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Phil Plait, the Program Manager for NASA Education /Public Outreach at Sonoma State University, is a gifted speaker, writer, and presenter. Phil constantly views the world through the eyes of a skeptic and critical-thinker. His skepticism and concise, thought-provoking ideas are presented through his brilliant sense of humor and wit.

Phil has been a presenter and keynote speaker at the annual Earth/Space and Astronomy Symposium at the Sonoma County Office of Education. As organizer of the event, I have invited Phil back each year and felt honored that he would return. Attendees rave about his sessions and return because of his presentations.

Phil is also one of the favored speakers at the annual California Science Education Conference presented by the California Science Teachers Association. As a member of the conference organizing committee, I have heard other members state, "We have to ask Phil Plait to speak." At his session, conference attendees fill the room, sit on the floor when there are no chairs left on which to sit, and stand outside the door if the room is full in order to hear the message Phil has to convey. He not only presents valuable information, but he also promotes thoughtful listening and provokes critical thinking in his audience. Phil Plait is a presenter/speaker_extraordinaire.

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