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Christology and Science

The dialogue between theology and science has blossomed in recent decades, but particular beliefs about Jesus Christ have not often been brought to the forefront of this interdisciplinary discussion even in explicitly Christian contexts. This book breaks new ground by explicitly bringing the specific themes of Christology into dialogue with contemporary science. It engages recent developments in late modern philosophy of science in order to articulate the Christian beliefs about Jesus Christ in a way that responds to challenges and opportunities that have arisen in light of various scientific discoveries. The main chapters deal with Incarnation, Atonement and Parousia. After a brief treatment of the history of the shaping of these ideas, the author traces developments in some of the sciences that have challenged these formulations: evolutionary biology, cultural anthropology and physical cosmology. Each chapter also summarises some of the popular constructive responses to these developments. After clarifying the way in which the Christian understanding of God and of humanity shape the task of reforming Christology, each chapter concludes with a programmatic outline of ways in which we might articulate the identity, agency and presence of Jesus Christ in dialogue with late modern science and culture.

God and Contemporary Science

This text is part of the Edinburgh Studies in Constructive Theology series, which aims to provide a dialogue between the history of Western theological traditions and the contemporary interpretative context. Intended for those with no particular historical or theological training, it guides students through the core theological issues, searching out common ground by surveying the classic works of the theological tradition.

A Christian Theology of Science

An author on the cutting edge of today's theology and science discussions argues that creedal Christianity has much to contribute to the ongoing conversation. This book contains an intellectual

history of theology's engagement with science during the modern period, critiques current approaches, and makes a constructive proposal for how a Christian theological vision of natural knowledge can be better pursued. The author explains that it is good both for religion and for science when Christians treat theology as their first truth discourse. Foreword by David Bentley Hart.

Does Science Undermine Faith?

Many people assume that science 'disproves' the idea of God, and that we no longer need faith in order to understand the world or why we are in it. Roger Trigg examines these assumptions and considers whether recent developments in science may in fact support religious faith. He goes on to consider the increasing scientific evidence for the inherent orderliness and comprehensibility of the universe, which leads him to ask an even more radical question: Might there be aspects of religious belief that can help to support our science? Contents 1. Does science disprove God? 2. Are science and religion just different? 3. Could science support Christianity? 4. Does science need Christianity?

Religion and the Sciences of Origins

This concise introduction to science and religion focuses on Christianity and modern Western science (the epicenter of issues in science and religion in the West) with a concluding chapter on Muslim and Jewish Science and Religion. This book also invites the reader into the relevant literature with ample quotations from original texts.

Science and Christianity

Science and Christianity is an accessible, engaging introduction to topics at the intersection of science and Christian theology. A philosophically orientated treatment that introduces the relationship of science to Christianity and explores to what extent the findings of science affect traditional Christian theology. Addresses important theological topics in light of contemporary science, including divine action, the problem of natural evil, and eschatology. Historically oriented chapters and chapters covering methodological principles for both science and theology provide the reader with a strong foundational understanding of the issues. Includes feature boxes highlighting quotations, biographies of major scientists and theologians, key terms, and other helpful information. Issues are presented as fairly and objectively as possible, with strengths and weaknesses of particular interpretations fully discussed.

Belief in God in an Age of Science

John Polkinghorne is a major figure in today's debates over the compatibility of science and religion. Internationally known as both a theoretical physicist and a theologian—the only ordained member of the Royal Society—Polkinghorne brings unique qualifications to his inquiry into the possibilities of believing in God in an age of science. In this thought-provoking book, the author focuses on the collegiality between science and theology, contending that these "intellectual cousins" are both concerned with interpreted experience and with the quest for truth about reality. He argues eloquently that scientific and theological inquiries are parallel. The book begins with a discussion of what belief in God can mean in our times. Polkinghorne explores a new natural theology and emphasizes the importance of moral and aesthetic experience and the human intuition of value and hope. In other chapters, he compares science's struggle to understand the nature of light with Christian theology's struggle to understand the nature of Christ. He addresses the question, Does God act in the physical world? And he extends his ideas about the role of chaos theory, surveys the prospects for future dialogue between scientific and theological thinkers, and defends a critical realist understanding of the activities of both disciplines. Polkinghorne concludes with a consideration of the nature of mathematical truths and the links between the complementary realities of physical and mental experience.

Toward a Theology of Scientific Endeavour

Foundations of science are specific conditions of the cosmos, of human intelligence, of cultural beliefs, and of technological structures that make the pursuit of modern science possible. Each of the four foundations of scientific endeavour can be studied as a topic on its own. The concurrent study of all four together reveals several tensions and interconnections among them that point the way to a greater unification of faith and science. This book explores four foundations of scientific endeavour and investigates some of the paradoxes each of them raises. Kaiser shows that the resolution of these paradoxes inevitably leads us into theological discourse and raises new challenges for theological endeavour. In

order to address these challenges, Kaiser draws on the wider resources of the Judeo-Christian tradition and argues for a refocusing of contemporary theology from the perspective of natural science.

God and the Scientist

This book presents a celebration, survey and critique of the theological work of arguably the most important and most widely-read contributor to the modern dialogue between science and theology: John Polkinghorne. Including a major survey by Polkinghorne himself of his life's work in theology, this book draws together contributors from among the most important voices in the science-theology dialogue today to focus on key aspects of Polkinghorne's work, with Polkinghorne providing responses. Anybody exploring contemporary aspects of the science-religion debate will find this book invaluable.

Science and Christianity in Pulpit and Pew

These essays address broad topics such as the popularization of scientific ideas, secularization and the development of the naturalistic worldview.

Theology in the Context of Science

Just as gendered, cultural, and geographical perspectives have illuminated and advanced theological thought, the contributions of twentieth-century science have much to offer theology. In his latest book, physicist-theologian John Polkinghorne, renowned as one of the world's foremost thinkers on science and religion, offers a lucid argument for developing the intersection of the two fields as another form of contextual theology. Countering recent assertions by new atheists that religious belief is irrational and even dangerous, Polkinghorne explores ways that theology can be open to and informed by science. He describes recent scientific discourse on such subjects as epistemology, objectivity, uncertainty, and rationality and considers the religious importance of the evolution in these areas of scientific thought. Then, evaluating such topics as relativity, space and time, and evolutionary theory, he uses a scientific style of inquiry as a foundation on which to build a model of Christian belief structure. Science and theology share in the great human quest for truth and understanding, says Polkinghorne, and he illustrates how their interaction can be fruitful for both.

The Science of God

How do science and theology interact? What can be gained by exploring Christian theology using the insights of the natural sciences? Can a synergy be found? Is there a defensible natural theology within the scope and framework of a revealed God?

Informed by Science-Involved by Christ

The book encourages Christians to take valid scientific theories on board. They are God's way of displaying the profundity, complexity and greatness of God's creation. They can become God's instruments to master the looming economic-ecological crises. Science can help believers update their worldview, restore the credibility of their message, and regain their contemporary relevance; faith can afford the scientific enterprise a new grounding, direction and vision. God's creative power is explored by science and God's benevolent intentionality is proclaimed by the Christian faith. Major Christian convictions can be restated on this basis to make sense to our scientifically informed contemporaries.

Incarnation and Physics

Thomas F. Torrance is the most prominent theologian to have taken seriously the challenge posed to theology by the natural sciences. His model for interaction between the two disciplines is based on the theological heart of the Church: the Incarnation. Luoma here offers a thorough overview and critique of Torrance's insights into the theology-science dialogue.

Theology and Modern Science

Among the multitude of issues addressed by authors in the burgeoning field of science and theology the most fundamental is that of divine action in the world. How might believers best understand God as truly acting in the realms studied by the natural sciences? Several specific questions arise in this context: What implications do contemporary theories about the origins of the universe have for the doctrine of God as "Creator of heaven and earth"? When cosmologists and biologists talk about the

evolution not only of galaxies and solar systems but also of various forms of life on earth, what does this say about the doctrine of divine providence? If human beings evolved from earlier organisms, as the vast majority of scientists believe, what changes might this portend for the way we talk about the "human soul" and the way we either affirm or deny a spiritual element in other living beings? If scientists are correct in predicting the eventual demise of the solar system, how might these predictions affect the way we understand the traditional Judeo-Christian hope for "a new heaven and a new earth"? These are some of the questions that this book sets out to answer. Though many of the issues are rooted in Christian theology, the book addresses them in a broadly ecumenical way that will be both informative and thought provoking for anyone interested in the lively contemporary debate between theology and the natural sciences.

Christ and Science

It is a statement often made in the pulpit and elsewhere that the Bible is not, and was never intended to be, a manual of scientific instruction. In this volume of lectures delivered before Vanderbilt University in 1906, Professor Smith sets out to prove that the opposite is the case, or at least that in the Bible are to be found revelations of scientific truths, some of which are only just beginning to be recognized. His position is that the Universe and the Bible being equally of divine origin, there can be no contradiction between them, and that each may be reasonably expected to shed light upon the other. In support of this idea he finds in the Old Testament revelations of the three great scientific generalizations—the Conservation of Matter, the Conservation of Energy, and the Continuity of Life—and maintains that the Christian ideals of the New Testament, viz., humility, simplicity, love of truth, and faith, are identical with the ideals which science holds up to her votaries. The biblical account of Creation is, he believes, coming, and will yet come more and more to be recognized as in harmony with the teachings of science. "If this be so, this Scripture is living truth to us, filled with a wisdom which was four thousand years in advance of the time when it was written." Again, in Phil. ii. 12, 13, he finds contained "by direct expression and by implication the four fundamental laws of energy—the very vitals of modern physics." "How wonderful that the most precious truths of recent science should be found concealed in a sentence written more than eighteen hundred years ago." Even if it were all true, one fails to see what good would be done by revelations which can only be recognized as such when the truths they are supposed to reveal have been discovered by other means. There is an interesting lecture on "Christ's Love of Nature," and another on "Christ the Model for the Teacher of Science," in which the author pleads that we should "reverently study the Master's college methods." It may perhaps be worthwhile to point out to the author that it is not usual to speak of the Holy Spirit as the Second Person of the Trinity. The book does not follow conventional lines, and is well worth reading, even if we disagree with much that it contains. —Review of Theology & Philosophy, Volume 3 [1908]

Faith, Science and Understanding

divdivIn this captivating book, one of the most highly regarded scientist-theologians of our time explores aspects of the interaction of science and theology. John Polkinghorne defends the place of theology in the university (it is part of the human search for truth) and discusses the role of revelation in religion (it is a record of experience and not the communication of unchallengeable propositions). Throughout his thought-provoking conversation, Polkinghorne speaks with an honesty and openness that derives from his many years of experience in scientific research. A central concern of Polkinghorne's collection of writings is to reconcile what science can say about the processes of the universe with theology's belief in a God active within creation. The author examines two related concepts in depth. The first is the divine self-limitation involved in creation that leads to an important reappraisal of the traditional claim that God does not act as a cause among causes. The other is the nature of time and God's involvement with it, an issue that Polkinghorne shows can link metascience and theological understandings. In the final section of the book, the author reviews three centuries of the science and theology debate and assesses the work of major contemporary contributors to the discussion: Wolfhart Pannenberg, Thomas Torrance, and Paul Davies. He also considers why the science-theology discussion has for several centuries been a particular preoccupation of the English. /DIV/DIV

Rethinking Theology and Science

In this volume six leading American and European scientist-theologians rethink the relationship of theology and science under the growing challenge of pluralism.

Science and the Spirit

What might be described as a Pentecostal worldview has become a powerful cultural phenomenon, but it is often at odds with modernity and globalization. Science and the Spirit confronts questions of spirituality in the face of contemporary science. The essays in this volume illustrate how Pentecostalism can usefully engage with technology and scientific discovery and consider what might be distinctive about a Pentecostal dialogue with the sciences. The authors conclude that Pentecostals, with their unique perspectives on spirituality, can contribute new insights for a productive interaction between theology and science.

Experimenting with Truth

Experimenting with Truth: The Fusion of Religion with Technology, Needed for Humanity's Survival presents the insights of the mutually reinforcing aspects of the Christian faith and modern science. The book is composed of only three chapters and begins with an explanation of the technology's need for religion's hegemony. Chapter 2 attempts to show that science-based technology and religion share a common belief in the nature of the most fundamental reality. The last chapter details the most accurate, multidimensional picture or sculpture of reality.

A Science and Religion Primer

The California missions are unique reminders of a largely ignored part of the history of the United States. Nowhere else in the United States can one view such complete remnants of an earlier rule. Lands Never Trodden brings to the general public the fullest examination to date of the institutions of the Franciscan missions in California and of the stories hidden in these monuments. Franciscan priests, Spanish officials, and Native Americans all have their stories faithfully reported in this volume. Each mission carries with it tales of unremitting labor, sacrifice, love, intrigue, passion, violence, and death. This volume treats the familiar stories of the missionaries as well as the previously untold stories of the Native Americans with equal candor. With more than sixty photographs, and based on exhaustive research and historical documents, Lands Never Trodden is an entertaining, educational, and readable presentation of the twenty-one California missions.

Science and the Renewal Of Belief

Annotation. Originally published to high acclaim in Great Britain and now updated and available for the first time in a U.S. edition, Science and the Renewal of Belief sheds light on ways in which science and religion influence each other and can help each other. "Science and logic cannot establish belief," writes author Russell Stannard, "but belief can be confirmed and renewed within the changed perspective of modern science."

A Little Book for New Scientists

Many young Christians interested in the sciences have felt torn between two options: remaining faithful to Christ or studying science. Heated debates over the past century have created the impression that we have to choose between one or the other. The result has been a crisis of faith for many students. Josh Reeves and Steve Donaldson present a concise introduction to the study of science that explains why scientists in every age have found science congenial to their faith and how Christians in the sciences can bridge the gap between science and Christian belief and practice. If Christians are to have a beneficial dialogue with science, it will be guided by those who understand science from the inside. Consequently, this book provides both advice and encouragement for Christians entering or engaged in scientific careers because their presence in science is a vital component of the church's witness in the world.

Science and Theology

"Eminent scientist and theologian John Polkinghorne offers an accessible yet authoritative introduction to the stimulating field of science and religion. After surveying their volatile historical relationship, he leads the reader through the whole array of questions that arise at the intersection of the scientific and religious quests." "Polkinghorne provides a marvellously clear overview of the major elements of current science (including quantum theory, chaos theory, time and cosmology). He offers a concise outline of the character of religion, and shows their joint potential to illumine some of the thorniest issues in theology today: creation, the nature of knowledge, human and divine identity and agency. He

brings the reader to complex ideas so gently and persuasively that at each turn one is inspired to follow the next step of the argument."--Jacket.

Science, Theology, and Ethics

Science challenges faith to seek fuller understanding and faith challenges science to be socially and ethically responsible. This book begins with faith in God the Creator of the world and then expands our understanding of creation in light of Big Bang cosmology and new discoveries in physics. Examining the expanding frontier of genetic research, Peters draws out implications for theological understandings of human nature and freedom. The dialogue model of relationship between science and religion, proposed in this book, provides a common ground for the disparate voices among theologians, scientists and world religions.

Science and Religion in the Twnty-First Century

stellar cast of leading theologians and scientists debating science and religion in the public arena. The Boyle lectures are a prestigious lecture series held annually in the City of London. Engaging themes at the cutting-edge of contemporary science and religion debates, from evolution and emergence to the psychology of religious beliefs.

Divine Action and Modern Science

A radical critique of current attempts to reconcile natural sciences with the concept of divine action.

The Soul of Science

"I consider *The Soul of Science* to be a most significant book which, in our scientific age, should be required reading for all thinking Christians and all practicing scientists. The authors demonstrate how the flowering of modern science depended upon the Judeo-Christian worldview of the existence of a real physical contingent universe, created and held in being by an omnipotent personal God, with man having the capabilities of rationality and creativity, and thus being capable of investigating it. Pearcey and Thaxton make excellent use of analogies to elucidate difficult concepts, and the clarity of their explanations for the nonspecialist, for example, of Einstein's relativity theories or of the informational content of DNA and its consequences for theories of prebiotic evolution, are quite exceptional, alone making the volume worth purchasing." --Dr. David Shotton, Lecturer in Cell Biology, Department of Zoology, University of Oxford "Pearcey and Thaxton show that the alliance between atheism and science is a temporary aberration and that, far from being inimical to science, Christian theism has played and will continue to play an important role in the growth of scientific understanding. This brilliant book deserves wide readership." --Phillip E. Johnson, University of California, Berkeley "This book would be an excellent text for courses on science and religion, and it should be read by all Christians interested in the relationship between science and their theological commitments." --J.P. Moreland, Professor of Philosophy, Talbot School of Theology, Biola University

Worship and the New Cosmology

What is the Christian response to developments in the hard sciences? What do discoveries at the macro and micro levels have to say about Christian theology, about a theology of God, Christology, pneumatology, and creation? How do the developments in systematic theology that do take the advances in cosmology and the New Sciences seriously come to bear on our worship life? These are the questions that are addressed in this text. It is an initial effort to bring cosmology and the New Sciences into dialogue with developments in systematic and sacramental theology. This book also suggests some ways in which these developments might appear in our worship. Overall, the author is concerned to reduce the cognitive dissonance between our scientifically informed everyday lives and our life of faith.

Toward a Christian View of a Scientific World

Modern science and science-based technology have changed traditional understandings of the world in profound ways. A pastor who is also a trained scientist draws on his diverse background to help readers put today's scientific knowledge in the context of Christian faith. Murphy sees the world described by today's science as the creation of God revealed in Jesus Christ, and technology and modern medicine as ways to carry out God's purpose for the world. This book is a useful tool for introducing

readers to the crucial conversations and interactions now occurring between the fields of science, theology, technology, and ethics. It's a clear and accessible text that's appropriate for adult classes and lay groups of all levels. This comprehensive and readable work by a well-qualified and experienced scientist, theologian, and pastor fills a very important gap in the current literature regarding the new dialogue that has been emerging in recent years between science and religion.... It seeks to develop a Christian view of the world that is congruent with modern science. It includes discussions of the practical and moral implications of issues such as genetic engineering and medicine, and their implications for worship and prayer. David E. Arthur Eden Theological Seminary George L. Murphy is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Ohio University, Johns Hopkins University (where he earned a Ph.D. in physics), and Wartburg Theological Seminary. He has taught at the University of Western Australia, Westminster College, Luther College, and Trinity Lutheran Seminary. Widely published in both scientific and religious periodicals, Murphy has received two awards from the Templeton Foundation for his papers on science and religion. A Lutheran pastor, Murphy is also the principal author of *Cosmic Witness* (CSS).

Belief in Science and in Christian Life

This book, edited by Thomas F. Torrance, is the result of a conference of theologians and scientists who met to discuss the influence of philosopher-scientist Michael Polyani on Christian convictions in the context of the scientific revolution.

Science and Faith Within Reason

In this book, leading authors in the field of science and religion, including William Carroll, Steve Fuller, Karl Giberson and Roger Trigg, highlight the oft-neglected and profound philosophical foundations that underlie some of the most frequent questions at the boundary between science and religion: the reality of knowledge, and the notions of creation, life and design. In tune with Mariano Artigas's work, the authors emphasise that these are neither religious nor scientific but serious philosophical questions.

T&T Clark Handbook of Christian Theology and the Modern Sciences

This handbook surveys the many relationships between scientific studies of the world around us and Christian concepts of the Divine from the ancient Greeks to modern ecotheology. From Augustine to Hildegard of Bingen, Genesis to Frederick Douglass, and physics to sociology, this volume opens the intersections of Christian theology and science to new concepts, voices, and futures. The central goal of the handbook is to bring new perspectives to the foreground of Christian theological engagement with science, and to highlight the many engagements today that are not often identified as 'science-theology' discussions. The handbook thus includes several aspects not found in previous handbooks on the same topic: significant representation from the three major branches of Christianity-Orthodox, Roman Catholic, and Protestant; multiple essays on areas of modern science not traditionally part of the "theology and science" dialogue, such as discussions of race, medicine, and sociology; a collection of essays on historical theologians' approaches to nature and science. T&T Clark Handbook to Christian Theology and the Modern Sciences is divided into 3 sections: historical explorations, encompassing a eleven chapters from Aristotle to Frederick Douglass; Catholic, Protestant, and Orthodox surveys of theology-science scholarship in the 20th and 21st centuries; and ten explorations in Christian theology today, from Einsteinian physics to decolonial sociology. The 24 chapters than span the volume offer the reader, whether scholar, student, or layperson, an essential resource for any future conversations around science and Christian theology.

Christ and Evolution: A Study of the Doctrine of Redemption in the Light of Modern Knowledge

This scarce antiquarian book is a facsimile reprint of the original. Due to its age, it may contain imperfections such as marks, notations, marginalia and flawed pages. Because we believe this work is culturally important, we have made it available as part of our commitment for protecting, preserving, and promoting the world's literature in affordable, high quality, modern editions that are true to the original work.

Science Serving Faith

Towards the close of his long and brilliant career as the preeminent spokesperson for empirical theology, Henry Nelson Wieman (1884-1975) began writing *Science Serving Faith*, clearly intending it to be his major statement on Christology. This ambitious work would give the fullest expression to his

belief that only when science is put to the service of the Christian religion can the revelation of God in Christ be made intelligible so that people can understand this revelation and commit themselves in faith to divine creativity. Before putting the unfinished manuscript aside, Wieman had relatively complete drafts of chapters one through eight, and a sketch of chapter nine. The editors of this volume have now made available one of Wieman's last and most intriguing theological statements.

Reason and Wonder

Written for general readers of all religious backgrounds, Reason and Wonder introduces some of the most fruitful discussions now taking place between leading thinkers in science and theology. As Professor Priest writes in his Preface: 'In this integrated approach, the notion of science as a monolithic concept is shattered. Instead, the sciences and humanities represent a rainbow tapestry, linked by a common search for understanding, using reason and imagination.' This fascinating book includes accounts of key points of convergence in areas such as astrophysics, biology, mathematics, neuroscience and psychology, and ends with a stimulating set of questions for group discussion or personal reflection. Contents: Eric Priest - Towards the Integration of Science and Religion Keith Ward - God, Science and the New Atheism Eleonore Stump - Natural Law, Reductionism and the Creator David Wilkinson - The Origin and End of the Universe – a Challenge for Christianity? Jennifer Wiseman - Universe of Wonder, Universe of Life Kenneth Miller - Evolution, Faith and Science Michael Murray and Jeff Schloss - Evil in Evolution Pauline Rudd - Is there More to Life than Genes? David Myers - Psychological Science Meets Christian Faith John Wyatt - Being a Person? - Towards an Integration of Neuroscientific and Christian Perspectives John Swinton - From Projection to Connection: Conversations between Science, Spirituality and Health Mark Harris - Do the Miracles of Jesus Contradict Science? Tom Wright - Can a Scientist Trust the New Testament? Questions for discussion or reflection

The Unity of Truth

Many of the seven billion people who live on the earth look to either science or religion as the ultimate source of authority in their lives. But why must there be a conflict between the two? Why can't science and religion support each other? The Unity of Truth shows why and how it makes perfect sense for science and religion to be mutually supportive. Beginning with the accepted truths of modern science and the beliefs of traditional Christianity, authors Allen A. Sweet, C. Frances Sweet, and Fritz Jaensch use their diverse expertise to deliver a deeper level of understanding of the ways in which science and religion can coexist. Relying on a thorough knowledge of physics, theology, and mathematics, this study addresses the paradox of how God communicates with our material world without violating any of the laws of science. Individual chapters discuss some of the most popular quandaries associated with combining science and religion. In addition, it considers the beginning and end of our universe, the evolution of life, and the meaning of human emotions from the scientific and theological perspectives, thus pushing understanding to a higher plateau of wisdom. Rational and devoid of rhetoric, The Unity of Truth seeks to help resolve the ongoing battle between religion and science, delivering a thoughtful narrative designed to open minds and hearts.

God and Natural Order

In God and Natural Order: Physics, Philosophy, and Theology, Shaun Henson brings a theological approach to bear on contemporary scientific and philosophical debates on the ordered or disordered nature of the universe. Henson engages arguments for a unified theory of the laws of nature, a concept with monotheistic metaphysical and theological leanings, alongside the pluralistic viewpoints set out by Nancy Cartwright and other philosophers of science, who contend that the nature of physical reality is intrinsically complex and irreducible to a single unifying theory. Drawing on the work of theologian Wolfhart Pannenberg and his conception of the Trinitarian Christian god, the author argues that a theological line of inquiry can provide a useful framework for examining controversies in physics and the philosophy of science. God and Natural Order will raise provocative questions for theologians, Pannenberg scholars, and researchers working in the intersection of science and religion.

Rebuilding the Matrix

Fresh thinking and new insights on the nature of science in relation to faith, showing particularly that (1) true science does not need to be and in fact is not hostile to religious faith, and (2) evangelical Christians in general need not be either fearful of nor hostile toward scientific endeavor.

Science and the Study of God

For many today, religion and science are seen as enemies battling for human hearts and minds. In this new book Alan Padgett shows that they can and should work together in developing a worldview that is at once spiritually meaningful and scientifically sound. Pursuing a perspective that he calls the "mutuality model," Padgett highlights the contributions that both religion and science make to a full understanding of the world and our place in it. He argues convincingly that the natural sciences and theology can rationally influence each other without giving up their important distinctives and methods. The book explores the nature of informal reason and worldviews, the character of theology as a spiritual and academic discipline, and the question of what counts as natural science. Along the way, Padgett discusses such topics as thermodynamics, time, resurrection, and the historical Jesus as examples of the powerful model that he is developing.