

Book Reviews

...y relating it to the addressee's area of expertise, and politely seeking comment. Predictably, almost all of these requests went unanswered, but the letters and such replies as the authors did receive are included at the end of the book.

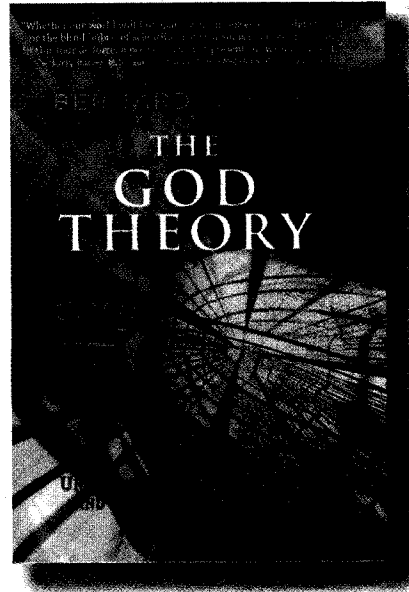
U.F.O. is not for everyone, but for those open to an unorthodox take on the question of extraterrestrial influence on human culture, this book is a winner.

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throughout history, Haisch proposes a world view in which all that exists is a manifestation of God's infinite potential and desire for self-knowledge: "The purpose of life is experience; God wishes to experience life through you."

The God Theory is a refreshing consideration of fundamental questions by someone who has clearly thought them through deeply from both the scientific and spiritual points of view.

consciousness. Many of the scientifically-minded believe that consciousness is merely an "epiphenomenon" of biology, but, as Haisch relentlessly points out, this is just as much a matter of faith as the belief that God created the world in seven days. One could just as reasonably assert, as Haisch does, that "consciousness is the primary stuff of reality."

Based on both his own scientific investigations and the experience of mystics



The God Theory Universes, Zero-Point Fields, and What's Behind It All

by Bernard Haisch, Ph.D.

Weiser Books (Newburyport, MA), 2006, hardcover, 157 pgs.

Bernard Haisch is an accomplished astrophysicist and a former seminarian. In *The God Theory*, Haisch makes a thoughtful argument against both religious fundamentalism and scientific reductionism as similarly incomplete and unsatisfactory world views based on untenable assumptions.

Haisch notes that there is no scientific justification for the belief that reality is mechanistic and without purpose, just as there is no scientific explanation for con-