

R4 – ID selected references

There are many helpful books which discuss ID and fill out some of the details which cannot be included in a short introduction. Some annotation is offered here in order to indicate the depth of treatment in the texts cited. As always there are a range of resources of varying quality and critical stance on the internet. Organisations such as Metanexus 9 [www.metanexus.net], Counterbalance [www.counterbalance.org] and Christians in Science [www.cis.org.uk] are particularly helpful. Counterbalance has some very interesting material penned by Dembski (for) and Van Till (against) that is accessible to the non-specialist.

The UK governments official line on this is entitled GUIDANCE ON THE PLACE OF CREATIONISM AND INTELLIGENT DESIGN IN SCIENCE LESSONS and can be downloaded from

<http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/docbank/index.cfm?id=11890>

It contains a helpful introduction set in the context of UK education and has a basic glossary and faq section along with a few suggestions for further reading.

The Interacademy Panel's statement on the teaching of evolution: <http://www.interacademies.net/Object.File/Master/6/150/Evolution%20statement.pdf>

Alexander, Denis, 2008, *Creation or Evolution: Do we have to choose?* 382pp, Monarch, ISBN 978 1 85424 746 9. Highly readable book from the Director of the Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge. Chapter 14 is a judicious and informed treatment of Intelligent Design by a theologically orthodox writer who is also an evolutionary scientist.

Ayala, Francisco J, 2006, *Darwin and Intelligent Design*, Minneapolis: Fortress Press, ISBN 978-0-8006-3802-3. A renowned biologist and christian critiques ID theory at an accessible level for the non-specialist.

Clayton, P, & **Simpson**, Z, eds, 2008, *The Oxford Handbook of Science and Religion*, 1023pp, OUP, ISBN 978-0-19-954365-6. Massive collection of expert essays including a section on Intelligent Design and its critics, pp 713-748.

Collins, Francis, 2007, *The Language of God*, Simon & Schuster, 294pp, ISBN 13: 978-1-84739-092-9 The leader of the Human Genome Project on why as a scientist he has no problem believing in God. Contains a chapter on ID.

Cunningham, M.K, ed, 2007, *God & Evolution: a reader*, 385pp, Routledge, ISBN 978-0-415-38014-0. A balanced and helpful collection of 25 essays and introductions to aspects of the topic including essays on ID from different perspectives.

Eagleton, Terry, 2009, *Reason, Faith and Revolution: Reflections on the God Debate*, 185pp. Devastating 'witty and polemical' examination by the atheistic Marxist literary critic of some of the silly and indefensible contributions to the current debate about God, reason and faith.

Fry, I. 2000, *The Emergence of Life on Earth*, 327pp, Free Association Books, London, ISBN 1-85343-481-7. Multidisciplinary guide to one of the great unsolved puzzles.

Jones, L. & Reiss, M. J. (eds), Dec 2007, *Teaching about Scientific Origins: Taking account of creationism*, New York: Peter Lang. Examines the implications of the rise in creationism for school science teaching and presents suggestions for ways forward.

Lennox, J.C., 2007, *God's undertaker: Has science buried God?* 192pp, Lion Hudson, ISBN 978-0-7459-5303-8. Stimulating challenge to the science means atheism thesis with a critical analysis of the problems in trying to find a naturalistic account of the origin of life.

Manson, Neil A (ed), 2003, *God and Design: The teleological argument and modern science*, London: Routledge. Considers the design argument from historical, philosophical, theological, biological and physical perspectives.

Numbers, Ronald L., *The Creationists*, 2006, Harvard UP, 606pp, The definitive history of Creationism up to and including Intelligent Design.

Pennock, Robert T., ed. 2001, *Intelligent Design Creationism and its Critics: philosophical, theological and scientific perspectives*, MIT, 797pp. The Big Book on the topic containing key articles, new discussions and debate between key players in the field.

Petto, A.J & Godfrey, L.R eds, 2007, *Scientists confront Creationism: Intelligent Design and Beyond*, 463pp, W.W. Norton, ISBN 978-0-393-33073-1. 16 essays from leading scientific opponents of Creationism and ID.

Poole, M. W. 2007, *User's Guide to Science and Belief*, Ch 8-10, Oxford: Lion Hudson, ISBN 978-0-7459-5274-1 The latest iteration of Poole's accessible Guide to the field; as close as you get to a class text for secondary pupils.

Ratzke, Del, 2001, *Nature, Design and Science: The status of design in natural science*, State University of NY Press, 220pp, Original and innovative philosophical taxonomic analysis; not for the faint hearted!

Southgate, Christopher ed, 2005, *God, Humanity and the Cosmos*, 496pp, Continuum. Wide ranging survey of most aspects of the science and religion field. Becoming a standard textbook.

Spencer, Nick & Alexander, Denis, 2009, *God and Evolution in Britain today*, 70pp, Theos. Accessible introduction demonstrating why it is possible to be both an evolutionist and a theist. Useful documentation on the widespread confusion in the minds of the British public on science and religion matters.

Stewart, R.B ed, 2007, *Intelligent Design: William Dembski & Michael Ruse in Dialogue*, 257pp, Fortress, ISBN 978-0-8006-6218-9. Dialogue at the 2006 Greer-Heard Forum with essays from other expert witnesses on aspects of the ID question.

Tyler, S.K & Reid G., 2008, *Religious Studies (Advanced) 2nd edition*, 485pp, Philip Allen Updates, ISBN 978-0-340-95931-2. Likely to be the textbook A-level RS teachers consult for something on the topic on the new OCR syllabus. Note that the original OCR specification was badly worded to the point of error. The short entry in a

one volume book for students is rather limited. Teachers need more. Hence this SRSP supplement.

Ward, Keith, 2008, *The Big Questions in Science and Religion*, 281pp, Pennsylvania: Templeton Foundation Press, ISBN 1-59947-135-3. Perceptive and nuanced discussion which attempts to look beyond the Christian tradition in examining Religion and Science.

Witham, Larry, *Where Darwin meets the Bible*, 2002, OUP, 330pp, Fascinating study by a journalist of the US context including recent ID debates.