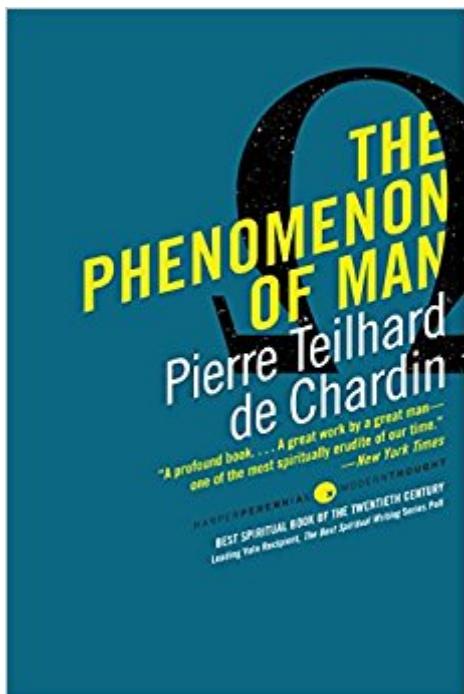


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Synopsis

Visionary theologian and evolutionary theorist Pierre Teilhard de Chardin applied his whole life, his tremendous intellect, and his great spiritual faith to building a philosophy that would reconcile religion with the scientific theory of evolution. In this timeless book, which contains the quintessence of his thought, Teilhard argues that just as living organisms sprung from inorganic matter and evolved into ever more complex thinking beings, humans are evolving toward an "omega point"â "defined by Teilhard as a convergence with the Divine.

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Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) was born in France and ordained a Jesuit priest. Trained as a paleontologist, Teilhard codiscovered the celebrated "Peking Man" fossils. *The Phenomenon of Man* is his best-known work.

The reason that I have given this ebook edition one star is because there are many typographical errors in it. I believe that the paper print book was scanned digitally in order to make the ebook. The scanner changed many letters (for example, from "c" to "e"). If you are going to purchase this ebook, then also purchase a low cost paper edition, too, so that you can determine the correct spelling of some of the words used.

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I can only say that this is the one book I would recommend everyone read over and over again. You will never be the same. I read this when it was first published and I was barely 12 years old. Reading it again has brought back so many thoughts about how it has shaped my life since then. I will be forever grateful for the early influence.

Very important synthesis of science and theology . Still very influential almost 70 years after it was written . Difficult to read and long . Recommend for serious students of science who are also seekers of spiritual transcendence . This is an excellent English translation .Dr. Teilhard was a Jesuit Priest and Paleontologist expert in human evolution . The Great Work by Thomas Berry is an easier entrance into a synthesis of science and spirituality but not as sweeping or profound .

I read and reviewed this when I was in college at age 20 and now I am 75. It was an interesting re-read. It certainly influence my thought back when I was a youngster. I think this is certainly his best book and a very interesting thought process.

I have not yet finished the book. However, I am most impressed with what I have read so far. It will take me some time to get through this book. Father Teilhard is not the easiest person to read. In addition I do not have nearly the background needed in science and paleontology in particular nor in spirituality to understand all that Father Teilhard is saying. He can be tough to pin down.I do know from what I have read so far that it has been a delight for me to read someone putting forth the idea that science and religion do not have to be diametrically opposed; that actually they should be saying the same thing; that mankind does not have to kill the God of the Bible (or the Revealed Word as Professor James A. Herrick likes to refer to Him in his book "The Making of the New Spirituality - The Eclipse of the Western Religious Tradition") to realize his full potential.A refreshing read from the apostles of pantheism of modern times such as Baruch or Benedict de Spinoza, (1632-1677) John Toland (1670-1722),Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882), Ernst Haeckel (1834-1919) and George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950) to name a few.For anyone interested in science and spirituality, and the notion that you do not have to kill the God of the Bible to be a spiritual scientist, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin is a must read. Not only The Phenomenon of Man, but his other works as well.I do recommend you have a dictionary by your side while reading Father

Teilhard. If you are like me, your brain will be able to absorb only a few pages at a time, but not everything on those pages.

I am just loving this book. This man is a genius. I am having to read every chapter twice because there's just so much to learn. I highly recommend this book. I've been interested in the subject of the "evolution of matter" for a while and I've finally come across this source. It is a look at the information within matter in its role as that which integrates and complexifies matter from subatomic particle to atom to molecule to cell to organism and so on. And so Chardin goes on to propose that the development or evolution of matter follows a direction and, this direction is "complexification", in other words, becoming increasingly more complex. Also deeply ingrained within this perspective is the notion that as smaller units integrate to form more complex ones, the larger units that result are "a unit" rather than a mere conglomeration of parts. And the reason behind this is that when several units of matter (i.e. subatomic particles) integrate to form a single larger unit (i.e. an atom) the information within each component comes to comprise a single fundamental unit, just as would occur in verbal information where a bunch of letters form a single word the latter of which only makes sense as a single unit. If you're curious about this subject read "The Phenomenon of Man".

Brilliant. I read a lot of things, from CS Lewis to many others, but this was the only book that actually proved Christianity is a real and meaningful force and that the Jesus-event is indeed special. The amazing thing is that he did this by science, not appeals to religion. It is a genial work and should be more wide-read. Unfortunately the church banned him from publishing it, and as a Jesuit (though the foundation of this book is his scientific work as a palaeontologist) he did not break his vow of obedience, so he left the manuscripts with a friend, who had them published only after his death. The science in this book is first class and the man predicted the internet in the 1940s. Amazing. If you are a hardened atheist, but with an actual open mind, instead dog just a "non-religion" religion, this book may well change your views quite radically. I know I didn't want to "accept" Christianity as in any way valid, but the evidence here is obvious once he laid it out. Honestly I think one of the ten most important books ever written, and I have read thousands.

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