

New Use for the Word “Mystic” (Replacement for the Word “Magic”)

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The word “magic” is synonymous with the word “occult”. Unfortunately, in popular culture this word has been popularized to refer to something that a person experiences as wonderful, strange or unexpected but cannot explain it. Everything can be explained with science, except the Holy Spirit, but humans cannot yet explain everything with science. So we need to use the right words.

In Exodus 7:8-13, Yahweh instructs Aaron to cast his staff before the pharaoh when the pharaoh would ask for a miracle. When he did, the staff became a serpent. However, the pharaoh had magicians working for him who could do the same but the serpent of Yahweh was able to swallow up the serpents of the magicians. Aaron was not a magician. So to explain what he did by using the word “magic” would be incorrect. The word “mystic” is better suited for this purpose. If you can’t explain something negative, it’s “magic”. If you can’t explain something positive, it’s “mystic”.