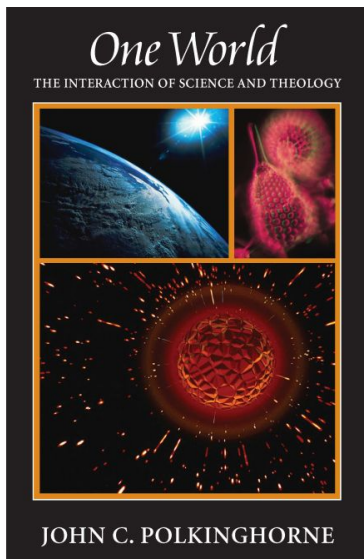




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# One World

The Interaction of Science and Theology

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