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**ACCENT Speakers Bureau Presents a Creation vs. Evolution Debate featuring**

**Dr. Douglas Jacoby and Dr. Michael Shermer**

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – Dr. Michael Shermer and Dr. Douglas Jacoby, two distinguished academia in the fields, will be speaking on Monday October 27th, in the Reitz Student Union Grand Ballroom at the University of Florida. This event is free and open to the public, and doors will open at 7:15 p.m. The even will begin shortly thereafter at 8:00 p.m. The event is titled *Science Man and God: A Creation vs. Evolution Debate*.

Dr. Michael Shermer is the founding publisher of Skeptic magazine and an advocate of evolution. Dr. Shermer wrote a biography, *In Darwin's Shadow*, about the life and science of the co-discoverer of natural selection, Alfred Russel Wallace. He earned his bachelors from Pepperdine University, a masters from California State University, Fullerton, and his Ph.D. from Claremont Graduate University. Shermer has appeared on 20/20, Larry King Live, Oprah, and many other television programs. His opponent, Dr. Douglas Jacoby, a graduate of Duke University (B.A.), Harvard Divinity School (M.A.), Drew University (Doctorate), is a strong advocate of creationism. Jacoby has published many books on topics from Christian Training to the foundations of the Old Testament. He has worked with the Church of London, Philadelphia and Washington D.C. campus ministries and is currently a principal teacher for the Athens Institute of Ministry.

The debate will begin with both speakers opening remarks. The order of the speakers will be chosen at random by the flip of a coin. Following opening remarks, each speaker will have an opportunity for an 8-minuet rebuttal. Each speaker will then commence with closing statements. Immediately after closing statements, audience member will be giving the opportunity to participate in a question and answer session with the speakers.

ACCENT Speakers Bureau, the largest student-run speakers bureau in the nation, has been bringing prominent speakers to the University of Florida since 1967. ACCENT strives to bring controversial and influential speakers to the university, with the intent of further educating the student body. ACCENT speeches are not paid with tax or state dollars. ACCENT's funding comes from activity fees, which students pay specifically to fund out-of-the-classroom experiences. Past ACCENT speakers include presidents, prime ministers, and entertainment, media, business and sports legends. The event is co-sponsored with the Christian Student Association and Gator Freethought. For more information, call ACCENT at (352) 392-1665 ext. 306 or the information line at ext. 411. Visit our website at [www.accentSpeakers.com](http://www.accentSpeakers.com) or e-mail ACCENT at [accent@sg.ufl.edu](mailto:accent@sg.ufl.edu).

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