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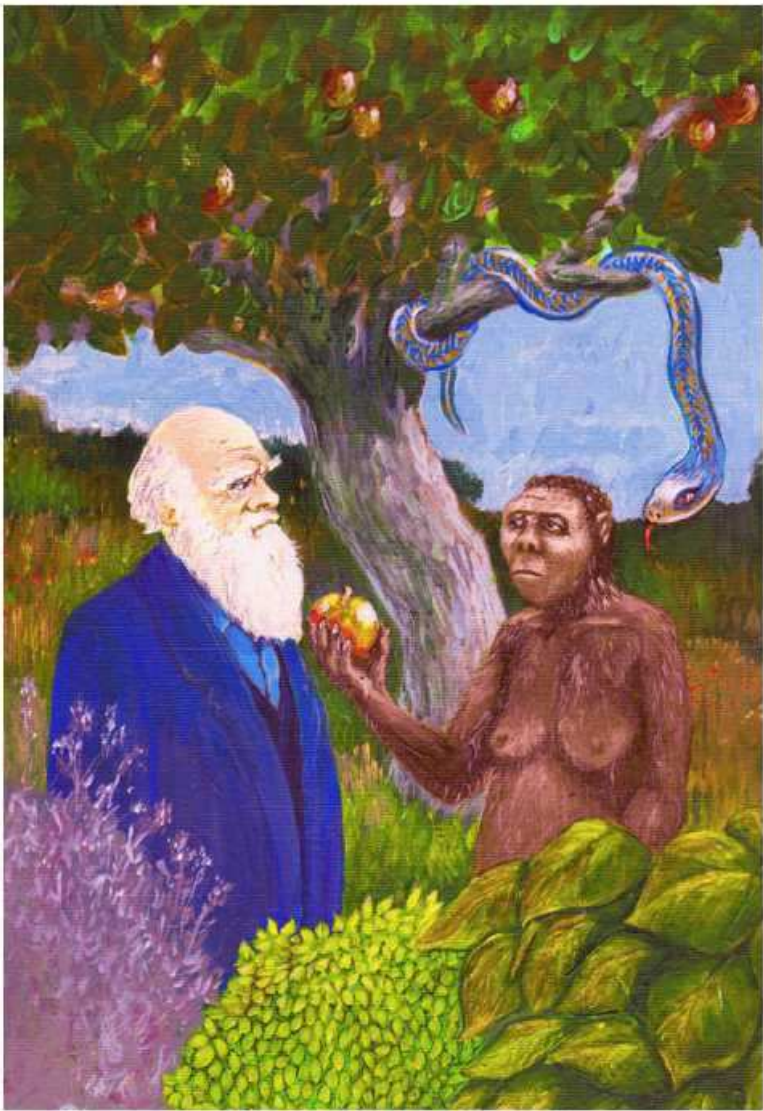
# 'Darwin's Apple'

book talk with author **Mitch Diamond**

**Friday, June 1, 2018 12:10 PM**

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### Origin of Religion Theories Don't Cut It: Reasons There's No Consensus for the Evolution of Human Religion

Is religion adaptive and have genetic predispositions or is it non-adaptive and functionless like Richard Dawkins and Steven Pinker say? If adaptive, did religion evolve to solve issues of social cohesion or to answer the existential questions humans couldn't fathom? In this talk Mitch Diamond examines why the various explanations for the origins of religion are insufficient and suggests better avenues to solve this quandary.

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*"Religion is so pervasive in human development. Surely it is more than just a byproduct of other evolutionary developments. Diamond examines these issues at great depth. His talks display a mastery of the scientific literature on the subject, an ability to explain those ideas to non-experts, and the ability to think on his feet."*

- Larry Hicok - Northern California Regional Director, American Atheists & Coordinator, East Bay Atheists, Berkeley



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