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## **Participation in God: Reassessing an Ancient Philosophical Idea and its Contemporary Relevance**

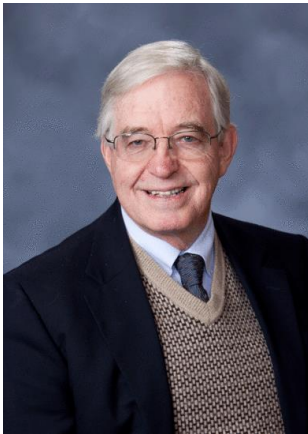
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### **“Participation, the Image of God, and Evolutionary Theory”**



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He is the author of *Reduction and Emergence in the Sciences* (forthcoming) and co-editor of *Physicalism and its Discontents* (2001). He has also published numerous articles in journals such as *Analysis*, *Nous*, *Journal of Philosophy*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, and *Faith and Philosophy*, among others. He is a co-founder, and convener, of the Society for the Metaphysics of Science. Among other awards, Professor Gillett has served as a participant in the Templeton Oxford Seminars on Science and Christianity (2003-2005), a visiting fellow at the Center for Philosophy of Religion, Notre Dame (2004), and a recipient of a research fellowship from the Templeton Foundation (2007).



**Phillip Sloan** is Professor Emeritus in the Program of Liberal Studies and Graduate Program in the History and Philosophy of Science at the University of Notre Dame. Originally trained in biology and biological oceanography, with a specialization in evolutionary biology, he received his doctorate in philosophy, with a specialization in the history and philosophy of science. His research area is the history and philosophy of the life sciences in the modern period with publications on several aspects of the life sciences.

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His monographs include *Sacrifice Imagined: Violence, Atonement and the Sacred* (2011), *Living Forms of the Imagination* (2008), and *Aids to Reflection and the Mirror of the Spirit: Coleridge, Philosophy and Religion* (2000). He has published articles in *The Journal of the History of Ideas*, *Religious Studies*, and *Faith and Philosophy*. He is co-editor of the series *Studies in Philosophical Theology* published by Peeters of Leuven.

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