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***Journey to Civilization: The Science of How We Got Here*, by Roger Briggs, Reveals Creation Story in the Language of Science**

Santa Margarita, CA – Never before has humanity shared one creation story; however, nearly everyone shares the methods and products of *science*. Collins Foundation Press (CFP) has thereby released the first book in its new Science series, *Journey to Civilization: The Science of How We Got Here*, by Roger Briggs—a creation story through science’s rigorous lens.

“Science has become a universal language across all cultures,” states CFP’s managing editor Cheryl Genet, “And thus the new creation story produced by science is the story of all the people of the world. It is the common ground upon which we all stand. That is why we are thrilled to introduce *Journey* as the first in our new Science series.”

A traditional study of human history extends about 5,000 years to the first civilizations in Mesopotamia, where writing was invented along with many other aspects of the modern world like government, military operations, and politics. Humans in their present anatomical form, so-called *Homo sapiens*, however, had been living in East Africa by about 200,000 years ago—which means that traditional history only accounted for the most recent 2% of human’s time on Earth.

What were people doing for the preceding 98% of time? Is there a fuller story of humanity that covers humans’ entire span on Earth? And what was happening *before* humans got here? The search for this “deep history” eventually led to the question of *creation*: what is the creation story today? These are the questions that *Journey to Civilization: The Science of How We Got Here* tackles.

In a surprising turn of events, science has recently made profound new discoveries about deep history, making it possible to construct a completely new kind of creation story where previously only stories and folklore existed. Since about 1990, spectacular advances in paleoanthropology, molecular genetics, and astrophysics have answered some of the most fundamental questions about humankind’s origins. A new field of study has now in fact emerged that takes the search for human origins all the way back to the birth of the universe nearly 14 billion years ago, and weaves a fairly continuous account of an unfolding universe that gave rise to life on our planet and eventually humanity.

Journey to Civilization: The Science of How We Got Here reveals this new story based on the evidence and skepticism of science. It explores and explains the science itself, from the physics of stars and the formation of rocky planets, to the evolution of life and the epic journey of humans out of Africa to cover the Earth. *Journey to Civilization* is written for the non-scientist in clear, straight-forward language, and is richly illustrated with diagrams, charts, and beautiful color graphics and photographs.

Briggs, now retired, was an acclaimed high school physics teacher during a career that spanned thirty years. He collaborated as an educational writer with scientists from the Space Environment Lab of NOAA, the National Center for Atmospheric Research, the University of Colorado, Ball Aerospace Corporation, and other research centers to bring real science into classrooms.

As Genet states, “Seven years in the research and writing, the scope of *Journey to Civilization* is breathtaking. Authoritative yet written clearly and fluidly written, it is a page-turning account of our human adventure from the birth of the universe to the birth of humanity. *Journey to Civilization* will change your understanding of science, and it will change your view of humanity and our place in the universe.”

For more on *Journey to Civilization* or Collins Foundation Press, or to arrange an interview with author Briggs, visit www.CollinsFoundationPress.org, or contact info@SpiritusCommunications.com