



1. Toward Healing the Rift

Barbara Rossing

"When some change in circumstance collides with our beliefs, with our practices and evolution"

Convergences of the tectonic plates of science and religion draw our attention at points of conflict between different land masses moving in their different direction - something must give way or merge

Bruce Sanguin

Evolution - typically associated with biological evolution, but extends to all domains of development

Rossing

Is the Genesis story voided? ...or deepened?

Sanguin

Quotes Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (d. 1955) - evolutionary theologian

"The conflict dates from the day when one man, flying in the face of appearance, perceived that the forces of nature are no more unalterably fixed in their orbits than the stars themselves. But that their serene arrangements around us depicts the flow of a tremendous tide. The day in which a first voice rang out, crying to mankind peacefully slumbering on the raft of earth, 'We are moving! We are going forward.' It is a pleasant and dramatic spectacle, that of mankind divided to its very depths into two irrevocably opposed camps, one looking toward the horizon and proclaiming with all its newfound faith, 'We're moving!' and the other without shifting its position obstinately maintaining, 'Nothing changes. We are not moving at all.'"

Rachel Held Evans

Leaving what you're taught as a young child

"It's always a risk to be a person of faith"

Michael Dowd

"Millions... billions of people who's inner-map is 2000 years old. The problem is they're trying to guide what is important based on an ancient map of reality." 1

Michael Morwood

Story of the Divine at work in the universe coming to expression now

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Sanguin

Quotes Thomas Berry:

"To tell the story of anything, you must tell the story of everything."

Big History - history of everything, from big bang forward

Jesus - Cosmic Christ

21st Century Christians need to be able to tell the story of evolution and science as part of our faith story

Rossing

Encounters between science and religion

Dowd

98% of the world's scientists agree on the fundamental nature of reality

Sees need to help religious and scientific people see the value of each other

Morwood

We are stardust going through transformation

Sanguin

Stories of sacred revelation - science and Christianity both contribute

Catherine Keller

Need for a new sense of cooperation

Quantum entanglement

Complexity theory

Quotes Stuart Kauffman:

"Life was always anticipated"

Order emerged naturally out of chaotic conditions

Philip Clayton

Quotes Amos Yong:

"The emergence of the spirit and humanity intensified the spiritual dimension that was already somehow latent in the very fabric of our interrelational cosmos."

Quotes John Haught:

"There's a place for divine action, but it's from the future, not the past. God lures all living things toward a future, offers a lure to our freedom, not a demand for our action."

"Only when we shift to a futuristic hope-filled perspective can Christian thought connect the promises of God to Darwin's new picture of life."

We need to find a place for Christian language to do its work

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Clayton

Paraphrases Arthur Peacocke:

"God doesn't work by miracles that break natural law, but that God's purposes are brought about through evolution."

God as jazz composer - we jam with God!

Sanguin

We are a process that is personalized - we are the creativity of the universe

Not intelligent design

Persuasive love - God is a non-coercive intelligence

A dance between chance, purpose, deep patterning

Closing

"A Harvest of Quirkiness" (by Bruce Sanguin)

...that we may be your radiant presence!

Pastor Tyler's notes on the session

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