

# *Chapter 1*



## *My Story*

### *How I Came to Write This Book*

At age five I realized the church didn't have all the answers when the Monsignor teaching our religion class was stumped by a little girl. She had asked a most reasonable question, "If everything God created is good, why are there rats?"

Our esteemed teacher verbally attacked the girl, shouting at her to stop asking such ridiculous questions and sit down immediately. In that moment I knew my connection to the Catholic church was broken and felt that from then on if I wanted answers, I'd have to look elsewhere. That search led me through many religious and philosophical systems and brought me to the information I present to you in this book.

In college I wound up designing my own curriculum. It crossed many disciplines and concluded with a thesis on the origin and development of myth and folklore. Although I didn't know it then,