangerous language sign the book offers a heartbreaking look at how heroes can become villains and how good intentions are unfortunately nowhere near enough as well as a powerful account of the dawn of a civil rights movement and the triumphant tale of how the deaf community reclaimed their once forbidden language katie booth has been researching this story for over a decade poring over bell s papers library of congress archives and the records of deaf schools around america but she s also lived with this story for her entire life witnessing the damaging impact of bell s legacy on her family would set her on a path that upturned everything she thought she knew about language power deafness and the telephone

this is an exciting exploration of the world of buddhist attitudes towards religious texts from indian scriptures to japanese medieval tales its emphasis on discursive strategies how buddhist texts function and what they expect of their readers users especially the connection between books their content and their readers bodies is a welcome new perspective fabio rambelli author of buddhist materiality miracles of book and body is fluidly written and engaging this book brings the reader to an awareness of the range and foci of medieval popular readings of sutra literature and eubanks provides an important perspective to interpreting these narratives that is original and stimulating thomas w hare author of zeami performance notes charlotte eubanks sophisticated insightful and readable study of the physicalities of sutra texts and sutra recitation makes sense of some of the strangest phenomena in medieval japan by disentangling the literal and metaphorical meanings in buddhist setsuwa eubanks explains such things as how memorizing a text is an embodiment thereof how texts can become sentient beings and why the scroll is an appropriate format for recording dharma her work is both important and engaging margaret h childs university of kansas drawing on an impressive range of mahayana scriptures and medieval japanese didactic tales eubanks unpacks recurrent tropes correlating text and flesh to reveal surprising connections among the literary material and ritual dimensions of buddhist textual culture elegantly written and theoretically astute this volume will be welcomed not only by specialists in buddhist literature but also by readers interested in broader issues of text based religious practice jacqueline stone

author of original enlightenment and the transformation of medieval japanese buddhism

a refreshingly original and powerfully argued re conception of the issues and the forces at work in this period of the conversion not of constantine but of christianity a riveting story and masterfully told new republic

does god still do miracles today a simple guide to experience miracles will give you confidence in and awareness of the supernatural realm as you learn how to flourish spiritually by experiencing more miraculous interventions in your life and ministry internationally renowned philosopher i p moreland looks at the nature of miracles and explains why bearing and receiving credible testimony to god s miraculous acts is a crucial feature of a mature jesus follower he also shows how to distinguish a real miracle from a mere coincidence miracles bring comfort to believers strengthening faith in god and creating boldness in our lives while miraculous healings have occurred frequently throughout church history moreland provides data showing how the last fifty years have seen a massive outbreak of miracles and supernatural activity today he argues the church should humbly expect to see more of these miraculous works of god than we do moreland looks at topics like the relationship between sickness and suffering along with two different ways to pray for healing how to discern clearly the difference between a genuine miracle and a mere coincidence how to increase your faith that petitionary prayer really works and what to make of unanswered prayer six ways god speaks to us and advice for hearing god wisely and biblically the role angels play in our lives how they appear to us and how to combat demonic influence the biblical basis for most near death experiences and what we can learn from them a simple guide to experience miracles increases your expectation and hope that god can and often does miraculously intervene to bring help and comfort moreland shows that it makes rational sense to step out and engage in employing kingdom power and to strengthen courage to witness and act on behalf of the gospel of jesus filled with inspiring credible motivating accounts of miracles he covers five different kinds of supernatural activities and provides practical wisdom about how to begin practices such as healing prayer and learning to deal with the demonic

jansenism the view of the world as dark and fallen enjoyed its heyday in 17th century europe radner explores jansenism and its response to purported miraculous events exploring the interior logic and its implications for christian pneumatology

recent studies of medieval preaching have tended to focus on sermon texts this is the first scholarly study in english of preaching and its social context in thirteenth century italy augustine thompson op both an academic and a preacher reconstructs the great devotion of 1233 and analyzes its devotional social political and legal elements he shows how the preachers of this revival crafted an image of divine authority that supported their intervention in factional disputes and facilitated their arbitration in social and political conflicts they exploited forms from revived roman law and developing city statutes in order to create flexible procedures for mediation and ultimately were able to revise communal ordinances to enshrine their message of social harmony this is a work of original scholarship carefully researched and lucidly written which is a valuable contribution to our understanding of religion and politics in the middle ages

while king carlos i of spain struggled to suppress the protestant reformation in the old world the spanish turned to new spain to promote the catholic cause unimpeded by the presence of the false old world religions to this end osowski writes the spanish saw indigenous people as necessary protagonists in the anticipated triumph of the faith as the conversion of the indigenous people of mexico proceeded in earnest catholic ritual became the medium through which indigenous leaders and spaniards negotiated colonial hegemony indigenous miracles is about how the nahua elite of central mexico secured political legitimacy through the administration of public rituals centered on miraculous images of christ the king osowski argues that these images were adopted as community symbols and furthermore allowed nahua leaders to represent their own kingship protecting their claims to legitimacy this legitimacy allowed them to act collectively to prevent the loss of many aspects of their culture osowski demonstrates how a shared religion admitted the possibility of indigenous agency and new ethnic identities consulting both nahuatl and spanish sources osowski strives to fill a gap in the history of the nahuas from 1760 to 1810 a momentous time when previously sanctioned religious practices were condemned by the

viceroys and archbishops of the bourbon royal dynasty his approach synthesizes ethnohistory and institutional history to create a fascinating account of how and why the nahuas protected the practices and symbols they had appropriated under hapsburg rule ultimately osowski s account contributes to our understanding of the ways in which indigenous agency was negotiated in colonial mexico

this book inquires into the controversies over miracles that have fascinated christians from the reformation to the twentieth century focusing on the period from 1860 to 1930 robert bruce mullin explores the ways preachers faith healers psychic researchers scientists historians philosophers and writers have grappled with issues of the miraculous he shows how transforming attitudes toward miracles have changed the anglo american religious landscape fascinating an in depth study of how the notion of the miraculous has evolved in the modern age publishers weekly in this thoughtful wide ranging study robert bruce mullin examines the changing fate of belief in the miraculous a well crafted study that no serious student of the age or the issue should fail to engage daniel l pals church history this is an extremely important and well written study and contributes in significant ways to reshaping the discussion of religion in the north atlantic world in the gilded age mark s massa catholic historical review mullin s work is remarkably intelligent an excellent book andrew greeley history of religions how and why the notion of a limited age of miracles lost its commanding place in religious discourse is one of the main themes of mullin s superbly researched and finely nuanced study an innovative intellectual history of high caliber james h moorhead theology today mullin has managed to spin an impressively thorough account of his subject in such a way that breathes new life into familiar ideas figures and developments while introducing not a few unfamiliar ones and freshly illumines their ongoing importance in twentieth century versions of the miracle debate r marie griffith journal of the american academy of religion

grounded in science and metaphysics making miracles create new realities for your life and our world is a growing snowball of group consciousness it invites all readers to bypass the presumed boundaries of space and time boundaries that science is showing to be permeable beyond our wildest imaginings to reach out in loving compassion to every other reader wherever they happen to be in space

time the experiment involves focusing and directing this collective energy of love to see what miracles we can create for ourselves each other and the world beyond this is a book about consciousness time quantum science and god all woven into a series of practical personal experiments in miracle making it goes far beyond current teachings o the law of attraction and will sweep readers up in a collaborative experiment that pushes all the boundaries of human potential

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## Decoding the Height: How Tall is 4'5"?

Understanding height measurements is crucial in various contexts, from clothing purchases and medical assessments to architecture and construction. The seemingly simple question, "How tall is 4'5"?" can be surprisingly complex if we don't understand the notation and the potential for ambiguity. This article will delve into the specifics of this measurement, address common misunderstandings, and provide a clear understanding of what 4'5" represents.

# Understanding the Notation: Feet and Inches

The notation 4'5" uses a common system for expressing height and length: feet and inches. The apostrophe (') represents feet, and the double quotation mark (") represents inches. Therefore, 4'5" means four feet and five inches. One foot is equivalent to 12 inches. This system is prevalent in the United States and some other countries, although the metric system (meters and centimeters) is increasingly common globally. Understanding this fundamental conversion is key to solving any potential confusion.

# Converting to Other Units: Inches and Centimeters

While 4'5" is readily understood in the feet-and-inches system, it's often necessary to convert this measurement into other units for various purposes. Converting to inches: Step 1: Convert feet to inches: 4 feet 12 inches/foot = 48 inches Step 2: Add the remaining inches: 48 inches + 5 inches = 53 inches Therefore, 4'5" is equivalent to 53 inches. Converting to centimeters: One inch is

approximately equal to 2.54 centimeters. Therefore, to convert 53 inches to centimeters: Step 1: Multiply inches by the conversion factor: 53 inches 2.54 cm/inch  $\approx$  134.62 centimeters Therefore, 4'5" is approximately 134.62 centimeters.

# Common Challenges and Misinterpretations

One common challenge stems from the fact that different regions use different systems of measurement. Someone accustomed to the metric system might not immediately grasp the significance of 4'5". Another challenge arises when dealing with fractions or decimals of an inch, adding another layer of complexity to the conversion process. Another area of potential confusion is the context. 4'5" might refer to a person's height, the height of a piece of furniture, or a dimension in a construction plan. Understanding the context helps interpret the measurement accurately.

### Visualizing 4'5": Real-World Examples

To better understand the height represented by 4'5", it's helpful to visualize it in real-world terms. Consider the following: Average height of a ten-year-old child: Many ten-year-old children are around 4'5" tall. This provides a readily understandable visual reference. Height of a standard kitchen counter: Kitchen counters often have a height around 36 inches (3 feet), so 4'5" (53 inches) is slightly taller. Height of a small table: Many small end tables or coffee tables are approximately this height.

### Solving Problems Involving 4'5"

Suppose you're building a bookshelf and need to ensure the top shelf is 4'5" from the floor. Understanding the measurement in inches (53 inches) would be crucial for accurate construction. Similarly, if you're purchasing clothing, knowing your height in inches or centimeters would ensure a better fit.

### Summary

The seemingly straightforward measurement of 4'5" requires a clear understanding of the feet-and-inches system and the ability to convert it into other units like inches and centimeters. By mastering these conversions and understanding the practical implications of this height in different contexts, we can effectively utilize this measurement in various situations, from personal measurements to construction projects.

#### **FAQs**

1. Q: Is 4'5" tall or short for an adult? A: 4'5" (134.62 cm) is considered short for an adult, especially compared to average adult heights. 2. Q: How do I convert 4'5" to meters? A: Since 1 meter is approximately 39.37 inches, divide 53 inches by 39.37 inches/meter to get approximately 1.35 meters. 3. Q: What is the difference between 4'5" and 4.5 feet? A: 4'5" is four feet and five inches (53 inches), while 4.5 feet is four and a half feet (54 inches). There is a one-inch difference. 4. Q: Can I use a measuring tape to verify a 4'5" height? A: Yes, a standard measuring tape can be used to accurately measure and verify a height of 4'5" (or 53 inches). 5. Q: What is the significance of knowing the height in different units? A: Knowing the height in different units is crucial for international communication, compatibility with different tools and measuring systems, and accurate calculations in various fields such as construction, engineering, and medicine.

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