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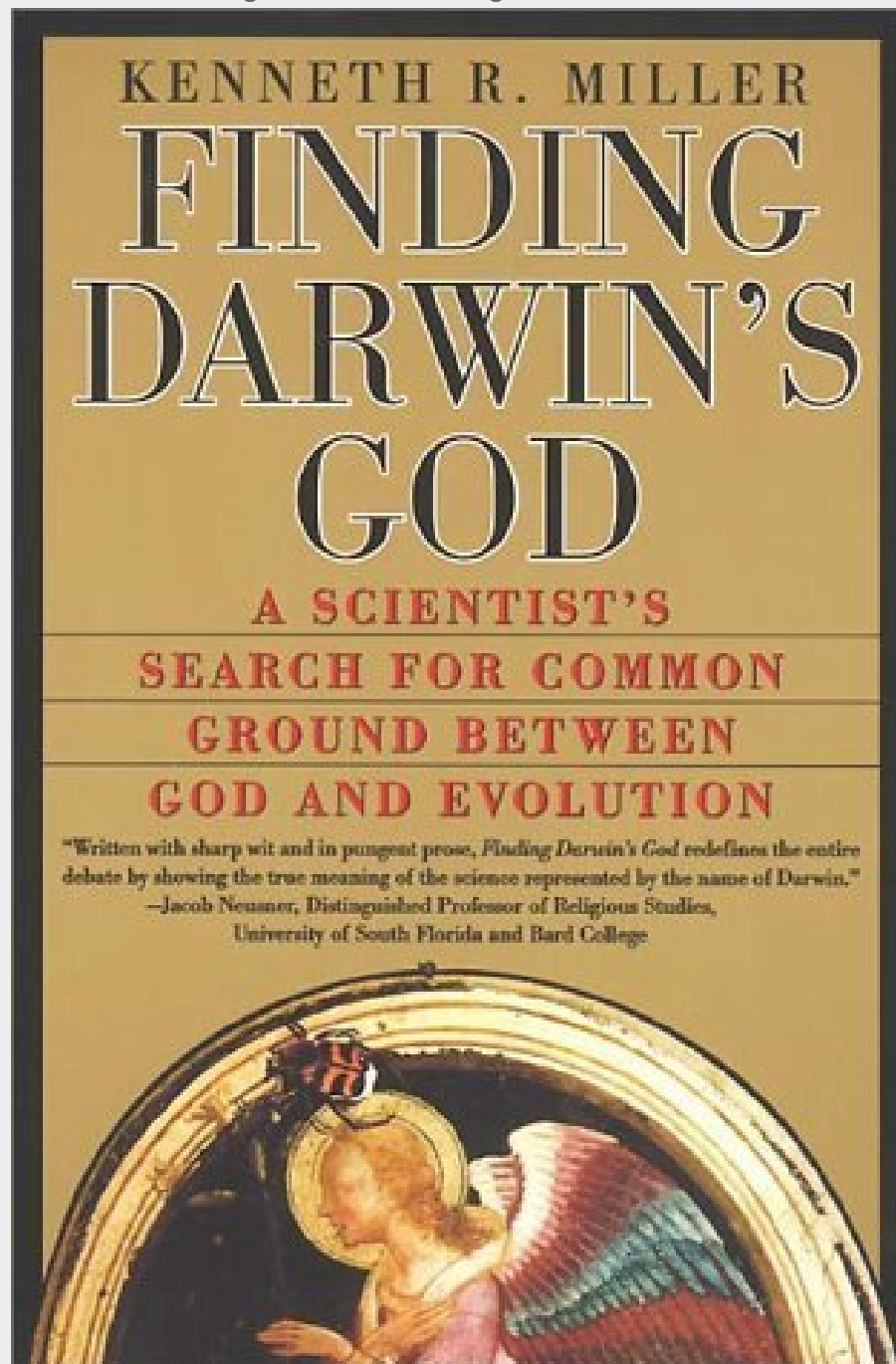
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That Evolution Presents For Western Religions Are Apparent Than Real Properly Understood, Evolution Adds Depth And Meaning Not Only To A Strictly Scientific View Of The World, But Also To A Spiritual One Miller S Resolution Of The Issues That Seem To Divide God From Evolution Will Serve As A Guide To Anyone Interested In The Classic Questions Of Ultimate Meaning And Human Origins



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**Jared Jared** says:

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Evolution is a tricky subject There are few topics like it everyone has an iron opinion on an issue about which they know so very little With thousands of papers and books written on the subject in the past 150 years, there is no shortage of information, just a shortage of courage God loving folks are genuinely scared of this dangerous theory, and for this reason avoid the literature On the other hand, most of the literature proving evolution also defames religion and undermines faith Thus we have yet another manifestation of the epic science versus religion battle Finding Darwin s God is an attempt to bridge the gap to make a treaty with each side, finding common ground Miller, both an evolutionary biologist at Brown

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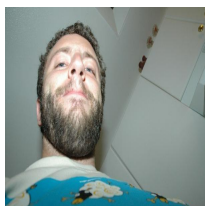
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University and devout Christian, spends the first half of this book scientifically explaining Darwin's theory of natural selection and the origin of species. He then goes through the leading modern rebuttals to Darwin's theory, and counters them. Miller owns an ability to write to a nonscientific crowd, maintaining his scientific legitimacy, which will make this complicated and nebulous topic straightforward and concrete. In essence, he proves evolution through citing the legitimate research conducted in the past fifty years, and explains the unscientific aspects of the counter theories to Darwin's own. In the second half of his book, he addresses the larger, difficult and interesting topic of science versus religion. The bottom line is that the seeming conflict is not founded, and there is no real conflict between the two. In other words, whether or not you believe in the theory of evolution should have no founded implications on your faith in religion. This position is right in the middle of the war zone, and gets attacked from both sides. The believers feel a need to disprove evolution in order to prove that God exists, and the evolutionists try to prove God's inexistence through evolution, both logics are faulty. Miller's book is a sigh of relief amid a mountain of slanted literature. He is technical and careful in his scientific analysis, but writes to the non biologist any interested reader can appreciate his writing. And his agenda because all authors on the subject, happens to be my own, which is obviously why I like his work so much.

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**Nate Nate** says:

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Ken Miller is a Christian and a biologist at Brown University, and one of the major anti creationist debaters I really liked this well argued dismantling of intelligent design and other creationist arguments from a scientific perspective His theological reflections weren t as deep as I would have liked, but Conrad Hyers The Meaning of Creation Genesis and Modern Science covers that angle Christians really need to be informed that A evolution is very well supported science, and B it doesn t conflict with the Christian faith When it s painted as a black and white issue with two extremes atheistic materialists on the one hand and biblical literalist crusaders on the other, many people are led away from the faith than towards it. Christians Don t be afraid to question what you ve been taught

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**Maddy Carr Maddy Carr** says:

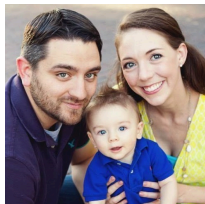
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I chose this deliberately after reading The God Delusion Dawkins pretty clearly thinks that religion is incompatible with science, and I wanted to read the POV of someone who thinks the opposite I didn t get as much out of this book as I d hoped it seems to be aimed at people who believe in God, but not evolution So clearly I am not the audience Occasionally Miller will make dismissive reference to non believers and materialists , but he didn t really address their arguments in depth I think this was intentional he s not out to convert anyone, and admits that he can t provide scientific proof of God he just wants to say that science doesn t disprove God I wish, though, that he d explained a little bit about why he does believe in God, not just why it s possible I also wish he d

explored of the implications of God, because I find that sort of thing interesting Unfortunately, he dismisses a lot of things as ineffability Why did God take so long to create people It s a mystery Who are we to say we know why God does what he does Okay, fine, yes, but you do think you know some things You seem convinced God loves you, for instance, and that seems to be a pretty big bit of mind reading I can t even always tell if other human beings even like me, and I understand them a lot better His theory seems to be that God created the universe and the laws in it in such a way that they would be hospitable to life This is known as the Strong Anthropic principle, by the way Okay And that He and Miller s God seems to be a He knew that evolution on Earth and possibly other planets would eventually lead to life that was intelligent enough to um Love him, I guess Worship him I don t know, this is where religion in general fails to make sense to me, but I ll go with it So at a certain point, when humans had evolved into something capable of understanding Him, he gave them a soul So what point was that, exactly I mean, was there literally an Adam and Eve early homo sapiens Did all their kids have souls but the others not have them Were their kids marrying unsouled humans, or did all the humans that existed get souls at the same time I mean, either way, you ve got some homo sapiens that don t have souls until later in life, or you ve got unsouled parents giving birth to children with souls, or I don t know Also, does this mean that cats and dogs don t have souls Because I will agree with Will Rogers, the Mahabharata and the Twilight Zone if heaven doesn t have cats, I don t want to go there And when do Heaven and Hell which, again, Miller clearly believes in come into being And why To give Miller a bit of a break, he s not trying to say he knows the answer to these questions, but I just come back to wondering why he believes in what he does know about God Reading between the lines, I think he believes and assumes that his reader believes that there are ways other than the

scientific method that one can make discoveries about truth because as he admits, you can't scientifically prove God. But he doesn't say what those other ways are, and I'm interested in that. I don't know if I'd be convinced, but I want to know how Miller, who has clearly thought about this a lot, thinks it works. Coming from the other angle, I don't know if this would convince religious folks that evolution is true, and that it doesn't mean they can't believe in God. I hope it does. I want Dawkins to be wrong, I want science and religion to be able to co-exist because science is awesome, and I want as many people to love it as possible.

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In the past 700 years science has had a way of humbling humans and, once we were the center of everything, created on day 6 in the image of God. First we learn that everything doesn't revolve around the Earth, instead we circle the sun. The sun isn't anything than just one of billions of stars in the Milky Way, which itself is just one of billions of galaxies. The earth wasn't created in 1 day, it's billions of years old and humans aren't the first dominant species but instead just the latest in a large series. We weren't even created in one day but instead we've evolved over billions of years from a multitude of species. In this book Miller sets out to present the evidence for evolution and then later shows that you can still believe in God and evolution. The first half of the book presents the evidence for evolution while at the same time taking on the arguments from young earth creationists, intelligent design and theistic evolution. This

is the first book on evolution I've read so I don't know how it compares to others, but it's pretty convincing well I think, I already accepted it I liked how Miller presented the other sides arguments and then showed how they are mistaken, but doing so in a civil manner The second half of the book deals with naturalism and the view that evolution has removed the need for God He goes on to argue why God and evolution can coexist Truthfully, in my opinion it almost seemed at times like the God he presents is one that I picture with open theology much than the common one presented in Miller's Catholic background In a way I think I can accept this view of God sometimes than the one presented in Calvinism which is so sovereign that he even controls or predestines our belief in Jesus With evolution and a less active God, harder things to accept like disease or things like bedbugs become tolerable, although sometimes it did seem that Miller was taking a deist approach even though several times he spoke against it Overall I loved this book and it got me interested in reading on evolution and especially interested in reading about genomes and DNA From my perspective having an evangelical background, I think the biggest hurdle to getting evolution or even an old earth model accepted, is getting the evangelical community to start to accept that Genesis isn't a scientific account of the early creation of the earth and man Miller briefly mentioned this and showed how even early church fathers like Augustine didn't take the literal 6 day approach, but this is still going to be a battle From my point of view to accept that the earth wasn't created in 6 days is to at least have to partially start to question inerrancy Sadly there are many people who would rather put their head in the sand than confront these pressing issues.

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Theistic evolutionists get attacked from both sides From creationists they are attacked for compromising with the theory of evolution And from their atheist colleagues they are attacked for joining the religious in believing in God Kenneth Miller spends this book articulating why he believes in both God and evolution. The first half of the book focuses on the theory of evolution it is true, best explaining all the evidence and showing how life originated He attacks young earth creationists as well as intelligent design advocates Basic point the theory of evolution explains how we got here deal with it. When he turns to discussing God his basic point is that when scientists argue that evolution disproves God they are stepping out of the realm of science and making a claim beyond what the evidence shows He talks a lot about quantum mechanics showing the basic randomness of the universe Of course, Miller goes into many details and arguments I found this book thought provoking, somewhat liberating, and challenging I would recommend it to anyone interested in the relation of science and faith.

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**John Wiswell** John Wiswell says:

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First and foremost, Ken Miller is an excellent science writer, expressing things plainly and concisely in a wholly

accessible manner that other science writers should study This is essential in dealing with things like irreducible complexity, which most people haven't even heard of, let alone understand As an evolutionary scientist and Christian, he represents a sorely misunderstood middleground between Christian creationists and atheist Darwinists His arguments against traditional intelligent design theory are thorough and convincing for the non hardcore science reading public This is a great book to check out if you're interested in some of the ways evolution probably works His defense of his faith is weaker, which is somewhat understandable it's harder to prove and does not deal exclusively with scientific method like his arguments for chance or natural selection His conclusion of an omnipotent entity seems closer to Charles Darwin's own, one that is unknowable and that is not working entirely for human benefit Had he expounded on his or the ramifications of Darwin's beliefs, scientists probably would have given the book credit.

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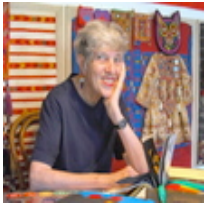
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This is the rare book that attempts to bridge the divide between fundamentalist Christians and atheist evolutionary biologists Miller has tendrils in both camps, being a Brown University biologist and author of the textbook at issue in the Dover Evolution Trial and a committed Roman Catholic In the first half of the book Miller ably displays the flaws in Intelligent Design while sympathetically attempting to understand what might drive people to embrace it In the second half he attacks the arrogance of scientists that so often drives people of

faith away The ideal ending of this work would be for Miller to present a deep and convincing reconciliation of traditional faith and evolution and he does try Unfortunately this is probably the weakest and most sketchily rendered portion of the book, leaving readers with a slightly bittersweet taste as they close the book.

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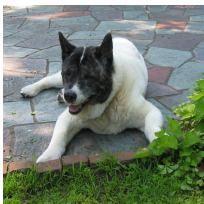
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Overall I thought this book was pretty interesting, and I was amused by how easily and thoroughly Miller dispatches all the intelligent design arguments I wanted a little from the last part of the book, in which Miller explains the compatibility of religion and science, and how science actually makes his faith stronger I suppose what I really want is a conversation with him, so I can ask all the questions his book raised for me but didn't answer adequately.

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**David Quinn** **David Quinn** says:

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3.5 stars. The first half of the book is a strong defense of Darwin's theory of evolution by natural selection Here, Miller speaks as the cell biologist he is and approaches the subject with authority against various anti evolution beliefs I didn't need to be won over, so I might not be

very objective, but I found his arguments extremely persuasive. The first half was a little too science heavy for my liking but I suppose it was necessary to lay the groundwork to support the theory of evolution. The second half of the book is where Miller slowly offers his thoughts on how belief in God and the theory of evolution are completely compatible. Miller the scientist speaks authoritatively while Miller the Catholic leaves room for atheism or agnosticism. He is not pushy, judgmental or dismissive of other's beliefs and it comes across well. As is necessarily true in matters of faith, he acknowledges that neither believers nor non-believers can definitely prove or disprove the existence of God, he merely offers the reasons why he is a believer in God. Miller's lack of stridency is very refreshing for such a charged subject. This isn't a book I would read again from front to back but I did flag a number of passages and would go back to read portions here and there.

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