

***Darwin's Challenge Answered.*** By J. Jay Rigney. Tulsa, OK: Total Publishing & Media, 2017. 380 pages. Paperback, \$unknown.

Optometrist J. Jay Rigney, who has been practicing optometry in Owasso, Oklahoma, for decades, absolutely makes his point that Darwin's theory of evolution breaks down under the scrutiny provided by the intricacies of the human eye and that these same complex systems conclusively demonstrate exponential Interdependent Evidence of Creation [p. 170 and elsewhere throughout the book]. Rigney further astutely observes that Darwin himself acknowledges the necessity of workmen for a single telescope or any mechanical invention but does not acknowledge the need for an Intelligent Designer/Creator for life far more multifaceted. Rigney insightfully uses Darwin to refute Darwin throughout the book. And does so convincingly.

Dr. Rigney's apologetic strategy is extremely scientific, which is a strength for some readers but too much for most. It is questionable whether the pictures and illustrations actually bolster the persuasiveness of the argument or simply add to the undigestible minutiae that extends the length of the book.

The book suffers greatly from redundancy. Repetition can reinforce points, but too much of it distracts and may even make the argument appear so weak that it demands being repeated - again and again.

There are also too many typographical errors throughout the book that a spell check search would have discovered and corrected [i.e., deceived on p. 36; safeguards p. 315; aging p. 315]. There are also cases of occasional subject-verb disagreement [pp. 23, 41, 140, 142, 167, 168], too many split infinitives [pp. 14, 48, 75, 83, 165, 169...], and misuse of "it's" dozens of times [i.e., p. 44].

Misuse of semi-colons where commas or colons or noting would have been preferable dot the landscape, reminding that the author is highly trained and experienced in the sciences, not in literature and writing, as is further evidenced by punctuation issues throughout, like periods and commas outside quotation marks. The book would have been much stronger had an editor familiar with writing combed through it for the author. Endnotes also reflect an unfamiliarity with standard endnote procedures. Likewise, enumerated items found in the book would have been better presented as lists, not in paragraph form sequentially.

Lastly, Dr. Rigney's emphasis on thankfulness to God for body functionality is a welcome spiritual thrust in a very science-oriented book and his presentation of the gospel message and other biblical truths toward the end have stood the test of time and are still intact! But Methuselah lived to be 969 [see Gen. 5:27], not just 782 [p. 325]. Again, editorial assistance would have shortened the book by eliminating redundancy, caught mistakes, and would have made it far more readable and persuasive, and, therefore, accepted in wider circles. But nobody should question Dr. Rigney's heart, motivation, or optometric acumen, because his book answers Darwin's challenge, and, in my estimation, explodes the myth of Darwinian evolution.

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