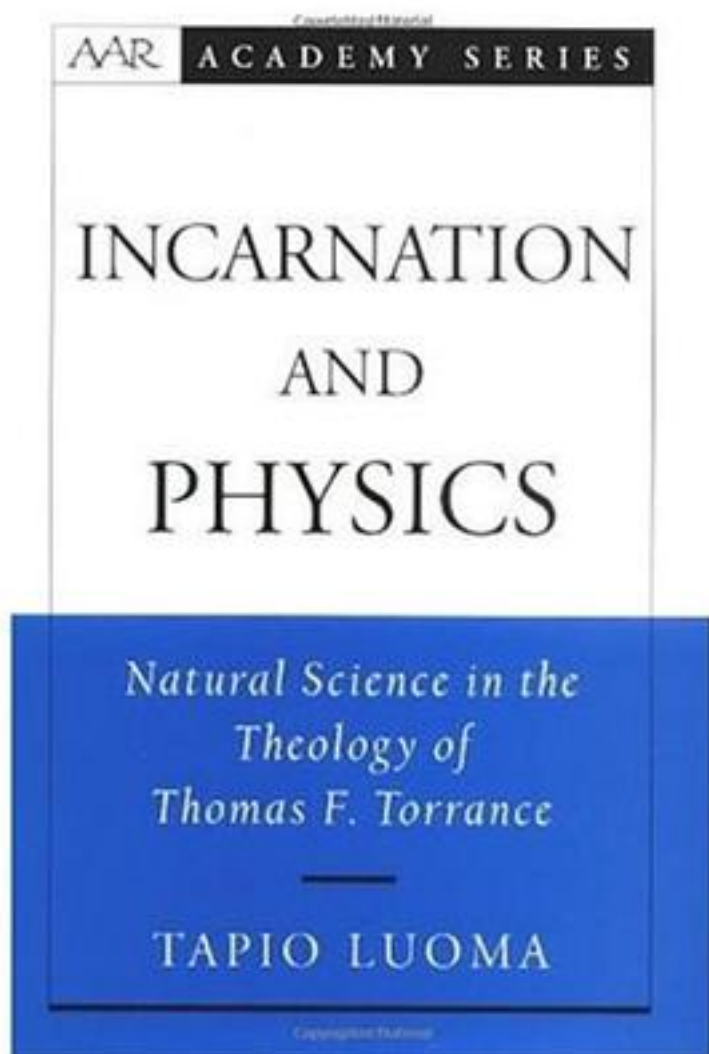


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The relationship between natural sciences and religion has frequently been hostile and confrontational. While many have sought to bridge the divide between the two disciplines, few have been successful. Thomas F. Torrance, Professor Emeritus of Christian Dogmatics at the University of Edinburgh, is perhaps the most prominent theologian to have taken seriously the challenge posed to theology by the natural sciences. He has constructed a thoroughly Christian model for interaction between the two disciplines, a model which does not begin from pure philosophical presuppositions but from the theological heart of the Christian Church: the incarnation. *Incarnation and Physics* offers a clear and thorough overview of Torrance's insights into the theology - science dialogue. At the same time, it presents a critical study of Torrance's Christological model, evaluating its significance for the relationship between theology and science. Tapio Luoma examines Torrance's claim that modern empirical sciences are actually an outcome of the Christian theology of the early church. He shows how Torrance's Reformed concern for the doctrine of election has affected his view of realism. Luoma goes on to examine Torrance's interpretation of great scientists such as Newton and Einstein and dissects the role religion has played in their thought. Finally, he assesses Torrance's call for contemporary theology to return to its scientific roots and follow the example set by natural sciences. Throughout, Luoma acts as a judicious guide to the thought of one of the most important contemporary theologians.

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