



## Breaking the Spell: Religion as a Natural Phenomenon (Paperback)

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By Daniel C. Dennett

Penguin Books Ltd, United Kingdom, 2007. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. In Breaking the Spell Daniel C. Dennett explores how the great ideas of religion have enthralled us for thousands of years - and whether we could (or should) break free. What is religion and how did it evolve? Is it the product of blind evolutionary instinct or of rational choice? Is the only way to live a good life through religion? Few forces in the world are as potent as religion: it comforts people in their suffering and inspires them to both magnificent and terrible deeds. In this provocative and timely book, Daniel C. Dennett seeks to uncover the origins of religion and discusses how and why different faiths have shaped so many lives, whether religion is an addiction or a genuine human need, and even whether it is good for our health. Arguing passionately for the need to understand this multifaceted phenomenon, Breaking the Spell offers a truly original - and comprehensive - explanation for faith. Packed with a mass of intriguing detail and anecdote . witty and clear prose Observer He s the good cop among religion s critics (Richard Dawkins is the...

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