



Meaning, Mind and Evolution: New Perspectives in the Study of Religion

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We believe that the highly successful approach to the study of religion known as the cognitive and evolutionary approach has unduly neglected the meaningful component of religious worldviews, which has been the traditional object of analysis of the social sciences and the humanities. We do not think that there is any incompatibility between this approach and the novel perspective of the cognitive and evolutionary sciences. On the contrary, we believe that both lines of enquiry are needed to obtain a complete scientific explanation of human religiosity. Still, very few researchers have actually tackled this inherently cross-disciplinary issue of religious cultural meaning, which also considers the insights provided by the cognitive and evolutionary approach. This is the void that we would like to fill with this Special Issue.





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