**GOD: THE FAILED HYPOTHESIS**

**(HOW SCIENCE SHOWS THAT GOD DOES NOT EXIST)**

**BY VICTOR STENGER**

**Stenger gives a 20th century tour of Creationism in America, from the 1925 Scopes “Monkey Trial” to the 2005 Dover School Board “Intelligent Design” Case. He evaluates arguments from the best the Creationists have to offer: Morris & Whitcomb (Genesis flood), Behe (irreducible complexity), and Dembski (entropy). Stenger concludes with a proof of the ability of nature to self-design.**

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**Stenger explains the basic laws of physics starting with the First Law of Thermodynamics. His discussion of the beginning of the universe is fascinating: you will learn about “negative gravitational energy” and how it allows for matter to exist without violating the First Law; and without the need of resorting to the concept of a creator.**

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**Stenger shows himself to be a first-class philosopher as well as a top physicist. His arguments are incisive and enlightening. He shows that evil and the concept of an all-powerful, all-loving god are inconsistent.**

**He ends the book by giving a remarkably powerful answer to the Christian defense that “absence of evidence is not evidence of absence” by pointing out that “absence of evidence can be strong evidence of absence when the evidence should be there and it is not.”**

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