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Roger Bingham is a member of the research faculty at the Center for Brain and Cognition, University of California, San Diego, where he focuses on theoretical evolutionary neuroscience. He is also a member of the Computational Neurobiology Laboratory at the Salk Institute, La Jolla. He is the co-author of *The Origin of Minds: Evolution, Uniqueness, and the New Science of the Self* (Harmony Books, December 2002) that describes a new evolutionary model of the mind. Before he joined the Center for Brain and Cognition, he was a visiting associate in biology at the California Institute of Technology, and the creator and host of award-winning PBS science programs on evolutionary psychology and cognitive neuroscience.

Bingham's last PBS series was the critically acclaimed *The Human Quest*. *Los Angeles Times*' Pulitzer Prize-winning critic Howard Rosenberg wrote that Bingham "...makes his case vibrantly, creatively and with the verbal and visual eloquence of someone acutely attuned to television's potential to synthesize intricate concepts and simplify them even for science illiterates...How rare that the airwaves are used so productively."

Lynne Elber of the Associated Press described it as "...a daunting, Bronowski-worthy undertaking...But in Bingham's hands, it's a poetic ride...a love letter to the exhilarating process of unraveling the world's mysteries through research."

In the *Hollywood Reporter*, Laurence Vittes said: "If ever proof was needed that public television makes an essential contribution to the nation's well-being, it comes anew in the form of *The Human Quest*, a four-hour exploration of how

evolution has made us human and where our destiny lies. In the footsteps of such great public television presentations as Jacob Bronowski's *Ascent of Man* and James Burke's *Connections*, this is television that predicts the future."

Bingham was Creator and Executive Producer of the KCET-TV (PBS/Los Angeles) Science and Society Unit. His programs—notably the *Frontiers of the Mind* series which includes "The Addicted Brain," "The Sexual Brain," "The Time of our Lives," and "Inside Information"—have been broadcast from Australia to Zimbabwe, in languages from Hebrew to Mandarin Chinese. They are taught in high schools and universities worldwide.

His many honors for communication of science include the National Magazine Award, seven Los Angeles Emmy awards, the American Psychological Association Award for Excellence in Television, and the Writer's Guild of America award for Outstanding Documentary Script. Bingham may be the only member of the Society for Neuroscience who is also a member of the Directors' Guild of America (DGA) and the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (AFTRA).

