



# Thank God for Evolution

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

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Sundays 9:30 am on Zoom

Presented in a lively and accessible manner, Dowd explains why it is possible to view evolution as a divine process; how current science shows that evolution is not blind chance; how to use evolutionary insights to achieve greater personal fulfillment; and how to use evolutionary trends as a guide to making our world a better place.

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