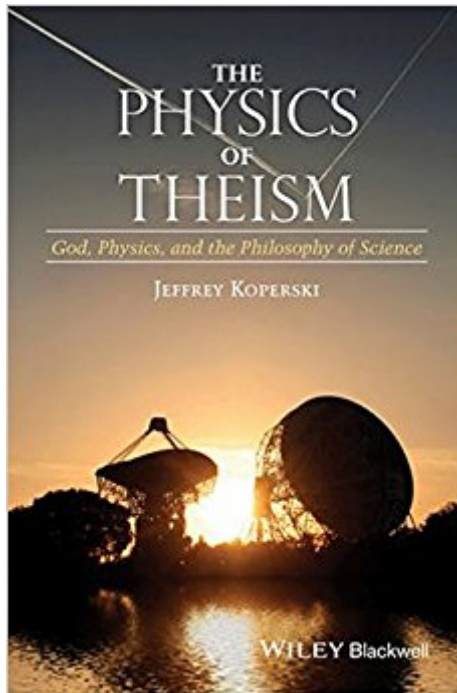




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Jeffrey Koperski has produced an impressive book, written in a lively and accessible style, and providing a well-informed treatment of the broad range of topics it covers. I do not know of any work that is quite comparable with this in its treatment of the breadth of philosophical and theological issues raised by modern physics. I can heartily recommend it. — Rodney Holder, University of Cambridge Koperski's book reminds us that understanding the meaning of physics requires philosophical acumen; he brings this to bear on issues where physics has something to say about religious issues. The result is a thought-provoking journey that will move readers beyond facile generalizations about the relation between science and religion. — Hans Halvorson, Princeton

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