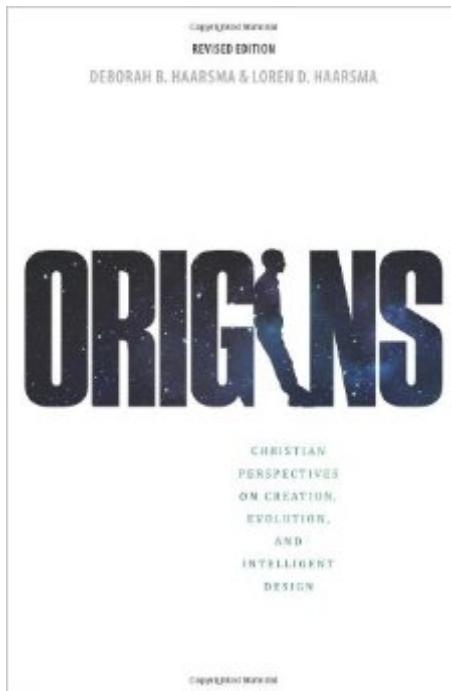


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If you have time to read just one or two books on the subject of the intersection of Christian faith and science (particularly biological evolution), I would suggest this one, or *Creation or Evolution: Do We Have to Choose?* by Denis Alexander. I understand that this book is used as a textbook at many Christian schools. Both authors of this book are professors at Calvin College. The authors use clear, non-confrontational language to describe the many varied positions that Christians have taken on creation over the centuries, along with the history of each approach. For each one, they guide the reader through an examination of his or her own beliefs and whether they are truly founded on what the Bible teaches, or what various schools of Christian religion teach. God is active in the world and in our lives. Sometimes He works in a miraculous way and sometimes He chooses not to. Can he cause events to occur without breaking the laws of physics? Of course! Almost a thousand years

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