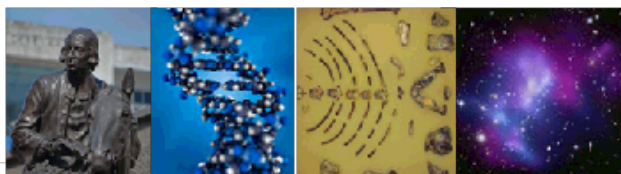


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Dear WesleyNexus Colleague:

We begin the new academic year on a high note: within the last two weeks we received from the IRS official notification that we are now approved (retroactive back to October 10, 2009) as a tax-exempt charitable, educational entity. This is a welcome outcome to a long process and much interaction with the IRS nonprofit bureau, so now we have had our first two years work extensively scrutinized and approved.

There is a new posting on our website that is worth a visit: a web course is being offered by the Nebraska Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, called "Say Yes! To Science and Religion." Leadership is provided by Rev. Michael Dowd; the course begins on October 11 and goes through November 15, 2011. For more information, contact Stephanie Nelson at [snelson3@nebrwesleyan.edu](mailto:snelson3@nebrwesleyan.edu) or call 402-465-2222. We hope to learn of more courses like this in the weeks ahead. The website can be found [here](#).

A wonderful resource for personal and group enrichment is Michael Dowd's "Advent of Evolutionary Christianity." It contains 44 interviews with theologians, scientists, philosophers and pastors addressing issues directly related to the science and religion dialogue. Participants come from across the Christian perspective and offer rich insights to those wondering how Christianity fits into an evolutionary cosmos. You can find Michael Dowd's website [here](#). (Registration is required.)

The Montgomery County Science and Religion Discussion Group will begin its discussion for the year with a conversation around a provocative question presented to scholars on Edge.org. Every year, Edge asks a conversational question to be addressed by scientists and scholars participating in their dialogue. This year's question has relevance to a number of our concerns. Edge asks "WHAT SCIENTIFIC CONCEPT WOULD IMPROVE EVERYBODY'S COGNITIVE TOOLKIT?" The Montgomery County discussion group will be taking a handful of the responses, discussing how each concept applies to an understanding of science and an understanding of faith.

The DC Theology Pub will be discussing the book Language of God by Francis Collins (Director, NIH) on September 11, 2001 @ 6:00 PM. The discussion will take place at Zorba's, 1612 20th St. NW, Washington, DC. For more information and registration, please check out the website [here](#).

Our events page can be found [here](#).

Please let us know of any events related to science and religion in your region. Our focus so far has

been on promoting events in the Washington, DC area. As we grow, we hope to be able to announce events all across the US. As I mentioned last month, we at WesleyNexus will continue to support the science and religion dialogue in our local communities and to spread the word wherever we can. As always, if you have comments or suggestions, please contact us.

God Bless,  
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