

Faculty Praise of Michael Dowd's Keynote talk at  
TEXAS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DAY EVENT  
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"Michael, your presentation and follow-up discussion addressing the relationship between evolution and religious beliefs was one of the most memorable in my 30 years at Texas Wesleyan. In fact, many attendees including students, faculty, staff, and community visitors have commented that they were challenged to think and reflect in new ways about evolution as a spiritual process and a manifestation of God. Your book *Thank God for Evolution* is transformational and inspirational. We look forward to your return to Texas Wesleyan sometime in the near future to continue exploring the many ideas and implications of your work."

— **Allen H. Henderson, Ph.D., Provost and Senior Vice President, Texas Wesleyan University**

"In my opinion, the only thing more impressive than reading *Thank God for Evolution* was hearing the author present on the subject in person. Rev. Dowd's use of science is succinct, understandable, and impeccable. I recommend his book and his programs without reservation."

— **B. C. Deaton, Ph.D., Professor of Physics, Texas Wesleyan University**

"For some, the theory of evolution represents a controversial or even heretical premise. For others, literalist scriptural interpretations can be just as contentious. Is there common ground that can bridge these seemingly irreconcilable positions? Michael Dowd challenges his audiences to look beyond these deep divisions in an effort to imagine the possibility of a unifying dialogue. Instead of picking sides in this debate, is it possible to say "yes" to both sides? This is Dowd's task and, based upon the reaction of our students, it is a challenge that individuals from diverse perspectives find compelling."

— **Mark E. Hanshaw, J.D., Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Comparative Religion, Texas Wesleyan University**

"In over 40 years at two church-related colleges, I've heard numerous presentations to students that were either faith-based or science-based, but not both. In contrast, Michael Dowd's *Thank God For Evolution* program distinctively melds faith with science into a wholesome perspective, damaging neither. Doing so, he captures evolution in a thought-provoking context, combining deep-time/deep-space realities with perceptive insights into the human quest for religious meaning."

— **R. G. (Bob) Landolt, Ph.D., Professor of Chemistry, Texas Wesleyan University**