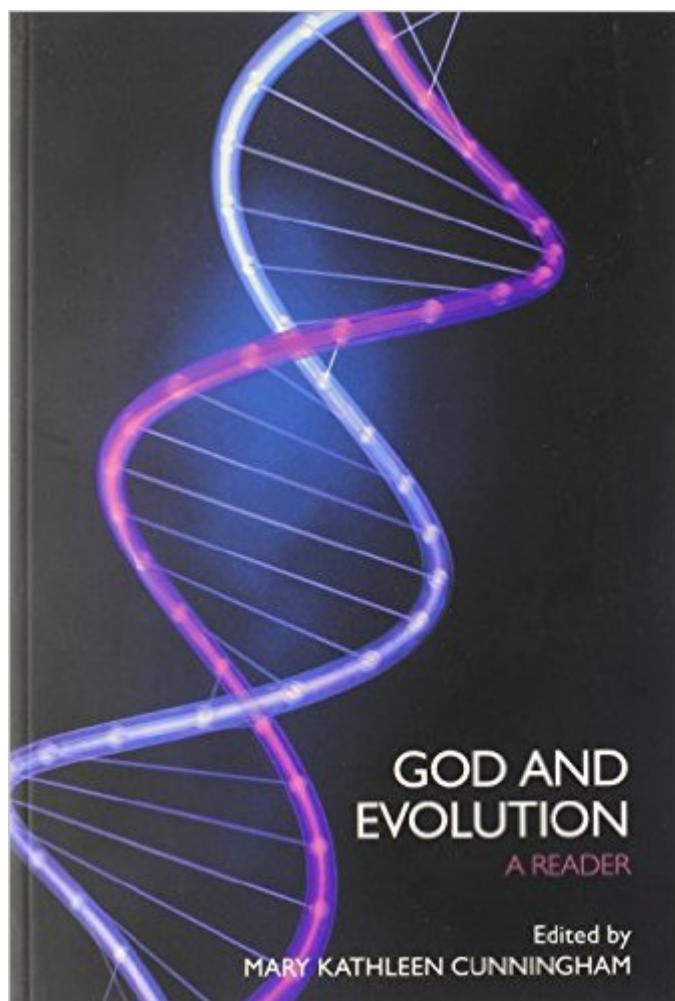


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God and Evolution: A Reader, edited by Mary Kathleen Cunningham (New York: Routledge, 2007) If there is a hurdle that often confronts those seeking to understand and think through the relationship between God and evolution, it is an awareness and appreciation of the range of views on the subject. Cunningham's reader goes a good way towards providing an up-to-date collection of key excerpts from the most important representatives of various positions and viewpoints in this area. More often than not, people are more aware of the positions that present the choice as "either/or" than with those that see the situation as "both/and". This aspect of popular understanding particularly affects educators like myself, since it represents the starting point of the majority of

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