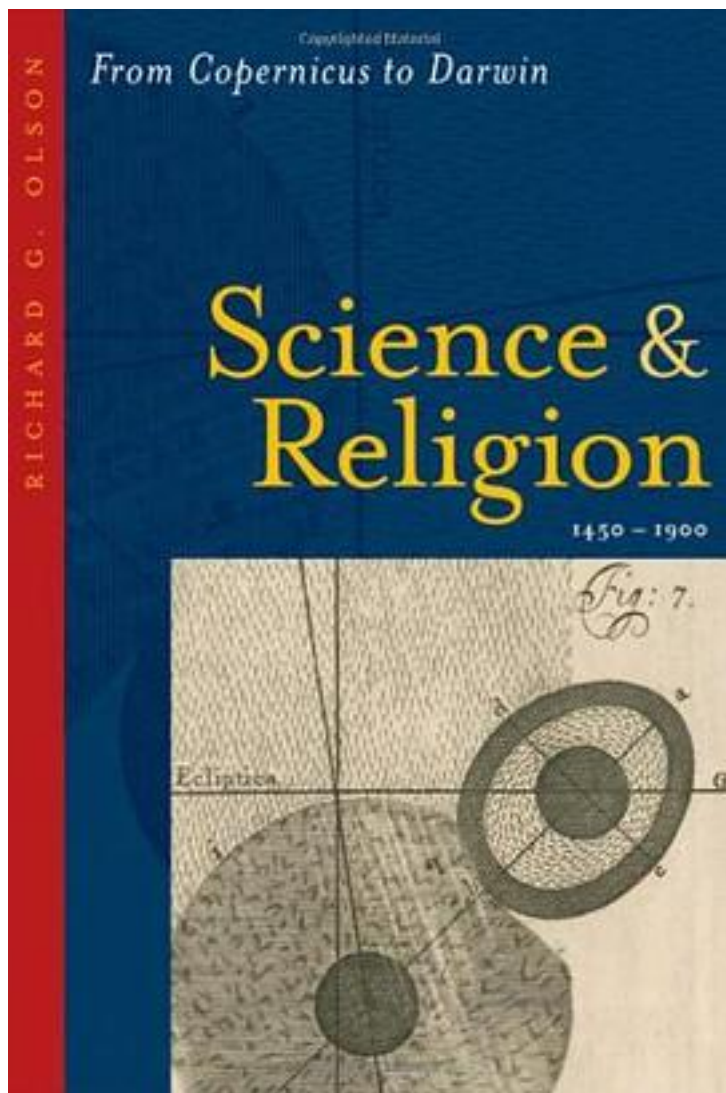


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Galileo. Newton. Darwin. These giants are remembered for their great contributions to one of the most important phenomena in world history: science. But what is often forgotten is the profound influence on their lives and works of that other great phenomenon of Western Culture: Christianity. This book, the first volume in the Greenwood Guides to Science and Religion, explores the many ways in which religion—its ideas, attitudes, practices, and institutions—interacted with science from the beginnings of the Scientific Revolution to the end of the 19th century. Infused with the most up-to-date scholarship, the volume is aimed at the nonspecialist audience, explaining in clear language how inextricably linked science and religion have been during most of the last 500 years.

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本书以科学与宗教领域的两个标志性事件（伽利略事件和达尔文进化论）为节点，介绍

了其间科学与宗教冲突与调和的复杂历史关系，总得来说勾勒了一幅这几个世纪间自然哲学家如何在自己的自然哲学体系中定位上帝的存在和作用的发展史。
第六章1700-1859年间自然神学面临的三大挑战和最后两章介绍达尔文进化论的理论前奏以及各方对进化论的态度的部分收获最大。另外，被康德的科学和宗教观深深折服...

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