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# ***What Darwin Got Wrong Jerry A Fodor***

The scientist who has been dubbed the “Father of Intelligent Design” and author of the groundbreaking book Darwin’s Black Box contends that

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recent scientific discoveries further disprove Darwinism and strengthen the case for an intelligent creator. In his controversial bestseller Darwin's Black Box, biochemist Michael Behe challenged Darwin's theory of evolution, arguing that science itself

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has proven that intelligent design is a better explanation for the origin of life. In Darwin Devolves, Behe advances his argument, presenting new research that offers a startling reconsideration of how Darwin's mechanism works, weakening the theory's validity even

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more. A system of natural selection acting on random mutation, evolution can help make something look and act differently. But evolution never creates something organically. Behe contends that Darwinism actually works by a process of devolution—damaging cells

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in DNA in order to create something new at the lowest biological levels. This is important, he makes clear, because it shows the Darwinian process cannot explain the creation of life itself. “A process that so easily tears down sophisticated machinery is not

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one which will build complex, functional systems,” he writes. In addition to disputing the methodology of Darwinism and how it conflicts with the concept of creation, Behe reveals that what makes Intelligent Design unique—and right—is that it

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acknowledges causation. Evolution proposes that organisms living today are descended with modification from organisms that lived in the distant past. But Intelligent Design goes a step further asking, what caused such astounding changes to take place?

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What is the reason or mechanism for evolution? For Behe, this is what makes Intelligent Design so important. Darwin, Then and Now is a journey through the most amazing story in the history of science; encapsulating who Darwin was, what he said and what



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scientists have discovered since the publication of *The Origin of Species* in 1859. While recognized as one of the most influential individuals of the twentieth century, little is widely known about his personal life, interests, and motivations. This book explores

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Darwins driving passion using Darwins own words from The Origin of Species, Autobiography, Voyage of the Beagle and letters. In retracing the roots of evolution from the Greeks, Darwin, Then and Now journeys through the dynamics of the eighteenth century that

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lead to the publication of *The Origin of Species* and the succeeding role of key players in the emerging evolution revolution. *Darwin, Then and Now* examines Darwin's theory with more than three-hundred quotations from *The Origin of Species*, spotlighting

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what Darwin said concerning the origin of species and natural selection using the American Museum of Natural History Darwin exhibit format. With over one-thousand referenced quotations from scientists and historians, Darwin, Then and Now

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explores the scientific evidence over the past 150 years from the fossil record, molecular biology, embryology, and modern genetics. Join the blog at [www.DarwinThenAndNow.com](http://www.DarwinThenAndNow.com) to post your comments and questions.

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The author of Darwin's Black Box draws on new findings in genetics to pose an argument for intelligent design that refutes Darwinian beliefs about evolution while offering alternative analyses of such factors as disease, random mutations, and the human

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*Dembski brilliantly argues*



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*that intelligent design provides a crucial link between science and theology. This is a pivotal work from a thinker whom Phillip Johnson calls "one of the*

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*most important of the  
'design' theorists."  
In the ongoing debate  
about evolution, science  
and faith face off. But  
the truth is both sides  
are right and wrong. In*

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*one corner: Atheists like Richard Dawkins, Daniel Dennett, and Jerry Coyne. They insist evolution happens by blind random accident. Their devout adherence to Neo-Darwinism*

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*omits the latest science, glossing over crucial questions and fascinating details. In the other corner: Intelligent Design advocates like William Dembski, Stephen Meyer,*

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*and Michael Behe. Many defy scientific consensus, maintaining that evolution is a fraud and rejecting common ancestry outright. There is a third way. Evolution 2.0 proves that,*

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*while evolution is not a hoax, neither is it random nor accidental. Changes are targeted, adaptive, and aware. You'll discover: How organisms re-engineer their genetic*

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*destiny in real time  
Amazing systems living  
things use to re-design  
themselves Every cell is  
armed with machinery for  
editing its own DNA The  
five amazing tools*

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*organisms use to alter their genetics 70 years of scientific discoveries—of which the public has heard virtually nothing! Perry Marshall approached evolution with skepticism*



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*for religious reasons. As an engineer, he rejected the concept of organisms randomly evolving. But an epiphany—that DNA is code, much like data in our digital age—sparked a*

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*10-year journey of in-depth research into more than 70 years of under-reported evolutionary science. This led to a new understanding of evolution—an evolution 2.0*

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*that not only furthers technology and medicine, but fuels our sense of wonder at life itself. This book will open your eyes and transform your thinking about evolution*

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*and God. You'll gain a deeper appreciation for our place in the universe. You'll see the world around you as you've never seen it before. Evolution 2.0 pinpoints the central*

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*mystery of biology,  
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first person who can solve  
it.*

*We're all hypocrites. Why?*

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*Hypocrisy is the natural state of the human mind. Robert Kurzban shows us that the key to understanding our behavioral inconsistencies lies in understanding the*

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*mind's design. The human mind consists of many specialized units designed by the process of evolution by natural selection. While these modules sometimes work*

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*together seamlessly, they don't always, resulting in impossibly contradictory beliefs, vacillations between patience and impulsiveness, violations of our supposed moral*



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*principles, and  
overinflated views of  
ourselves. This modular,  
evolutionary psychological  
view of the mind  
undermines deeply held  
intuitions about*

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*ourselves, as well as a range of scientific theories that require a "self" with consistent beliefs and preferences. Modularity suggests that there is no "I." Instead,*

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*each of us is a contentious "we"--a collection of discrete but interacting systems whose constant conflicts shape our interactions with one another and our experience*

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*of the world. In clear language, full of wit and rich in examples, Kurzban explains the roots and implications of our inconsistent minds, and why it is perfectly*

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*natural to believe that everyone else is a hypocrite.*

*Dr. Miklos Nyiszli, an imprisoned doctor in the Auschwitz camp, wrote that Nazi doctors hoped*

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*studying twins would solve the problem of faster reproduction of superior races. Nazis hoped to have each German mother bear as many twins as possible.*What Darwin

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*influenced went far beyond  
the Nazi death camps:  
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legacies of Darwin and his  
family Disturbing  
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*million Christians were killed in the 20th century because of their faith Revealing and layman-friendly presentation. This book is the result of 30 years of research and*



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*study carefully  
documenting the common  
destructive threads that  
tie some of history's most  
murderous dictators,  
uncaring capitalists, and  
aggressive social*

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*activists to the flawed concepts of Charles Darwin in an effort to change the world – and how they succeeded. The extermination of races considered “lower” than*

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*others, the profound lack of empathy for less-advanced cultures, the corrupted atheistic justifications for taking the lives of millions – all done to advance the*

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*agendas of social Darwinism at work in the world today. More than mere theoretical discussions, we have seen the horrifying evidence of the practical results when*

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*applying these destructive and misleading concepts to society in the last 100 years!*

*Its Influence on Nazism, Eugenics, Racism, Communism, Capitalism &*

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*Climbing Mount Improbable*

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*Thought You Knew  
Science or Myth? Why Much  
of What We Teach About  
Evolution Is Wrong  
The Darwin Effect  
A biologist and an anthropologist  
use evolutionary biology to explain*

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***the causes and inform the prevention of rape. In this controversial book, Randy Thornhill and Craig Palmer use evolutionary biology to explain the causes of rape and to recommend new approaches to its prevention. According to Thornhill and Palmer,***



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***evolved adaptation of some sort gives rise to rape; the main evolutionary question is whether rape is an adaptation itself or a by-product of other adaptations. Regardless of the answer, Thornhill and Palmer note, rape circumvents a central feature of women's***

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***reproductive strategy: mate choice. This is a primary reason why rape is devastating to its victims, especially young women. Thornhill and Palmer address, and claim to demolish scientifically, many myths about rape bred by social science theory over the past twenty-five***

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***years. The popular contention that rapists are not motivated by sexual desire is, they argue, scientifically inaccurate. Although they argue that rape is biological, Thornhill and Palmer do not view it as inevitable. Their recommendations for rape prevention include teaching young***

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***males not to rape, punishing rape more severely, and studying the effectiveness of "chemical castration." They also recommend that young women consider the biological causes of rape when making decisions about dress, appearance, and social activities.***

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***Rape could cease to exist, they argue, only in a society knowledgeable about its evolutionary causes. The book includes a useful summary of evolutionary theory and a comparison of evolutionary biology's and social science's***

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***explanations of human behavior. The authors argue for the greater explanatory power and practical usefulness of evolutionary biology. The book is sure to stir up discussion both on the specific topic of rape and on the larger issues of how we understand and***

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***influence human behavior.***

***What Darwin Got Wrong is a remarkable book, one that dares to challenge the theory of natural selection as an explanation for how evolution works---a devastating critique not in the name of religion but in the name of good science.***

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***Combining the results of cutting-edge work in experimental biology with crystal-clear philosophical arguments, Fodor and Piattelli-Palmarini mount a reasoned and convincing assault on the central tenets of Darwin's account of the origin of species. This is a concise***



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***argument that will transform the debate about evolution and move us beyond the false dilemma of being either for natural selection or against science.***

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***powerfully compelling, these letters and records reveal a disturbing and unpleasant course in trying to prove his pre-existing conclusions. Look beyond the public facade to the deeply troubling man within. A brilliant book celebrating improbability as the engine that***

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***drives life, by the acclaimed author of The Selfish Gene and The Blind Watchmaker. The human eye is so complex and works so precisely that surely, one might believe, its current shape and function must be the product of design. How could such an intricate object have come***

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***about by chance? Tackling this subject—in writing that the New York Times called "a masterpiece"—Richard Dawkins builds a carefully reasoned and lovingly illustrated argument for evolutionary adaptation as the mechanism for life on earth. The***

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***metaphor of Mount Improbable represents the combination of perfection and improbability that is epitomized in the seemingly "designed" complexity of living things. Dawkins skillfully guides the reader on a breathtaking journey through the mountain's passes and***

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***up its many peaks to demonstrate that following the improbable path to perfection takes time. Evocative illustrations accompany Dawkins's eloquent descriptions of extraordinary adaptations such as the teeming populations of figs, the intricate silken world of spiders,***

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***and the evolution of wings on the bodies of flightless animals. And through it all runs the thread of DNA, the molecule of life, responsible for its own destiny on an unending pilgrimage through time. Climbing Mount Improbable is a book of great impact and skill,***

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*written by the most prominent Darwinian of our age.*

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*The Biochemical Challenge to*



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***Evolution***

***The Edge of Evolution***

***Farewell to Darwinian Evolution***

***What Darwin's Descent of Man Got Right and Wrong about Human Evolution***

***Darwin's Dangerous Idea***

Imagined correspondence of the author

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with Charles Darwin.

Everything you were taught about evolution is wrong.

Jerry Fodor and Massimo Piatelli-Palmarini, a distinguished philosopher and scientist working in tandem, reveal major flaws at the heart of Darwinian evolutionary theory.

They do not deny Darwin's status as an

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outstanding scientist but question the inferences he drew from his observations. Combining the results of cutting-edge work in experimental biology with crystal-clear philosophical argument they mount a devastating critique of the central tenets of Darwin's account of the origin of species. The logic underlying natural selection is the

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survival of the fittest under changing environmental pressure. This logic, they argue, is mistaken. They back up the claim with evidence of what actually happens in nature. This is a rare achievement – the short book that is likely to make a great deal of difference to a very large subject. What Darwin Got Wrong will be controversial.

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The authors' arguments will reverberate through the scientific world. At the very least they will transform the debate about evolution.

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Dear Mr. Darwin

The Dark Side of Charles Darwin

**Farewell to Darwinian Evolution affirms the views of honest scientists and philosophers, such as atheists Jerry Fodor and Massimo Piattelli-Palmarini,**

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who in their book, *What Darwin Got Wrong* (New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2010), insist on something is critically wrong with Darwin's theory of evolution by natural selection. Farewell to Darwinian



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Evolution lends support to members of credible scientific organizations and magazines, such as the New Scientists, who chose integrity over conformity and declared on the front page of its 24-30 January

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2009 issue that "Darwin Was Wrong [:] Cutting Down the Tree of Life." Leading evolutionists have consistently dismissed any opposition to Darwinian evolution, which was built on analogy rather than

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experiments. The Darwinian theory of evolution contends that new species are formed gradually by random variation and through competition. Empirical evidence shows the opposite; that is, new species are

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formed rapidly with intent and through cooperation. Darwinism and anti-Darwinism cannot be both rights. Because empirical science is neutral, the only correct resolution is to bid farewell to Darwinism. There

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was no common ancestor, and there are no missing links. Honest scientists will also professionally and comfortably bid farewell to natural selection as a designing agency. Thus, the truth about humanity's

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origin cannot be obtained through theoretical studies of our surroundings. If nature, which obeys laws, is not the creator, who is? The appropriate question is, "are we here by chance, or do we belong to an agent who

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is supposed to inform us about our origin and purpose in life?" In light of this question, John Rennie, chief editor of Scientific American, in his July 2002 article, wrote: "If super-intelligent aliens appeared

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and claimed credit for creating life on Earth (or even particular species), the purely evolutionary explanation would be cast in doubt. But no one has yet produced such evidence." Rennie was right in his



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request for a claimant, but he was wrong in his conclusion that no one has come forward to claim ownership. Farewell to Darwinian Evolution provides details of God's patent and seal of ownership of the

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world.

After decades studying creatures great and small, evolutionary biologist David Sloan Wilson had an epiphany: Darwin's theory won't fully prove itself until it improves the

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quality of human life in a practical sense. And what better place to begin than his hometown of Binghamton, New York? Making a difference in his own city would provide a model for cities everywhere, which

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have become the habitat for over half of the people on earth. Inspired to become an agent of change, Wilson descended on Binghamton with a scientist's eye and looked at its toughest questions, such as how to empower

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neighborhoods and how best to teach our children. He combined the latest research methods from experimental economics with studies of holiday decorations and garage sales. Drawing upon examples from nature as

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diverse as water striders, wasps, and crows, Wilson's scientific odyssey took him around the world, from a cave in southern Africa that preserved the dawn of human culture to the Vatican in Rome. Along the way, he

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spoke with dozens of fellow scientists, whose stories he relates along with his own. Wilson's remarkable findings help us to understand how we must become wise managers of evolutionary processes to accomplish positive change

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at all scales, from effective therapies for individuals, to empowering neighborhoods, to regulating the worldwide economy. With an ambitious scope that spans biology, sociology, religion, and economics, The



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Neighborhood Project is a memoir, a practical handbook for improving the quality of life, and an exploration of the big questions long pondered by religious sages, philosophers, and storytellers. Approaching

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the same questions from an evolutionary perspective shows, as never before, how places define us.

In this New York Times bestseller and longlist nominee for the National Book Award, “our greatest

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living chronicler of the natural world" (The New York Times), David Quammen explains how recent discoveries in molecular biology affect our understanding of evolution and life's history. In the

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mid-1970s, scientists began using DNA sequences to reexamine the history of all life. Perhaps the most startling discovery to come out of this new field—the study of life's diversity and relatedness at the

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molecular level—is horizontal gene transfer (HGT), or the movement of genes across species lines. It turns out that HGT has been widespread and important; we now know that roughly eight percent of the

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human genome arrived sideways by viral infection—a type of HGT. In *The Tangled Tree*, “the grandest tale in biology...David Quammen presents the science—and the scientists involved—with

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patience, candor, and flair” (Nature). We learn about the major players, such as Carl Woese, the most important little-known biologist of the twentieth century; Lynn Margulis, the notorious maverick whose wild ideas

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about “mosaic” creatures proved to be true; and Tsutomu Wantanabe, who discovered that the scourge of antibiotic-resistant bacteria is a direct result of horizontal gene transfer, bringing the deep study of



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genome histories to bear on a global crisis in public health. “David Quammen proves to be an immensely well-informed guide to a complex story” (The Wall Street Journal). In *The Tangled Tree*, he explains

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how molecular studies of evolution have brought startling recognitions about the tangled tree of life—including where we humans fit upon it. Thanks to new technologies, we now have the ability to alter

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even our genetic composition—through sideways insertions, as nature has long been doing. “The Tangled Tree is a source of wonder...Quammen has written a deep and daring intellectual adventure” (The

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Boston Globe) .

How did life evolve on Earth? The answer to this question can help us understand our past and prepare for our future. Although evolution provides credible and reliable

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answers, polls show that many people turn away from science, seeking other explanations with which they are more comfortable. In the book *Science, Evolution, and Creationism*, a group of experts assembled by the

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National Academy of Sciences and the Institute of Medicine explain the fundamental methods of science, document the overwhelming evidence in support of biological evolution, and evaluate the

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alternative perspectives offered by advocates of various kinds of creationism, including "intelligent design." The book explores the many fascinating inquiries being pursued that put the science

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of evolution to work in preventing and treating human disease, developing new agricultural products, and fostering industrial innovations. The book also presents the scientific and legal reasons for not



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teaching creationist ideas in public school science classes. Mindful of school board battles and recent court decisions, *Science, Evolution, and Creationism* shows that science and religion should be viewed as

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different ways of understanding the world rather than as frameworks that are in conflict with each other and that the evidence for evolution can be fully compatible with religious faith. For

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educators, students, teachers, community leaders, legislators, policy makers, and parents who seek to understand the basis of evolutionary science, this publication will be an essential resource.

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## Concepts

The modern materialist approach to life has conspicuously failed to explain such central mind-related features of our world as consciousness,

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intentionality, meaning, and value. This failure to account for something so integral to nature as mind, argues philosopher Thomas Nagel, is a major problem, threatening to unravel the

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entire naturalistic world picture, extending to biology, evolutionary theory, and cosmology. Since minds are features of biological systems that have developed through evolution, the

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standard materialist version of evolutionary biology is fundamentally incomplete. And the cosmological history that led to the origin of life and the coming into existence of the conditions



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for evolution cannot be a merely materialist history, either. An adequate conception of nature would have to explain the appearance in the universe of materially irreducible

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conscious minds, as such. Nagel's skepticism is not based on religious belief or on a belief in any definite alternative. In *Mind and Cosmos*, he does suggest that if the materialist

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account is wrong, then principles of a different kind may also be at work in the history of nature, principles of the growth of order that are in their logical form teleological rather than

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mechanistic. In spite of the great achievements of the physical sciences, reductive materialism is a world view ripe for displacement. Nagel shows that to recognize its limits is the first step in

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looking for alternatives, or at least in being open to their possibility.

Cynthia Crysdale and Neil Ormerod here present a robust theology of God in light of supposed tensions

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between Christian belief and evolutionary science. Those who pit faith in an almighty and unchanging God over against a world in which chance is operative have it wrong on several accounts,

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they insist. Creator God, Evolving World clarifies a number of confused assumptions in an effort to redeem chance as an intelligible force interacting with stable patterns in

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nature. A proper conception of probabilities and regularities in the world's unfolding reveals neither random chaos nor a predetermined blueprint but a view of the universe as the



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fruit of both chance and necessity. By clarifying terms often used imprecisely in both scientific and theological discourse, the authors make the case that the role of chance in

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evolution neither mitigates God's radical otherness from creation nor challenges the efficacy of God's providence in the world.

Jerry Fodor presents a strikingly original theory of

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the basic constituents of thought, asserting the theory of concepts lies at the heart of cognitive science, and advocating that future work on human cognition should build upon new

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foundations.

For all the discussion in the media about creationism and 'Intelligent Design', virtually nothing has been said about the evidence in question - the evidence for

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evolution by natural selection. Yet, as this succinct and important book shows, that evidence is vast, varied, and magnificent, and drawn from many disparate fields of science. The very

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latest research is uncovering a stream of evidence revealing evolution in action - from the actual observation of a species splitting into two, to new fossil discoveries, to the

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deciphering of the evidence stored in our genome. Why Evolution is True weaves together the many threads of modern work in genetics, palaeontology, geology, molecular biology, anatomy,

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and development to demonstrate the 'indelible stamp' of the processes first proposed by Darwin. It is a crisp, lucid, and accessible statement that will leave no one with an open mind in



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any doubt about the truth of evolution.

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Group Selection

***This book, first published in 2000, adopts a balanced perspective on the subject to offer a serious examination of both Darwinism and***

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***Christianity. He covers a wide range of topics, from the Scopes Monkey Trial to claims about the religious significance of extraterrestrials. He deals with major figures***

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***in the current science/religion debate and considers in detail the claims of the new creationism, revealing some surprising parallels between Darwinian***

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***materialists and traditional thinkers such as St. Augustine. Michael Ruse argues that, although it is at times difficult for a Darwinian to embrace Christian belief, it is by***

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***no means inconceivable. At the same time he suggests ways in which a Christian believer should have no difficulty accepting evolution in general, and Darwinism in particular.***

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*This book takes a look at the rivalry in science today surrounding attempts to discover the elusive process of evolution. In one camp are the faithful followers of the long-*



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*standing theory of natural selection promulgated by Charles Darwin more than 150 years ago. This "survival of the fittest" theory, according to author Suzan Mazur, is no*

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***longer the scientific cornerstone of biology and has been challenged for decades. In the other camp are those challengers who want to steer evolutionary science in a more honest,***

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***scientifically accurate direction. However, the Darwinian theory has become a political powerhouse brand that is hard to unseat because of the money and power***

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*associated with it. The Altenberg 16 is about a group of evolution scientists who met in 2008 in Austria to discuss and attempt to tell the truth about this "brand." Will*

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***they and their findings help rid us of the natural selection "survival of the fittest" mentality that has plagued civilization for a century and a half, now that the cat is out of***

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***the bag that natural selection is largely a political brand? It's almost guaranteed that debate and contention will continue into the foreseeable future. Some***

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*of the biggest names in evolutionary science and related fields are profiled or interviewed by Mazur. They include Richard Lewontin (Harvard University), Robert Hazen*

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***(Carnegie Institution),  
Richard Dawkins  
(bestselling author),  
Stuart Newman (New York  
Medical College), Lynn  
Margulis (University of  
Massachusetts and Oxford***



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***University), Noam Chomsky (MIT), and many others from around the world. From the introduction: "Evolutionary science is as much about the posturing, salesmanship,***

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***stonewalling and bullying that goes on as it is about actual scientific theory. It is a social discourse involving hypotheses of staggering complexity with***

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***scientists, recipients of the biggest grants of any intellectuals, assuming the power of politicians while engaged in Animal House pie-throwing and name-calling: 'ham-***

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***fisted', 'looney Marxist hangover', 'secular creationist', 'philosopher' (a scientist who can't get grants anymore), 'quack', 'crackpot'. . . "In short,***

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*it's a modern day quest for the holy grail, but with few knights. At a time that calls for scientific vision, scientific inquiry's been hijacked by an industry of*

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*greed, with evolution books hyped like snake oil at a carnival."*

*Jerry Fodor argues against the widely held view that mental processes are largely computations, that*

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***the architecture of cognition is massively modular, and that the explanation of our innate mental structure is basically Darwinian. An introduction to***

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***catastrophe theory, a mathematical theory which deals with those changes which occur abruptly rather than smoothly. Includes many applications to illustrate the***



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*different ways in which  
catastrophe can be used in  
life, physical and social  
sciences.*

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whose functions are only now being understood. The gene's eye view of life, advocated by evolutionary biology, sees living bodies as mere vehicles for the

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replication of the genetic codes. But for a physiologist, working with the living organism, the view is a very different one.

Denis Noble is a world

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and sets out an  
alternative view to the  
question - one that  
becomes deeply  
significant in terms of  
the living, breathing

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organism. The genome is not life itself. Noble argues that far from genes building organisms, they should be seen as prisoners of the organism. The view

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of life presented in this little, modern, post-genome project reflection on the nature of life, is that of the systems biologist: to understand what life is,



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we must view it at a variety of different levels, all interacting with each other in a complex web. It is that emergent web, full of feedback between levels,

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musical metaphors, and elements of linguistics and Chinese culture, this very personal and at times deeply lyrical book sets out the systems biology view of

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life.

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branch on the tree of life: which species thrive, which wither away to extinction, and what features each evolves. But can adaptation by natural

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selection really account for everything we see in nature? Yale University ornithologist Richard Prum—reviving Darwin's own views—thinks not. Deep in tropical jungles



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around the world are birds with a dizzying array of appearances and mating displays: Club-winged Manakins who sing with their wings, Great Argus Pheasants who

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dazzle prospective mates with a four-foot-wide cone of feathers covered in golden 3D spheres, Red-capped Manakins who moonwalk. In thirty years of fieldwork, Prum

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has seen numerous display traits that seem disconnected from, if not outright contrary to, selection for individual survival. To explain this, he dusts

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off Darwin's long-neglected theory of sexual selection in which the act of choosing a mate for purely aesthetic reasons—for the mere

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pleasure of it—is an independent engine of evolutionary change. Mate choice can drive ornamental traits from the constraints of adaptive evolution,

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allowing them to grow ever more elaborate. It also sets the stakes for sexual conflict, in which the sexual autonomy of the female evolves in response to

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beautifully written,  
deeply erudite portrait,  
Wilson argues that  
Darwin was not an  
original scientific  
thinker, but a ruthless  
and determined self-

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promoter who did not credit the many great sages whose ideas he advanced in his book. Furthermore, Wilson contends that religion and Darwinism have much

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more in common than it would seem, for the acceptance of Darwin's theory involves a pretty significant leap of faith. Armed with an extraordinary breadth of

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knowledge, Wilson explores how Darwin and his theory were very much a product of their place and time. The "Survival of the Fittest" was really the



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Survival of Middle Class families like the Darwins—members of a relatively new economic strata who benefited from the rising Industrial Revolution at

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the expense of the working classes. Following Darwin's theory, the wretched state of the poor was an outcome of nature, not the greed and neglect of

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the moneyed classes. In a paradigm-shifting conclusion, Wilson suggests that it remains to be seen, as this class dies out, whether the Darwinian idea will

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related, highlighting his concern in finding alternatives to holistic accounts of mental content. Fodor's philosophical essays develop an informational

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view of semantics that offers the possibility of atomism about meaning; his psychological essays present a modular view of cognitive

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architecture that offers the possibility of atomism about perception. These ideas, he points out, are joined in epistemology in way that the books

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last essay begins to explore. Taken together, the essays represent Fodor's lively attempt to knock the underpinnings from the currently popular

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relativism to show that the arguments for semantic and psychological holism are insubstantial and that important alternatives exist to be explored.

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*variations between the sexes and races. Thus, A Most Interesting Problem is not so much a celebration of Darwin as it is a tribute to how science works, how scientific ideas are tested, and the role of evidence in helping structure*

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*narratives of human origins. The reader is left with a view of how far we have come in our quest for understanding human origins, biological variation, behavior, and evolution"--*

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***well-known philosophers and cognitive scientists, including John McDowell, Christopher Peacocke, Paul Churchland, Daniel Dennett, Paul Smolensky, and Richard Dawkins. Several of these essays are published here***

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***for the first time. The rest originated as book reviews in the Times Literary Supplement, the London Review of Books, or in journals of philosophy or psychology. The topics examined include cognitive***



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