

*Dr. Darrel Falk
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Darrel Falk grew up in a suburb of Vancouver, British Columbia. He met his wife, Joyce at a Canadian Bible college in Winnipeg, Manitoba and then returned to Vancouver to complete a BSc in Biology from Simon Fraser

University. His PhD is in Genetics from the University of Alberta, and it was followed by post-doctoral work at the University of British Columbia and the University of California, Irvine. His early career as a faculty member began at Syracuse University where he had almost continuous grant support from the National Institutes of Health and/or the National Science Foundation to study the organization and function of certain genes in the geneticists' pet organism, the fruit fly, *Drosophila*. Having received tenure there, this is where he expected to spend his career. However, during the latter phase of his Syracuse years, his growing involvement in Christian ministry through his church and on campus led to his desire to devote the rest of his career to teaching in a Christian college setting. With that he became a member of a four-person biology department which

provided an opportunity to teach a wide variety of courses. He taught everything from Microbiology to Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy and pretty much all the courses in between. This was an experience he greatly treasures. Out of his experiences of working with young people trying to put their Christian faith into the context of their growing knowledge of biology grew his desire to write about the compatibility between Christian faith and science. From that came the book, *Coming to Peace with*



Science. Dr. Falk currently serves as Professor and Chair of the Department of Biology at Point Loma Nazarene University where he has worked for the past twenty years. He and his wife, Joyce reside in San Diego where, within a ten minute drive, their two daughters and sons-in-law and their three much-loved grandchildren also live.

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Coming to Peace with the
Gradual Creation of Humans

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