

No matter who you are,
no matter where you are
on your spiritual
journey, you are
welcome here.

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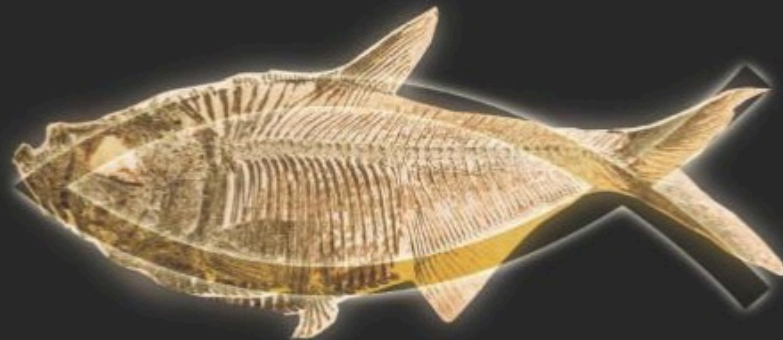
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“The science vs. religion debate is over!”

— CRAIG MELLO, 2006 NOBEL PRIZE IN PHYSIOLOGY/MEDICINE

Thank GOD for EVOLUTION!

How the Marriage of Science and Religion
Will Transform Your Life and Our World



Michael Dowd

“The universe took 13.7 billion years to produce this amazing book.”

— JOHN MATHER, NASA CHIEF SCIENTIST, 2006 NOBEL PRIZE IN PHYSICS

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We have to look at what it is
that has been held as true so
that we can replace it with
wiser and more useful
knowledge, information,
wisdom and understanding.

Reality is my God.

Evidence is my Scripture.

Big History is my Creation Story.

Ecology is my theology.

Integrity is my salvation.

Doing what I can to foster a just and healthy future for all is my mission.

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People don't change
either their religious
or political beliefs
easily.

"the great turning"

"paradigm shift"

"axial age"

"the age of
enlightenment"

What does it mean to
be a person of faith in
this era?

What in this era does it
mean to be a person of
faith?

A paradigm shift is like moving to a new continent where one must learn an entirely new language, customs and ways of doing things.

What is true? What
is our authority?

What does it
mean to be a
"Christian"?

There is no issue that divides "Christians" more than how the Bible is viewed.

Some see the Bible

as -

A divine product with divine authority. "God wrote it."

A human response to Sacred Mystery. "Our spiritual photo album."

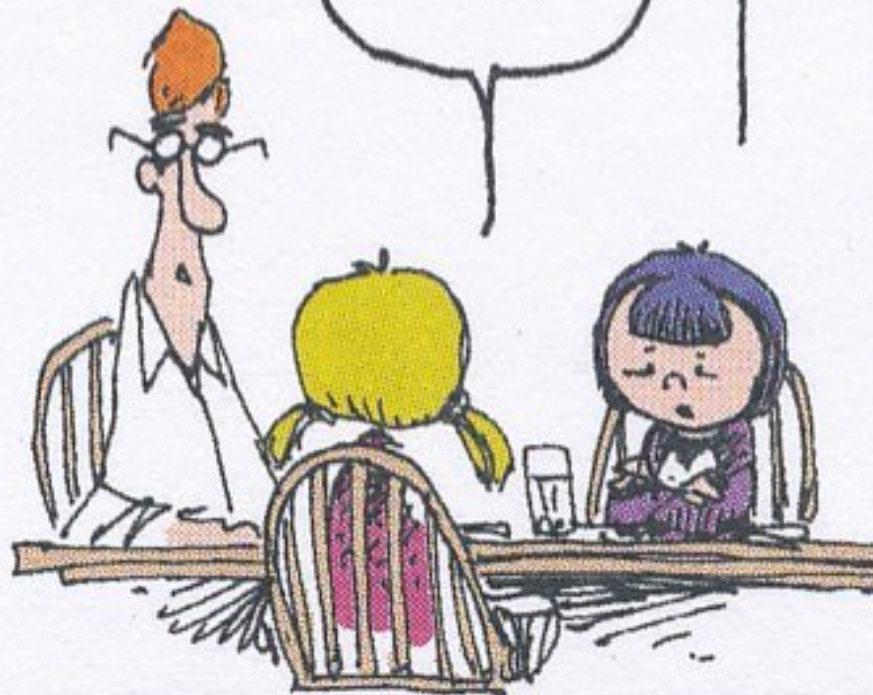
What do progressives not get about us?

For starters, we believe the Scriptures really are the word of God. When a pastor holds up a Bible in church and says, "The word of God for the people of God," we don't cross our fingers behind our backs, roll our eyes, or snicker when we respond, "Thanks be to God." We honestly believe the Scriptures are "God-breathed" and, therefore, authoritative for our lives.

STILL NOT CONVINCED
THE EARTH ISN'T FLAT

WANT TO GIVE
IT A TRY, KATE?

::SIGH::
OK



THE MOON AND ALL THE
OTHER PLANETS ARE
ROUND, RIGHT?

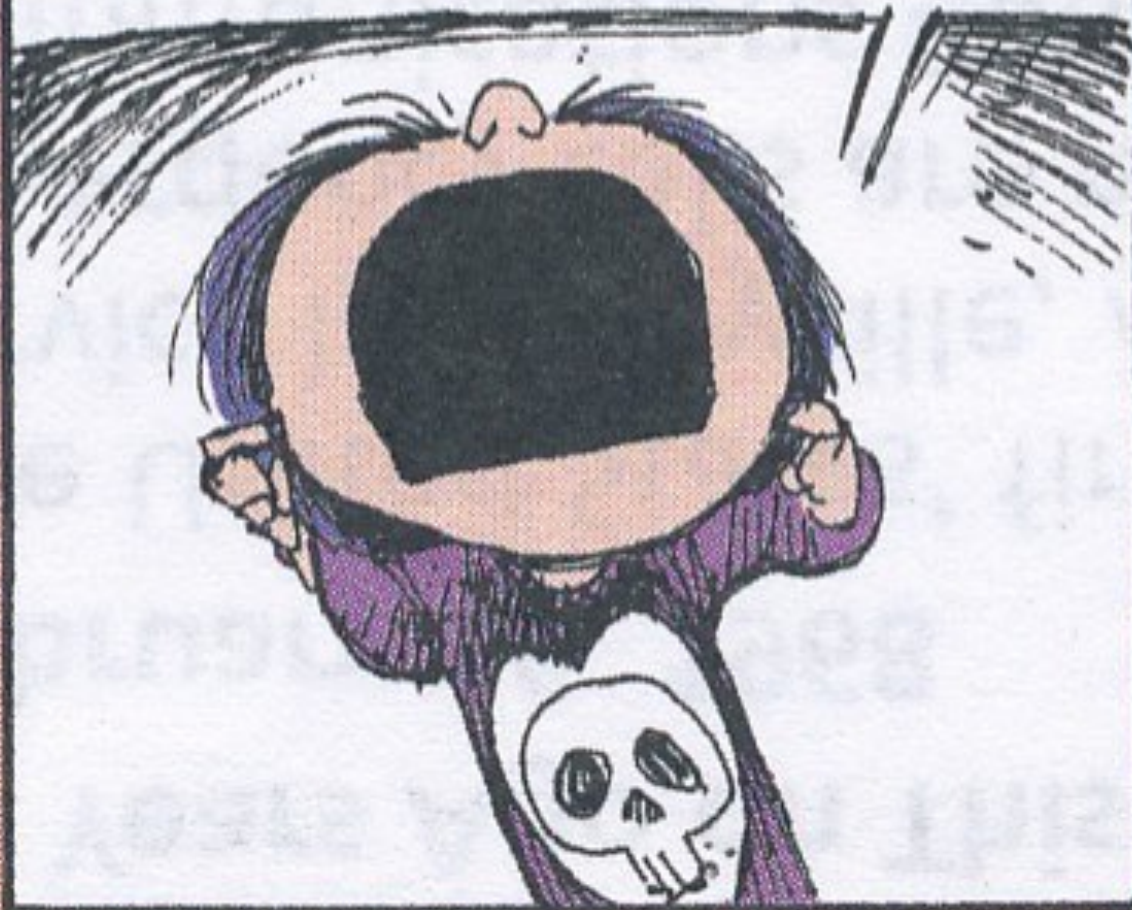
YES, BUT...

SO WHY WOULD
THIS PLANET BE
ANY DIFFERENT?

WELL,
UMM...



LA-LA-LA-LA-
LA-LA-LA-LA-
LA-LA-LA-LAAA...



O-O-O-
KAAYY...
WHAT
WAS
THAT?

THE TRUE
BELIEVER'S
LOGIC
DEFENSE
SYSTEM



We change not in order
to "stay alive" but in
order to be "in integrity,"
to live in accordance
with "what is," with
"reality," with God.

Again the anger of the Lord
burned against Israel, and
he incited David against
them, saying, "Go and take
a census of Israel and
Judah."

Satan rose up against Israel
and incited David to take a
census.

Evolution is a
significant and vital
theological concept.



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The 50 most meaningful
moments in the Bible,
each explained in half a minute

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HOW TO MEDITATE

in Just 2 Minutes



Easy Meditation for Beginners
and Experts Alike!

Phil Pierce



SOME
ASSEMBLY
REQUIRED

Batteries NOT Included



**"Some assembly
required" really
means "Lots of
swearing expected."**


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A close-up photograph of a baby's hand and forearm. The baby is wearing a white fabric wristband. On the wristband, the words "SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED" are printed in black, bold, sans-serif capital letters, arranged in two lines. The baby's hand is clenched into a fist. The background is a light-colored fabric with a faint, repeating pattern of green leaves and vines.

SOME ASSEMBLY
REQUIRED

A Journal of My Son's First Son

"[Lamott's] crisp writing and self-deprecating honesty ring charmingly true." —*People*

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His disciples
called what
he taught,
"Good News!"