



Questions:

1. What does it mean if heart and mind are not separate?
2. How can alternate narratives provide deeper meaning?
3. Do you agree with Michael that purity and integrity are related?
4. What are some other ways that science can complement faith?
5. How can practicing gratitude for our nature help us live more fully in Christ?

EPISODE TITLE: "Blessed Are The Pure In Heart"

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Featured Guest: Michael Dowd

Michael Dowd is a bestselling evolutionary theologian and evangelist for Big History and an honorable relationship to the future. An outspoken New Theist and Religious Naturalist, he is author of the bridge-building book, *Thank God for Evolution*, which was endorsed by 6 Nobel Prize-winning scientists, noted skeptics, and religious leaders across the spectrum. His work has been featured in *The NY Times*, *LA Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, *Newsweek*, *Wired*, *Skeptic*, *Discover*, and on *CBC*, *CNN*, *Fox News*, and *ABC News*. In 2012 he delivered a TEDx talk and in 2009 was a Distinguished Lecturer at CalTech and at the United Nations. In 2010-11 he hosted an acclaimed conversation series, "The Advent of Evolutionary Christianity," and an "Evolutionize Your Life" online course. Michael and his wife, Connie Barlow (both climate hawks), share the inspiring side of science in ways that offer practical tools for living and active hope for the future. Since 2002 they have crisscrossed North America and have addressed some 2,000 religious and secular groups.

Pneuma Divina Scripture: Matthew 5:8 & Matthew 12:43-45

8 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.'

43 'When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it wanders through waterless regions looking for a resting-place, but it finds none. ⁴⁴Then it says, "I will return to my house from which I came." When it comes, it finds it empty, swept, and put in order. ⁴⁵Then it goes and brings along seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and live there; and the last state of that person is worse than the first. So will it be also with this evil generation.'

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