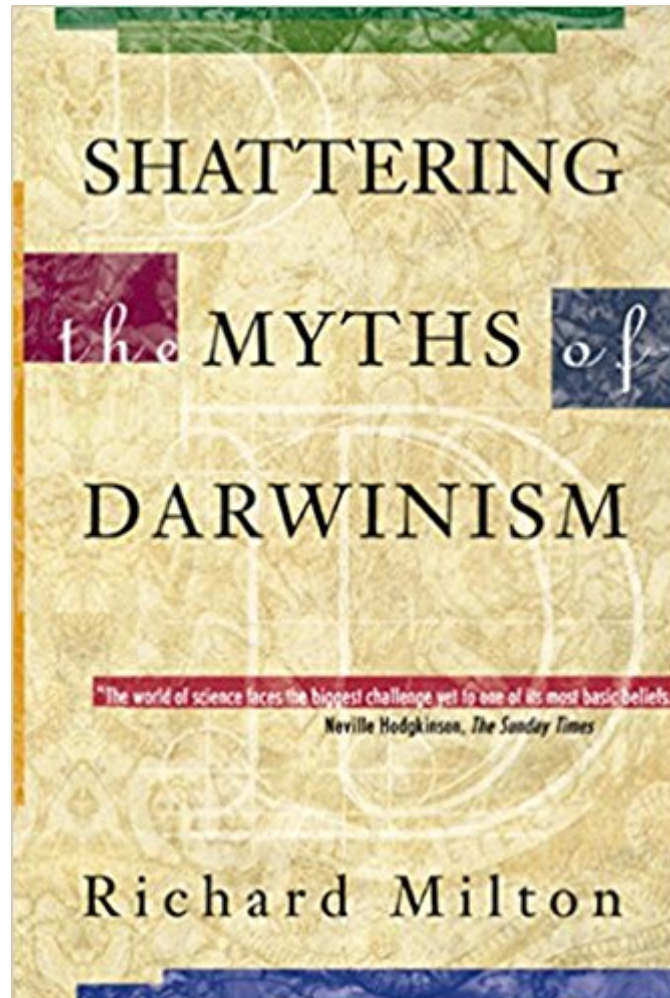




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Shattering The Myths Of Darwinism



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Compelling evidence that the most important assumptions on which Darwinism rests are wrong. The controversial best-seller that sent Oxford University and Nature magazine into a frenzy has at last come to the United States. Shattering the Myths of Darwinism exposes the gaping holes in an ideology that has reigned unchallenged over the scientific world for a century. Darwinism is considered to be hard fact, the only acceptable explanation for the formation of life on Earth, but with keen insight and objectivity Richard Milton reveals that the theory totters atop a shambles of outdated and circumstantial evidence which in any less controversial field would have been questioned long ago. Sticking to the facts at hand and tackling a vast array of topics, Shattering the Myths of Darwinism offers compelling evidence that the theory of evolution has become an act of faith rather than a functioning science, and that not until the scientific method is applied to it and the right questions are asked will we ever get the true answers to the mystery of life on Earth.

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Customer Reviews

With selective evidence and twisted logic, Milton (Alternative Science, Inner Traditions, 1996) attempts to discredit the concept of organic evolution. Although raising important questions about interpretation and methodology, he fails to overturn the neo-Darwinian framework as he attacks as "myths" the claims of modern science concerning the age of this planet, the geological column with its fossil record, and even the biological relationship between the great apes and our own species. He ignores most of the recent evolutionary literature (especially in paleoanthropology and primatology), and his chapters are full of dated illustrations, misleading generalizations, and glaring

errors, e.g., "the evidence for humankind's own evolution is actually nonexistent" and "Today, 'Java man' is thought to be an extinct, giant gibbonlike creature and not connected to humans." His own interpretation of earth history remains ambiguous, leaving the reader to wonder about what hidden motive underscores this morass of falsehoods. Not recommended. H. James Birx, Canisius Coll., Buffalo, N.Y. Copyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"On subject after subject--methods of dating, the fossil record, microbiology, geology, etc.--Milton shows the inadequacy of the evidence for Darwinian evolution." (Alpha Magazine) "When a reputable science correspondent of more than twenty years' experience raises serious doubts, then it is time to sit up and listen." (Challenge) "Bang goes the empirical basis on which neo-Darwinism rests." (Bishop Hugh Montefiore, The Church Times) ". . . Significant and fascinating." (Donald A. Yerxa, Journal of the American Scientific Affiliation, June 2001) "The world of science faces the biggest challenge yet to one of its most basic beliefs." (London Times) "The world of science faces the biggest challenge yet to one of its most basic beliefs." (Neville Hodgkinson, Sunday Times)

This book is an important reminder that scientists are also people - and can be subjected to peer pressure to accept 'current theories' rather than to keep an open mind. The author raises many questions about Darwinism which deserve serious consideration. He has, quite bravely, proposed what an alternative theory could look like. While I don't think his postulate has sufficient substance to be seriously considered at this stage, it does show that new thinking is required. I think the strongest point he raises is that if changes took place very slowly over long periods, the fossil records of all life forms should be replete with intermediate stages. Their complete absence must force a re-evaluation and should require a halt on teaching Darwin's theory in high schools. Universities should be able to debate aspects of various theories and stimulate research into finding more plausible explanations.

well researched and presented. makes a good case against darwinism

Should have gone DEEP into an old Jesuit's casuistry arguments from 17th century...need Latin library material, too!!!

No problems with this purchase. Happy with the results.

Although Creationists will probably like this book, it's really a fresh, broad survey of the scientific inquiry into evolution and the earth's history. The author is not a creationist and in fact claims to have "no religious beliefs", but I expect that creationists will be more open to this book than most neo-Darwinists. What Milton does is collect and clearly describe several serious scientific problems with the Darwinist model of evolution. It is well written and has good references to original source material to back up his claims. Some of the interesting facts described: - the age figures that scientists toss around for the age of the earth, strata, fossils etc are little more than educated guesses. Radiometric dating is not an objective science, and there is no objective proof of the earth's age. - a well-known scientific law "genetic homeostasis" means that animal or plant species cannot give rise to a new species by accumulating normal genetic variation. There are no "green mice" in nature and never will be. - there is no scientific evidence (none whatsoever) that random mutation can give rise to the variety of life found in the fossil record. The process of natural selection by itself provides no mechanism for evolutionary change to arise. - the widespread acceptance of Darwinism in academic circles is mostly due to political pressure and arguments from personal authority. It is not based on scientific evidence. Milton is quite reasonable in his call for rational debate on the scientific evidence, rather than the personal attacks and attempts to censor him by leading Darwinists like Dawkins. Some truly shameful behavior by leading academic figures is described. The author does admit that there is at present no clear alternative theory of evolution. Milton does not make any mention of the recent biochemical challenge to Darwinism (Behe, Dembski, Spetner) but this book dovetails with it quite nicely. Clearly, Darwinism is a theory collapsing under its own weight, the baggage of nineteenth century materialist assumptions. But what will take its place? Milton doesn't explore this much. My personal hunch is that some kind of information theory must be applied to nature, to describe how genetic data is so amazingly organized.

As the title suggests, it paints Darwinism as a myth by presenting information that is not usually found in academic discussions of evolution. Some may recognize that Darwinism as an unproven theory, when from another point of view, it has become the "Sacred Cow" of the religion of science

Shattering the Myths of Darwinism is a compelling look at many problems Darwinism faces. It is well written and mostly well organized with few flaws. I wondered why he spent the first part of the book on the age of the earth. It is not even close to one of the more compelling arguments in the book,

especially with his conclusion that science cannot possibly know the true age of the earth given the present state of our knowledge (while appearing to advocate a young earth during his argument). The book tended to drag when he tried to give alternatives to Darwinism, but was most amusing at the end. The style of writing is such that this book is accessible to nonscientists, but is in most points scientifically accurate. I highly recommend this as a volume to stimulate your thoughts. Certainly, even if Darwinism is proven true in the end, the actions and attitudes of many adherents to Darwinism is an indictment.

Great book! It gets a little long-winded at times, but the message is clear and well researched.

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