

## **TO THE READER AND REVIEWER: A MANIFESTO**

Can a book really provide a “bridge to a better world”?

For the first brick for such a bridge this book ends the fiction of the Darwin of “survival of the fittest” and “selfish genes,” which drives us to war and environmental and economic disaster. For a second brick it uncovers the counter-story and theory of the long lost *real* Darwin of love and moral sensitivity as vital prime drivers for human evolution.

Most of this lost story and theory is told here by Darwin himself, as he originally both lived and wrote it. I mainly update it in terms of the two blocks of knowledge that lock the base for a bridge to a better world in place. One is the now scattered spread of all the modern fields of science that corroborate, expand, and advance the “new” Darwin—brain research, psychology, sociology, chaos and complexity theory, political, management, and evolutionary systems science. The other is the great block of thought and higher aspiration assembled over thousands of years by progressive religion and progressive philosophy—both of which flow into and further corroborate Darwin’s long lost *completion* for theory and

story.

In other words, here, in the lost Darwin, is a golden bridge between the wisdom of the past at its best and, for better or worse, the science, religion, philosophy—and society—of the present and future.

But a bridge must have living builders. Thus I write—but not alone—for the *scientist*, whose comprehension and use of this new perspective is vital. I write to enlist the *teacher, librarian, writer, and political, business, and religious leader*, whose values and skills shape either the better or the worse world. *Philosophers and theologians*, for whom the lost Darwin provides the missing link to their fields. The *student*, who brings the open vision and drive of each fresh new generation. And of increasing importance: the *general reader*—upon whose motive force for change depends whether we advance, are checked in place, or driven backward in evolution.

An unusually comprehensive index at the end of this book is designed to provide this unusually wide readership with quick access to the varying tools of mind, heart, and soul we need.

I hope this explanation may inspire skeptics to transcend the barriers between science and religion, and between “serious” and “popular” thinking and writing. Now widely scattered, with battling and common ground obscured among us, we’re ineffective. But consider what could arise from such

a band of builders working together from a base of knowledge and a clear sense of a goal in common.

I write to rouse *you*—reader, reviewer, friend to the future—to join in this exploration of a scientific mystery story that unfolds into a bridge to a better world.