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Darwin's Greatest Discovery: Design Without Designer

SANTA ANA, CA (February 21, 2006) –The Orange County Chapter of Americans United for Separation of Church and State is pleased to announce Dr. Francisco Ayala speaking on “Darwin’s Greatest Discovery: Design Without Designer” at our March 18th meeting. The event will be on **March 18th at 2:00 p.m.** at the Irvine Ranch Water District, 15600 Sand Canyon Avenue in Irvine.

Dr. Ayala is currently the Donald Bren Professor of Biological Sciences at the University of California, Irvine where he is also a Professor of Philosophy. Dr. Ayala’s research interests are in evolutionary biology and the philosophy of biology and bioethics as well as in the relationship between science and religion, including the teaching of evolution in the schools.

Dr. Ayala served as an expert witness in the Arkansas trial on the teaching of evolution in 1981. He is on the editorial board of Theology and Science which has as its goal to publish critically reviewed articles that promote the creative mutual interaction between the natural sciences and theology. For this journal Dr. Ayala has written “Intelligent Design: The Original Version”.

Dr. Ayala was born in Madrid, Spain and is the author of over 650 articles and 12 books. He is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and has been a Guggenheim Fellow and a Fulbright Fellow. He has received a number of honorary degrees from prestigious universities throughout the world.

Founded in 1947, Americans United for Separation of Church and State (www.au.org) is a non-profit religious liberty watchdog organization dedicated to preserving the Constitutional rights of religious freedom.

There is no charge for meeting attendance and refreshments will be served. For additional information regarding the March 18th event and/or the AU-OC Chapter, please contact:

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