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*The Evolution of the Idea of God* Columbia University Press  
In *God After Darwin*, eminent theologian John F. Haught argues that the ongoing debate between Darwinian evolutionists and Christian apologists is fundamentally misdirected: Both sides persist in focusing on an explanation of underlying design and order in the universe. Haught suggests that what is lacking in both of these competing ideologies is the notion of novelty, a necessary component of evolution and the essence of the unfolding of the divine mystery. He argues that Darwin's disturbing picture of life, instead of being hostile to religion—as scientific skeptics and many believers have thought it to be—actually provides a most fertile setting for mature reflection on the idea of God. Solidly grounded in scholarship, Haught's explanation of the relationship between theology and evolution is both accessible and engaging. The second edition of *God After Darwin* features an entirely new chapter on the ongoing, controversial debate between intelligent design and evolution, including an assessment of Haught's experience as an expert witness in the landmark case of *Kitzmiller v. Dover Area School District* on teaching evolution and intelligent design in schools.

*The Evolution of Religion* Epicurus Books  
Berry describes why so many Christians have difficulty believing in the theory of evolution. (Christian Living)

*Evolution of God* Paulist Press  
"What does accepting the theory of evolution mean for Christian theology? Does God create through a process of random mutation and natural selection? In *The God of Evolution*, Denis Edwards tackles hard questions about the relationship between contemporary science and Christian faith. By examining traditional Christian concepts through the prism of evolutionary thought, Edwards opens up new ways of thinking about the nature of God and the universe."--BOOK JACKET. Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved

### Discovering God Light Inst

Can Christianity and evolution coexist? Traditional Christian teaching presents Jesus as reversing the effects of the fall of Adam. But an evolutionary view of human origins doesn't allow for a literal Adam, making evolution seemingly incompatible with what Genesis and the apostle Paul say about him. For Christians who both accept evolution and want to take the Bible seriously, this can present a faith-shaking tension. Popular Old Testament scholar Peter Enns offers a way forward by explaining how this tension is caused not by the discoveries of science but by false expectations about the biblical texts. In this 10th anniversary edition, Enns updates readers on developments in the historical Adam debate, helping them reconcile Genesis and Paul with current views on evolution and human origins. This edition includes an afterword that explains Enns's own theological evolution since the first edition released.

### Evolving Brains, Emerging Gods Simon and Schuster

According to the reigning competition-driven model of evolution, selfish behaviors that maximize an organism's reproductive potential offer a fitness advantage over self-sacrificing behaviors—rendering unselfish behavior for the sake of others a mystery that requires extra explanation. *Evolution, Games, and God* addresses this conundrum by exploring how cooperation, working alongside mutation and natural selection, plays a critical role in populations from microbes to human societies. Inheriting a tendency to cooperate, argue the contributors to this book, may be as beneficial as the self-preserving instincts usually thought to be decisive in evolutionary dynamics. Assembling experts in mathematical biology, history of science, psychology, philosophy, and theology, Martin Nowak and Sarah Coakley take an interdisciplinary approach to the terms “cooperation” and “altruism.” Using game theory, the authors elucidate mechanisms by which cooperation—a form of working together in which one individual benefits at the cost of another—arises through natural selection. They then examine altruism—cooperation which includes the sometimes conscious choice to act sacrificially for the collective good—as a key concept in scientific attempts to explain the origins of morality. Discoveries in cooperation go

beyond the spread of genes in a population to include the spread of cultural transformations such as languages, ethics, and religious systems of meaning. The authors resist the presumption that theology and evolutionary theory are inevitably at odds. Rather, in rationally presenting a number of theological interpretations of the phenomena of cooperation and altruism, they find evolutionary explanation and theology to be strongly compatible.

### *The Evolution Of Gods : The Scientific Origin Of Divinity And Religion* Penguin

After the publication of *On the Origin of Species* in 1859, theologians were faced with the dilemma of God creating through evolution. Suddenly, pain, suffering, untimely death and extinction appeared to be the very tools of creation, and not a result of the sin of humanity. Despite this paradigm shift, the question of non-human suffering has been largely overlooked within theodicy debates, overwhelmed by the extreme human suffering of the twentieth century. This book redresses this imbalance by offering a rigorous academic treatment of the questions surrounding God and the suffering of non-human animals. Combining theological, philosophical, and biblical perspectives, this book explores the relationship between God and Creation within Christian theology. First it dismantles the popular theological view that roots violence and suffering in the animal kingdom in the fall of humanity. Then, through an exploration of the nature of love, it affirms that there are multiple reasons to suggest that God and creation can both be “good”, even with the presence of violence and suffering. This is an innovative exploration of an under-examined subject that encompasses issues of theology, science, morality and human-animal interactions. As such, it will be of keen interest to scholars and academics of religion and science, the philosophy of religion, theodicy, and biblical studies.

### *Christianity and Evolution* Brazos Press

A study of the deity of the world's three dominant monotheistic religions: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. In a dynamic interplay between religion and society's ever-changing beliefs, values, and traditions, human beings' ideas about God have been

transformed. Ideas about God have been molded to apply to the spiritual needs of the people who worship him in a particular place and time. The author explores and analyzes the development and progression of the various perceptions of God from the days of Abraham to present times--Adapted from book jacket.

**Responses to One Hundred and One Questions on God and Evolution** Little, Brown

All too many people come to a study of Kabbalah from the perspective of academia and book learning. Doing this will indeed give one information on the subject just as learning any other subject will do the same. But Kabbalah is not like any other subject! Kabbalah is not something that one studies, Kabbalah is something that one does! In order to practice the Kabbalah, one must first understand its intricate language of metaphors. Indeed, without understanding the symbols, and what the symbols actually mean, one will never be able to apply them properly, and come to experience the higher "spiritual" realities which surround us. This book is your guide to understanding many of the concepts, symbols, and metaphors of the Kabbalah, as it has been presented and studied since the 13th century. Herein are discussed in-depth lessons from the master Kabbalist, Rabbi Hayim Vital, who recorded for us the Kabbalistic Torah of the Ari'zal. Rabbi Vital's language is more intense in its usage of metaphor and symbol than any other school of Kabbalah. Yet, to understand it literally is a terrible misfortune. This book will open to the reader the underlying psychic/psychological true meanings of the system, and how the explanation of the Supernal Worlds is actually an explanation of the worlds within the human psyche and soul. Also included in this book is a section about Torah and Yoga. The similarities and the differences between these systems have confused many for years. The included Kabbalistic teachings will offer the readers insight that will finally resolve many unanswered questions about this topic. The revelations in this book are long overdue. But now they are available to the sincere seeker. If this is you, you already know it, and you also already know that this book is for you!

*Faith and Evolution* Vintage

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

**Darwinism as Religion** InterVarsity Press

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

**God and the Cosmos** Oxford University Press

The author of *The Phenomenon of Man* reconciles passionate faith with the rigor of scientific thinking. With his unique background as a geologist, paleontologist, and Jesuit priest, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin was a powerful exponent of the view that scientific theories could comfortably coexist with religious faith. To this day, his ideas provoke passionate debates in communities that view science and faith as necessarily separate ideologies. In this collection of nineteen essays, Teilhard seeks to illuminate a middle ground between science and religion that he felt both disciplines could accept. He explores the Fall and original sin, the possibility of life on other planets, and the role that God may have played in the process of human evolution, successfully challenging contemporary theologians to rethink their views of the universe and its creation. "Like other great visionary poets—Blake, Hopkins, Yeats—Teilhard engages the reader both intellectually and sensually." —The Washington Post Book World "An excellent blend of theological speculation with practical or ascetical application." —Catholic Telegraph

*God* HMH

Excerpt from the Preface--"TWO main schools of religious thinking exist in our midst at the present day: the school of humanists and the school of animists. This work is to some extent an attempt to reconcile them. It contains, I believe, the first extended effort that

has yet been made to trace the genesis of the belief in a God from its earliest origin in the mind of primitive man up to its fullest development in advanced and etherealised Christian theology. My method is therefore constructive, not destructive. Instead of setting out to argue away or demolish a deep-seated and ancestral element in our complex nature, this book merely posits for itself the psychological question, "By what successive steps did men come to frame for themselves the conception of a deity?"-or, if the reader so prefers it, "How did we arrive at our knowledge of God?" It seeks provisionally to answer these profound and important questions by reference to the earliest beliefs of savages, past or present, and to the testimony of historical documents and ancient monuments. It does not concern itself at all with the validity or invalidity of the ideas in themselves; it does but endeavour to show how inevitable they were, and how man's relation with the external universe was certain a priori to beget them as of necessity. "

**God and Evolution** W. W. Norton & Company

The "Evolution of God" will rock the core of all religions. Dramatic, powerful and questioning, humanity will be forever changed by the message from this revolutionary book. The evolution of God will expand and evolve our awareness of God beyond all borders. Exploring how the power of nature and its ability to destroy lives initiated our concept and experience of a God force, simple questions are posed so that we can comprehend how we fell into a negative and fearful relationship with a God that seemed to demand sacrifice, placation and petition. Our communication with the God Force has evolved into a stylized, ritualistic format governed over by a select few who have become the vehicles of God's messages and demands, wielding fear and punishment as weapons to insure obedience. Chris Griscom suggests that, throughout time, the shaman and priests have set in motion patterns of social and spiritual behavior that have brought about fear and separation from God. We are confronted with the distortion of beautiful teachings that have fallen into the interpretations of negative religious dogma. Ms. Griscom helps us to realize that we can find new ways of experiencing the God Force. From the crucifixion to the crusades, from stoning the religious offenders, to holy wars, from self-righteousness to ecstatic communion, the message of *The Evolution of God* is that the old cannot help us to know God and Godliness. This book

offers new choices to assist us with our own evolution, and through our conscious awareness, allows "The Evolution of God." **The Evolution of the Idea of God** Bloomsbury Publishing USA "Noone raises provocative questions about Christianity more kindly than Philip Gulley." —Diana Butler Bass, author of *Christianity for the Rest of Us* "Every serious Christian ought to read this book, ponder it, wrestle with it, but above all, be grateful for its presence in today's urgent conversation about what we are and are becoming as a people of God." —Phyllis Tickle, author of *The Great Emergence* Renowned Quaker minister Philip Gulley, bestselling author of *If the Church Were Christian*, delivers a practical, insightful guide to developing a living, flexible, personal Christianity—a faith that allows you to confront the profound challenges facing every believer in today's difficult world.

**Thank God for Evolution** Monarch Books

Theologian Harry Lee Poe and chemist Jimmy H. Davis argue that God's interaction with our world is a possibility affirmed equally by the Bible and the contemporary scientific record. Rather than confirming that the cosmos is closed to the actions of the divine, advancing scientific knowledge seems to indicate that the nature of the universe is actually open to the unique type of divine activity portrayed in the Bible.

*God, Evolution, and Animal Suffering* New Leaf Publishing Group In his bestselling *The Moral Animal*, Robert Wright applied the principles of evolutionary biology to the study of the human mind. Now Wright attempts something even more ambitious: explaining the direction of evolution and human history—and discerning where history will lead us next. In *Nonzero: The Logic of Human*

*Destiny*, Wright asserts that, ever since the primordial ooze, life has followed a basic pattern. Organisms and human societies alike have grown more complex by mastering the challenges of internal cooperation. Wright's narrative ranges from fossilized bacteria to vampire bats, from stone-age villages to the World Trade Organization, uncovering such surprises as the benefits of barbarian hordes and the useful stability of feudalism. Here is history endowed with moral significance—a way of looking at our biological and cultural evolution that suggests, refreshingly, that human morality has improved over time, and that our instinct to discover meaning may itself serve a higher purpose. Insightful, witty, profound, *Nonzero* offers breathtaking implications for what we believe and how we adapt to technology's ongoing transformation of the world.

*The Evolution of Faith* Cambridge University Press

Did gods create mankind, or did mankind create gods? Why, when and how did mankind begin to worship gods? Religious scriptures the world over claim that one or the other god made man, but science has not yet identified any supernatural power that created and governed human beings. Was it man who came up with the idea of gods to help him cope with his own fears? Could it be that ancient people attributed natural phenomena—unfathomable and frightening to them—to the working of invisible gods? What kind of sufferings or bewilderments made people bow before unseen powers or gods as we call them? When were these gods created? Who invented morals and methods of worship? Who wrote the ancient scriptures such as the Bible and the Vedas? Most crucially, have gods and the scriptures shaped our

responses to the world around us? *The Evolution of Gods* seeks to answer these questions, and explains scientifically how, when and why religions and gods came into being. Ajay Kansal marshals anthropological and historical facts about the development of religions in a simple and straightforward manner to assert that it was mankind that created gods, and not the other way around.

*God and Evolution* Gramercy

"This book is part of a series published by the Center for Science & Culture at the Discovery Institute in Seattle."--T.p. verso.

*Nonzero* Harvard University Press

If you accept evolutionary theory, can you also believe in God? Are human beings superior to other animals, or is this just a human prejudice? Does Darwin have implications for heated issues like euthanasia and animal rights? Does evolution tell us the purpose of life, or does it imply that life has no ultimate purpose? Does evolution tell us what is morally right and wrong, or does it imply that ultimately 'nothing' is right or wrong? In this fascinating and intriguing book, Steve Stewart-Williams addresses these and other fundamental philosophical questions raised by evolutionary theory and the exciting new field of evolutionary psychology. Drawing on biology, psychology and philosophy, he argues that Darwinian science supports a view of a godless universe devoid of ultimate purpose or moral structure, but that we can still live a good life and a happy life within the confines of this view.

**The Evolution of the Idea of God** Routledge

A succinct overview of questions that still divide scientific materialists and religious believers.