



Created by Brian Thomas Swimme and Mary Evelyn Tucker

*"There is blockbuster potential in Journey of the Universe,
and I recommend it with great enthusiasm."*

-Thomas Lovejoy, Conservation Biologist & Co-founder, PBS NATURE



JOURNEY OF THE UNIVERSE Trilogy
Emmy® Award-winning Film, Book, & Educational Series

Many of the world's greatest scientific stories begin with a journey into wonder. An exploration into the very nature of life's most intimate questions: *"Where do we come from? Why are we here?"*

In the groundbreaking trilogy **Journey of the Universe**, evolutionary philosopher Brian Thomas Swimme, and Yale historian of religions Mary Evelyn Tucker have crafted an elegant narrative **story** of the universe that illuminates and celebrates the profound role humans play in the flourishing of the earth.

This immense sweep of cosmic history is distilled into a highly-acclaimed film airing nationally on PBS, a book (published by Yale University Press), and an engaging educational series that weaves together modern scientific discoveries with the enduring wisdom found in the humanistic traditions of the West, China, India, and indigenous people worldwide.

Winner of the 2012 San Francisco/Northern California **Emmy® Award** for best documentary, the hour-long film was made possible by the generous support of EGA funders such as the Germenhausen Foundation and the Kendeda Sustainability Fund.

At its very heart, the trilogy explores cosmic evolution as a profoundly wondrous process based on creativity, connection and interdependence. Both Swimme and Tucker envision an unprecedented opportunity for the world's people to address the daunting ecological

and social challenges of our times. As Swimme tells audiences in the film:

"This story has the power to awaken us more deeply to who we are. For just as the Milky Way is the universe in the form of a flower, we are the universe in the form of a human. And every time we are drawn to look up in the night sky and reflect on the awesome beauty of the universe, we are actually the universe reflecting on itself. And this changes everything..."

"Journey creates an integrating narrative of the development of the universe, Earth and humans," says Tucker. "One that inspires hope for a way in which Earth and its human civilizations can flourish together into the future. "

The trilogy is also the cornerstone of what Swimme and Tucker hope will spark expanded interdisciplinary dialogues between the fields of science, ecology and conservation on the ideas of environmental stewardship and ethics. Already new courses are emerging in high schools and colleges using these materials.

These courses are being developed in collaboration with Tucker and her husband John Grim who together are the Executive Producers of the film. They are also co-directors of the Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology. They teach in Yale's joint MA program in world religions and ecology between the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies and the Divinity School.

More information about the project, along with PBS broadcast dates, can be found on our website at: www.journeyoftheuniverse.org

About the Creators

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Full Bios for both Brian Thomas Swimme and Mary Evelyn Tucker are available on our website at: www.journeyoftheuniverse.org/bios/