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John Haught: “Evolution and Faith: What is at Stake”

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Darwin challenges religious trust in a providential God who purposefully creates, influences and eternally cares for the world. Our religious ancestors did not have our knowledge of biological evolution, though they were certainly aware of the suffering of humans and other living beings. Darwinian science, however, vastly extends the story of life's suffering (and creativity as well) beyond that of traditional theological awareness. In what sense, then, after Darwin, might we still trust in divine providence, if at all? Is it perhaps possible that evolutionary portraits of life may open up fresh ways of thinking about God and cosmic purpose? After Darwin can we have a plausible understanding of God that is both consistent with traditional belief and adequate to the reality of evolution?

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Dr. Haught has also authored numerous articles and reviews and lectures internationally on many issues related to science and religion. His many awards include the 2002 Owen Garrigan Award in Science and Religion, 2004 Sophia Award for Theological Excellence, and 2008 “Friend of Darwin Award” from the National Center for Science Education.



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