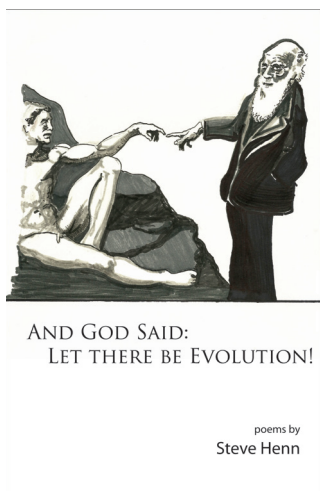


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NYQ Books™ announces the publication of *And God Said: Let there be Evolution* by Steve Henn



July 1, 2012 - New York, NY - NYQ Books™ is proud to announce the release of *And God Said: Let there be Evolution* by Steve Henn. *And God Said: Let there be Evolution!*, Steve's second full-length collection of poems, was written during Steve Henn's sometimes relieved, sometimes reluctant, and ultimately aborted return to the Catholic church. The poems express faith, doubt, the conflict between dogmatism and reason, and a disdain for orthodoxy that Henn picked up while teaching 1984 over and over to public school students. Some of the poems, though, are about a bad beard trim at Great Clips, or a bunch of made-up reasons why California doctors grant medical marijuana licenses. You never can tell what Henn will think of next, but then again neither can he. *And God Said: Let there be Evolution!* is heretical yet nevertheless spiritual, profound yet profane, looking toward salvation even as Henn questions the virtue of religious and spiritual certainty. Henn is hoping the sins of this authorship are ultimately venial from the perspective of Whoever's In Charge, and not mortal.

Steve Henn fancies himself a Theist of sorts, but all in all he's pretty sick of people trying to tell other people what they should believe in. He believes not only in what Graham Greene called "the probable existence of something we call God," but also in beermaking as an art form, in the therapeutic benefits of smooching, and in the power of poetry to say powerful things most people pay no attention to. And in assonance, and alliteration. He loves his kids, and he promises never to become an "educational consultant." He has five chapbooks of poetry, and has had poems accepted in a bunch of places, including *Nerve Cowboy*, *Pearl*, *New York Quarterly*, *5AM*, and the late, great *Staplegun*. Along with Don Winter and Oren Wagner he spent 4 years co-editing *Fight These Bastards* and Platonic 3way Press chapbooks.

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