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This special issue titled “Science-Engaged Approach to Origins and Theodicy: Old Questions, New Horizons” seeks to encourage authors to make a more direct use of scientific knowledge in addressing some of the old and new questions concerning the origins and theodicy. This implies the use of scientific knowledge as an auxiliary tool that can contribute to a better understanding of certain theological topics. Can evolutionary anthropology help us to understand better the original state of first humans? Should population genetics have a decisive impact on mono- versus -polygenism debate? Can evolutionary medical understanding of pain be helpful in addressing the topic of pain in theodicy? Can psychological insights on suffering be of help when we think about suffering of humans? How can we use insights from cognitive science in the study of our behavior and moral development?

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