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“This story of the universe has the potential to change our civilization.”

—Gus Speth, Founder of NRDC and World Resources Institute



“Journey of the Universe is eloquent, accessible, and powerful, and conveys a sense of wonder ranging from the cosmos to the microcosm—in itself a considerable achievement. This is one of the most compelling and inspiring works I’ve read in a long time.”

—David W. Orr, Oberlin College

Journey of the Universe

by Brian Thomas Swimme and Mary Evelyn Tucker

A new book that narrates with breath-taking clarity
the epic story of cosmic, Earth, and human transformation

Today we know what no previous generation knew: the history of the universe and of the unfolding of life on Earth. Through the astonishing combined achievements of natural scientists worldwide, we now have a detailed account of how galaxies and stars, planets and living organisms, human beings and human consciousness came to be.

With this knowledge, the question of what role we play in the 14-billion-year history of the universe imposes itself with greater poignancy than ever before. In asking ourselves how we will tell the story of Earth to our children, we must inevitably consider the role of humanity in its history, and how we connect with the intricate web of life on Earth.

In *JOURNEY OF THE UNIVERSE*, published by Yale University Press, evolutionary philosopher Brian Thomas Swimme and historian of religions Mary Evelyn Tucker provide an elegant, science-based narrative to tell this epic story, leading up to the challenges of our present moment. The authors describe the origins of humans on Earth, how we developed a symbolic consciousness, and how our ability to communicate using symbols make humans a “planetary presence.” As the dominant species, humans have become increasingly adept at adapting to, and now commodifying Earth.

Suddenly, we are faced with a new dynamic—one where the survival of the species and entire ecosystems depend primarily on human activity, and the choices humans make.

Weaving together the findings of modern science together with enduring wisdom found in the humanistic traditions of the West, China, India, and indigenous peoples, the authors explore cosmic evolution as a profoundly wondrous process based on creativity, connection, and interdependence, and they envision an unprecedented opportunity for the world’s people to address the daunting ecological and social challenges of our times.

Developed over several decades, and inspired by the authors’ long collaboration with Thomas Berry, *Journey of the Universe* boasts an impressive roster of science advisors including Ursula Goodenough, Craig Kochel, and Terry Deacon.

“This is a wonderful, highly readable account of the history of the universe from the Big Bang through the present moment. ...There is blockbuster potential in Journey of the Universe, and I recommend it with great enthusiasm.”

—Thomas Lovejoy, George Mason University

A high definition *Journey of the Universe* documentary film hosted by Brian Thomas Swimme will be screened at various film festivals and at select venues across the country over the coming months, in addition to being broadcast on PBS in June and in the fall. The project also comprises a DVD educational series, and a website:

<http://www.journeyoftheuniverse.org>

"Brian Swimme's magnificent insights provide a new mythology for our new millennium"

- David Suzuki Host, award-winning CBC series *The Nature of Things*

About the Authors

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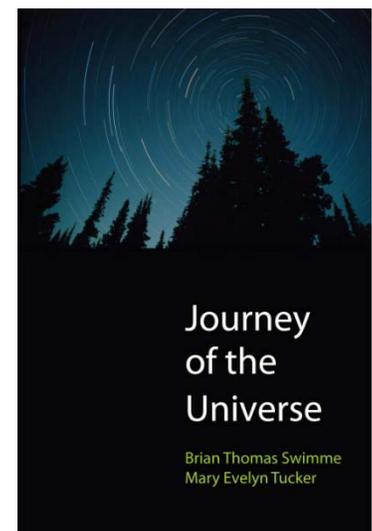
MARY EVELYN TUCKER is senior lecturer and research scholar, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies and Yale Divinity School. She is co-founder and co-director of the Forum on Religion and Ecology at Yale and author of *Worldly Wonder: Religions Enter Their Ecological Phase*.

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More Advance Praise for
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“For those of us enmeshed in symbolic consciousness, this is just the story we need to hear, loud and clear. It helps us understand how we happened to be here, and, more important, why.”

—**Bill McKibben, author of *Eaarth: Making a Life on a Tough New Planet* and *The End of Nature***

“... a compelling approach to the scientific, aesthetic, and religious dimensions of our cosmic setting, inviting us to live lives that reflect the amazing creativity that has produced us.”

—**George Fisher, The Johns Hopkins University**

“...this project will be ground-breaking.”

—**Christopher Key Chapple, *Nonviolence to Animals, Earth, and Self in Asian Traditions***

“...a classic...a ‘cosmic page-turner,’ a story I couldn’t put down...we stand in such desperate need of a new worldview that is not only consistent with science, but energized and empowered (made miraculous) by the unfolding story.”

— **Kathleen Dean Moore, co-editor of *Moral Ground: Ethical Action for a Planet in Peril***

“My reason for reading the entire manuscript in one sitting was simply that I was enthralled, and couldn’t stop; my reasons for jealousy were the beauty of the literary style, the clarity of the lessons taught, and THE ultimate lesson toward which the book is so brilliantly and effectively directed. You have accomplished something as truly beautiful as it is true, a work that should be read by all the world. Your book will teach so many of us, as it has me, to wonder at the universe in ways of which we had not previously conceived.”

—**Sherwin Nuland, author of *How We Die***

“This cosmic saga offers a compelling vision of the grand adventure in which we humans are taking part.”

—**Scott Russell Sanders, author of *A Conservationist Manifesto***

“Brian Thomas Swimme and Mary Evelyn Tucker have given us not only an expanded creation story of the Cosmos but an expanded look into the evolution of our own consciousness. I cannot imagine a more urgent book to read as we enter this revolutionary moment on the planet. Its message is beyond hope or even faith, it is an illuminated manuscript, a book of wonder and awe for our time.”

—**Terry Tempest Williams, author of *Finding Beauty in a Broken World***

“...a classic text that will address, educate, and delight a vast readership at all educational levels.”

—**Brian Edward Brown, author of *Religion, Law, and the Land***

“The story of stories telling itself in us can hardly be told: but with page-turning suspense and trusty lucidity, Swimme and Tucker do tell it. Nothing now matters more than that we come to terms, we earthlings, with our materiality, our place, our power. In this Journey we experience step by step how the universe is not outside of us, not unintelligent matter, but an eery magnificence unfolding through our very choices.”

—**Catherine Keller, author of *Face of the Deep* and *On the Mystery***

KQED

The *Journey of the Universe* documentary film will be broadcast on KQED TV

KQED 9HD Sat, Jun 11, 2011 5:30pm and

KQED Life Sat, Jun 11, 2011 5:30pm

<http://www.kqed.org/tv/programs/index.jsp?pgmid=20036>

Presents

It will premiere nationally on public television in September 2011. (Check your local listings)

PREVIEW SCREENINGS OF

Journey of the Universe

New York, NY

June 2, 2011

6:30 pm

For World Environment Day
Hosted by United Nations Environment
Programme

United Nations
UN Public Entrance, 1st Avenue between
45th and 46th street

This event is free and open to the public.
Registration is required.

info@nyo.unep.org

Sigtuna, Sweden

July 2, 2011

Evening

Location TBA

Tallberg Forum

info@tallbergfoundation.org

Jackson Hole, WY

July 21, 2011

Community Center for the Arts
Jackson Hole, WY

<http://www.jhcenterforthearts.org/about-the-center>

Sponsored by the Murie Center
www.muriecenter.org

Toronto, ON, Canada

June 15, 2011

Time: 7:30pm

University of St Michael's College
University of Toronto
Muzzo Family Alumni Hall (Room 100)
121 St. Joseph Street
Toronto, ON Canada

Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Grim will
introduce the film.

Contact: Dennis O'Hara,
dennis.ohara@utoronto.ca

Oakland, CA

July 14, 2011

7:00pm - Film followed by keynote address by
Brian Thomas Swimme

Sophia Center Summer Institute 2011
The Sophia Center, 3500 Mountain Blvd.

Austin, TX

August 8, 2011

Ecological Society of America (ESA) Annual Meeting
Austin Convention Center (Room 14)

500 E Cesar Chavez St.

Austin, TX

6:30-8pm

Brian Thomas Swimme and Mary Evelyn Tucker
will introduce the film.

Contact: Ellen Freiler, ellen.freiler@yale.edu

Blairstown, NJ

August 20, 2011
Film: 7:00pm
Genesis Farm
41A Silver Lake Avenue
Blairstown, NJ

Followed by discussion with Mary Evelyn Tucker
www.genesisfarm.org

Ottawa, ON, Canada

September 23, 2011
Venue and time TBA
Mary Evelyn Tucker will introduce the film.
Contact Heather Eaton, heaton@ustpaul.ca

Seattle, WA

September 30, 2011
Brian Thomas Swimme and Mary Evelyn Tucker
will introduce the film.
Contact: Fritz Hull, fritz@whidbeyinstitute.org

Montreal, QC, Canada

October 7, 2011
Montreal Museum of Fine Arts
Maxwell Cummings Auditorium
1380 Sherbrooke Ouest
Montreal, QC, Canada
Time TBA
Mary Evelyn Tucker will introduce the film.

St. Paul, MN

November 4, 2011
7:00 pm
Wisdom Ways Center for Spirituality
1890 Randolph Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55105
651.696.2790
Discussion with Mary Evelyn Tucker & John Grim
www.wisdomwayscenter.org

Denver, CO

January 27, 2012
Time and place TBD
Contact Libby Comeaux,
libby.comeaux@gmail.com

For more information on the film screenings,
please contact Sue Espinosa, Events
Coordinator, sespinosa@msn.com

New Rochelle, NY

September 21, 2011
Iona College
715 North Avenue
New Rochelle, NY
7:30 PM

Discussion with Mary Evelyn Tucker
Contact Kathleen Deignan, kpdeignan@aol.com

Orlando, FL

September 28, 2011
Orlando Science Center
777 East Princeton St.
Orlando, FL
Time TBA

Langley, WA

October 1, 2011
Clyde Theatre
Whidbey Island
Langley, WA
Brian Thomas Swimme and Mary Evelyn Tucker will
introduce the film.
Contact: Fritz Hull, fritz@whidbeyinstitute.org

San Rafael, CA

October 16, 2011
2011 Bioneers Conference
Discussion afterwards with Brian Thomas
Swimme and Mary Evelyn Tucker
For ticket information, visit:
<http://www.bioneers.org/conference>

Louisville, KY

November 6, 2011
IMAX Theatre
Louisville Science Center
727 West Main Street
Louisville, KY 40202
5 PM
Discussion with Mary Evelyn Tucker & John Grim
<http://www.louisville-science.org/>

Washington D.C.

February 24, 2012
Pinchot Institute for Conservation
Annual Pinchot Distinguished Lecture by
Mary Evelyn Tucker
Cosmos Club
2121 Massachusetts Avenue Northwest
Washington D.C.
4 pm
Contact Al Sample, alsample@pinchot.org