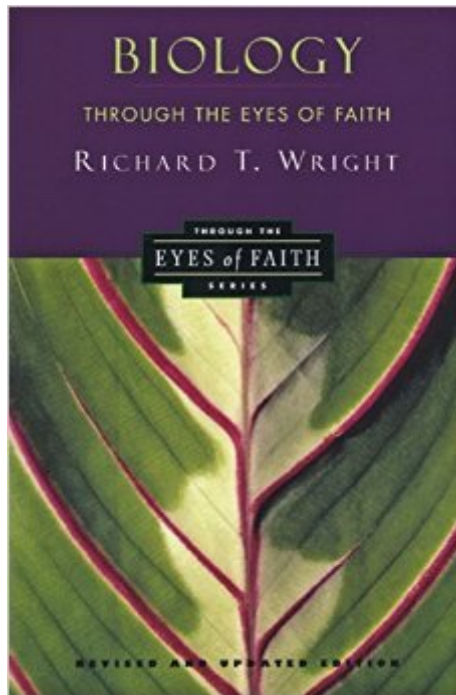


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Biology through the Eyes of Faith [BEoF] attempts to make the reader aware of the struggles that occur with someone who professes a Christian faith (primarily evangelical or fundamental [EC]) with the current understandings of biological sciences and the impact that these science have had in our world. While Wight attempts to be neutral in his approach, as with most people who are passionate with their field of expertise, his biases break through. The reader can sense how his striving for practicing of both good science and being honest to his faith can be accomplished. BEoF first

introduces the reader to passion that someone in biology has for his/her profession. Wright then addresses how this person integrates his/her EC faith structure into biology and where conflicts occur. He addresses the varied EC faith/science integration approaches and attempts to identify the strengths and weakness of each. BEoF discusses many of the areas in biology that the EC community struggles; such as origins, genetic engineering, stem-cell research and the environment to name a few. BEoF attempts to be fair yet truthful to both science and faith, but Wright's own struggles and biases show through. However, this honest approach to the struggles of faith/science integration help the reader to understand the complexity of the issues and makes them aware that there is not one view accepted within EC communities. Wright's attempt to address where these conflict occur is factual and brief. Here the book turns more philosophical that science oriented. But this is it's purpose; not to be the book on "Truth" or on "Biology", but to show that strongly faith-based individuals must and can address the issues of biology and faith.

I'll start by saying that, like several other reviewers, I was privileged to study under Dr. Wright at Gordon College a very long time ago (I graduated in 1970). Next I'll say that nothing in this book deviates from the testimony, both scientific and theological, of the Dr. Wright I knew back then. I majored in Chemistry and, although we didn't have formal "minors", I probably had the equivalent of a minor in Biology. My wife and I read in the car (well, she reads out loud while I'm driving), and this was one of our "car reads." It was readable enough to absorb in this manner, and it stimulated several discussions of the issues between us. This book is written for those who have been confronted with the error that Christian faith is antithetical to a pursuit of scientific knowledge. As he did so many years ago, Dr. Wright takes us through scientific study, Biology in particular, as another revelation of God and God's Creation. I will admit that I was a bit disappointed in his treatment of some of the ethical issues surrounding biological inquiry. Those seeking definitive answers in this area will be disappointed. Dr. Wright tiptoed around the question of when human life is or should be fully protected, for instance. But a thorough discussion of ethics from a scientific perspective would require a far longer book which I would love to see Dr. Wright attempt, perhaps in collaboration with a noted Christian ethicist. Still, his overall treatment opens lines of thought and inquiry which can assist in the reader's journey toward a more enlightened understanding of these issues. For those who seek absolutes, the concept of continuous discovery and thought evolution is anathema.

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