

RATED R FOR REAL

(Mark 5:1-20)

Life is comprised of a visible, material & an invisible, spiritual world

- The material world REVEALS the spiritual world
- The spiritual and material worlds RECOGNIZE God
- God RULES the spiritual and material worlds
- God RESTORES the spiritual world with material effects

The spiritual world is rated R for REAL**QUOTES OF NOTE**

My job is to open people's eyes to all the amazing things they didn't know existed. (George Steinmetz, photographer, *National Geographic*)

The world is entirely an imaginary world, but it is only once removed from the real world. (Isaac Singer, *Gimpel the Fool*)

The greatest trick the devil ever pulled was proving to the world he didn't exist. (Roger Kint, Kevin Spacey's movie character, *The Usual Suspects*)

There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. (C. S. Lewis in *The Screwtape Letters*)

You realize that we are far more ignorant of the world than we are knowledgeable of it. Despite all of our explorations and discoveries, all this information that is before us, all this understanding of how it works, there is still far more that we do not know than what we do know. (Eugene Peterson, *Subversive Spirituality*)

Most of the reality with which we deal is invisible. Most of what makes up human existence is inaccessible to our five senses: emotions, thoughts, dreams, love, hope, character, purpose, belief. Even what makes up most of basic physical existence is out of the range of our unassisted senses: molecules and atoms, neutrons and protons, the air we breathe, the ancestors we derive from, the angels who protect us. We live immersed in these immense invisibles. And more than anything else, we are dealing with God "whom no one has seen at any time." (Eugene Peterson, *Subversive Spirituality*)

Jesus' healings are not supernatural miracles in a natural world. They are the only truly 'natural' things in a world that is unnatural, demonized, and wounded. (Jürgen Moltmann, *The Way of Jesus Christ*)

Imagination is the capacity to make connections between the visible and the invisible, between heaven and earth, between present and past, between present and future. For Christians, whose largest investment is in the invisible, the imagination is indispensable, for it is only by means of the imagination that we can see reality whole, in context. (Eugene Peterson, *Subversive Spirituality*)