

BOOK REVIEW: "LET THERE BE LIFE"

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Creation Receives Rave Reviews

Toronto Star columnist Cameron Smith calls it, "Creation as a ripping good yarn." Owen Gingerich, research professor at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, describes "the most vivid account of the early history of the universe that I have ever read." Georgetown University theology professor John Haught comments: "This scientifically informed creation account demonstrates that the evolution of the universe, life and consciousness is no less miraculous for having taken billions of years than if it had taken a moment."

The object of this attention is PWAC member Robert Fripp's book "Let There Be Life". Novelist John Fowles, who wrote the foreword, calls it "a literary curiosity." It "captures one's imagination," says *Bible Today*, and "will find a home with poets, scientists, and biblical students alike." Fripp's book is about origins: of the cosmos, of life, of growing complexity in living things. It knits many strands together to suggest that humanity must once again reintegrate itself with Nature.

Fripp (fripp@impactg.com) is eclectic enough to pull it off. Formerly the series producer of CBC-TV's *the fifth estate* program, he has created a magazine about high-performance computing for IBM and written a full-length play in Renaissance English (and is always looking for new and interesting assignments).

To read Cameron Smith's review, go to www.torstar.com and type "Fripp" into "Search". Amazon.com and bn.com list "Let There Be Life" for US\$14. Novalis distributes it in Canada (800-387-7164, novalis@interlog.com). Indigo and some independents stock it, at \$29.95. ("Let There Be Life" Mahwah, NJ: HiddenSpring imprint of the Paulist Press, 2001. ISBN: 1-58768-004-1 alkaline paper.)