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Stars Beneath Us: Finding God In The Evolving Cosmos



Synopsis

In ways both confident and gentle, *Stars Beneath Us* brilliantly shows God's presence in the ever-evolving cosmos. Relying on his upbringing as a Baptist, his doctoral work in experimental nuclear physics and gamma-ray astronomy, and his ordination to the gospel ministry in the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, Paul Wallace weaves a book unlike any other in faith and science literature. Instead of engaging the debates of natural theology or proofs for the existence of God, this is a call to courage for those who fear a true encounter with the cosmos will distance them from God. With a winsome mix of compelling personal narrative and insightful biblical analysis, the author calls into perspective the scale of the cosmos and our place within it. Relying on a theology of openness to the world, *Stars Beneath Us* will inspire readers to engage with the natural world in new ways and find God, as it turns out, everywhere.

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Customer Reviews

When I stumbled across this book, I immediately knew that I needed to read it. I'm glad that I did. The author presented some new ways for me to consider God and science without having to exclude either one from the conversation. By using personal accounts from his past and the struggles he has experienced along the way, Mr. Wallace further humanizes the subject in a way that's reflective of how many of us struggle with this cosmic puzzle. I hope this is just the first of many books he plans to write from his much appreciated perspective.

Dr Wallace writes a compelling story about the juxtaposition of science and faith. His personal journey of faith which led through believing, doubt and back to believing with a new understanding of God is equally compelling. Dr Wallace uses the book of Job in the Old Testament to convey the positive relationship between science and faith in an exciting way that will make you think and want to learn more. It grabbed my attention from the beginning with the explanation for the title, Stars Beneath Us, and held on until the end.

Paul Wallace has accomplished what others have failed to do for years - offer me a cogent argument about how I can make clearer sense of the chasm that exists between the physical and theoretical evidence presented to me by science and the spiritual evidence gathered through my journey of faith. Many thanks go to this author for helping me better align my own scientifically-based beliefs with what I know (and hope) God to be. This is an essential book for anyone looking for a powerful and well-constructed argument to reconcile these issues. I strongly recommend this book!

I am really enjoying this book. Dr. Wallace writes from a personal point of view that is very easy to understand. He uses great illustrations that everyone can relate to. This is a great book for anyone seeking to understand the link between religion and science.

Hearing from a Christian physicist and pastor in these times when simplistic and out-moded versions of Christ and his God won't cut it, was a gift to me. I especially loved the "fifth dentist" approach to the book of Job to explain a thinking person's God. In fact the book felt, at times, more like a Bible study than an apology to the Christian Faith. The personal stories are stories common to all of us as we seek to make sense of God, Christ and faith over against the reality of a world that has clearly evolved over eons of time. Wallace used his stories effectively to illustrate his struggle in reconciling the world of science and atheism to the world of faith.

Informative book. Attended an hour plus presentation by the author, who is both a physicist as well as an ordained minister.

Paul Wallace's *Stars Beneath Us* was fascinating. So fascinating I couldn't put it down and finished it in less than 24 hours. Dr. Wallace takes us on a very personal and readable journey in search of "truth" from his perspective - that of a scientist of deep spiritual faith. He acquaints us with his life's experiences, and sometimes struggles, as he explores and explains his take on the confluence of science and faith. One of the most enjoyable parts of that continuing expedition was his travels through the Old Testament Book of Job - to my mind perhaps the most interesting conversation in the Bible. This discussion occurs between Job, who has just lost "everything", his several friends/acquaintances who offer advice, and God, who proffers the beauty, complexity and goodness of his creation, the universe. Like Dr. Wallace, my personal journey led me to a scientific career for most of my life, but eventually back to religion, church and stronger faith than I could have ever imagined (still a very imperfect work in progress). I highly recommend *Stars Beneath Us* to you not just because I related easily to his narrative, or because I happen to agree with much of his viewpoint, but because his book so encourages everyone's minds and hearts to be open to what is true. Whether that truth comes from the measurements and observations of our science, or from the stories, wisdom, traditions and spirit of our faith, God's universe is wondrous and beautiful, perplexing and messy, but ultimately - inspiring and comforting.

Enjoyed it very much. It gave many ideas to think about and new perspectives on traditional material showing science and religion are compatible

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