

evolving my journey to reconcile science and faith

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How I Changed My Mind About Evolution

Over two dozen Christian leaders describe how they changed their minds about evolution. Perhaps no topic appears as potentially threatening to evangelicals as evolution. The very idea seems to exclude God from the creation the book of Genesis celebrates. Yet many evangelicals have come to accept the conclusions of science while still holding to a vigorous belief in God and the Bible. How did they make this journey? How did they come to embrace both evolution and faith? Here are stories from a community of people who love Jesus and honor the authority of the Bible, but who also agree with what science says about the cosmos, our planet and the life that so abundantly fills it. Among the contributors are Scientists such as: Francis Collins Deborah Haarsma Denis Lamoureux Theologians and philosophers such as: James K. A. Smith Amos Yong Oliver Crisp Biblical scholars such as: N. T. Wright Scot McKnight Tremper Longman III Pastors such as: John Ortberg Ken Fong Laura Truax

Thank God for Evolution

Few issues have revealed deeper divisions in our society than the debate between creationism and evolution, between religion and science. Yet from the fray, Reverend Michael Dowd has emerged as a reconciler, finding faith strengthened by the power of reason. With evidence from contemporary astrophysics, geology, biology, anthropology, and evolutionary psychology, Thank God for Evolution lays out a compelling argument for how religion and science can be mutually enriching forces in our lives. Praised by Nobel laureates in the scientific community and religious leaders alike, Thank God for Evolution will expand the horizon of what is possible for self, for relationships, and for our world.

The Sacred Chain

A thought-provoking and eye-opening work by Jim Stump, Vice President at BioLogos and host of the Language of God podcast, offering a compelling argument about how evolution does not have to be at odds with faith, but can actually enrich and deepen it. In this moving and deeply thoughtful book, Jim Stump takes readers with him on his journey to understanding evolution and reconciling it with his faith. The Sacred Chain draws on philosophy, theology, and the latest scientific research to tackle some of the biggest questions facing humanity and people of faith today, such as: How can we hold the Bible as a sacred text and yet reconcile modern science with it? By condensing noteworthy events in the history of our universe into one calendar week, what can we learn about God's creative process and priorities, and where humans fit in? If humans are created in the image of God, what does evolution have to teach us about our species and our place in creation? What about the soul? How can we understand our transcendent qualities if the human body is the product of evolution? How does evolutionary science help us understand how God might use pain and suffering for important and good purposes? Does it have to be one or the other—science or religion—or is there a third way, one that not only preserves faith in the face of modern science, but leads to a stronger, more relevant, and more authentic faith?

Deeply researched and a delight to read, *The Sacred Chain* provides clarity in our uncertain times, revealing a bigger picture of our world and our place within it. It is a panorama consistent with the scientific findings about who we are and where we come from that can actually bolster our faith as it engages our curiosity about ourselves, our universe, and the nature of existence itself.

Involution-An Odyssey Reconciling Science to God

Involution- An Odyssey Reconciling Science to God. This book has been called '...a brilliant and profoundly erudite epic...a heroic intellectual tour de force...' (by David Lorimer, the Director of the Scientific and Medical Network) and both 'brave...and totally insightful (by Ervin Laszlo) but the book defies description; it breaks all the rules and is unlike any other. It is so comprehensive in its sweep, original in its writing, and its synthesis, that to isolate any aspect is to misrepresent all the others. Two companions, Reason and Soul, invite the reader to accompany them on a light-hearted poetic journey through the chronology of Western thought to uncover a bold hypothesis: that the evolution of science has been shaped by its gradual and accelerating recovery of memory (involution). That recovery has been led by the inspired maverick genius, moving backwards through time (usually called the past), but which has provided science's future at every moment of new creative thought. Scientific inspiration and its chronology mirrors evolution. This incremental excavation and transfer of memory to intellect implies the pre-human encoding (involution) of consciousness in the structure of matter, and the interconnected consciousness of all life. DNA is the likely encoding and mediating molecule, or resonant coherence of this information, through both time and space. The sweep of history is needed to expose this proposal and its evidence: It requires all the disciplines of science, all the epochs of thought: which only a poetic economy 'woven together with extraordinary subtlety' (Lorimer) could convey. Yet, paradoxically, through involution the collective journey has been lit by individuals, unique in their subjective contributions to the discipline that claims only 'objective' validated truth. The same pattern is mirrored in the congruent history of painting and musical composition. Genius differs only in the languages of expression. This book loosely weaves them all, using familiar material to arrive at an art, a science and divinity behind science. In nine swift Cantos the work travels through pre-human involution, the enfolding of consciousness in matter, and then early man's emergence on the Serengeti. Through the recorded civilizations of Greece, Rome, the Dark Ages, the Renaissance, into the Enlightenment and finally Modernism the success of science progressively obscures the internal story, the story of direct intuition, nous, experience, and the complement to Darwin that this collective involution provides. But there is more to it than merely science; for science is a language through which to follow a deeper journey, Mankind's collective journey inwards, to the nature of himself: which is why the scientific signposts are confined to end-notes to leave the poetic journey unencumbered. They take no scientific knowledge for granted: they are not essential to the poetic narrative but instead caulk the ship from which we view an alternative journey. By adding involution to evolution, mind and matter become two sides of a single coin, only perceived as distinct through the intellect's division from its deeper self, from consciousness, experience, and understanding. The co-creation of God and the universe is what this book restores and is about. It has been called a 'heroic tour de force, a brilliant and erudite epic...' but also 'clearly written and easy to read' It slaughters a few sacred cows, 'brave and a lot of fun.

The Language of God

Dr Francis S. Collins, head of the Human Genome Project, is one of the world's leading scientists, working at the cutting edge of the study of DNA, the code of life. Yet he is also a man of unshakable faith in God. How does he reconcile the seemingly unreconcilable? In *THE LANGUAGE OF GOD* he explains his own journey from atheism to faith, and then takes the reader on a stunning tour of modern science to show that physics, chemistry and biology -- indeed, reason itself -- are not incompatible with belief. His book is essential reading for anyone who wonders about the deepest questions of all: why are we here? How did we get here? And what does life mean?

And God Said, Let There Be Evolution!

A Jewish, Christian, and Muslim scientist present their evidence and explain how they reconcile their faith with the theory of evolution.

Confluence of Evolutionary Science and Christian Faith

In this book I have attempted to chart a path for the reader toward understanding how rigorous empirical scientific thought and solid, informed as well as inspired religious faith are in fact congruent with respect to evolution. The instruments that are used in this book to chart this path include: (1) the findings of scripture scholars regarding the Genesis creation narratives; (2) the basic biology of evolution and genetics; (3) the basics of the sciences of complexity; (4) the philosophy and theology behind the positions people take with respect to evolution and religious faith; (5) the thinking of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin on evolution and God, and (6) the evolutionary theology of John Haught. In the remote wilderness there are two clearwater streams that at close range apparently flow from different mountaintops – but which, when viewed from farther away, can be seen to flow from two ridges of the same mountain. Somewhere in the wilds, the two streams join – become confluent. The purpose of this book is to find this confluence.

Reconciling the Bible and Science

Reconciling the Bible and Science acknowledges the Bible as the word of God, demonstrates why there is no conflict between the Bible and science, and shows readers how to accept both.

Points of Contact

"A Catholic scientist offers a proposal for reconciling the historically evolving divide between science and religion"--

The Evolution of Faith

A new understanding is developed in this book about the relationship between the Christian faith, modern science, and the world religions. The authors call their new position Evolutionary Pluralism. By combining the Christian faith with modern science and the global growth of religious diversity, Evolutionary Pluralism provides Christians with an alternative to current interpretations such as Young Earth Creationism, Old Earth Creationism, Intelligent Design Creationism, and Evolutionary Creationism. This new understanding stands solidly within the history and traditions of the Christian faith and builds on the life and ministry of Jesus Christ.

The Works of His Hands

Raised in a militant atheist family, Sy Garte fell in love with the factual world of science. He became a respected research biochemist with an anti-theistic worldview to bolster his work—and he had no intention of seeking a God he didn't believe in. That is, until the very science he loved led him to question the validity of an atheistic worldview. His journey to answer the questions that confronted him drew him into becoming a fully committed Christian, determined to show others the truth: modern science doesn't contradict God at all but instead supports Christianity. In the first half of the book, Sy begins with how his experiences and quest for knowledge as a student and early in his career brought him to question his materialist assumptions. He goes on to reveal how lessons from physics, biology, and human nature—all presented for lay readers to easily understand—actually argue for belief in God. In the second half of the book, Sy looks at the arguments often presented against God in academic and scientific settings and explains the false foundations on which they rest. For those who have been told that the realities of science call for a rejection of God—but can't quite get rid of the feeling that this shouldn't be true—The Works of His Hands is an ideal reminder that the two don't have to be bitter enemies. Instead, this transformative book shares the beauty of the marriage between science and faith—and how, together, they can bring even the most unlikely to salvation.

Jesus Loves You and Evolution Is True

Science is not a danger to the faith of Christian youth. In fact, Sara Sybesma Tolsma, an award-winning scientist, and Jason Lief, a leading practical theologian, argue that youth ministry needs science to help young people explore their relationship to God and engage their world faithfully. Jesus Loves You and Evolution Is True invites the church and its leaders to open their minds and hearts to what science can tell us about our human lives and our connections to, and role in, our natural world. But it does not stop there: evolutionary science is theological, argues Lief and Tolsma, and so it must have a central place in the day-to-day work of youth ministry. If the church wants to help youth develop robust spiritual lives and prepare them for the challenges that life will bring them, pastors, faith leaders, and youth workers must not only engage science but embrace its lessons for the life and practice of Christian faith today.

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The Language of Science and Faith

World-renowned scientist Francis Collins and fellow scientist Karl Giberson show how we can embrace both science and faith, without compromising either. Their fascinating treatment explains how God cares for and interacts with his creation while science offers a reliable way to understand the world he made.

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.

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When Faith and Science Collide

When scientific evidence or theories appear to conflict with the Bible, how should Christians respond? Should traditional interpretations always be maintained regardless of physical evidence to the contrary, or are there occasions when it is appropriate to adopt a different interpretation of scripture that fits scientific understanding better? Answering these questions is not a simple matter of whether one believes the Bible to be true or not, for there are many who claim belief in the authority and inspiration of the Bible who fall on opposite sides of the debate over evolution and the age of the earth. In this book, G.R. Davidson offers a simple three-step approach for examining scripture and science any time the two appear to clash. The approach honors scripture first and addresses the strength of scientific evidence only after satisfying scriptural constraints. When applied to evolution and the age of the earth, the result reveals far more harmony than discord!

Creation or Evolution

Dr Denis Alexander is a neuroscientist who believes passionately in both the biblical doctrine of creation and the coherence of evolutionary theory. His book draws on the latest genetic research. What do we mean by creation and evolution? What are the common scientific objections to evolution? Is evolution atheistic? Who were Adam and Eve? Can the concept of the Fall be reconciled with evolutionary theory? How could a God of love create a world where animals kill each other? What about intelligent design? The author concludes that the question in the title is a false dichotomy: we do not need to choose, since both are true. 'Nature is what God does' - Augustine. This new edition takes account of the most recent scientific and theological developments and responds to critiques of the first edition.

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Faith Versus Fact

The New York Times bestselling author explains why any attempt to make religion compatible with science is doomed to fail. What we read in the news today is full of subjectivity, half-truths, and blatant falsehoods; and thus it is more necessary now than ever to safeguard the truth with facts. In his provocative new book, evolutionary biologist Jerry A. Coyne aims to do exactly that in the arena of religion. In clear, dispassionate detail he explains why the toolkit of science, based on reason and empirical study, is reliable, while that of religion—including faith, dogma, and revelation—leads to incorrect, untestable, or conflicting conclusions. Coyne is responding to a national climate in which over half of Americans don't believe in evolution (and congressmen deny global warming), and warns that religious prejudices and strictures in politics, education, medicine, and social policy are on the rise. Extending the bestselling works of Richard Dawkins, Daniel Dennett, and Christopher Hitchens, he demolishes the claims of religion to provide verifiable "truth" by subjecting those claims to the same tests we use to establish truth in science. Coyne irrefutably demonstrates the grave harm—to individuals and to our planet—in mistaking faith for fact in making the most important decisions about the world we live in.

God and Evolution? Science Meets Faith

Meet the "match made in heaven" between religion and science as they harmoniously converge through exploring the Catholic view on God and evolution. Author Dr. Verschuuren, a practicing Catholic and human geneticist, challenges the 'black and white' attitude toward matters of religion and science. Through drawing upon religion, philosophy, and biology, he reveals that science and religion answer different dimensions to the same fundamental question, "Where do we come from?" allowing for a compatible, and desirable coexistence—one that preserves, and in fact intensifies, God's splendor.

Evolving Faith

Believers and scientists have long wrestled over the relationship between science and faith. Acclaimed Latter-day Saint author and scientist Steven L. Peck demonstrates that both are indispensable tools we can use to navigate God's strange and beautiful creation. *Evolving Faith: Wanderings of a Mormon Biologist* is a collection of technical, personal, whimsical essays about Mormon theology, evolution, human consciousness, the environment, sacred spaces, and more. With the mind of a scientist, the soul of a believer, and the heart of a wanderer, Peck provides companionship for women and men engaged in the unceasing quest for further light and knowledge.

How to Relate Science and Religion

Stenmark (philosophy of religion, Uppsala University, Sweden) replaces the paradigm of science and religion as opposing perspectives with a conciliatory model. He lays out the central issues of the debate between these two powerful cultural forces and shows what is at stake for the advancement of human knowledge, then demonstrates how science and r

Reconciling Science and Religion

Although much has been written about the vigorous debates over science and religion in the Victorian era, little attention has been paid to their continuing importance in early twentieth-century Britain. *Reconciling Science and Religion* provides a comprehensive survey of the interplay between British science and religion from the late nineteenth century to World War II. Peter J. Bowler argues that unlike the United States, where a strong fundamentalist opposition to evolutionism developed in the 1920s (most famously expressed in the Scopes "monkey trial" of 1925), in Britain there was a concerted effort to reconcile science and religion. Intellectually conservative scientists championed the reconciliation and were supported by liberal theologians in the Free Churches and the Church of England, especially the Anglican "Modernists." Popular writers such as Julian Huxley and George Bernard Shaw sought to create a non-Christian religion similar in some respects to the Modernist position. Younger scientists and secularists—including Rationalists such as H. G. Wells and the Marxists—tended to oppose these efforts, as did conservative Christians, who saw the liberal position as a betrayal of the true spirit of their religion. With the increased social tensions of the 1930s, as the churches moved toward a neo-orthodoxy unfriendly to natural theology and biologists adopted the "Modern Synthesis" of genetics and evolutionary theory, the proposed reconciliation fell apart. Because the tensions between science

and religion—and efforts at reconciling the two—are still very much with us today, Bowler's book will be important for everyone interested in these issues.

Science and Religion

"Has science made religion intellectually implausible? Does it rule out the existence of a personal God? In an age of science can we really believe that the universe has a "purpose"? And, finally, doesn't religion hold much of the blame for the present ecological crisis?" "These questions form the nucleus of today's debate between science and religion. This book is a guide for that debate, identifying the questions, isolating the issues and pointing to ways the questions can be resolved." "There are four possible ways, says John F. Haught, that we can view the relationship between religion and science. First, they can stand in complete opposition - the conflict position. Or, we can believe they are so different that conflict is impossible - the contrast position. A third approach holds that while science and religion are distinct, each has important implications for the other. A fourth way views them as different but mutually supportive."--BOOK JACKET.Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved

Persuaded by the Evidence

True Stories of Faith, Science, & the Power of a Creator A unique and interesting collection of true stories from Christians - each sharing his personal journey to find the biblical truth of a six-day creation! From scientists in the midst of complex research to youth ministers, and more, see how each began at a different point and place in his life to question the supposed truth of evolution and how faith and actual evidence led to his embracing a creation-based, biblical world-view. In their testimonies, you will read about their search for answers, often unavailable through their school, their church, or scientific knowledge - and how the discoveries they made have shaped their faith and changed their lives. Seeking answers for yourself? Discover the powerful truths these individuals now share - and find yourself also persuaded by the evidence! Contributors include: Carl Kerby, Curt Sewell, Dr. Walter T. Brown, Dr. Raymond Damadian, Frank Sherwin, and more! Stories Focus on: Powerful testimonies of the concept of a creator Discovering creation truths within scientific careers Understanding the relevance of Genesis to your personal faith Finding answers to life's toughest questions through understanding Genesis Appreciating the powerful influence of creation believers and scholars Features a "Founding Fathers of Creationism" special section focused on Dr. Henry Morris, Dr. John Whitcomb, Dr. Andrew Snelling, and more. Special spotlight! Short biography of Dr. Mortimer Adler, chairman of the board of editors of Encyclopedia Britannica for many years

Spiritual Evolution

Spiritual Evolution: Scientists Discuss Their Beliefs describes the intellectual and emotional journeys traveled by esteemed scientists worldwide. Authors share the personal steps they have taken to blend an understanding of the Divine with their scientific perspectives. Charles Birch, S. Jocelyn Bell Burnell, Larry Dossey, Owen Gingerich, Peter E. Hodgson, Stanley L. Jaki, Arthur Peacocke, John Polkinghorne, Russell Stannard, and Carl Friedrich von Weizsäcker offer accounts of their spirituality and scientific inquiry. Noting the impact of religious upbringing, academic and spiritual mentors, personal devotional practice, and study, these authors make a compelling case for the blending of both scientific and spiritual worlds. They share insights that keep them attending church, engaging in prayer, and continuing the search to understand the Infinite.

The Reluctant Messenger of Science and Religion

Science teaches evolution. Genesis describes creation. Christianity, Judaism, and Sufism teach resurrection. Hinduism, Buddhism, and Sikhism teach reincarnation. The Reluctant Messenger of Science and Religion resolves these paradoxes. Chester and Lydia meet in a debate. One wins. One loses. Neither are ever the same. Lydia discovers a secret from her past that destroyed her family. She tries to ignore it, but her nightmares won't let her. Chester's greed for gold and revenge lead him to ancient knowledge which the powers of darkness fight to suppress. When the information last came to light, thousands died. Somehow, Chester must safely reveal it to the world. "This is the most inspirational story I have ever read! Honest!" Clint Hoadley re: www.reluctant-messenger.com

Evolution and the Fall

What does it mean for the Christian doctrine of the Fall if there was no historical Adam? If humanity emerged from nonhuman primates--as genetic, biological, and archaeological evidence seems to suggest--then what are the implications for a Christian understanding of human origins, including the origin of sin? Evolution and the Fall gathers a multidisciplinary, ecumenical team of scholars to address these difficult questions and others like them from the perspectives of biology, theology, history, Scripture, philosophy, and politics CONTRIBUTORS: William T. Cavanaugh Celia Deane-Drummond Darrel R. Falk Joel B. Green Michael Gulker Peter Harrison J. Richard Middleton Aaron Riches James K. A. Smith Brent Waters Norman Wirzba

An Orthodox Understanding of the Bible with Physical Science

For centuries, the Christian world and the scientific world have supposedly been at odds. Those who strictly believe that God created the universe have had difficulty accepting such scientific concepts as the speed of light, the immense distances of astronomy, and the long ages of radioactivity and earth science. This book bridges the gap between scientific and Christian beliefs by asking the reader: What if both sides are parallel revelations by God? An Orthodox Understanding of the Bible With Physical Science is a mixture of Biblical exposition and explanation of modern physical science, including relativity and quantum theory. The book also includes a chapter of scientific parables for children. Author Geoffrey Ernest Stedman is a retired emeritus professor of physics at the University of Canterbury in Christchurch, New Zealand. He believes he owes his life to modern science. Stedman is also an evangelical Christian, who takes the text of the Bible as definitive for faith. He wrote this book out of concern for the way creationism has debunked Christianity in the eyes of many. He hopes this text will remove unnecessary obstacles for the acceptance of the Christian faith and the results of scientific study. Publisher's website: <http://www.strategicpublishinggroup.com/title/AnOrthodoxUnderstandingOfTheBibleWithPhysicalScience.htm>

Birth of a Dancing Star

Science and Faith Can—and Do—Support Each Other Science and Christianity are often presented as opposites, when in fact the order of the universe and the complexity of life powerfully testify to intelligent design. With this comprehensive resource that includes the latest research, you'll witness how the findings of scientists provide compelling reasons to acknowledge the mind and presence of a creator. Featuring more than 45 entries by top-caliber experts, you'll better understand... how scientific concepts like intelligent design are supported by evidence the scientific findings that support the history and accounts found in the Bible the biases that lead to scientific information being presented as a challenge—rather than a complement—to Christianity Whether you're looking for answers to your own questions or seeking to explain the case for intelligent design to others, The Comprehensive Guide to Science and Faith is an invaluable apologetic tool that will help you explore and analyze the relevant facts, research, and theories in light of biblical truth.

The Comprehensive Guide to Science and Faith

The SCM Core Text Christianity and Science explores possible dialogues between Christianity and Science in an accessible and student-friendly way. Beginning with explorations of how we understand science and interpret the Bible the text moves on to discuss five key areas in which science and theology are engaged in a search for understanding: cosmology and the origin of the universe; the natural world and the evolution of life; the mind-brain and the nature of personhood; the genetic modification and manipulation of plant, animal and human life; and the environmental crisis which faces the whole world. The conclusion of the book seeks to explore how our understanding of God and God's activity in the world has developed and been shaped by the dialogue that has been explored in the previous chapters. This final chapter includes a discussion of the problems raised for Christian belief by suffering and 'natural evil'. The author thus ventures, in a bold way, to integrate science and faith while not ignoring the difference between them.

Christianity and Science

Christians often have a complicated relationship with science—especially when it comes to evolution. In recent years there has been an explosion in scientific understanding of evolutionary theory and its implications for human nature. Yet many Christians still see evolution as at best irrelevant to their faith and at worst threatening to it. Is it possible that adopting an evolutionary view of human origins can actually help us cultivate a relationship with God and a holy life? In Embracing Evolution, Matthew

Nelson Hill invites readers into a constructive conversation about why contemporary science matters for Christians. Bringing clarity to an often fraught conversation, he provides an accessible overview of evolutionary concepts and takes on common concerns about tensions with Christian theology. He then explores what insights and practical benefits await the Christian who adopts an integrative approach to evolution and Christianity. The more we are aware of the complex milieu of instincts, acquired traits, and environmental influences humans find themselves in, the better equipped we can be to overcome tempting urges and adopt life-giving habits. From food cravings and addictions to altruistic impulses, understanding our biological heritage gives us power to change for the better. What's more, as scientific evidence affirms, the transformation process cannot take place in isolation. Drawing on the work of John Wesley, Hill considers the questions, What kind of community will best encourage individuals to live godly lives, and how do we practically form such communities? At some point, every Christian will have to grapple with scientific evidence related to evolution. Full of stories and real-life examples, this book will help church leaders, small groups, students, and anyone curious about science and faith discover how embracing evolution can assist them toward a fulfilling, virtuous Christian life.

Embracing Evolution

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.

Rebuilding the Matrix

Can we combine science and faith in a way that maintains the integrity of both? Can a Christian be faithful to God and His word and also be in agreement with modern science? Yes! In this book you will see that our wonderful Christ and the God of purpose can be seen in the science of evolution. I also hope you will see that evolution, far from being a damnable teaching, is the very essence of the Holy Scriptures. The science of evolution can open to us a door to see, appreciate, and love even more the God of purpose whom we have believed.

The Transforming God

A trinitarian and ecumenical approach to the current emphasis on and renewal of Spirit Christology.

Trinitarian Christology

Named a 2007 Book of Distinction by the Sir John Templeton Foundation. The special edition of this award winning book celebrates the 200th birthday of Charles Darwin. Since, even before, the publication of Darwin's seminal work on evolution, science and religion have often been at odds. Even today culture wars continue to rage. How can I be faithful to God and fully enjoy the progress of science? Who is Charles Darwin and what did he actually say? Can you believe in God and evolution? Does teaching evolution corrupt our social values? How can you connect science and faith? Can science be a Christian vocation? So how can we interpret the creation story in the Bible? Authors Ted Peters and Martinez Hewlett give a balanced discussion of the impact of evolution to help church leaders understand the values at stake. They make the convincing case that Christians can connect their faith in God with a scientific understanding of evolution with integrity

Can You Believe in God and Evolution?

It can be a shock in our culture for a Christian to encounter evolutionary biology and conversely for a Darwinian to encounter biblical Christianity. Can a devout Christian with a high view of scripture accept scientific views of evolution? Some proponents of biblical Christianity or Darwinian evolution are quick to claim their incompatibility. However, as strong believers in both Christ and the sciences, we find more harmony than friction between them. If you or someone you care about sees a tension between evolution and Christian faith, we want to help you understand their interaction. This book, written by a biologist, a pastor/biblical scholar, and a theologian, addresses questions from the gifts of each of their disciplines. We acknowledge the insights and authority of the Bible, explain the science of evolution, explore their mutual relevance, and argue that holding the two together deepens our understanding of the world and its creator.

What about Evolution?

The debate between science and religion is never out of the news: emotions run high, fuelled by polemical bestsellers like *The God Delusion* and, at the other end of the spectrum, high-profile campaigns to teach 'Intelligent Design' in schools. Yet there is much more to the debate than the clash of these extremes. As Thomas Dixon shows in this balanced and thought-provoking introduction, a whole range of views, subtle arguments, and fascinating perspectives can be taken on this complex and centuries-old subject. He explores not only the key philosophical questions that underlie the debate, but also highlights the social, political, and ethical contexts that have made 'science and religion' such a fraught and interesting topic in the modern world. Along the way, he examines landmark historical episodes such as the Galileo affair, Charles Darwin's own religious and scientific odyssey, the Scopes 'Monkey Trial' in Tennessee in 1925, and the Dover Area School Board case of 2005, and includes perspectives from non-Christian religions and examples from across the physical, biological, and social sciences.

Science and Religion: A Very Short Introduction