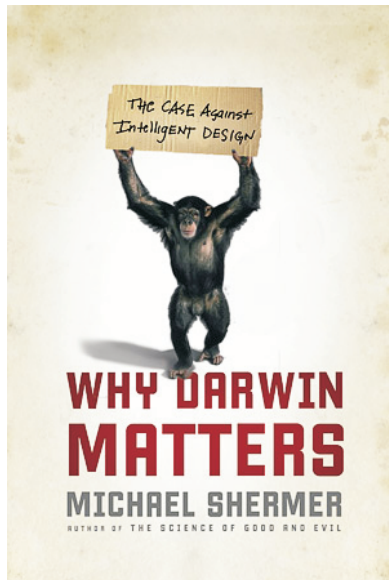


Dr. Michael Shermer



Why Darwin Matters

The Case Against Intelligent Design

(talk & book signing)

Michael Shermer is the founder and executive director of the Skeptic Society and publisher of *SKEPTIC* magazine. His most recent book *Why Darwin Matters* thoughtfully explains why intelligent design is both bad science and poor religion, how a wealth of scientific data from varied fields support evolution, and why religion and science need not be in conflict.

Co-sponsored with the Alliance for Science.
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FREE admission – Everyone welcome, members and non-members

For more information, call the 24-hour NCAS Skeptic Line recording at 301-587-3827.
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National Capital Area Skeptics Public Lecture Series

20/20 SINCE 1987

NCAS Celebrates 20 Years

Free NCAS memorabilia for all who attend this event.

See what we've been up to: www.ncas.org/anniv20.html

7pm, Thursday Oct 12
Oakton High School
2900 Sutton Rd.
Vienna, Virginia 22181

Book sales 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm.
The program will start at 7:30 pm.

Google map of school vicinity:
<http://tinyurl.com/owljr>

School web page:
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THE MONTHLY CALENDAR OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA SKEPTICS

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Richard Dawkins Book Signing

Politics & Prose Bookstore & Coffeehouse is hosting a **Richard Dawkins** event at 7:00 pm on October 24, BUT they strongly recommended that people come at 6:00 pm to be assured of a seat at that event. Richard Dawkins (born March 26, 1941) is an eminent British ethologist, evolutionary theorist, and popular science writer who holds the Charles Simonyi Chair in the Public Understanding of Science at Oxford University. They cannot yet confirm if **BOOKTV** will videotape the event for later airing. They will know that about 2 weeks before the event.

In the spirit of NCAS's ongoing 20th anniversary year celebration, we encourage NCAS members and friends to attend this event together. After the Dawkins talk, we will gather impromptu at some nearby locale for food, drink and discussion. *Politics and Prose* is located at 5015 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20008 ☞

NCAS Skeptical Eye Logo in TV Show

The NCAS *Skeptical Eye* logo and other NCAS items may appear in the third episode of ABC's upcoming *Masters of Science Fiction* television series, based on various stories of several well-known master science fiction authors, and boasting a stellar cast. *Masters of Science Fiction* will premiere in January 2007.

In early June, NCAS was contacted by *Masters of Science Fiction Productions*, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, because they came across our web

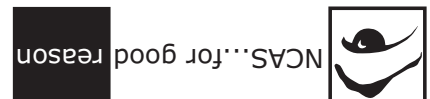
site. NCAS agreed to allow the NCAS *Skeptical Eye* logo and other NCAS materials to be used as props to visually associate NCAS with one of the skeptical characters in the third episode (MOSF #103, "The General Zapped an Angel"). That episode is to be based faithfully on a short story by Howard Fast, so the script does not have any dialog or plot elements relating to NCAS. In any case, we will not know until the show is aired, whether final editing included any scenes showing NCAS materials. ☞

Local Michael Shermer Talk at Cato Institute

Dr. Michael Shermer, executive director of the Skeptic Society, will be giving a **free** public book talk and signing for his latest book, *Why Darwin Matters: The Case Against Intelligent Design*, at the Cato Institute, noon, October 12, 1000 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, DC. Reservations are strongly recommended. To make your reservation online for the Cato Institute event go to <http://www.cato.org/events/calendar.html> (bottom of page) or call (202) 218-4606 or e-mail events@cato.org. The Cato Institute requests business attire. ☞

Time to Renew -- at 1987 Anniversary Rates!

Check your mailing label. If the renewal date has passed, please send to the NCAS address below \$20 (for 1 person) or \$30 (for 2-member households) for a 1-year renewal. Only dues-paying members can be sent postal mailings of the *Shadow of a Doubt* and the *Skeptical Eye* newsletter. ☞



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