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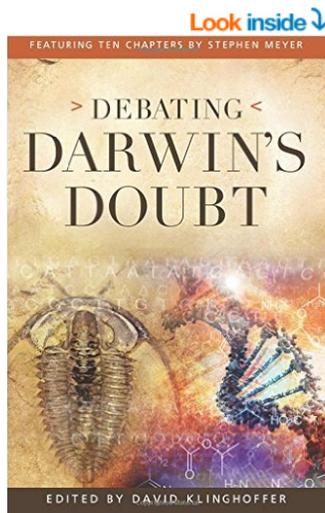
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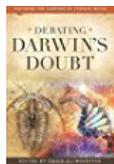
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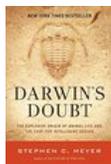
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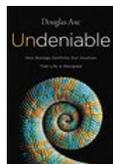
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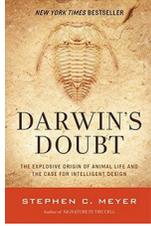
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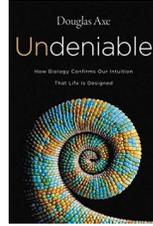
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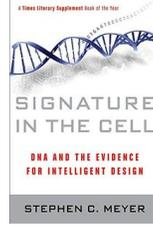
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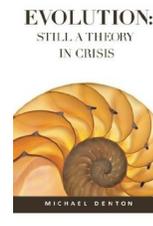
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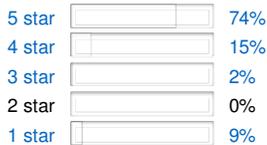


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The essays in this book were not only well reasoned, but in some instances quite funny. I particularly recommend David Berlinski's contribution.

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This book is organized around nine sections comprising a total of 44 chapters, with each section addressing a category of criticism or a major critic of Stephan Meyer's "Darwin's Doubt". It is composed by seven contributors, each with a different perspective and writing style.

From the book's introduction "...Yes, of course many unserious thinkers too have joined the 'mob' arrayed against Meyer's book." (you can see some good examples of this from the one star reviews--the well-practiced authors of which seem to have made a career of hurling disgustingly uncivil snarks at all things not attesting to the by now thoroughly discredited Darwinian fallacy)

A full section deals with the review of one Nick Matzke, who published his error-riddled, Ayala'd critique--after obviously having never read the book--and which review curiously provided a feeding frenzy of material for Jerry Coyne and many other Darwinist denouncers of Meyer's otherwise highly acclaimed and respected work.

I especially enjoyed the skillful and artfully engrossing way in which David Berlinski completely dismantled Matzke's absurd main argument regarding the use of cladistics as constituting the main proof for intermediates to the Cambrian phyla. (Matzke uses a conjectural formation to prove a discredited theory)

The chapters by Douglas Axe and Ann Gauger were in various places too technical for a non-specialist like me to fully digest and appreciate, although the part about their work involving protein evolution was fascinating.

The only reviewer that makes an attempt at honestly grappling with the points made by Stephan Meyer in "Darwin's Doubt" is Berkeley's Dr. Charles Marshall, in response to whom Meyer devotes one full section consisting of several chapters of rebuttal. Throughout the book, Dr. Marshall is given credit for at least actually addressing Meyer's main points (almost all other reviewers did not do this), for not mis-quoting or misrepresenting him (almost all other reviewers did do this), and for giving those points serious attention.

Casey Luskin's analysis of the psychotically hysterical to the point of ridiculous Dr. Donald Prothero was entertaining. After Prothero's farcically spasmodic review posted on Amazon, whom Luskin methodically, calmly and very convincingly deconstructs piece by piece, I would be surprised if any untouched person who actually had read Stephan Meyer's book would not experience some degree of trepidation at the prospect of engaging with the good doctor, at least outside of an LSD trip or schizo-therapy session.

About the statement made at the beginning of section VII--I hope those guys at AAAS are not overseeing the nation's nuclear power facilities.

William Dembski's chapter on the conservation of information, showing the impossibility of the Darwinian mechanism to account for the generation of new information, was worth the price of the book alone and prompted me to spend hours reading more from him. This is important, because:

"As Meyer explains in Darwin's Doubt, building new forms of animal life requires massive amounts of new biological information in the form of myriads of new genes, non-coding DNA regulatory elements, gene regulatory networks, and epigenetic information. He shows, for several separate reasons, that the neo-Darwinian mechanism lacks the creative capacity necessary to generate these various forms

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of information. For example, Meyer shows that functional genes and proteins are exceedingly rare within sequence space. And, for this reason, he argues that a random mutational search will be overwhelmingly more likely to fail, than to succeed, in generating EVEN A SINGLE NEW GENE OR PROTEIN DURING THE ENTIRE HISTORY OF LIFE ON EARTH. Similarly, he shows that mutations in DNA alone cannot produce the epigenetic ("beyond the gene") information necessary to build new animal body plans....Modern molecular biology has revealed that building animal body plans requires vast infusions of new functional genetic information (stored in a digital form). Modern developmental biology has shown the need for networks of genes and gene products that function as integrated control systems or circuits. Developmental biology has also revealed the importance of other sources of "epigenetic" information for building animal form and, consequently, the existence of a hierarchically organized information processing system at work in animal development. Yet, we know of one, and only one, type of cause capable of producing these necessary conditions of building animal form. In our experience, digital information, integrated control systems (and circuitry) and hierarchically organized information processing systems invariably arise from intelligent causes--from conscious and rational activity. So why not consider the possibility that such a cause played a role in the origin of animal life?"

I'd like to read Dembski's "Being as Communion" too, but will have to wait until I have time to obtain Ph.D.'s in theoretical mathematics and quantum physics. By the way, initially I thought "the search for the search" was a reference to what the Darwinists are up to :0)

Section eight actually presents an issue that really confuses me, and apparently Stephan Meyer as well--the resistance of theistic evolutionary scientists at Francis Collin's BioLogos site to the idea of Intelligent Design. I mean, they claim to be Christians and believe that the Christian God is responsible for the existence of the universe, our earth and all life. As Stephan Meyer puts it:

"Why not consider the possibility that systems at work in animal development bear witness to the designing agent that BioLogos scientists believe to be a reality? Despite his recognition of the depth of the conceptual problems confronting contemporary evolutionary theory, [BioLogos scientist] Darrel does not seem open to this possibility. My question is simply: Why not?"

As an aside (but I think it fits):

The ENCODE project has definitely established that 80 percent of the human genome is biochemically functional--with 100 percent functionality being a near certitude--completely overturning the false concept of junk DNA.(some researchers have likened this 'junk' to an astonishingly sophisticated systems management architecture; similar to the operating system of a computer)

Fearing the demise of a long cherished argument, evolutionists immediately retaliated in their customary style--through uncivil attack against the messengers. Even the world's top two scientific journals--SCIENCE and NATURE--commented on the "anger", "rudeness", "intemperate griping", and "vitriolic hyperbole and mockery" commonly displayed by ENCODE's critics (science denying Darwinists).

Nothing new here.

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To "Charley Horse" and "Paul Burnett"....your negative review is going to be a lot more convincing if you actually read the book, and then illustrate the points you make against it with quotes and page numbers.

Having read the book, and then your reviews, I cannot believe that you bothered to read Debating Darwin's Doubt.

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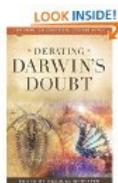
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It is natural for one to resist threats to his conceptual framework, especially when long and closely held. Some have invested their lives in certain theories or sets of values and beliefs. But scientists, of all people, must force themselves to remain open to sound empirical evidence that may contradict their views. This requires a fearless as well as objective pursuit of truth. Therefore, it is especially unbecoming and unprofessional when scientists attack such fine works as Stephen Meyer's Darwin's Doubt with ugliness and even ignorance of the work. It gives science a black eye. I can appreciate lame arguments with more respect than this.

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