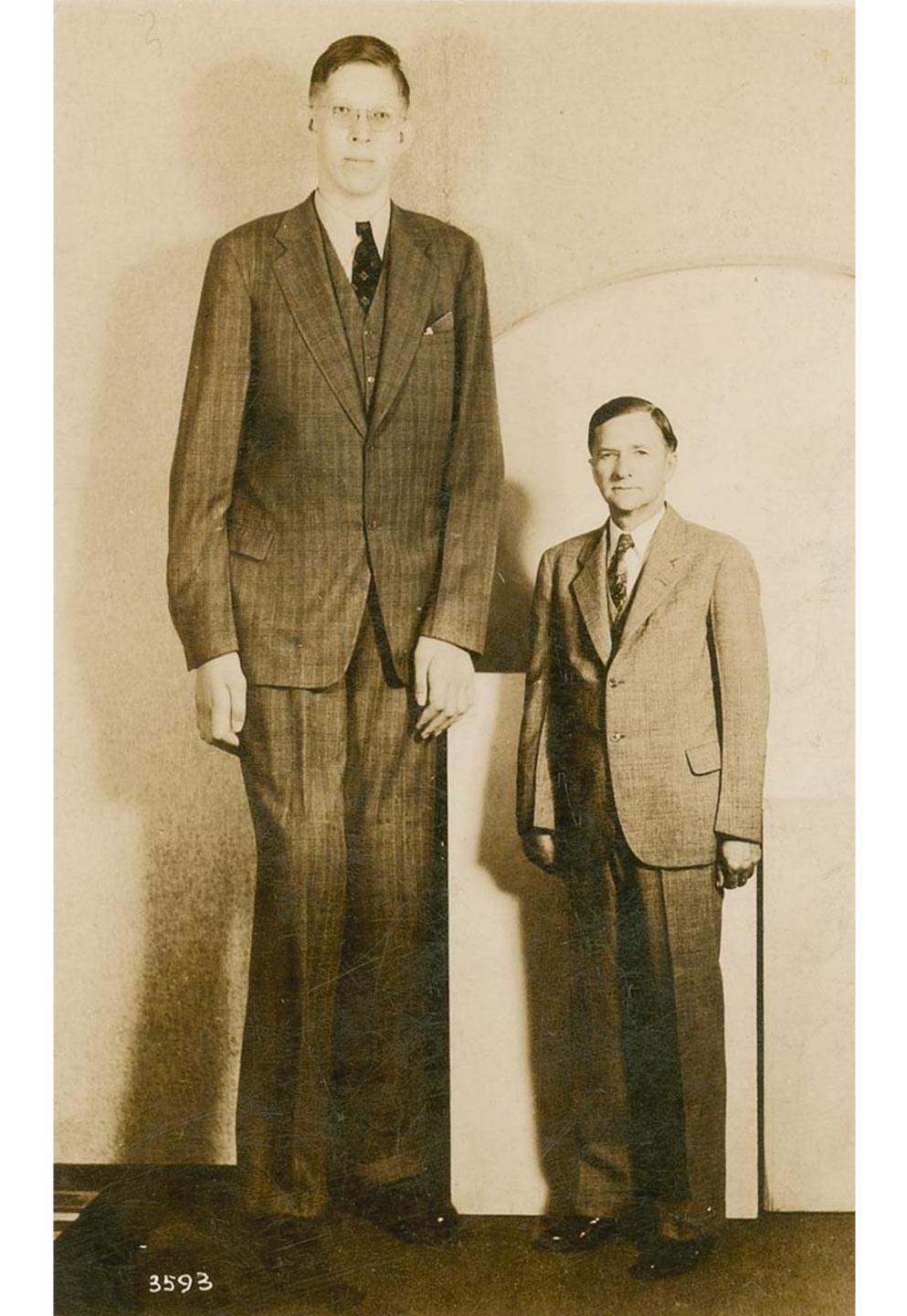
Edouard Beaupre 1881-1904





Robert Wadlow 1918-1940



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Pseudepigrapha: False or spurious writings, especially writings falsely attributed to biblical characters or times. (ie. Gospel of Thomas/Judas/Mary; "the Nag Hammadi [fragments] ... include the 'Gospel of Truth, the Gospel of Thomas, the Gospel of Philip, the Gospel of the Egyptians, and the Gospel of Mary.")

<u>Apocrypha</u>: Regarded as doubtful writings, but not found to be overtly spurious. "The word apocrypha literally means 'hidden away... these writings were "'hidden' or withdrawn from common use."

"Discernment of (NT) Signs and Miracles"

1) True miracles from God will focus on the Gospel Christ, his incarnation, atonement, resurrection, and/or kingdom teaching.

2) Always determine the doctrinal positions of "miracle workers." If they are in violation of Scripture at any point, reject them.

 Be especially alert to "signs and wonders" that hinge on or involve the exchange of money or goods (2 Kgs 5:1–27; Acts 3:6).

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 Remember that regeneration, conversion to Christ, or the new birth are always the greatest miracles, and the <u>sure</u> manifestation of the power of God.

5) When uncertain, always seek discernment from the biblical text and from the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

 Remember that the Scriptures teach that deceit and false miracles will increase as the world moves toward the eschaton.