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exploring the bonds and similarities between the world's religions

Author Bio

Born in upstate New York, Gary Louis Beckwith first developed an appreciation for writing at Penn State University, when he turned in an essay in his freshman English class. His teacher wrote on the cover, “you should consider a career in writing!”

Beckwith spent the first 8 years after college at a solar energy company. Although hired as a technician, his writing skills were quickly recognized, and they gave him assignments for the company's newsletters, catalogs, and books. In 1994, he was one of the senior editors of the *Solar Living Sourcebook*, widely accepted in the field as one of the best sources of information on solar energy technology available.



Out of a personal interest, Beckwith studied comparative religion. In particular, he focused his research on the similarities between the religions. In this research, he found a wealth of information that often goes unnoticed, so wrote the book, *The Message That Comes From Everywhere*. The book has received excellent reviews from a variety of publications.

Beckwith has been interviewed on dozens of radio programs across the country, and has written articles for several magazines including *Healing Currents* and *Wisdom Magazine*. His published articles have covered issues relating to solar energy technology, computers, and comparative religion. Recently he was at the United Nations at a conference to discuss Interfaith awareness.

Gary is the driver of the Solar Bus, a 35-foot educational solar energy project (more info at solarbus.org). His car runs on vegetable oil that restaurants would otherwise throw away.

Beckwith currently lives with his wife and three sons in northern Vermont. He's also a musician, voting rights activist, vegetarian, and a fair-weather baseball fan.