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Quote of Day

"Insanity is doing the same thing, over and over again, but expecting different results."
Albert Einstein

NEW BOOK

The Language of Science and Faith

by Karl W. Giberson & Francis S. Collins (InterVarsity Press, 2011)

Francis Collins, shortly after submitting his part for this book 2009, was appointed director of the National Institutes of Health, “the world’s largest medical research institution” (said the preface). And readers interested in following a conversation on this book are directed to www.BIOLOGOS.org. Collins also wrote *The Language of God: A Scientist Presents Evidence for Belief* (Free Press, 2006).

At Google Books, one can read portions of *Language of Science and Faith* for free, just not all of the book. This is from the InterVarsity Press web site on the book:

Christians affirm that everything exists because of God—from subatomic quarks to black holes. Science often claims to explain nature without including God at all. And thinking Christians often feel forced to choose between the two.

But the good news is that we don't have to make a choice. Science does not overthrow the Bible. Faith does not require rejecting science. World-renowned scientist Francis Collins, author of *The Language of God*, along with fellow scientist Karl Giberson show how we can embrace both. Their fascinating treatment explains how God cares for and interacts with his creation while science offers a reliable way to understand the world he made.

Together they clearly answer dozens of the most common questions people ask about Darwin, evolution, the age of the earth, the Bible, the existence of God and our finely tuned universe. They also consider how their views stack up against the new atheists as well as against creationists and adherents of intelligent design.

The authors **disentangle the false conclusions** of Christians and atheists alike about science and evolution from the actual results of research in astronomy, physics, geology and genetics. In its place they find a story of the grandeur and beauty of a world made by a supremely creative God.

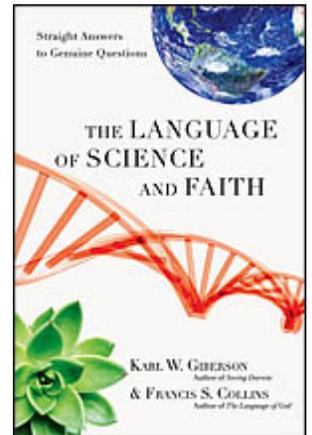
(bold mine: from web site: www.IVPpress.com/cgi-ivpress/book.pl/code=3829)

Collins said on page 19 of his introduction:

In embracing science we accept that the biological theory known as evolution is a reliable explanation for the development of the diversity of life on our planet. When we combine our theism with our acceptance of science, including evolution, we are embracing the concept of *theistic evolution*.

Theistic evolution is the belief that God created life using natural processes, working within the natural order, in harmony with its laws....

And so forth ... We have a *usually* Christian publisher claiming the authors “disentangle” false conclusions and apparently solve the problem of evolution without ever mentioning it in their advertising. Collins is an evolutionist who, clearly, makes a case for God al carte ... that is, *God on the side* and not central.



News on Ethics—Have You Heard Something?

Have you seen something in the news or on the internet relating to Christian ethics and values? You can forward it to me, and I will put it in my grab bag for inclusion here.

E-mail me at Maness3@att.net – cheers and have a great day. ☺

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