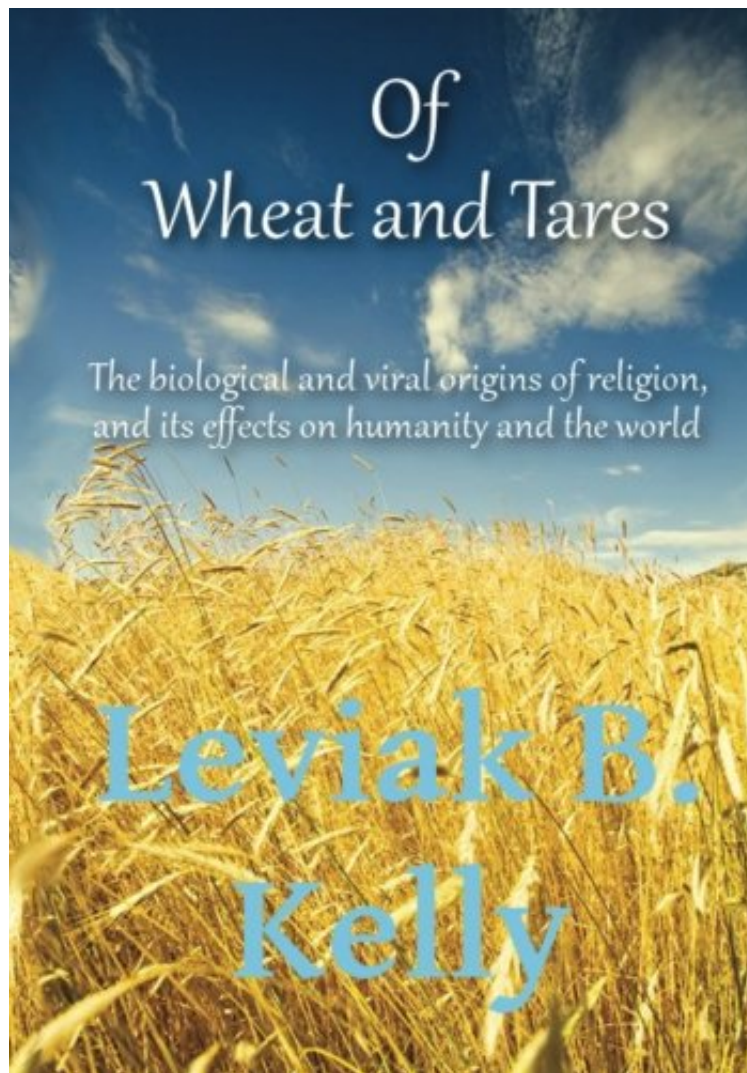


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Some in the New Atheist movement have described religion as a cultural virus of the mind and worthless. Others, like

the author, state that there is a distinction between spirituality and religious dogma. But there is some truth to the New Atheists, however skewed their views, that makes it resemble a viral contagion. So what if religion was not a psychological rendition of fallible biological needs gone awry but a biological spirituality that was usurped by an actual viral contagion? What if the foundational premises of altruism, empathy, and imagination, among other positive attributes, were inherent to humanity prior to the arrival of religion? What if religion has an inherent genetic component that is foundational to humanity today? What if it is more than just cultural, and we can save the cultural aspects without the possible inherent contagion? Would we know where to look for the biological origins? Would we know where to look for and identify the viral from the healthy cell? Would we be able to divide the wheat from the tares without destroying the wheat/good? This book delves into the origin of religion and looks at its biological and possibly viral origins. It brings to mind the influence of religion of the very development of our species and how we take for granted its inherent properties as God-given rather than as possible tares among the wheat of spirituality. It is a book that not only explores the cultural religious aspects but the biological as well. It delves into how physiology, morphology, and biology have helped shape our perspectives on religion and how they might have developed far different had other species created religious philosophies. It takes a forensic approach to religion with a reminder that often we mistake sociological normative approaches to religion as infallible. In doing this we mistake concepts like religion and spirituality as synonyms and often call what might be a tare for the wheat. In debating circles this might lead to polarizations much like atheism and religion frequently get involved, but this needs to stop. You see even if religion is caused by a usurping of an inherent biological spirituality like the *Vicia Sativa* on wheat, much can be done to preserve cultural religion in the same manner as one can prepare and re-purpose the *Vicia* to be edible. It does not need to lead to the cultural destruction that many atheists feel is appropriate, but rather it needs to be lead to a healthier understanding of religion and spirituality. If we do not change, the tares of religion will ravage our planet and cause more harm than good. We must not be caught in an egotistic debate, like climate change, but solve problems that will hurt humanity for ages to come.