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The Luminous Dusk: Finding God in the Deep, Still Places

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Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company July 2006, 2006. Paper Back. Condition: New. When we consider Homo sapiens in his environment, there are certain constants and certain variables to be considered. The variables mostly have to do with his environment, and the modern world has confronted him with changes in the conditions of that environment so radical as to defy comparison with those of any other age. The constants (for those of us who are not materialists) are the realities of his kinship with the beasts and his ineradicable desire for transcendence, for participation in divine life. Unless we are Gnostics, we must admit the inevitability of the impact of environment on human nature, and therefore ponder our own remarkable age. The nine essays contained in this book provoke us to do just that. Allison, a biblical scholar with interests ranging from science and literature to popular culture, asks us to take note of uniquely modern conditions so pervasive as to be invisible: the separation of most of us from the natural world, the absence of silence, the availability of artificial light, the attention to celebrity rather than heroism or sanctity, the multiplication of distraction, the impoverishment of the imagination. In...



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