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In rejoining our heads with our hearts, *Thank God for Evolution* speaks to what matters most to us: our personal struggles, breakdowns, and pain; our closest relationships; our choices about where to spend our time, energy, and money; and the wellbeing of our communities, country, and world. It builds bridges, provides guidance, and restores realistic hope for the future. When we align ourselves with the inexorable flow of evolution into ever widening circles of compassion, we know without doubt that we are doing God's work—a God more vast and more intimate than previously thought possible.

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"Michael Dowd and his wife, Connie Barlow, have committed their lives to showing that you can be a true Darwinian and a truly spiritual person. Thank God for 'em, and thank God for Michael's new book."

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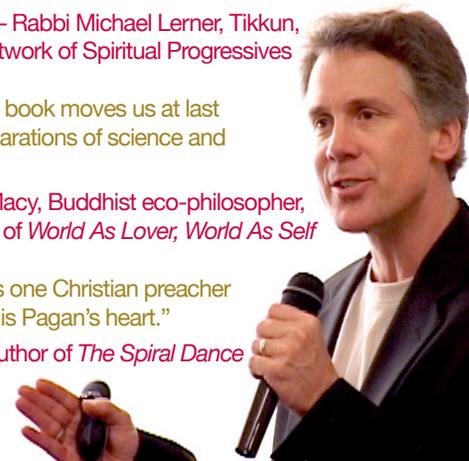
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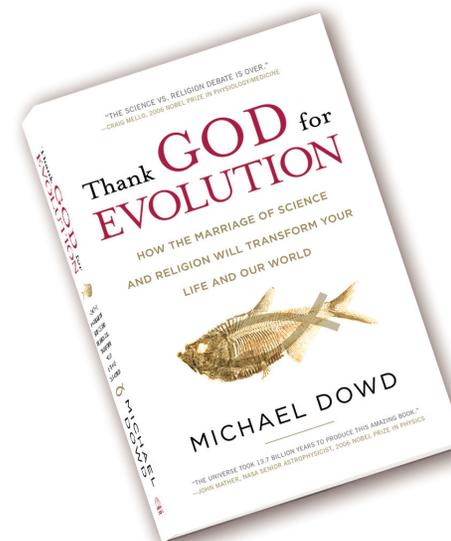


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"The science vs. religion debate is over!
A must read for all, including scientists."

— Craig Mello, 2006 Nobel Prize
in Physiology / Medicine



"The universe took 13.7 billion years to produce this amazing book. I heartily recommend it."

— John Mather, NASA Senior Astrophysicist,
2006 Nobel Prize in Physics

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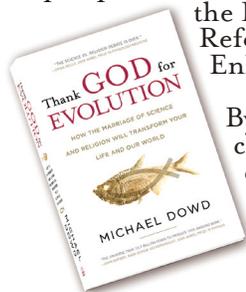
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THE BOOK

Finally, the war between science and religion is over. The winner? All of us. With supporters from an incredibly wide spectrum of backgrounds and beliefs, including five Nobel laureates, *Thank God for Evolution* builds bridges, provides guidance, and restores realistic hope for individuals and families, for humanity, and for the body of life as a whole.

Drawing on cutting-edge astrophysics, geology, biology, anthropology, and evolutionary brain science, *Thank God for Evolution!* presents the history of the universe as an epic drama where the generations alive today have a crucial role to play. It offers a revolution in perspective on a scale not witnessed since the Protestant and Catholic Reformations, or the Enlightenment.

By seeing the global, collaborative scientific endeavor as public

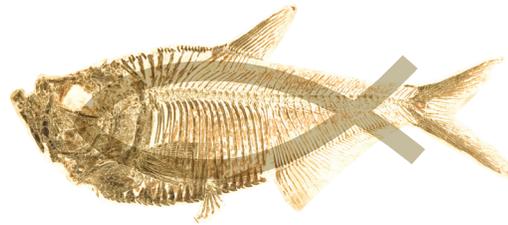


“A step toward that ultimate truth in which both religion and science will be reconciled.”

– Bishop John Shelby Spong, author of *Jesus for the Non-Religious*

“That evolution is a divine force has not been well appreciated, or articulated, up till now.”

– Kevin Kelly, *Wired* magazine, author of *Out of Control*



revelation, we can newly appreciate the timeless insights within the private revelations of the world's enduring religious traditions. By applying the inspirational language of religion to science and the grounded language of science to religion a new heaven and new earth emerge.

With a call to all the world's religions to create new evolutionary forms, author Michael Dowd, a Christian minister, shows how his own tradition is transformed. For example, evolutionary psychologists speak of human instincts serving our animal needs. Christians have traditionally called this unchosen nature “original sin.” Rather than a punishment for disobedience, however, Dowd shows how acknowledging and working with this inherited legacy is a crucial component of spiritual growth.

When we come to see evolution in a sacred way, we no longer need to believe, we know. God is real.

“This is a book I would gladly (and securely) recommend, not only to members of my own humanist-inclined congregation but to my evangelical relatives as well!”

– Rev. Michael Schuler, Senior Minister, First Unitarian Society of Madison

THE AUTHOR

THE REVEREND MICHAEL DOWD is America's evolutionary evangelist. He has dedicated his life to proclaiming the “Great News” of a sacred view of cosmic, biological, and human evolution. During the 1980s and 90s, Dowd pastored three United Church of Christ congregations, worked with conservative and liberal religious leaders across America on environmental, peace, and justice issues, and managed government funded Sustainable Lifestyle Campaigns on both coasts.

Since 2002, he has lived entirely on the road with his wife Connie Barlow, an acclaimed science writer, giving sermons and presentations to hundreds of churches and secular organizations. Highly in demand as a speaker, Rev. Dowd is passionate about sharing the 14-billion-year history of everything and everyone in ways that offer both practical guidance and inspiration.

