

GOD AT THE MOVIES

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John 1:16–17

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you are in Jesus' neighborhood!

2. HIDING BEHIND SOPHISTICATION

- Seeing the miraculous is a choice,
a disposition, an inclination!

3. TABLES THAT NEED TO BE TURNED

(a view of religion at its worst)

Notice:

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God forgives... religion holds on; it keeps trying to
"balance" things out.

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James 2:4

- ✓ We build a System in which I am the righteous one —
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Matthew 9:13

Rule of thumb: Watch out for the deep feeling of quasi-angry
righteousness. It normally does not take you to God.

- ✓ Must forgive the stumbling block or you
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FROM SURPRISING SOURCES...

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