

claim that all facts are revelational. It is not only a selected body of unusual phenomena that defies naturalistic explanation. All facts, whether natural or supernatural, defy naturalistic explanation. Every fact signifies that it is controlled by God. Otherwise, it signifies nothing. Either God is proven by every fact or we are left with meaninglessness.

*The implication of this point should be clear. We are now able to answer the question as to what qualifies as evidence. For Van Til, **everything** is evidence—every fact, every object, every event properly understood is evidence for Christianity. Furthermore, every bit of evidence, as he sees it, **proves with absolute validity the truth of God's Word.**" (Van Til & the Use of Evidence, 1980, pp.58-9)*

And here is Van Til:

"... surely the Reformed believer should stress with Calvin that every fact of history, here and now actually is a revelation of God. Hence any fact and every fact proves the existence of God and therefore the truth of Scriptures. If this is not the case, no fact ever will." (Introduction to Systematic Theology, 1974, p.17)

Most of what is pertinent to say here would be a repeat of what has already gone before. I will draw attention only to what this view of "fact" implies for miracle.

*(1) The probative value of miracle (the **evidential** value of miracle) is at stake here. Thus, the probative value of the miracles of Jesus that were performed in Korazin, Bethsaida, and Capernaum, but which were **not** performed in ancient Tyre, Sidon, and Sodom, is utterly trivialized by the view stated above! The evidential value of the fact that Jesus raised Jairus's daughter from death, for example, is leveled to the evidential value of the fact that the average Galilean fishing boat was worth more than a shekel. Or suppose, what is surely a fact, that Jesus knew what to look for in a good pair of sandals. Can **that** little fact be ranked in revelatory or probative value **equal** to the facts about the mighty miracles Jesus had performed? Which of these*