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- Edited by the leading theologian and internationally-regarded author, Alister E. McGrath.

This volume can be read on its own is an ideal companion to *Theology: The Basics*, second edition.

About the Author

Alister E. McGrath is Professor of Historical Theology at Oxford University, and Senior Research Fellow at Harris Manchester College, Oxford. He is the author of numerous popular theology textbooks, including *Christian Theology*, fourth edition and *The Christian Theology Reader*, third edition. Readers may wish to use this book in order to make the transition to these more challenging texts.

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