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# Discovering God The Origins Of Great Religions And Evolution Belief Rodney Stark

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**The G.O.D. Experiments** Kregel Publications  
Finding God in Ancient China is a sweeping historical, cultural, and linguistic tour through the history of China that seeks to connect the God of the Bible with ancient Chinese language, traditions, and rituals.

### A History of God Gramercy

- Explores how our ancestors used shamanic rituals at sacred sites to create portals for communication with nonhuman intelligences
- Shares supporting evidence from the spiritual and shamanic beliefs of more than 100 Native American tribes
- Shows how the earliest forms of shamanism began at sites like Qesem Cave in Israel more than 400,000 years ago From Göbekli Tepe in Turkey to the Egyptian

pyramids, from the stone circles of Europe to the mound complexes of the Americas, Andrew Collins and Gregory L. Little show how, again and again, our ancestors built permanent sites of ceremonial activity where geomagnetic and gravitational anomalies have been recorded. They investigate how the earliest forms of animism and shamanism began at sites like the Denisova Cave in the Altai Mountains of Siberia and Qesem Cave in Israel more than 400,000 years ago. They explain how shamanic rituals and altered states of consciousness combine with the natural forces of the earth to create

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portals for contact with otherworldly realms—in other words, the gods of our ancestors were the result of an interaction between human consciousness and transdimensional intelligence. The authors show how the spiritual and shamanic beliefs of more than 100 Native American tribes align with their theory, and they reveal how some of these shamanic transdimensional portals are still active, sharing vivid examples from Skinwalker Ranch in Utah and Bempton in northern England. Ultimately, Collins and Little show how our modern disconnection from nature and lack of a fully visible night sky makes the

manifestations from these ultraterrestrial intelligences seem random. If we can restore our spiritual connections, perhaps we can once again communicate with the higher dimensional beings who triggered the advancements of our earliest ancestors.

Finding God B&H Publishing Group

"'Science Mike' draws on his personal experience to tell the unlikely story of how science led him back to faith. Among other revelations, we learn what brain scans reveal about what happens when we pray, how fundamentalism affects the psyche, and how God is revealed not only in scripture, but in the night sky, in subatomic particles, and in us"--Dust jacket flap.

**The Light and the Glory for Young Readers  
(Discovering God's Plan for America)**

Zondervan

A NASA rocket scientist uses quantum physics

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to find God in science. This is the story of one rocket scientist's quest to know the Creator of the universe, in the face of postmodern thought and atheistic claims. It follows the peaks and valleys of his aerospace career and his spiritual journey, in a novel defense of Christianity. Finding God in Science is written for anyone who struggles with doubts over atheistic claims about truth, God and science. Finding God in Science begins by reconciling the creation accounts of Genesis and science. Biblical and scientific evidence shows that the days of Genesis 1 were long periods of time, rather than 24 hour days. Ancient interpretations of the Genesis order of creation are also shown to match modern science. Finding God clarifies the nature of Adam's race, original sin, and the real extent of Noah's flood, with biblical interpretations that are faithful to the original texts. Finding God in Science continues by exploring the implications of quantum mechanics, which have a deep and unexpected relevance to Christianity. This is the first book to demonstrate that Jesus Christ's earthly message and mission parallel the natural laws of the universe, revealing a Divine premeditation. Finding God in Science shows how Jesus Christ could be both God and man, and what it means to really know God and to communicate with Him. Finding God sheds new light on the mystery of why Christ had to die to save us from our sins, and why we have to die to finally realize eternal life. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit and the security of our salvation are described using quantum analogies. Quantum mechanics is shown to form the physical basis of human consciousness, and underlie the core tenets of Christianity. As incredible as it may sound, these claims are based on the key features of quantum mechanics, the Heisenberg uncertainty principle, non locality and quantum

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entanglement. The gospel is presented in a new language using the fundamental principles of physics. Finding God in Science will challenge your thinking, touch your soul, and deepen your faith.

### **Finding God in Science**

Zondervan

The New York Times

bestselling author of

Darwin's Doubt presents groundbreaking scientific evidence of the existence of

God, based on breakthroughs in physics, cosmology, and biology. Beginning in the

late 19th century, many intellectuals began to insist that scientific knowledge conflicts with traditional

theistic belief—that science and belief in God are “at war.” Philosopher of science Stephen Meyer challenges this view by examining three scientific discoveries with decidedly theistic implications. Building on the case for the intelligent design of life that he developed in Signature in the Cell and Darwin's Doubt, Meyer demonstrates how discoveries in cosmology and physics coupled with those in biology help to establish the identity of the designing intelligence behind life and the universe.

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Meyer argues that theism—with its affirmation of a transcendent, intelligent and active creator—best explains the evidence we have concerning biological and cosmological origins. Previously Meyer refrained from attempting to answer questions about “who” might have designed life. Now he provides an evidence-based answer to perhaps the ultimate mystery of the universe. In so doing, he reveals a stunning conclusion: the data support not just the existence of an intelligent designer of some kind—but the existence of a personal God.

The Invention of God Harvest House Publishers

Fifty-three percent of the world’s population practices Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, religions that all trace their lineage to the towering, quasi-mythological figure of Abraham. In this reverent biography of the man who invented-or discovered-God, David Klinghoffer disentangles history from myth and uncovers the profound impact of Abraham’s message on his time and on the development of the modern world. The Discovery of

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God chronicles Abraham's life from his birth in Mesopotamia through his travels as preacher and missionary throughout the Middle East. Many of the primary sites of Abraham's life and career still exist, and Klinghoffer describes what they were like in ancient times and how they appear today. The tangible details of the polytheistic culture are re-created, showing how Abraham challenged the most basic beliefs of his contemporaries. He did not set out to establish the Jewish religion, but rather to spread the message of ethical monotheism as it was revealed to him—a powerful message that deepened over time, as did his faith and relationship with God. In contrast to many scholars who, troubled by its contradictions and apparent errors, see the Bible as the work of a series of scribes and editors, Klinghoffer argues that the Bible should be viewed as an esoteric text that can only be comprehended in light of the oral tradition from which it emanated. Combining rigorous scholarship and interpretive ingenuity, he draws on biblical commentary and the Jewish oral tradition as preserved by sages from the Talmudic scholars to

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Maimonides to explore and explain the miraculous origins of monotheism. At a time when the world seems to be moving toward a renewed confrontation between the three great Abrahamic faiths, *The Discovery of God* is a potent reminder of the history and beliefs that unite them.

*Discovering God and His Creation*  
Simon and Schuster

*Discovering God* sets out to answer the most important question anybody can ask: what is God like? We build our lives on our concept of God; therefore it is vitally important that we know him as he really is. *Discovering God* uses the Bible to explain in everyday language what God has to tell us

about himself. This book will take you on an exciting adventure, with fascinating and life-changing insights into the nature of God. Knowing God is the greatest thing that can happen to you. Discovering God will help you know him better. Dr Roger Aubrey is part of the leadership of All Nations Church based in Cardiff, South Wales. He was born and raised in the city and is a graduate of its University, gaining a Doctorate and a Master's Degree in Christian Theology. Roger was Principal of Covenant College between 1994 and 1998, and, from 2002 to 2008, was Principal of Covenant School of Ministries, School of the Word. An acknowledged and popular teacher, Roger travels extensively; his ministry is



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characterised by a marrying together of theological truth and practical application. His first book, *The Circle of Life*, was published in 2007, and you can visit his website at [www.rogeraubrey.com](http://www.rogeraubrey.com). Roger is married to Dianne and they have two children.

Finding God in the Questions

Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

From a leading authority on the evolution debates comes this critically acclaimed

investigation into one of the most controversial topics of our times

*Discovery of the Presence of God* Hay House, Inc

The Bible starts with a bang. In the first few chapters it addresses life's most important questions. What is God like? Why am I here? How did it all begin? Where is it all going? This practical study provides: an overview of Genesis and its themes; everyday applications of the truths of Genesis; insightful explanations of creation, the origin of evil, and God's rescue plan; helpful answers to frequently asked questions; open-ended questions for group discussion or individual study. Genesis includes some

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of the Bible's most fascinating stories, colorful characters, and dramatic narratives. But more than that, Genesis also provides God's answers to life's ultimate questions. Book jacket.

**Discovering God** Harper Collins  
How did mythology and religion first begin? Where did the ideas of "God," "spirit" and "soul" come from? The author takes us to ancient times, showing us how early humans struggled to make sense of the world around them. Drawing on history, geology, volcanology, anthropology, chemistry,

astronomy, archeology, oceanography, biology and cognitive science, the author reveals the surprising true meaning of our most sacred stories. "Bill Lauritzen is some kind of genius." Sir Arthur C. Clarke. "Anyone interested in science and religion should read this book." Dr. Elizabeth Loftus, Ph.D., psychologist, UC Irvine. "Bill Lauritzen has systematically analyzed, from an original viewpoint, the historic sources related to the origins of religion. He summarized his research in this interesting and thought-provoking book." Mamikon Mnatsakanian, Ph.D,

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astrophysicist and  
mathematician, California  
Institute of Technology.  
The Names of God Earth360.com  
Winner of the 2008  
Christianity Today Award of  
Merit in Theology/Ethics The  
History of God In Discovering  
God, award-winning  
sociologist Rodney Stark  
presents a monumental history  
of the origins of the great  
religions from the Stone Age  
to the Modern Age and  
wrestles with the central  
questions of religion and  
belief.  
Finding God in The Shack

iUniverse  
Celebrated religious and  
social historian Rodney Stark  
traces the extraordinary rise  
of Christianity through its  
most pivotal and  
controversial moments to  
offer fresh perspective on  
the history of the world's  
largest religion. In The  
Triumph of Christianity, the  
author of God's Battalions  
and The Rise of Christianity  
gathers and refines decades  
of powerful research and  
discovery into one  
concentrated, concise, and  
highly readable volume that

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explores Christianity's most crucial episodes. The unique format of *Triumph of Christianity* allows Stark to avoid dense chronologies and difficult back stories, bringing readers right to the heart of Christian history's most vital controversies and enduring lessons.

*God Is Not Your Problem* Author House

Why do we exist? Why is there something rather than nothing? *Designed to Evolve* examines the question of existence in light of modern science. From the birth of the universe 13.8 billion years ago, to the intricacy of the DNA

molecule, nature is explored at the most fundamental level. Two possible explanations emerge. Are we the result of chance or designed for a purpose? There has never been a time when more information on origins has been available. Now we can probe this question and take a critical look at the nature of existence. In the end, the evidence for purpose prevails. In this book big bang cosmology, particle physics, natural history, and biology are analyzed in a vivid chronology of the universe, revealing the beauty of creation and making the sciences of origin comprehensible to the non-scientist. *Designed to Evolve* presents a compelling depiction of creation that is supported by

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modern science.

**From Sea to Shining Sea for  
Young Readers (Discovering  
God's Plan for America Book  
#2)** Baker Books

A collection of thirty-six essays by Dorothy Kelley Patterson that speaks to the hearts of women and affirms faith in God in every aspect of life.

**Finding God in the Waves**

InterVarsity Press

Immaculee Ilibagiza grew up in a country she loved, surrounded by a family she cherished. But in 1994 her idyllic world was ripped

apart as Rwanda descended into a bloody genocide. Immaculee's family was brutally murdered during a killing spree that lasted three months and claimed the lives of nearly a million Rwandans. Incredibly, Immaculee survived the slaughter. For 91 days, she and seven other women huddled silently together in the cramped bathroom of a local pastor while hundreds of machete-wielding killers hunted for them. It was during those endless hours of unspeakable terror that Immaculee discovered the power

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of prayer, eventually shedding her fear of death and forging a profound and lasting relationship with God. She emerged from her bathroom hideout having discovered the meaning of truly unconditional love—a love so strong she was able seek out and forgive her family’s killers. The triumphant story of this remarkable young woman’s journey through the darkness of genocide will inspire anyone whose life has been touched by fear, suffering, and loss.

*Finding God Beyond Harvard*

HarperCollins

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • The bestselling author of *Zealot* and host of *Believer* explores humanity’s quest to make sense of the divine in this concise and fascinating history of our understanding of God. In *Zealot*, Reza Aslan replaced the staid, well-worn portrayal of Jesus of Nazareth with a startling new image of the man in all his contradictions. In his new book, Aslan takes on a subject even more immense: God, writ large. In layered prose and with thoughtful, accessible scholarship, Aslan narrates the history of religion as a remarkably cohesive attempt to understand the divine by giving it human traits and emotions.

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According to Aslan, this innate understanding of God, this book is desire to humanize God is hardwired an attempt to get to the root of in our brains, making it a central this humanizing impulse in order to feature of nearly every religious develop a more universal tradition. As Aslan writes, spirituality. Whether you believe "Whether we are aware of it or not, in one God, many gods, or no god at and regardless of whether we're all, God: A Human History will believers or not, what the vast challenge the way you think about majority of us think about when we the divine and its role in our think about God is a divine version everyday lives. Praise for God of ourselves." But this projection "Timely, riveting, enlightening and is not without consequences. We necessary."—HuffPost "Tantalizing . . . Driven by [Reza] Aslan's grace bestow upon God not just all that . . . and curiosity, God . . . helps us is good in human nature—our pan out from our troubled times, compassion, our thirst for justice—but all that is bad in it: while asking us to consider a more our greed, our bigotry, our expansive view of the divine in our penchant for violence. All these contemporary life."—The Seattle qualities inform our religions, Times "A fascinating exploration of cultures, and governments. More the interaction of our humanity and than just a history of our God."—Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

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"[Aslan's] slim, yet ambitious book [is] the story of how humans have created God with a capital G, and it's thoroughly mind-blowing."—Los Angeles Review of Books "Aslan is a born storyteller, and there is much to enjoy in this intelligent survey."—San Francisco Chronicle

For the Glory of God Harper Collins

From the very beginning it would seem that God had a plan for America. From its discovery by Europeans to its settlement, from the Revolution to Manifest Destiny, from the stirrings of civil unrest to civil war, America was on a path. In our pluralistic world, when textbooks are being rewritten in ways that obscure the Judeo-Christian beginnings of our country, the books in the Discovering God's Plan for America series help ground young readers in a distinctly evangelical way of understanding early American history. As young readers look at their nation's development from God's point of view, they will begin to have a clearer idea of how much we owe to a very few--and how much is still at stake. These engaging books bring history alive in a



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way that will inspire young people to do their important part in shaping this nation into the future.

*Discovering God* Hay House, Inc

Rodney Stark's provocative new book argues that, whether we like it or not, people acting for the glory of God have formed our modern culture. Continuing his project of identifying the widespread consequences of monotheism, Stark shows that the Christian conception of God resulted--almost inevitably and for the same

reasons--in the Protestant Reformation, the rise of modern science, the European witch-hunts, and the Western abolition of slavery. In the process, he explains why Christian and Islamic images of God yielded such different cultural results, leading Christians but not Muslims to foster science, burn "witches," and denounce slavery. With his usual clarity and skepticism toward the received wisdom, Stark finds the origins of these disparate phenomena within monotheistic religious

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organizations. Endemic in such led also to intense witch-organizations are pressures to hunting by otherwise clear-maintain religious intensity, headed Europeans, including which lead to intense some celebrated scientists. conflicts and schisms that This conception of God have far-reaching social likewise yielded the Christian results. Along the way, Stark denunciation of slavery as an debunks many commonly accepted abomination--and some of the ideas. He interprets the fiercest witch-hunters were sixteenth-century flowering of devoted participants in science not as a sudden successful abolitionist revolution that burst movements on both sides of the religious barriers, but as the Atlantic. For the Glory of God normal, gradual, and direct is an engrossing narrative outgrowth of medieval that accounts for the very theology. He also shows that different histories of the the very ideas about God that Christian and Muslim worlds. sustained the rise of science It fundamentally changes our

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understanding of religion's role in history and the forces behind much of what we point to as secular progress.

**Finding Darwin's God** Moody Publishers

Consider the lilies, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; but I tell you, not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these. -Luke 12:27, NASB Women today occupy a critical moment of history. Yet Shari Rigby believes many of us toil and spin, unaware that God already has a plan and has already equipped us for our calling. Her methods provide reassurance and a way forward.

**The Discovery of God** Jason

Aronson Incorporated

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