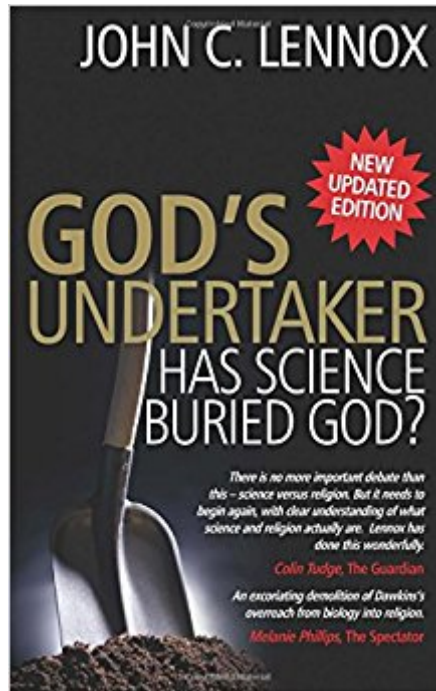




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# God's Undertaker: Has Science Buried God?



## Synopsis

Intended to provide a basis for discussion, this captivating study evaluates the evidence of modern science in relation to the debate between the atheistic and theistic resource addresses such topics as the origin of life; the genetic code and its origin; the nature and scope of evolution; and the scope and limits of science. Gripping and thoroughly argued, it is an illuminating look at one of man's greatest debates. This updated edition features 10 percent new content and a brand new forward from the author.

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"Recent books touting atheism have been grounded more on dyspepsia than on dispassionate reason. In this book John Lennox considers the best, most recent science from physics and biology, and demonstrates that the picture looks far different from what we've been told."  
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—Alister McGrath, author, Glimpsing the Face of God

John Lennox is a professor of mathematics and the philosophy of science at the University of Oxford. A popular Christian apologist and scientist, Lennox travels widely speaking on the interface between science and religion. He is the author of Christianity: Opium or Truth?, The

## Definition of Christianity, and Key Bible Concepts.

Some interesting arguments that leave me more open to the existence of God. For example: "If we were to receive (as featured in Carl Sagan's novel *Contact*) a signal consisting of a sequence of prime numbers, we would assume it was coming from an intelligent source. No scientist would ever dream of objecting that postulating intelligent origin for the sequence was not an explanation since it would be tantamount to explaining the sequence in terms of something more complex than the sequence itself." In other words, why would we be willing to say that such information coming from space is likely to have an intelligent source, but not say the same about life on Earth? Even the simplest lifeforms on Earth are far more complex and information-heavy than a hypothetical space signal, yet we're hesitant to say that there could be any intelligence responsible for creating the former. Lennox lost me in a few places though. For example, he uses the inductivist turkey argument to say we shouldn't rule out the possibility of miracles: "Just because the sun has been observed to rise in the morning for thousands of years, it does not mean that we can be sure that it will rise tomorrow... [likewise, Hume] couldn't be sure that a dead man will not rise up tomorrow. That being so he cannot rule out a miracle." This would seem to suggest that we should give the same credence to the possibility of resurrection as to the possibility of the sun rising tomorrow, which is just silly. Surely you have to factor in the likelihood of things. The sun rising tomorrow is a lot more likely than a dead man doing the same. Seems to me that if you want to say miracles are possible, you also have to say that Leprechauns and celestial teapots are possible. Where do you draw the line? Lennox also writes that the resurrection is "the supreme evidence for the truth of the Christian worldview", but I don't see how you can call that evidence. Do we have anything more to go on than the Bible? And why does Lennox choose to believe in the Christian miracles but presumably not the miracles of other religions, such as those described in the Koran? Overall though, a very thought-provoking read and I recommend it to any atheist-leaning person to help battle-test their beliefs.

Lennox has written the best apologetic I've ever read as he mathematically makes the case for a Creator, showing that even with macro evolution and the like, that the age of the universe is insufficient to advance the genetic code, etc. Basing his arguments on probabilities rather than moral certainties is an interesting and innovative approach different from the other RZIM affiliated thinkers

Very scientific and logic-based reasoning for disputing Atheistic views supposedly based on science. Despite the scientific-orientation, "dumbed-down" enough for a person without a science degree to follow and understand. Recommend!

John Lennox is fast becoming my new favorite atheist debater. He is spot on and can't be derailed. This book is an outline of his previous debates with the likes of Dawkins. He is always polite and sometimes amused, but he always makes his case in this book with real science.

Oxford mathematician Lennox concisely shows that "science vs. religion" is a myth and how many skeptics of religion have misused science for to support their personal beliefs. Lennox brings together many disciplines of science - though much on biology - and shows belief is not only compatible with science, but a logical conclusion of what we observe. As he shows. God is not an alternative to science, his existence explains why science can explain. A very accessible and wide-ranging book that is solidly rooted in facts and reason. People who really want to find answers and not rhetoric should start here. See also *Why the Universe Is the Way It Is*, *The Cell's Design* and *Signature in the Cell: DNA and the Evidence for Intelligent Design*.

A brilliant book by a brilliant man. With three earned PhDs and being a professor of mathematics at Oxford, Lennox writes from a position of knowledge and confidence on the debate between science and Christianity that digs into issues that few other writers even mention. A very original thinker and a good communicator, I would recommend this book for everyone who has read Richard Dawkins yet lacks the formal education to attack atheism head-on with solid facts and brilliant arguments. Very readable and accessible to the general public.

This was a great read. John Lennox is able to bring complex topics to a place where they become clear and concise. It was a real breath of fresh air from what we hear and read in the media that science has the answers and belief in God is unscientific. But, I believe Dr. Lennox has shown clearly that this is not so and that there are many prominent scientists who are believers. And, it is not wrong to believe that there is actually an abundance of science that points more to a creator. The sections on DNA are extremely persuasive and conclusive. I loved this book and would recommend it to anyone!

This book might have a lot of good information, but you wouldn't be able to tell with as wordy as it is.

He seems to want to come off ubÃfÆ'Ã Â«r smart so he makes the whole thing so wordy you get lost. This is more of a university philosophy class book than it is an independent study book. From what I have been able to understand, it has good information; but, more power to you in trying to decipher it. I would give it more stars if it were a little more reader friendly.

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