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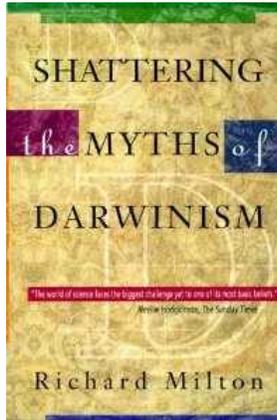
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Review

"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)

"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)

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Biography

Richard Milton is a writer, journalist and broadcaster on a wide range of subjects. He currently freelances for The Daily Telegraph and other papers. He is the author of six books including "Bad Company", which The Sunday Times made its Business Book of the Week, and which sets out to explain why large corporations sometimes behave in self-defeating and even insane ways. His controversial "Alternative Science" examines how and why good science is sometimes thrown out with the bad.

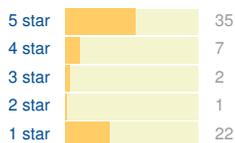
His novel "Dead Secret" is a mind-blowing paranormal thriller. His latest non-fiction title "Best of Enemies" looks at Anglo-German relations through two world wars and charts the origins of modern propaganda.

His controversial "Shattering the myths of Darwinism" has caused some members of the scientific establishment to start chewing the carpet and foaming at the mouth, by daring to demand real empirical evidence in support of their Darwinian beliefs, in place of conjecture and pseudoscience.

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By Karl

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Contrary to earlier reviewer who apparently doesn't understand that 'Natural Selection' is a SECONDARY process which does not *cause* or facilitate evolution but merely conserves or destroys the fruits of the core mutation process, THIS IS A GREAT BOOK.

Milton has worked for more than two decades as a writer for solid, mainstream scientific publications such as New Scientist. Does anyone 'seriously' believe that he is some kind of creationist 'sleeper'? I suspect that in their heart of hearts even his most trenchant opponents do not, though I note that evolutionists, broad minded rationalists that they are, have a remarkable inability to think outside of a strict "Them" and "Us" scenario.

Anyway, what Milton has provided in this book is simply a well-laid out description of the many 'facts' that conventional evolutionary theory seems unable to deal with and which therefore tend to get swept under the proverbial carpet.

Milton DOES NOT support creationism, he doesn't even discount evolution as a scientific reality - he merely asks WHY the self-styled Darwinists and neo-Darwinists don't stop mouthing off at anyone who disagrees with them and start finding some answers to these unanswered questions. Alternatively, if Darwinism, in all its variations, CANNOT provide the answers, for goodness' sake let's move on and find a bigger and better theory.

Trouble is, of course, most academics owe their comfy positions to having toed the party line. How on earth do they admit they've got it at least partly wrong for so long without looking like total wallys?

Milton's only crime - if crime it is - has been to pull some highly inconvenient skeleton's out of rather a lot of closets. If you really want a reliable measure of the value of this book, check out its detractors. And see how many of them offer genuine scientific criticism, and how many do little but descend into childish name calling.

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By A Customer

Format: Hardcover

Based on the one star reviews of this book I expected a "creationist rehash." As a biologist trained in animal behavior I read nothing of the kind. Milton's arguments are clear and well argued; he is at his best at demonstrating the circular and nonexplanatory arguments used to keep neo-Darwinian "theory" viable. A previous negative review tells the reader to go and read a book on Darwin's finches--Milton devotes a full chapter to the arguments for "speciation" taken from the finch research. The finches of the different islands mate with one another and are not geographically isolated from one another--while their beaks may differ in size and shape the finches are no more separate species than a poodle is a separate species from a bull dog. Variation within a species does not prove neo-Darwinism as "the origin of the species." To the potential reader and Mr. Milton (if he reads these reviews), I would urge a review of the most recent research of Hall on the specificity of adaptive mutagenesis and a reading of Ted Steels's new book "Lamarck's Signature" on retrogenes. Both lines of research are mentioned briefly by Milton--I believe a third edition incorporating these new theories and findings is needed. Milton looks like a young man--I hope he keeps up the search for truth in evolutionary biology gives us a new edition of this important work.

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By Dr. S. Chumbley (chumbley@iastate.edu)

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After reading the reviews and then this book, I can't help but wonder - did the people who only gave this book one star read the same book I did? Milton is clearly not a creationist, all his arguments are based on documented scientific evidence. He does not even refer to evidence presented by many creationists, as valid as that evidence may be. The only conclusion I can reach is that the "one-star" crowd are the same people that Milton contends have accepted Darwin as their God and evolution as their faith, one they must fight to protect despite all evidence to the contrary. This was a great book!

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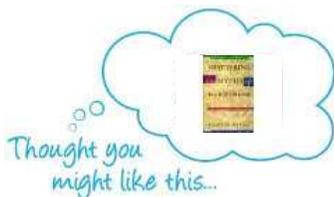
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