



Bio Sketch

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*Understanding
Intelligent Design*

Sean McDowell is an author, educator, and popular speaker. A summa cum laude graduate of Talbot Theological Seminary, he holds master's degrees in both theology and philosophy.

Currently, McDowell heads the Bible department at Capistrano Valley Christian Schools. In 2008, he received the Educator of the Year Award for San Juan Capistrano. His apologetics training was also awarded exemplary status by the Association of Christian Schools International.

McDowell is the author of *Ethix: Being Bold in a Whatever World*, and *Evidence for the Resurrection*, which he coauthored with Josh McDowell. He also compiled *Josh McDowell's Youth Ministry Handbook* and was a contributor for *Passionate Conviction*, an apologetics book compiled by William Lane Craig and Paul Copan. Currently, McDowell is the general editor for the upcoming project *The Apologetics Study Bible for Teens*. He is also compiling *Apologetics for a New Generation*, due to release in 2009 from Harvest House Publishers.

At some point in life, we all ask ourselves, *How did we get here, and where did we come from?* Was it by intelligent design—or just one big lucky accident? The prevailing mindset in our schools and in the media is that everything we see came into being strictly by chance. But in *Understanding Intelligent Design*, Sean McDowell teams up with Dr. William Dembski to show why many scientists are now admitting that their viewpoint is not based on fact. This common-sense, user-friendly guide clearly shows what the best information is revealing—that our existence is not an accidental by-product of nature but a clear result of intelligent design.

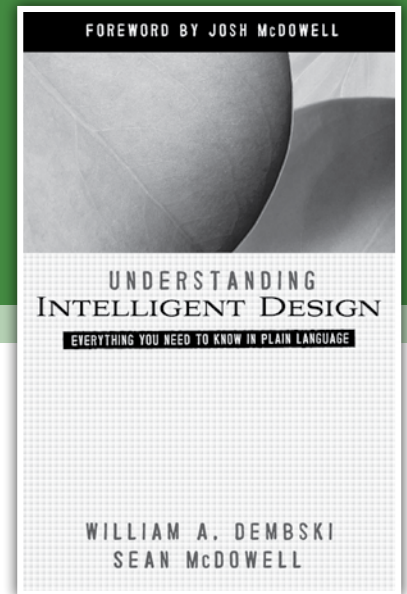
A sought-after speaker at camps, churches, schools, and conferences nationwide, McDowell has spoken for organizations including Focus on the Family, Campus Crusade for Christ, Youth Specialties, Wisdom Works and the Association of Christian Schools International. Additionally, he is the national spokesman and a conference speaker for Wheatstone Academy, an organization committed to training young people with a biblical worldview.

An engaging media guest, McDowell has appeared on radio shows such as *Family Life*, *Focus on the Family*, *Point of View*, *The Frank Pastore Show*, the *Michael Reagan Show*, *Converse with Scholars*, *Stand to Reason*, and more. He has also contributed to *YouthWorker Journal*, *Decision Magazine*, *Breakaway Magazine*, the *American Family Association Journal*, and the *Christian Research Journal*. He also hosts an active blog at ConversantLife.com, where he writes on a variety of topics related to culture, apologetics, and youth.

In April 2000, Sean married his high school sweetheart, Stephanie. They have two children, Scottie and Shauna, and live in San Juan Capistrano, California.

Interview Questions

for Dr. William A. Dembski and Sean McDowell,
authors of
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- ✧ Let's start with the basics. What is intelligent design, or ID as it is popularly called?
- ✧ Why does intelligent design matter?
- ✧ What evidence is there for design in nature?
- ✧ Isn't the scientific consensus overwhelmingly in favor of Darwinism?
- ✧ Many members of the scientific community argue that intelligent design is not scientifically sound, a "pseudoscience," or creationism in disguise. How do you respond?
- ✧ What are some of the other main objections people have to intelligent design?
- ✧ What do people misunderstand about intelligent design?
- ✧ Many people either assume or have been told that science and religion naturally conflict. What do you think?
- ✧ Do you think the scientific community is starting to see the merits of intelligent design? Why or why not?
- ✧ What is unique about *Understanding Intelligent Design* as opposed to other resources on ID?
- ✧ Who is your target audience for *Understanding Intelligent Design*?