

## SOME BOOKS CRITICAL OF EVOLUTION<sup>1</sup>

### I. BOOKS BY NON-CHRISTIANS, ATHEISTS, ETC., DEBUNKING EVOLUTION.

None of the following titles are sympathetic to a theistic viewpoint, but they do point out multitudinous problems with current evolutionary theory.

- A. “Evolution: A Theory in Crisis.” Michael Denton (Australian molecular biologist). Adler & Adler: Bethesda, MD, 1985, 368pp. He takes evolution apart piece by piece until there is nothing left.
- B. “Darwin Retried: An Appeal to Reason.” Norman Macbeth (Harvard trained lawyer). Gambit: Ipswich, MA, 1971, 178pp. Brief logical examination of evolution’s logical problems from an older gentleman who saw problems much earlier than most others.
- C. “The Neck of The Giraffe, or Where Darwin Went Wrong.” Francis Hitching. Pan Books: London, 1982, 288pp. A popular treatment of some of evolution’s problems, written on the lay level.
- D. “Algeny: A New Word-A New World.” Jeremy Rifkin (director of the Foundation on Economic Trends). Penguin Books: New York, NY, 1983, 298pp. Contains a good chapter which succinctly highlights some of evolution’s major scientific problems, with some dynamite quotes by evolutionists who admit evolution doesn’t work.
- E. “Evolution from Space.” (The late) Fred Hoyle & Chandra Wickramasinghe (Hoyle was knighted in 1972 and was considered perhaps the leading astronomer in Great Britain at the time, while Wichramasinghe was professor & head of the Department of Applied Mathematics & Astronomy, University College, Cardiff). Paladin/Granada Publishing: London, 1981, 198pp. Hoyle was outspoken in his atheism, but both men agreed that life evolving by chance from a primordial “soup” is totally, absolutely impossible. Unfortunately their solution is really no solution at all: Life came from somewhere else-which just pushes the problem further back and doesn’t provide an answer. But they did demonstrate statistically/mathematically that life by chance is impossible.

### II. BOOKS BY AUTHORS WHO ARE NOT OUTSPOKENLY CREATIONIST BUT WHO BELIEVE THERE MUST BE A CREATOR or INTELLIGENCE BEHIND THE UNIVERSE, & THAT EVOLUTION HAS MAJOR PROBLEMS.

- A. “Darwin on Trial.” Phillip E. Johnson (A graduate of Harvard & the University of Chicago Law School, a former law clerk for Chief Justice Earl Warren of the United States Supreme Court, & a Professor of Law for nearly 3 decades at the University of California at Berkeley). InterVarsity Press: Downers Grove, IL, 1991, 195pp. Blockbuster book by a faculty member of one of the most liberal schools in America who destroys Darwinism in a calm, logical fashion.
- B. “Signs of Intelligence. Understanding Intelligent Design.” William A. Dembski & James M. Kushiner, editors. Baker Book House: Grand Rapids, MI, 2001, 224pp. Various essays from leaders in the recently emerged “Intelligent Design” movement.
- C. “Darwin’s Black Box – The Biochemical Challenge to Evolution.” Michael Behe (Professor of Biochemistry at Lehigh University). Touchstone/Simon & Schuster: New York, NY, 1996, 307pp. “...Behe...makes an overwhelming case against Darwin on the biochemical level. No one has done this before. It is an argument of great originality,

elegance, and intellectual power...No one can propose to defend Darwin without meeting the challenges set out in this superbly written and compelling book.”-David Berlinski.

- D. “Of Pandas and People-The Central Question of Biological Origins.” Percival Davis & Dean H. Kenyon. Charles Thaxton, academic editor. Houghton Publishing Company: Dallas, TX, 1993, 170pp. The first textbook published by a secular publisher, giving an alternative to the usual evolutionary scenario, with powerful scientific arguments against evolution.
- E. “Defeating Darwinism by Opening Minds.” Phillip E. Johnson. InterVarsity Press: Downers Grove, IL, 1997, 131pp. A brief, simple book for high school & college students, helping them to see some of the major logical fallacies of evolutionary theory.
- F. “Intelligent Design-The Bridge Between Science & Theology.” William Dembski. InterVarsity Press: Downers Grove, IL, 1999, 312pp. Another evolution-shattering book by an individual outside the conservative camp, who thus cannot be ignored or “pooh-poohed” by the scientific community. Dembski has a Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of Chicago and a Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Illinois at Chicago, so his academic credentials are unimpeachable.
- G. “Adam and Evolution-A Scientific Critique of Neo-Darwinism.” Michael Pitman (M.A. in classics from Oxford & a B.A. in science from the Open University. “While writing (this book)... he taught natural science in Cambridge... now an analyst/programmer for Philips Electronics). Baker Book House: Grand Rapids, MI, 1984, 268pp.
- H. “Objections Sustained: Subversive Essays on Evolution, Law & Culture.” Phillip E. Johnson. InterVarsity Press: Downers Grove, IL, 1998, 188pp. Excellent, brief essays on the above-mentioned topics. The first nine chapters deal specifically with various aspects of evolution and some of its main advocates, critiquing recent books that they have written, etc. Just reading over those essays will prove extremely enlightening and helpful, especially for anyone who has come only recently to the controversy and wishes to understand its philosophical underpinnings.
- I. “The Darwin Myth – The Life and Lies of Charles Darwin.” Benjamin Wiker, Ph.D. Regnery Publishing: Washington, D.C., 2009. Despite the title, this is a very fair and even-handed biography of Charles Darwin. It is full of excellent observations, revealing quotes by Darwin and others, etc. The bottom line: Darwin did *not* originate the theory of evolution. His grandfather the witty and well-heeled Erasmus Darwin did that. Charles was a third generation evolutionist whose one original contribution was the purported mechanism of natural selection. Perhaps even more surprising: he already possessed a devout belief in evolution *before* he ever sailed away on the HMS Beagle—thus putting to rest forever the mistaken but extremely popular belief that Darwin came to believe in evolution during and after his voyage, due to his discoveries at the Galapagos Islands, etc. In reality he was already committed to evolution, with its main attraction being that it eliminated the need for God. 196pp.
- J. “The Devil’s Delusion – Atheism and its Scientific Pretensions.” David Berlinski, Basic Books: New York, NY, 2009. Berlinski is a secular Jew who openly confesses such at the beginning of this book. However as a very highly credentialed and respected scientist he critiques atheistic theories of the origin of the universe, etc, mercilessly debunking and destroying them with hilarious wit and biting sarcasm. A very solid as well as entertaining read. 236pp.