

‘The title of this book is the title of Chapter 4 of Professor Richard Dawkins’ best-selling *The God Delusion*, with one little difference. I have changed the word “no” to the word “a”, because I think that change reflects the situation more accurately.’

One of Britain’s leading philosopher–theologians, Keith Ward is at home in the world of philosophy: a world of clear definitions, sharp arguments and diverse conclusions. By contrast, when Dawkins enters this world his passion tends to get the better of him: he descends into stereotyping, pastiche and mockery, no longer approaching things with his usual seriousness and care. In this stimulating and thought-provoking philosophical challenge, Ward demonstrates not only how Dawkins’ arguments are flawed, but also that a perfectly rational case can be made that there is, almost certainly, a God.

Professor Dawkins claims that no theologian has ever produced a satisfactory response to his arguments. Professor Ward has taught philosophy and theology in British universities for all of his working life. This is his response.

‘In this lucid and witty book, Professor Ward demonstrates most effectively the rational viability of belief in God. Atheist assertions are countered by careful theistic argument, in a manner that should prove persuasive to many and illuminating to all.’

John Polkinghorne KBE, FRS, Professor Emeritus of Mathematical Physics, Cambridge University

‘A deft, enjoyable, courteous – yet completely devastating – critique of Richard Dawkins’ latest foray beyond his sphere of scientific expertise.’

Russell Stannard OBE, Professor Emeritus of Physics, The Open University

‘Ward’s expertise as both a philosopher and a theologian well qualifies him to take on Dawkins. His arguments are admirably lucid and anyone reading Dawkins’ book should also read this one to get a balanced view.’

Bernard Carr, Professor of Mathematics and Astronomy, Queen Mary, University of London

PROFESSOR KEITH WARD was formerly Regius Professor of Divinity at the University of Oxford. He is a member of the Council of the Royal Institute of Philosophy, and was elected a Fellow of the British Academy on the same day that Richard Dawkins was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society.