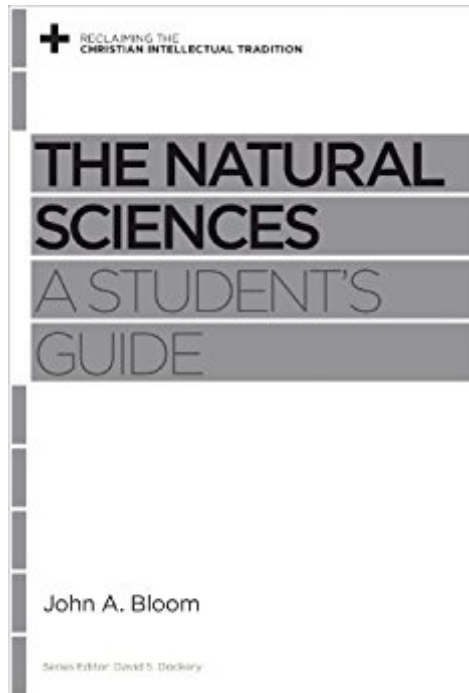


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Whether it's widely promoted debates streamed over the internet or a big-budget documentary series on TV, the supposed conflict between science and faith remains as prominent as ever. In this accessible guide for students, a well-regarded science professor introduces readers to the natural sciences from a distinctly Christian perspective. Starting with the classical view of God as the Creator and Sustainer of the universe, this book lays the biblical foundation for the study of the natural world and explores the history of scientific reflection from Kepler to Darwin. This informative resource argues that the Christian worldview provides the best grounds for scientific investigation, offering readers the framework they need to think and speak clearly about this important issue.

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This is an encouraging book for Christians and seekers who find secularized science to be winning the day. The fact is, "rationality has fallen on hard times." The more we learn about the world around us, the more marvelous and inexplicable it is. On every occasion when evolutionists deride the

believer's "god of the gaps" you can be sure that they are papering over what is actually "evolution of the gaps": invoking evolution as the explanation of something that in fact these scientists can't explain. If the accusers are real scientists (i.e. they truly know the facts -- which excludes 90% of them) you can be sure they have searched long and hard and failed to fill the gaps, because knowledgeable Christians are happy to accept the legitimate findings of science. I was pleased to see my favorite hobbyhorse mentioned -- harking back to Newton's puzzlement about the stability of Earth's orbit (p. 74ff), knowing it is a many-body problem. Laplace's remark "I have no need of that hypothesis" was itself dead wrong: Laplace was himself deluded. Even today, nobody can predict the long-term stability of Earth's orbit, so, perhaps, it does indeed need God's occasional tweaking. The multitude of finely tuned parameters in physics (p.77ff) add to the matter. The vast machinery of indirect controls in living matter that successfully cope with a bewildering array of the "what ifs" that constantly pummel life. I could go on, but you really need to read the whole chapter: it will be worth it. The authors summarize (p.

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