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#### Review

“In this audacious, ambitious, and philosophically completist study, Hands leads an interdisciplinary search through all the current human knowledge that may help answer two burning questions: What are we, and where do we come from? The result is a pearl of dialectical reasoning between Hands and the most celebrated experts he can find. In today’s age of specialization, readers will welcome this throwback to the days of the well-informed layperson, conversant and opinionated in a variety of topics. Hands grounds his musings in logic and scientific fact to produce a thoughtful treatise for the eternally curious” (Publishers Weekly (Starred Review))

“A thoughtful, well-written volume” (Library Journal)

“[A] Book of astonishing ambition and scope.” (TLS (A Best Book of the Year))

“A compendious work that will intrigue serious readers” (Kirkus)

“This is a truly exceptional piece of work.” (Tim Crane, Knightbridge Professor of Philosophy, University of Cambridge)

“A magisterial, persuasive and thought provoking survey of the horizons of modern science.” (Dr James Le Fanu, author of *The Rise and Fall of Modern Medicine*)

“This book is an intellectual tour-de-force...highly recommended for anyone wishing to get a deeper insight into the fundamental but typically arcane theories that purport to explain where we and the universe that surrounds us are coming from.” (Professor Francis Heylighen, Evolution, Complexity and Cognition Group, Free University of Brussels)

“A major accomplishment” (Professor James Shapiro, author of *Evolution: A View From The 21st Century*)

“Any conventional Darwinist (and I am one of them) will find a lot to take exception to: but disagreement is the fuel of progress and if you enjoy an argument this is the book for you.” (Professor Steve Jones, author of *The Language of the Genes*)

“An audacious and admirable book...written with engaging style, and the strongest scientific ideas across a swathe of fields in physics and biology are presented lucidly” (Larry Steinman, Professor of Neurological Science, Stanford University)

“With depth and virtuosity, John Hands explores the Big Questions of human existence: who are we? why are we here? where are we headed? ...Hands's voyage of inquiry will not only educate you, it will also surprise.” (Derek Shearer, Director, McKinnon Center for Global Affairs, Los Angeles)

“A fine book...brave, very wide ranging, synoptic.” (Professor Stuart Kauffman, author of *At Home in the Universe*)

“John Hands...came to realise, and makes us realise, how much we don't know. Nevertheless, he is

optimistic, and when he comes to human evolution and a schematic view of our history, he is hopeful and sees progress in understanding and co-operation. From his book we get that big picture he sought.” (Professor David Knight, author of *The Making of Modern Science*)

“Hands’s book is a game-changer. In the tradition of Thomas Kuhn’s *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*, this lucidly written, penetrating analysis challenges us to rethink many things we take for granted about ourselves, our society, and our universe. It will become a classic.” (Peter Dreier, E P Clapp Distinguished Professor of Politics, Occidental College)

“John Hands is an astute observer of recent trends in scientific ideas bold enough to point out what he sees as sense and nonsense and intelligently explain why. Even in cases where one might disagree, the arguments are thought-provoking.” (Paul Steinhardt, Albert Einstein Professor in Science, Princeton University)

“A work as bold, broad, and challenging as this will no doubt tweak the bias any one of us may have regarding a particular event, but, then, so did Darwin’s *On the Origin of Species*.” (Jeffrey Schwartz, Professor of Physical Anthropology and of The History & Philosophy of Science at the University of Pittsburgh)

“[A]rgues that mind and matter evolved in unison and, one day, human consciousness and the star-filled universe will be revealed as part of the same cosmic whole. Such ideas were lapped up by the 19th-century followers of Hegel and it is both shocking and invigorating to hear them stated again...in the context of a quantum universe” (Nicholas Blincoe - *The Telegraph* (UK) Best Science Books of 2015)

“Hands wants to create here a grand synthesis of the history of scientific research in such fields as astronomy, physics, and evolutionary biology. He lays out a sharply lucid picture of each of these disciplines and expertly summarizes the latest thinking on each.” (Open Letters Monthly)

#### About the Author

John Hands has devoted more than ten years to evaluating scientific theories about human evolution from the origin of the universe. He graduated in chemistry from the University of London and co-authored two research studies and published one book in the social sciences. He was the founding Director of the Government’s Co-operative Housing Agency and served on three Government committees. He has tutored in both physics and management studies for the Open University and was Royal Literary Fund Fellow at University College London. He has written three novels and been published in 8 countries.

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