

The Miracles of Exodus – A Scientist's Discovery of the Extraordinary
Natural Causes of the Biblical Stories by Colin J. Humphreys.
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It might be argued that if you don't believe that the stories of the Pentateuch are factually accurate you are deficient in faith and no amount of scientifically substantiated argument is going to convince you to change your mind!

Colin J Humphreys CBE is an eminent Cambridge physicist and polymath, as well as being a committed Christian. He brings all his many talents, as well as his religious faith, to bear on the stories of the book of Exodus, and analyses such biblical miracles as the burning bush, the plagues, the Exodus from Egypt and the crossing of the Red Sea, how Moses obtained water from the rock and the precise location of Mt Sinai.

The author combines the passion of a man of faith with the lucidity of a man of science, and writes in a style that is engaging even when the reader may find it hard to agree with some or all of his theories.

The Miracles of Exodus may justifiably take its place among the corpus of those texts that have sought, through a combination of history and scientific deduction, to verify the biblical narrative, the work of the late and great Immanuel Velikovsky springing immediately to mind. Ultimately, as an enjoyable read, the book succeeds regardless of whether one is convinced by all Colin Humphrey's propositions, and it is also an undoubted source of study and discussion material for which Rabbis and Christian clergy owe him a debt.

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