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Rupert Sheldrake, one of the world's preeminent biologists, has revolutionized scientific thinking with his vision of a living, developing universe--one with its own inherent memory. In *The Rebirth of Nature*, Sheldrake urges us to move beyond the centuries-old mechanistic view of nature, explaining why we can no longer regard the world as inanimate and purposeless. Sheldrake shows how recent developments in science itself have brought us to the threshold of a new synthesis in which traditional wisdom, intuitive experience, and scientific insight can be mutually enriching.

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Michael Gray says

Blending science and mysticism with a brief history of the relevant threads, this book fails to be convincing for those uninitiated into its perspectives. Nevertheless since I like my scientists to speak poetically and my mystics to speak the language of science I found it an enjoyable read.

says

The addition of purpose to our planet is science deviation in the extreme. Shel Drake almost pulls it off. An important, but flawed book. Shel Drake is rushing to synthesize and should slow down a bit (my offered opinion).

Jeffrey William says

I really like this guy. I think he is a biologist. It is definitely a critique on modern science and it's shortcomings of thinking holistically. He explains his theory of morphic resonance, which I enjoy and relate to. He provides examples of such. It's like the 100th monkey principle, with more examples and expanded upon.

Jaime says

Whether Shel Drake is a genius before his time or a crackpot riding the New Age wave doesn't matter that much to me because the book is just plain interesting.

Amanda Roelant says

Easily one of my top ten favorites of all time, just because it is so refreshing have this combination of focus on our planet, our relationship to the planet, and our relationships within the planet. "We live within her and depend on her life." There is so many ideas! And so many small meditations you slip into after thinking about for a while, like what morphic field has influenced me to have become who I am now, or our idea of the feminine in nature and how wickedly people have chose to frame it. An excellent way to ask better questions in the hopes of finding your answers.

Minette Host says

thought provoking

Mary Karpel-Jergic says

A great book to get you thinking and a great book which just might become an early marker for a paradigm shift in the way that science is thought about. If the mechanistic model of the universe and life on earth leaves you searching for more meaning, this book offers just that. However Sheldrake is an academic and some of his more literal accounts to support his theory go way above my head. Nevertheless, his metaphors help and his bravery in confronting the establishment make me feel there is something highly significant being worked out by him.

Matt mattdema says

this is the book of my life...

Jimmy Ele says

Lots of great points and introduces the reader to the idea of morphogenesis. I have quoted the book significantly, so if anyone is interested in any of the gems I found, feel free to read those.

Agnes Fontana says

Quel bonheur quand un grand savant, ici le britannique R.Sheldrake, lève le nez de sa paillassse (ou descend des hautes sphères de la recherche) pour non seulement enrichir notre culture générale scientifique mais aussi, replacer la science dans son contexte spirituel et sociétal. Ici, Sheldrake montre comment la définition scientifique de la nature comme objet inerte et soumis que l'homme n'aurait qu'à exploiter voire à détruire coïncide avec le protestantisme rationalisateur qui réduit la dimension "supra-rationnelle" de l'homme à une toute petite partie de son être (son âme spirituelle) et du coup retire le divin de tout le reste de la création ; et avec les prémisses de la révolution industrielle. La nature devient donc une pure ressource, un pur matériau inanimé, sans âme et sans vie propre. Mais tout cela est à son tour dépassé par les avancées de la science elle-même : mise en évidence du rôle fondamental de l'Energie, des champs, de la transformation continue de tout ; et découverte des mondes ouverts par la physique quantique. Il est donc temps de dépasser la vision de la nature comme pure "chose" pour finalement se réconcilier tant avec le ressenti subjectif de chacun (besoin de se "ressourcer" dans la nature, lien avec les animaux) qu'avec le constat qu'existent depuis toujours des "lieux sacrés", des sites particulièrement chargés. L'auteur formule une hypothèse audacieuse, celle des résonances morphiques, sorte de savoir commun partagé par tous les membres d'une espèce même sans contact entre eux, et qui ferait que quand l'un des membres commence à agir d'une façon innovante, les autres se mettent à le faire plus fréquemment et plus facilement. On n'est pas obligé d'y adhérer, même si les découvertes récentes en épigénétique, postérieures au livre, apportent de l'eau au moulin de notre auteur. Le tout s'achève par un hymne à l'écologie. Ruper Sheldrake allie l'originalité et le caractère un peu mystique,

voire animiste, du propos avec un art consommé de la démonstration implacable et une parfaite clarté d'expression. J'adore (et je vais vraiment lire Ralph Waldo Emerson).

Jonathan Hockey says

Ahead of its time in many ways, with its insights regarding a new way of envisaging our relationship with nature. At the same time, the insights are not overly radical or romanticising of nature. They are good plain, helpful and realistic practical insights we can use to guide us in changing our relationship with the natural world for the better. A lot of background to how we got in this situation, thanks to the prevalence of certain metaphysical approaches is also made clear. This is not an issue we can fight solely on the moral level, by being good people, it has to be realised that much of science is complicit in a mechanistic world view that tacitly and implicitly promotes some of the extremes of capitalist materialism, consumerism, and selfishness. And so we have to be willing to fight this battle on the metaphysical level also and not cede all knowledge and authority here to a handful of scientific experts spouting a conventional and in many cases dogmatic perspective. This is not about being anti-science though, its about keeping our critical faculties awake, so we can be properly aware, this is our only chance to recreate in ourselves a new and healthy attitude to, and relationship with, nature.

Clivemichael says

Provocative premises, elucidated with charm and humility

Glenn Horne says

A scientific perspective on mother nature different to the vitalist and mechanistic views

Lee Barry says

His theory of morphic fields seems to be an amplification of Jung's collective unconscious, where there is some type of "memory" separate from organic brain memory. His theories about "creativity and habit" also amplifies memetic theories.

Paulo Jan says

Morphic ressonance theory: I will never be the same again , after getting in contact to that .Sheldrake allowed me to cross the gates of understanding of our life in planet Earth . that´s the truth. At the first part , is possible to understand the rise of mecanicist science step by step , changing gradually the vision of alive nature along the timeline. The influence of Protestant reformation and its open way to skepticism is a point that took my attention. At the second part . becomes clear how matematic approach cant predict the changing

universe , and fields vision is introduced. The third part was the most interesting for me , bringing the revival of animism theory and the greening of God. One of the remarkable chapters for me was about the memory of sacred times and places: I always behaved myself connected with that reality. Definitely , "Rebirth of nature" is included on my list of favourite books.
