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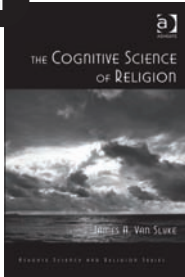
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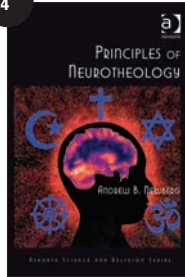
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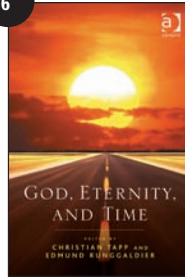
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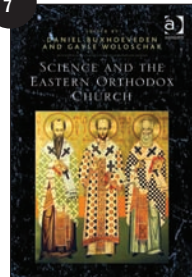
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Roger Trigg, Emeritus University of Warwick and Senior Research Fellow, Kellogg College, Oxford, UK
and J. Wentzel van Huyssteen, Princeton Theological Seminary, USA

Science and religion have often been thought to be at loggerheads but much contemporary work in this flourishing interdisciplinary field suggests this is far from the case. The *Ashgate Science and Religion Series* presents exciting new work to advance interdisciplinary study, research and debate across key themes in science and religion, exploring the philosophical relations between the physical and social sciences on the one hand and religious belief on the other. Contemporary issues in philosophy and theology are debated, as are prevailing cultural assumptions arising from the 'post-modernist' distaste for many forms of reasoning. The series enables leading international authors from a range of different disciplinary perspectives to apply the insights of the various sciences, theology and philosophy and look at the relations between the different disciplines and the rational connections that can be made between them. These accessible, stimulating new contributions to key topics across science and religion will appeal particularly to individual academics and researchers, graduates, postgraduates and upper-undergraduate students.

Christology and Science 

F. LeRon Shults, University of Agder, Norway

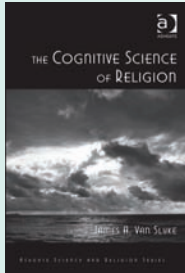
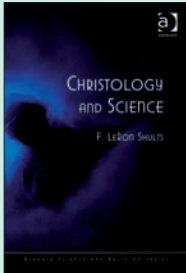
'A clear and imaginative attempt to address some of the central tasks in Christology by employing conceptual resources from the natural sciences, this book deserves close attention.'

David Fergusson, University of Edinburgh, UK

This book breaks new ground by explicitly bringing the specific themes of Christology into dialogue with contemporary science. It engages recent developments in late modern philosophy of science in order to articulate the Christian beliefs about Jesus Christ in a way that responds to challenges and opportunities that have arisen in light of various scientific discoveries.

May 2008	182 pages	
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The Cognitive Science of Religion

James A. Van Slyke, Fuller Theological Seminary, USA

'The field of study called the Cognitive Science of Religion provides interesting and informative theories about the cognitive and evolutionary origins of human religion. However, most of these theories include the unnecessary assumption that religion is "nothing but" the chance outcome of a random evolutionary walk. In this very useful book, James Van Slyke provides a thoughtful review of this field, while also arguing for a more balanced view of the human aspects of religion that takes seriously the embodiment of human nature and cognition, modern philosophy of mind, and theology.'

Warren S. Brown, Fuller Graduate School of Psychology, USA

The cognitive science of religion is a relatively new academic field in the study of the origins and causes of religious belief and behaviour. The focal point of empirical research is the role of basic human cognitive functions in the formation and transmission of religious beliefs. However, many theologians and religious scholars are concerned that this perspective will reduce and replace explanations based in religious traditions, beliefs and values. This book attempts to bridge the reductionist divide between science and religion through examination and critique of different aspects of the cognitive science of religion and offers a conciliatory approach that investigates the multiple causal factors involved in the emergence of religion.

November 2011	188 pages	
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Creation: Law and Probability

Edited by Fraser Watts, University of Cambridge, UK

'For those readers interested in the ongoing debate between religion and science, and especially for those who have acute interests in philosophy of science, this volume is to be highly recommended.'

Theological Book Review

This volume explores the important but neglected topic on the interface of science and theology: the relationship law and probability have within creation. Prestigious contributors look at this topic in a broad way: (a) from a variety of different disciplines, including history and philosophy, as well as theology and science; (b) in relation to a variety of different sciences, including cosmology, evolutionary biology and neuroscience; and (c) in dialogue of different faith traditions.

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From Human to Posthuman

Christian Theology and Technology
in a Postmodern World

Brent Waters,
Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, USA

'...this is a powerful attempt to articulate the theological dimensions of these debates, and is particularly welcome for its robust engagement with the philosophy of transhumanism...the book certainly represents a significant beginning in sketching out the emergent field of theology and technology as it seeks to follow its own path beyond the well-worn routes of science and religion.'

Crucible

For many, technology symbolises the faith of the postmodern world, but it is an ambivalent faith encapsulating both our hopes and fears for the future. This book examines the religious foundations underlying this troubled faith in technology, as well as critically and constructively engaging particular technological developments from a theological perspective.

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God and Physics

Exploring the Work of John Polkinghorne

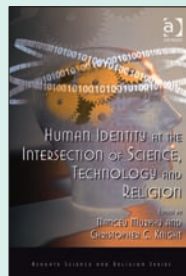
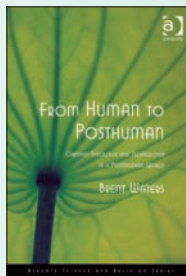
Edited by Fraser Watts, University of Cambridge, UK
and Christopher C. Knight, International Society for
Science and Religion, UK

Including a major survey by Polkinghorne himself of his life's work in theology, this book draws together contributors from among the most important voices in the science-theology dialogue today to focus on key aspects of Polkinghorne's work, with Polkinghorne providing responses. Anybody exploring contemporary aspects of the science-religion debate will find this book invaluable.

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Human Identity at the Intersection of Science, Technology and Religion

Edited by Nancey Murphy, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, USA and Christopher C. Knight, St. Edmund's College, Cambridge, UK

'This is a serious and stimulating collection asking what it is to have a religious understanding of what it is to be a human in the light of modern science. I am sure that it will be of help to students and scholars alike, and will rightfully take its place on the front shelves of discussions of the relationship between science and religion.'

Michael Ruse, Florida State University, USA

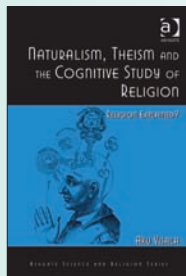
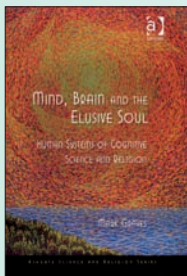
Ideas of human nature in the West have always been shaped by the interplay of philosophy, theology, science and technology. The fast pace of developments in the latter two spheres (neuroscience, genetics, artificial intelligence, biomedical engineering) call for fresh reflections on what it means now to be human, and for theological and ethical judgments on how we might shape our own destiny in the future. The leading scholars in this book offer fresh contributions to the lively quest for an account of ourselves that does justice to current developments in theology, science, technology and philosophy.

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Mind, Brain and the Elusive Soul

Human Systems of Cognitive Science and Religion
Mark Graves, Jesuit School of Theology, USA

'...Graves' thesis is valid and it is a welcome corrective to the proposal to rid theology of the soul...the book should be purchased by scholars in the fields of philosophical and theological anthropology and those interested in the interplay between emergence theory and religion.'

ESSSAT News

Does science argue against the existence of the human soul? Many scientists and scholars believe the whole is more than the sum of the parts. This book uses information and systems theory to describe the "more" that does not reduce to the parts. One sees this in the synapses – or apparently empty gaps between the neurons in one's brain-where informative relationships give rise to human mind, culture and spirituality. Drawing upon the disciplines of cognitive science, computer science, neuroscience, general systems theory, pragmatic philosophy and Christian theology, Graves reinterprets the traditional doctrine of the soul as form of the body to frame contemporary scientific study of the human soul.

Includes 23 line drawings

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Naturalism, Theism and the Cognitive Study of Religion

Religion Explained?

Aku Visala, University of Oxford, UK

This book provides a critical philosophical analysis of the claim that contemporary cognitive approaches to religion undermine theistic beliefs. The book argues that such naturalism is not necessary for the cognitive study of religion and develops an alternative philosophical and methodological framework. This unique contribution to discussions regarding the philosophical and theological implications of the cognitive study of religion summarizes the so far fragmentary discussion, exposes its underlying assumptions and develops a novel framework for further discussion.

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Principles of Neurotheology

Andrew B. Newberg, Myrna Brind Center of Integrative Medicine, Thomas Jefferson University and Hospital Philadelphia, USA

'This is a fascinating and philosophically rigorous book, which raises many exciting ideas about what goes on in the human brain during religious and theological practices.'

Theology

Principles of Neurotheology sets out the necessary principles of the field which can be used as a foundation for future neurotheological discourse. Laying the groundwork for a new synthesis of scientific and theological dialogue, this book proposes that neurotheology, a term fraught with potential problems, is a highly useful and important voice in the greater study of religious and theological ideas and their intersection with science.

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Reconstructing a Christian Theology of Nature

Down to Earth

Anna Case-Winters, McCormick Theological Seminary Chicago, USA

'This is a rich and informative book which covers a great number of theological/philosophical contributions put forward during the last century.'

ESSSAT News

This book takes the current criticism of Christian tradition to heart and invites a reconsideration of the problematic elements: its desacralisation of nature; its preoccupation with the human being to the neglect of the rest of nature; its dualisms and elevation of the spiritual over material reality, and its habit of ignoring or resisting scientific understandings of the natural world.

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Science and Faith within Reason

Reality, Creation, Life and Design

Edited by Jaume Navarro, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Germany

'A splendid collection of stimulating essays that stress the remarkable contribution of Mariano Artigas to the global dialogue on science and religion.'

William R. Shea, University of Padua, Italy

In this book, leading authors in the field of science and religion, including William Carroll, Steve Fuller, Karl Giberson and Roger Trigg, highlight the oft-neglected and profound philosophical foundations that underlie some of the most frequent questions at the boundary between science and religion: the reality of knowledge, and the notions of creation, life and design. In tune with Mariano Artigas's work, the authors emphasise that these are neither religious nor scientific but serious philosophical questions.

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Theology and Modern Physics

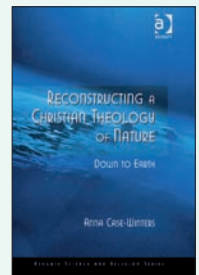
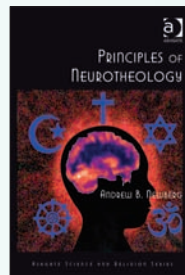
Peter E. Hodgson, Corpus Christi College, UK

'This is an interesting and contentious book. Peter E. Hodgson is a Fellow of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, who has lectured on physics and mathematics for more than 30 years. Therefore he is well placed to give a critical and knowledgeable description of modern discoveries in physics and their theological implications.'

Church Times

November 2005	296 pages	
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Theology, Psychology and the Plural Self

Léon Turner, Cambridge University, UK

'This, the latest publication in the Ashgate Science and Religion Series, is an original and stimulating interdisciplinary study of personhood that deals with issues around self-multiplicity head on, rather than relegating them to the periphery. Renowned for its cross-discipline debates on a number of contemporary issues under the editorship of Roger Trigg and J. Wentzel van Huyssteen, the series here offers an interesting interface between theology and the human sciences on the topic of the plural self.'

Heythrop Journal

Through an original analysis of recent theological and secular accounts of self and personhood, this book examines the extent of the intertheoretical disparity and its broader implications for theology's dialogue with the human sciences in general, and psychology in particular. It explains why theologians ought to take questions about the plurality of self very seriously, and how they overlap with many of the central concerns of contemporary theological anthropology, including the notions of relationality, particularity and human sinfulness. Introducing a novel psychological framework to distinguish various understandings of self-disunity, the author argues that contemporary theology's blanket condemnation of self-multiplicity is misconceived and identifies a possible means of reconciling theological and human scientific accounts.

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Toward a Theology of Scientific Endeavour

The Descent of Science

Christopher B. Kaiser,
Western Theological Seminary, USA

'This is a scholarly work appropriate for the author's peers in academia but would also appeal to anyone who is interested in science and likes to ponder deep philosophical or religious questions. The interested reader is likely to agree that the author has correctly identified the foundations of scientific endeavor and is also likely to be prompted to give deep thought to questions suggested in the book...'

Perspectives on Science and Christian Faith

Foundations of science are specific conditions of the cosmos, of human intelligence, of cultural beliefs and of technological structures that make the pursuit of modern science possible.

This book explores four foundations of scientific endeavour and investigates some of the paradoxes each of them raises. Kaiser shows that the resolution of these paradoxes inevitably leads us into theological discourse and raises new challenges for theological endeavour. In order to address these challenges, Kaiser draws on the wider resources of the Judeo-Christian tradition and argues for a refocusing of contemporary theology from the perspective of natural science.

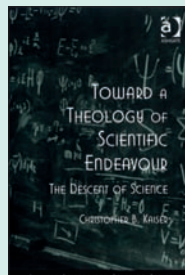
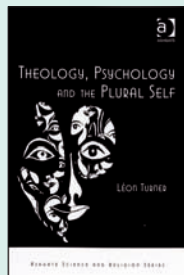
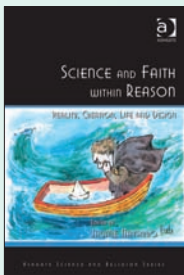
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God, Eternity, and Time

Edited by Christian Tapp, Ruhr-Universitaet Bochum, Germany and Edmund Runggaldier, Innsbruck University, Austria

'Leading analytic philosophers are featured in this beautifully organized exploration of the range of positions and issues that link God, eternity, and time. Each chapter carefully analyzes a different dimension of the topic, seeking tight arguments rather than vague speculations. The richness of the discussion is good evidence that eternity is a timeless question.'

Philip Clayton, Claremont School of Theology, USA

An outstanding group of American, UK, German, Austrian and Swiss philosophers and theologians discuss the problem of God's relation to time. Their contributions range from analysing and defending classical conceptions of eternity (Boethius's and Aquinas's) to vindicating everlastingness accounts, and from the foreknowledge problem to Einstein's *Special Theory of Relativity*. The books highest aim is to deepen our understanding of religious faith by surveying its relations to one of the most fundamental aspects of reality: time.

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Intelligent Design and Religion as a Natural Phenomenon

Volume V

Edited by John S. Wilkins, University of Sydney, Australia

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Over the past decade a strident public debate has arisen about the nature and origin of religion. This volume focuses on the issue of naturalising religion: on the ways in which cognitive science and social sciences have treated religion as a natural phenomenon. The essays selected for this volume bring together some of the best published work on the definition of 'religion', intelligent design and the evolution of religion.

Includes 26 previously published journal articles

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NEW

Naturalism and Our Knowledge of Reality

Testing Religious Truth-claims

R. Scott Smith, Biola University, USA

NEW CRITICAL THINKING IN RELIGION, THEOLOGY AND BIBLICAL STUDIES

'Whether or not one agrees with all of the far-reaching conclusions of this interesting and enjoyable book, it cannot be denied that it raises deep and probing questions concerning the ability of any purely naturalistic system of ontology to account adequately for the intentionality of mental states and the very possibility of our knowledge of the natural world. All self-proclaimed naturalists, as well as their opponents, would do well to reflect on its arguments.'

E. J. Lowe, Durham University, UK

Philosophical naturalism is taken to be the preferred and reigning epistemology and metaphysics that underwrites many ideas and knowledge claims. But what if we cannot know reality on that basis? What if the institution of science is threatened by its reliance on naturalism?

The book offers fresh implications for the testing of religious truth-claims, science, ethics, education and public policy. Consequently, naturalism and the fact-value split are shown to be false and Christian theism is shown to be true.

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Intercultural and Indigenous Approaches

Edited by Lewis Williams, University of Saskatchewan, Canada, Rose Roberts, Lac La Ronge Indian Band and previous faculty, University of Saskatchewan, Canada and Alastair McIntosh, Centre for Human Ecology and University of Strathclyde, UK

Human ecology – the study and practice of relationships between the natural and the social environment – has gained prominence as scholars seek more effectively to engage with pressing global concerns. In the past seventy years, most human ecology has skirted the fringes of geography, sociology and biology. This volume pioneers radical new directions. In particular, it explores the power of indigenous and traditional peoples' epistemologies both to critique and to complement insights from modernity and postmodernity.

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Religion in the 21st Century

Challenges and Transformations

Edited by Lisbet Christoffersen, Hans Raun Iversen, Hanne Petersen and Margit Warburg, all at the University of Copenhagen, Denmark

'Science has long challenged religious belief, but the corresponding role of religion to prune science of idolatry and false absolutes is rarely discussed. This volume addresses that imbalance and its contributors seek to usher in a new era of mutually constructive dialogue.'

Robert E. Ulanowicz, University of Maryland's Chesapeake Biological Laboratory, USA

In spite of the debate about secularization or de-secularization, the existential-bodily need for religion is basically the same as always. What have been changed are the horizons within which religions are interpreted and the relationships within which religions are integrated. This book explores how religions continue to challenge secular democracy and science, and how religions are themselves being challenged by secular values and practices.

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Science and the Eastern Orthodox Church

Edited by Daniel Buxhoeveden, University of South Carolina, USA and Gayle Woloschak, Northwestern University, USA

'This is a much needed contribution from a new voice to the current debates over questions of science and religion. The Orthodox Christian Tradition presented here shows that the conversation between theology and science began well before the modern era and took place in an openness that may shock those accustomed to the black and white thinking that often characterizes today's debate. That openness is reflected as scientists and theologians, representing the best in their respective fields, engage the other. Religious people will encounter a Christian Tradition that engages scientific inquiry seriously and allows for its findings to deepen their Faith. Scientists will encounter a religious tradition that values inquiry while opening horizons about the mystery and wonder of our created world.'

Anton C. Vrame,

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, USA

Science and the Eastern Orthodox Church explores core theological and philosophical notions and contentious topics such as evolution from the vantage point of science, Orthodox theology and the writings of popular recent Orthodox critics as well as supporters. Examining what science is and why Eastern Orthodox Christians should be concerned about the topic, contributors analyse the historical contingencies that contribute to the relationship of the Orthodox Church and science both in the past and present.

Drawing together leading Orthodox scientists, theologians and historians confronting some of the critical issues and uses of modern science, this book will be useful for students, academics and clergy who want to develop a greater understanding of how to relate Orthodoxy to science.

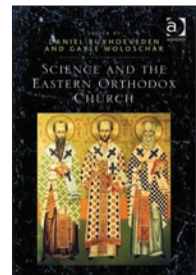
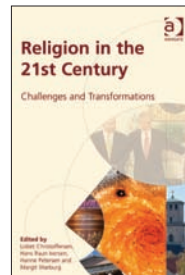
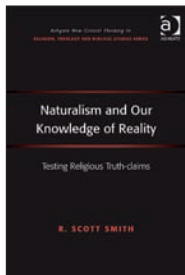
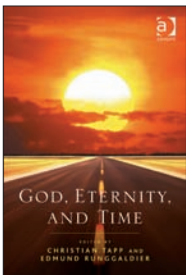
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Muzaffar Iqbal, Center for Islam and Science, Canada

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Volume 1

This volume brings together thematically arranged articles on the relationship between Islam and science and how it has been shaped over the last century. The articles represent a broad variety of approaches and perspectives as well as reflective and analytic views and include some of the most important voices in the Islam and science discourse. This collection, which includes a special section devoted to studies that explore various aspects of the relationship between the Qur'an and science, is a valuable resource for researchers interested in gaining a greater understanding of the broader relationship between religion and science.

Includes 30 previously published journal articles

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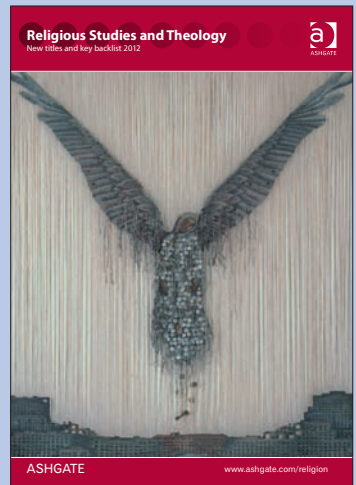
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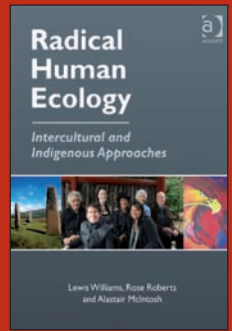
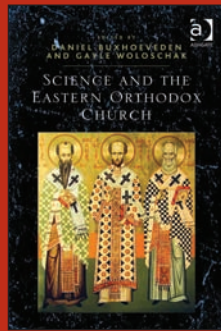
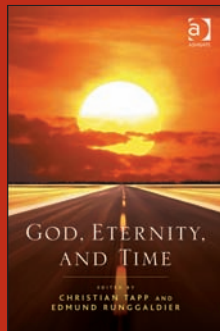
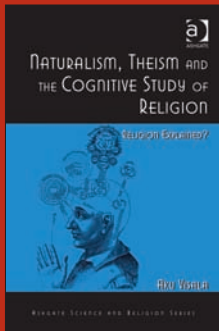
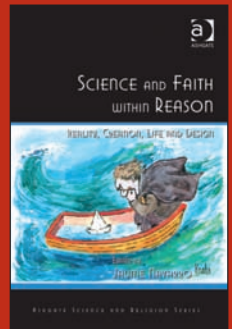
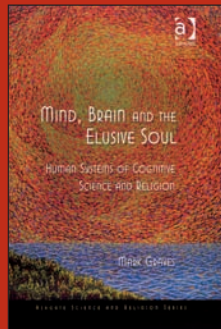
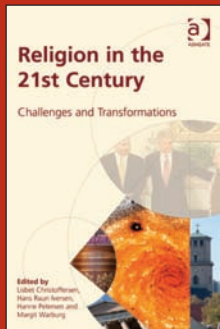
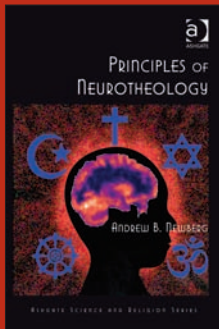
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