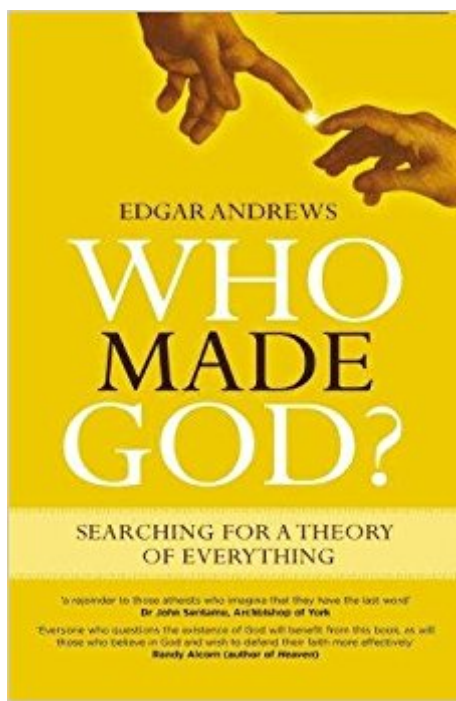


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# Who Made God?



## Synopsis

Dr John Sentamu, Archbishop of York, says *Who made God?* is 'written in a very lively style and conveys complex subjects in a palatable form'. Novelist Fay Weldon calls it 'thoughtful, readable, witty, wise'. The Principal of London Theological Seminary declares: 'Richard Dawkins has more than met his match.' A book by a distinguished scientist about the existence of God, with chapter headings like 'Steam engine to the stars' and 'The tidy pachyderm' has to be different. It is. Addressing profound questions of science, philosophy and faith with an amazing lightness of touch, Edgar Andrews exposes the pretensions of the 'new atheism', blending incisive arguments with gentle humour. However, his aim is not simply to rebut the aggressive atheism of our age but to provide a logically consistent and altogether more satisfying alternative. His fellow physicists dream of discovering a 'theory of everything' embracing very physical phenomenon in the cosmos. But can there be a theory of everything that also includes the realms of the heart, mind, conscience and spirit? Yes, indeed, as this book shows. It is the 'hypothesis of God', a concept that towers above the barren landscape of atheism and despair. 'Professor Edgar Andrews is well qualified to counter the current attempts to airbrush God out of existence ... Richard Dawkins' *The God delusion* is an obvious target and Andrews expertly dismantles its atheistic claims, reducing them to rubble with a lightness of touch I had never come across before in a book of this kind. Readers, with or without scientific backgrounds, are likely to find themselves turning the pages with smiles on their faces. I know of nothing quite like it.' John Blanchard, author of *Ultimate Questions*

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## Customer Reviews

This is a really amazing little book. I was expecting an apology for Christianity, however that is not what I got. Certainly the book makes no bones about Christianity, and it clearly and concisely repudiates (in places with gentle humor at their flawed reasoning) the so-called new atheists. However, that is not its purpose. It might almost be described as an expose, rather than a defense. What it does is to offer overtly something that I have heard discussed quietly (and usually behind closed doors) by a number of noted scientists. It provides a concise, understandable explanation of modern science from a Christian perspective. Through the fundamental hypothesis of the book, it clearly reconciles modern science and Christianity. It also proves that, contrary to the dogma of Dawkins and company, the more scientist learn about the physical universe and about life, the more unavoidable the conclusion that God exists becomes. I expect that Dawkins and company will ignore this book, or possibly address it with the kind of rage and bombast that characterized recent books by the "new atheists". That seems to be how they have dealt with Professor Andrews in the past. Their reasons then, and the reason now is simple: They cannot answer his arguments from science and honest reason. Professor Andrews is not just a man with high scientific and academic qualifications. He is also an excellent teacher, able to communicate complex and abstract concepts (including the nature of science, and many of the theories of modern science) in a way that is clear and understandable to ordinary readers, who don't have the background or training that he himself brings to the table.

Why should the Devil get all the good scientists? It sometimes seems that way, doesn't it? We hear of scientists like Stephen Hawking and Richard Dawkins and others who are acclaimed as being at the top of their field and almost inevitably it seems that they are atheists or otherwise committed to explaining the world in terms of Darwinian evolution. Occasionally we find a great dissenting mind, but then we discover that that person is committed to beliefs that seem opposed to the plain account of Scripture. So we have Francis Collins who writes *The Language of God* but who in the book says that, though God exists, life and creation can be explained in terms of natural laws and processes that do not depend on the Divine hand of God. It is both tiresome and frustrating. But here at last comes Edgar Andrews whose list of academic credentials include more letters than all the names in my family: BSc, PhD, DSc, FInstP, FIMMM, CEng, CPhys (which, according to a site I consulted, is together an anagram for disbenching tscpf fpsps chym- cmd `m). No, I don't know what any of those degrees mean, but they sure sound impressive. He is Emeritus Professor of Materials at the University of London and an international expert on the science of large molecules (not small ones,

mind you, only the large ones). His credentials include things that sound like they must set him apart; things such as this: In September 1972 he was one of four specially invited speakers at the dedication symposium of the Michigan Molecular Institute, two of the others being Nobel Laureates Paul Flory and Melvin Calvin. Put it all together and you find that Andrews is one smart dude. He's smarter than you and me and the rest of us put together. And in his new book *Who Made God?*

This is the kind of Christian Apologetics book I enjoy reading. Most apologetics books rehash the same answers and arguments. Occasionally one brings some new insight, or at least a new way of explaining the answers such that it sparks new thought. This is that book. Fun to read, because the author clearly does not take himself too seriously (he utilizes the English cartoon character 'Sooty' in one of his explanations for heavens sake!) yet attacks these serious subjects head on with wit and charm. Yet he shows no mercy to the tired attacks on Christianity of the 'new atheists' vis-à-vis physics, miracles, natural law, an immoral God, etc. One of those supposed argument-ending-money-maker lines of the 'skeptic' is always "You say God made everything? Well then tell me who made God?" Andrews spends 278 pages of text and 12 pages of supporting documentation explaining why this is an incoherent question, akin to 'Have you stopped beating your wife?' or 'how long is string?', and how the answer is evident via a serious analysis of the facts of nature, readily available. The central thesis of the book is a presentation of the difference between a proof arrived by syllogism, and the preferred and beautiful approach of making a hypothesis and then examining the facts that support it (yes - he is indeed using the Scientific Method to confirm the existence of God!) This book answers the question with no stone unturned. It's a wonderful primer - a little bit logic, a little bit physics, a little bit philosophy. He makes sure that we don't allow the 'new atheists' to get away with phrasing the issues in an incorrect manner, and that we answer the right questions.

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