Record Nr. UNINA9910954959503321 Autore Ruse Michael **Titolo** Science and spirituality: making room for faith in the age of science // Michael Ruse Cambridge:,: Cambridge University Press,, 2010 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-107-20763-0 0-511-73956-7 1-282-53617-6 9786612536175 0-511-67851-7 0-511-67725-1 0-511-68174-7 0-511-68372-3 0-511-67633-6 0-511-67976-9 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (viii, 264 pages) : digital, PDF file(s) Disciplina 261.5/5 Soggetti Religion and science Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Title from publisher's bibliographic system (viewed on 05 Oct 2015). Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto Introduction -- The world as an organism -- The world as a machine -- Organisms as machines -- Thinking machines -- Unasked questions, unsolved problems -- Organicism -- God -- Morality, souls, eternity, mystery. Michael Ruse offers a new analysis of the often troubled relationship Sommario/riassunto between science and religion. Arguing against both extremes - in one corner, the New Atheists; in the other, the Creationists and their offspring the Intelligent Designers - he asserts that science is the highest source of human inquiry. Yet, by its very nature and its deep reliance on metaphor, science restricts itself and is unable to answer basic, significant questions about the meaning of the universe and

humankind's place within it: why is there something rather than nothing? What is the meaning of it all? Ruse shows that one can

legitimately be a skeptic about these questions, and yet why it is open for a Christian, or member of any faith, to offer answers. Scientists, he concludes, should be proud of their achievements but modest about their scope. Christians should be confident of their mission but respectful of the successes of science.