Record Nr. UNINA9910458215703321 Autore Rolston Holmes <1932-> **Titolo** Three big bangs [[electronic resource]]: matter-energy, life, mind // Holmes Rolston III Pubbl/distr/stampa New York, : Columbia University Press, 2010 **ISBN** 1-282-87244-3 9786612872440 0-231-52684-9 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (161 p.) 113 Disciplina Soggetti **Evolution** Philosophy Electronic books. Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Contents; Illustrations; Preface; Chapter 1. The Primordial Big Bang; Explosive Startup and Ongoing Expansion; A Singular Universe: Unfolding Order: Logical Explosion: A Theory of Everything?: A Biogenic/Anthropic Universe: Cosmic Results: Predictable and Surprising; Chapter 2. Life: Earth's Big Bang; Proactive Genetic Information and Order: Explosions: Combinatorial and Evolutionary: Biodiversity and Biocomplexity; Expanding Neuro-sentience: Felt Experience; Escalating Co-option: Serendipity; Evolutionary Headings: Surprising or Inevitable?; Chapter 3. Mind: The Human Big Bang Theory of Mind: The Human SingularityHyperimmense Brain: Neural Explosion; Ideational Uniqueness: Cultural Explosion; Symbolic Explosion: Human Language; Mind: Predictable or Surprising?; Spirited Persons: The Ultimate Marvel; Presence with Presence; References; Index Rational explanations of the universe leave the spiritually curious cold. Sommario/riassunto and religion-based theories tend to devalue the findings of science. By dividing the creation of matter, energy, life, and mind into three big

bangs, Holmes Rolston III strikes a middle path between these two camps. He divines a history of the universe that respects both scientific

discovery and the potential presence of an underlying intelligence.In Rolston's first bang, matter-energy appears, initially in simpler forms but with a remarkable capacity for generating heavier elements. The size and expansion