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Meeting Maureen Dowd — I'm Necessary After All

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Maureen Dowd,

one of the nation's most articulate and quotable liberal columnists, was in Washington, DC today for a book-signing appearance at one of the local Border's bookstores. I was in town to deliver a public lecture on "A Christian Vision of Beauty," so my friend Dr. Mark Dever and I headed for the bookstore at lunch hour in order to meet Ms. Dowd. We couldn't resist.

It's not every day that you get to meet the leading feminist columnist for *The New York Times*. Ms. Dowd did not disappoint. She was clever, winsome, and glad to sign a copy of her new book, *Are Men Necessary? When Sexes Collide*. The book is important in several aspects, and I will publish a review in an upcoming commentary.

Ms. Dowd, whose caustic wit ranks with Dorothy Parker, demonstrated her sense of humor in signing her books. After I introduced myself, she wrote a message right under the title question: *Are Men Necessary?*. She wrote to me: You are! For Dr. Dever she wrote: Absolutely!

Well, it's not every day that two complementarian evangelical men get their existence affirmed by Maureen Dowd. It's true — these are strange times.

P.S.: Don't tell him, but I bought a copy of the book for Dr. Russ Moore, my colleague and guest host for *The Albert Mohler Program*. She inscribed the book for him as well. I thought he needed the affirmation, but he'll have trouble explaining this to his friends.

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