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Book Reviews



Lamoureux, D. O. (2016). *Evolution: Scripture and nature say yes!* Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan. 196 pp. \$16.99. ISBN 9780310526445

Associate Professor of Science and Religion at St. Joseph's College in the University of Alberta, Denis O. Lamoureux conducts research and teaches a class on the relationship between scientific discovery and Christian faith.

In his book he relates his journey from Christianity to atheism and, via doctorate degrees in theology and biology, back to Christianity. Because of his extensive research he concluded that there are two books: the Book of God's Words (Scripture), and the Book of God's Works (nature), which complement each other. He was influenced by quotes from Sir Francis Bacon, Galileo, and Darwin that science and Christianity do harmonize; it does not have to be a dichotomy. Having done extensive research on Galileo and Darwin and their works, he includes two chapters on them. He points out that Galileo had a very strong Christian faith, while Darwin was a deist. After his *The Origin of Species* was published, Darwin was appalled when people claimed that it proved that there was no God, as he believed that there was a Creator behind the origin of the world. Lamoureux closes with anecdotes from the class that he teaches, relating how many students have expressed anger that their churches had taught them that they had to choose between Christianity and evolution. He wrote this book primarily to help students know all the options, so they do not get trapped in the faith versus science (evolution) dichotomy.

I highly recommend this book for all libraries. Whether agreeing or not with the author, the reader will be exposed to the many theories about creation and evolution, and thus be better equipped to make an educated decision.

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