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GOD, THE CONSTITUTION AND INTELLIGENT DESIGN: A DISCUSSION AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER WITH AUTHOR MICHAEL KAZIN

PHILADELPHIA, PA (January 25, 2006) — On Monday, February 13, 2006 at 6:30 p.m., the National Constitution Center will take a look at one of the hotly debated constitutional issues of our day with Michael Kazin, accomplished author and historian. In a program titled *Inherit the Wind II?— God, The Constitution and Intelligent Design*, Kazin will speak about the debate over the teaching of “intelligent design” in public schools as well as the role religion plays in public life. Kazin will look at the issue from his exploration of William Jennings Bryan, one of America’s most outspoken critics against Darwinism, by discussing his new book *A Godly Hero: The Life of William Jennings Bryan*, the first major biography of Bryan in 40 years. Admission is \$12 for members, \$15 for non-members and \$6 for students and K-12 teachers. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 215.409.6700.

Michael Kazin is a professor of History at Georgetown University and the author of three books about American history, *America Divided*, *The Populist Persuasion*, and *Barons of Labor*. He is also a frequent contributor to the *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Nation*, and *The American Prospect*, among other publications.

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Kazin's fourth book, *A Godly Hero: The Life of William Jennings Bryan*, highlights Bryan's legacy and enormous contributions to American political history as former Secretary of State and three-time Democratic presidential nominee. Kazin depicts Bryan as a hero and leader of the Christian left and credits him with transforming the Democratic Party. He is best known for his outspoken criticisms against Darwinism and the theory of evolution, actively supporting state laws banning public schools from teaching the theory. Nicknamed the "Great Commoner" for his deeply held religious beliefs and defense of the ordinary American, Bryan won the respect and admiration of many despite never becoming President.

Located at 525 Arch Street on Philadelphia's historic Independence Mall, the National Constitution Center is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the U.S. Constitution and its relevance to Americans' daily lives. Opened on July 4, 2003, the museum dramatically tells the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibits, film, photographs, text, sculpture and artifacts, and features a powerful, award-winning theatrical performance, "Freedom Rising".

The National Constitution Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education and debates, and as a home for visiting scholars. Also, serving as a nonpartisan forum for constitutional debate, the Center presents – without endorsement – programs that contain diverse viewpoints on a broad range of issues. For more information, call 215.409.6600 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World, a blockbuster exhibition celebrating Franklin's 300th birthday, makes its world premiere at the National Constitution Center from December 15, 2005, through April 30, 2006. Created by the Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary, this exhibition is being hosted locally by CBS 3. Tickets for the exhibition, which also include regular museum admission, are \$14 for adults; \$12 for children ages 4-12, seniors, and college students; and \$8.50 for groups of 20 or more. For advance tickets, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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