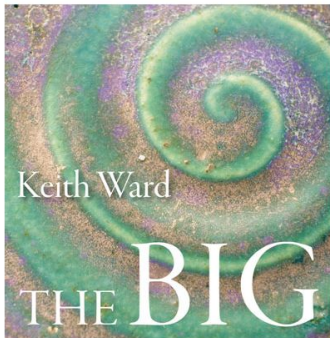




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Can religious beliefs survive in the scientific age? Are they resoundingly outdated? Or, is there something in them of great importance, even if the way they are expressed will have to change given new scientific context? These questions are among those at the core of the science-religion dialogue.

In *The Big Questions in Science and Religion*, Keith Ward, an Anglican priest who was once an atheist, offers compelling insights into the often contentious relationship between diverse religious views and new scientific knowledge. He identifies ten basic questions about the nature of the universe and human life. Among these are:

- Does the universe have a goal or purpose?
- Do the laws of nature exclude miracles?
- Can science provide a wholly naturalistic explanation for moral and religious beliefs?
- Has science made belief in God obsolete? Are there any good science-based arguments for God?

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