
The field of astrobiology asks three thought-provoking questions: Where did we come from? Are we alone? Where are we going? An important scientific driver for astrobiologists is evolutionary theory. This volume is the result of a workshop series that brought together philosophers, historians, ethicists, and theologians with scientists to engage in an interdisciplinary dialogue on the implications of the science of astrobiology for their fields. Contributions by three Christian theologians explore both historical and current challenges and opportunities for theological reflection poised by the theory of evolution. The editor’s introduction to the volume also includes a discussion of the possibilities for relating science and religion and their significance for public outreach on the topic of evolution.


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Ted Peters, a Christian theologian, and Martinez Hewlett, a scientist and a Christian, both affirm that Darwinian science and belief in God are not mutually exclusive. In this work they offer a taxonomy of religious responses to evolution elaborating in particular on the range of possible theistic responses to evolution. This work introduces the reader to Darwinian evolutionary theory and critically analyzes the common portrayal of science and religion as adversaries.