



## 4. An Evolving Faith

### **Barbara Rossing**

Descriptions of the church, where the church is going (evolving)

### **Bruce Sanguin**

“Do we even need the church in the 21st Century?”

Quotes Ken Wilber:

“The fundamental purpose of the institutional church is to act as a conveyor belt to help people to evolve along the line of spiritual intelligence out of a mythic world view or a traditional world view, move at least into a modernist world view that embraces reason and evidence-based reality, post modernist, holistic, sensitive, empathic [consciousness]”

We act as sources of light for each other

### **Philip Clayton**

There's a space for new creativity - where's it going to come from?

-new initiatives from the science side

-the evolutionaries

-within the church itself

A calling out of old space and into new space

### **Sanguin**

We live somewhere in the tension between what we intuitively grasp about the nature of reality, and what we can know through scientific evidence

### **Gretta Vosper**

We're going to have to learn the language of the street (so people can understand, and not be handed a huge learning curve)

### **Sanguin**

Different eras looking at symbolism and faith stories

Evolutionary paradigm doesn't really have space for concept of original sin

**Clayton**

"Yesterday's solutions become today's problems"  
...can we find church online...?

**Bernard Brandon Scott**

Need religion for conversations about moral discourse

**Dowd**

Decline in church connection

**Michael Morwood**

People want ways to tell stories about who they are, but are disillusioned by institutional forms of religion

**Vosper**

Important that the church move into new territory and evolve

**BB Scott**

Concerned about peoples' sense of community - we're become drifting individuals

**Rachel Held Evans**

We need community, and older generations

**Jan Phillips**

distinguish between religion and faith

-religion - beliefs you inherit

-faith - the action one is moved into doing

Christianity is "way too small of a club" [for Jan] - spiritually fed by other traditions

*Closing*

"Everywhere Light" (Bruce Sanguin)