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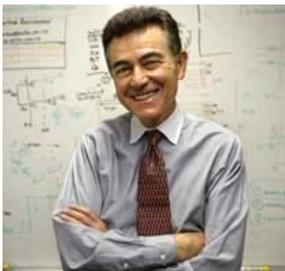
#### Presents

**Dr. Francisco Ayala**

## **Darwin's Greatest Discovery: Design without Designer**

**Saturday, March 21 at 1:30 pm**

**Community Room - Irvine Ranch Water District<sup>1</sup>  
15500 Sand Canyon Avenue, Irvine, CA 92618**



Dr. Ayala currently teaches at the University of California, Irvine and is University Professor and Donald Bren Professor of Biological Sciences. He has been a member of advisory committees for the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health as well as being on President Clinton's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology. His research interests are in evolutionary biology and he is also interested in the philosophy of biology and bioethics and 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.

Dr. Ayala is an evolutionary biologist and geneticist and he speaks often at universities, in churches, for social groups and elsewhere, usually in defense of the theory of evolution and against the arguments of creationism and its ideological cousin, intelligent design. He is the author of "Darwin's Gift To Science and Religion" as well as 50 other books and numerous scientific articles.

Dr. Ayala "has a bully pulpit," said Eugenie Scott, former head of the National Center for Science Education, a group that advocates for the teaching of evolution and against creationism in public schools. "When Francisco speaks, people listen."

In 2001 he was awarded the National Medal of Science and in 2010 the Templeton Prize. He is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, the American Academy of Arts & Sciences and the American Philosophical Society. He is the recipient of the UCI Medal, University of California 1998 Distinguished Scientist Award, the Sigma Xi's William Procter Prize for Scientific Achievement, 2000; and numerous other prizes and awards. He has honorary Degrees from Argentina, Chile, China, Greece, Italy, Poland, Russia and Spain, among others.

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