



Schedule of Events

Knoxville Convention Center

March 24, 2007

Doors open for admittance at 8:45 a.m.

Morning Session – 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions

- Session #1** **Lee Strobel** sets the stage for the conference with the story of his own search for the truth about life's origins. He will also interview Dr. Stephen Meyer about why this issue is so important and controversial.
- Session #2** **Dr. Jay Richards** will explain the evidence for intelligent design based on the fine tuning of the universe, including new developments in astronomy and cosmology which he explored in his book *The Privileged Planet*.
- Session #3** **Dr. Stephen Meyer**, director of the Center for Science & Culture, editor of *Darwinism, Design and Public Education*, and co-author of the forthcoming textbook *Explore Evolution*, will explain why the information encoded in DNA points powerfully to a designing intelligence.

Lunch - 12:30 to 1:45 p.m.

Knoxville Convention Center is surrounded by numerous café's and restaurants. Take a walk and enjoy the scenery of the World's Fair Park and the restaurants surrounding the Convention Center.

Afternoon Session – 1:45 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

- Session #4** **Dr. Michael Behe** will showcase new scientific discoveries which further advance his ideas about irreducible complexity and expand on the amazing discoveries he published in his bestselling book, *Darwin's Black Box*.
- Session #5** **Question and Answer Time** - **Lee Strobel** will moderate a time of questions with our panel of speakers.

Biographical Information for Speakers

Lee Strobel, Moderator and Speaker

Lee Strobel, who holds a Master of Studies in Law degree from Yale Law School, as well as a journalism degree from the University of Missouri, is the former legal affairs editor of the *Chicago Tribune*. His awards include Illinois' highest honors for both investigative reporting and public service journalism from the United Press International. An atheist-turned-Christian, Strobel is the best-selling author of nearly twenty books that have sold a combined ten million copies, including *The Case For A Creator* in which Strobel interviewed ten scientists and scholars who are fellows of Discovery Institute's Center for Science & Culture. Described by the Washington Post as "one of the evangelical community's most popular apologists," Lee shared the Christian Book of the Year award in 2005 and has won Gold Medallions for *The Case for Christ*, *The Case for Faith*, and *Inside the Mind of Unchurched Harry and Mary*. Lee has been a teaching pastor at two of America's largest churches: Willow Creek Community Church in suburban Chicago and Saddleback Valley Community Church in Orange County, California. He is a contributing editor and columnist for Outreach magazine and formerly taught First Amendment Law at Roosevelt University.

Dr. Stephen C. Meyer, Speaker

Stephen C. Meyer is director and Senior Fellow of the Center for Science and Culture at the Discovery Institute, in Seattle. Dr. Meyer earned his Ph.D. in the History and Philosophy of Science from Cambridge University for a dissertation on the history of origin of life biology and the methodology of the historical sciences. Previously he worked as a geophysicist with the Atlantic Richfield Company after earning his undergraduate degrees in Physics and Geology. Dr. Meyer has testified before the U.S. Commission on Human Rights about the problem of viewpoint discrimination in the public school biology curriculum. Dr. Meyer has co-authored two books: *Darwinism, Design, and Public Education* (Michigan State University Press 2004) and *Science and Evidence of Design in the Universe* (Ignatius 2000). In 2004 he authored the first ever peer-reviewed science article advocating intelligent design in the *Proceedings of the Biological Society of Washington*, published out of the Smithsonian Institution. He has also authored numerous technical articles as well as editorials in magazines and newspapers such as *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Houston Chronicle*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *First Things* and *National Review*. He is a frequent guest on national television and radio programs such as *The Jim Lehrer News Hour*, *Hardball with Chris Matthews*, *Talk of the Nation*, *Science Friday*, *Think Tank with Ben Wattenberg*, *The Tavis Smiley Program*, *Topic A with Tina Brown*, *PBS's Technopolitics*, *PBS's Freedom Speaks* and *Fox News Channel*.

Dr. Michael J. Behe

Michael J. Behe is Professor of Biological Sciences at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania and a Senior Fellow with the Center for Science and Culture at Discovery Institute. He received his Ph.D. in Biochemistry from the University of Pennsylvania in 1978. Dr. Behe's current research involves delineation of design and natural selection in protein structures and he has presented and debated his work at major universities throughout North America and England. In addition to publishing over 35 articles in refereed biochemical journals, he has also written editorial features in *Boston Review*, *American Spectator*, and *The New York Times*. His book, *Darwin's Black Box* discusses the implications for neo-Darwinism of what he calls "irreducibly complex" biochemical systems. The book was internationally reviewed in over one hundred publications and recently named by National Review and World magazine as one of the 100 most important books of the 20th century. To date it has sold over 250,000 copies. Dr. Behe is currently working on a sequel called *The Edge of Evolution*.

Dr. Jay W. Richards

Jay Wesley Richards has a Ph.D. (honors) in philosophy and theology from Princeton Theological Seminary, where he was formerly a Teaching Fellow. Currently he is a Research Fellow and Director of Media at the Acton Institute in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and a Senior Fellow with the Center for Science and Culture at Discovery Institute. His thesis (Th.M., Calvin Theological Seminary) treated philosopher of science Michael Polanyi. From 1996-1998, he was executive and associate editor of The Princeton Theological Review, and president of the Charles Hodge Society at Princeton Theological Seminary. Dr. Richards has published in academic journals such as *Religious Studies*, *Christian Scholars' Review*, *The Heythrop Journal*, *Encounter*, *The Princeton Theological Review*, *Perspectives on S and the Christian Faith: The Journal of the American Scientific Affiliation*; as well as editorial features in *The Washington Post*, *The Seattle Post-Intelligencer* and *IntellectualCapital.com*. He is the co-author of *The Privileged Planet: How Our Place in the Cosmos is Designed for Discovery*, with astronomer Guillermo Gonzalez (Regnery, 2004). *The Privileged Planet* is the basis for the popular documentary *Privileged Planet: The Search for Purpose in the Universe*, which has aired on many PBS affiliates in the US. Dr. Richards was formerly the Program Director for Discovery Institute's Center for Science and Culture.