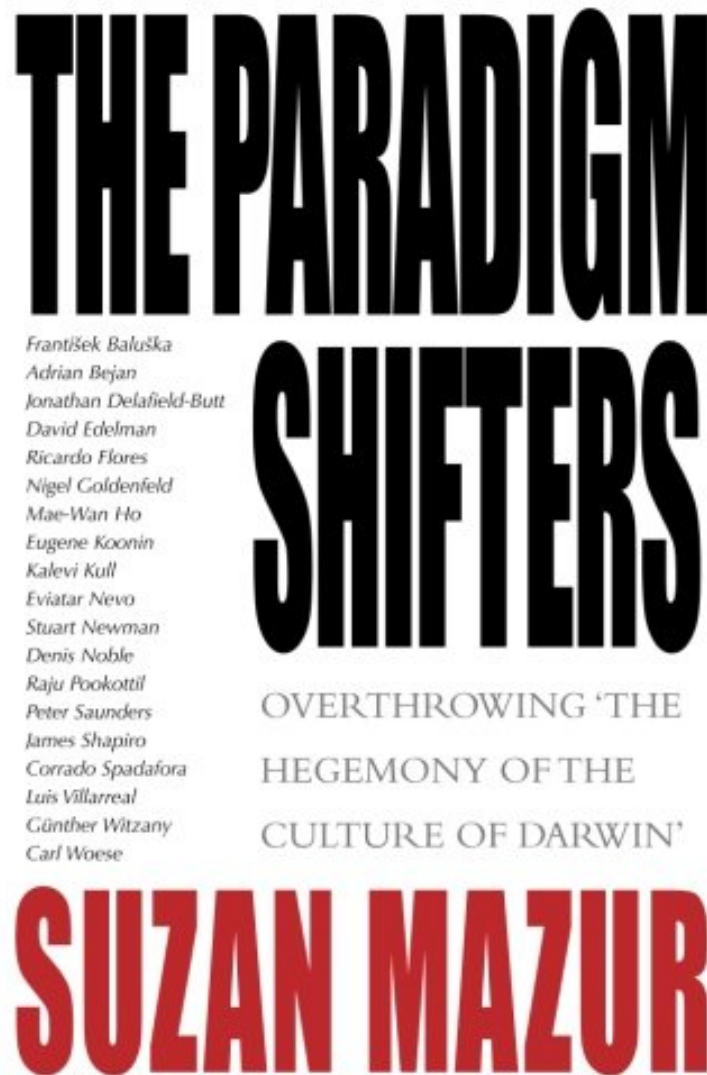


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book and effort. Suzan Mazur collected outstanding interviews with leading specialists on evolution. Many of them have been for decades ostracized and disparaged by "Neo-Darwinism = Modern Synthesis" that "advanced" Darwin discovery into a dogma. Darwin was, of course, unaware of microbes that ruled the Earth for 3B years and not even of "genes". Nature and science cannot function in dogma constrictions. The book is much needed although the battle against "Neo-Darwinist" dogma has largely been won - despite comfortable academic sinecures of its protagonists and despite totally ad hominem attacks and persecution by some of leading protagonists. I am not a molecular and genetic specialist but I was astonished by insults and epithets thrown at the great American scientist Lynn Margulis by Richard Dawkins puddle, Jerry Coyne, It will forever remain an example of modern quasi-religious Inquisition trying to suppress science progress. A highly recommended book. 7 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Easy Read Long-Overdue Summary of Third Way thinkers By Perry Marshall You don't have to be religious or a creationist or Intelligent Design advocate to recognize that the science of Darwinism fails to explain most or even much of what we see around us. Many people are frustrated with both sides, and Third Way is an alternative for those who still insist that evolutionary science must be held to testable, empirical standards. Many of us are tired of people fighting over philosophy and ideology while skipping the biggest untold story, which is the science of how organisms adapt in real time. You'll find much to underline in this book. The format of dozen-page interviews with 19 Third Way advocates underscores the diversity of experts within the movement, as well as their unanimity in agreeing that its time to send neo-Darwinism to the butcher shop. This book is also better organized than Altenberg 16, which I also recommend. Some of the gems I picked up here: I don't think there's a conscious deception going on. I describe it as a kind of schizophrenia. -James Shapiro Natural selection is used as a catch-all for a failure to identify what the mechanisms are. -Suzan Mazur The modern synthesis has got to be completely replaced, and unfortunately, those people who are very attached to neo-Darwinism won't look at the evidence. Cancer is a disease of communication. There is no inspiration with neo-Darwinism, it dulls the mind. I stay away from universities because I find them so decadent and dispirited. -Mae Won Ho I remember once seeing a talk describing how mice had gotten into a corn storage shed and they'd eaten the non-GM corn and ignored the GM corn completely. -Peter Saunders I do not like people saying that atheism is based on science, because it's not. It's an alien invasion of science. -Carl Woese Usually the way science proceeds is not by demolishing but by putting in its place something that's not organically related to it. -Nigel Goldenfield Life begins when a system starts to be a self-aware independent agent. It's dangerous to say we know everything when we know almost nothing. Any theory of evolution must take into consideration the communication between cells, sensory aspects, behavior and cognition. -Frantisek Baluska Cancer is the unscheduled reactivation of an embryonic mechanism in a normally differentiated cell. -Corrado Spadafora Without infection, no evolution. -David Edelman Anything with meaning is plural. Life is the inheritance of the capacity to search, interpret and choose. -Kalevi Kull Evolution is the basis of everything. -Eviatar Nevo Since the 1970s, Manfred Eigen has insisted that the genetic code is really a language, not just metaphorically, but a real language. One drop of seawater has one million bacteria but 10 times more viruses. -Gunther Witzany 15 of 20 people found the following review helpful. Darwinism on its death bed By John C. Landon This is a robust and very useful survey of some of the dissenters in motion as to the paradigm of Darwinism. Mazur interviews multiple scientists who have seen through the 'neo-darwinian' synthesis and pointed to some avenues beyond it. The riddle of the origin of life haunts the whole question and the intractable character of the problem means its solution is not necessarily a prerequisite to a change of paradigms. The real issue was always the failure of natural selection as a statistical argument in the implausibility of random evolution. Since this was pointed out in the fifties by Fred Hoyle we have to wonder at the delay in basic insight. The answer can only be the ideological hold of the inherently social Darwinist character of Darwinism, and the ability of elites to buttress the older theory by institutional rather than scientific means. Darwin's theory would have collapsed long ago based on the science. The ideologists are indifferent on this point and are still resisting the rising tide of insights exposing Darwinism. The question remains: is the theory of evolution purely a scientific question? The example of physics is misleading biologists because evolution breaks from the mould of mechanical thinking into teleological and value questions. (check out the reviewer's World History and The Eonic Effect: Civilization, Darwinism and Theories of Evolution:). There is thus a danger of incomplete paradigm shifts engineered by the same elites who have stalled the passage from Darwinism. This is an important book on the subject of evolution. Recommended reading

Major scientists from a dozen countries present evidence that a paradigm shift is underway or has already taken place, replacing neo-Darwinism (the standard model of evolution based on natural selection following the accumulation of random genetic mutations) with a vastly richer evolutionary synthesis than previously thought possible.

About the Author Suzan Mazur is the author of two previous books, *The Altenberg 16: An Expos of the Evolution Industry* and *The Origin of Life Circus: A How To Make Life Extravaganza*. Her reports have appeared in the *Financial Times*, *The Economist*, *Forbes*, *Newsday*, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *Archaeology*, *Astrobiology*, *Connoisseur*, *Omni*, *Huffington Post*, *Progressive*, *CounterPunch*, *Scoop Media* and other publications, as well as on PBS, CBC and

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