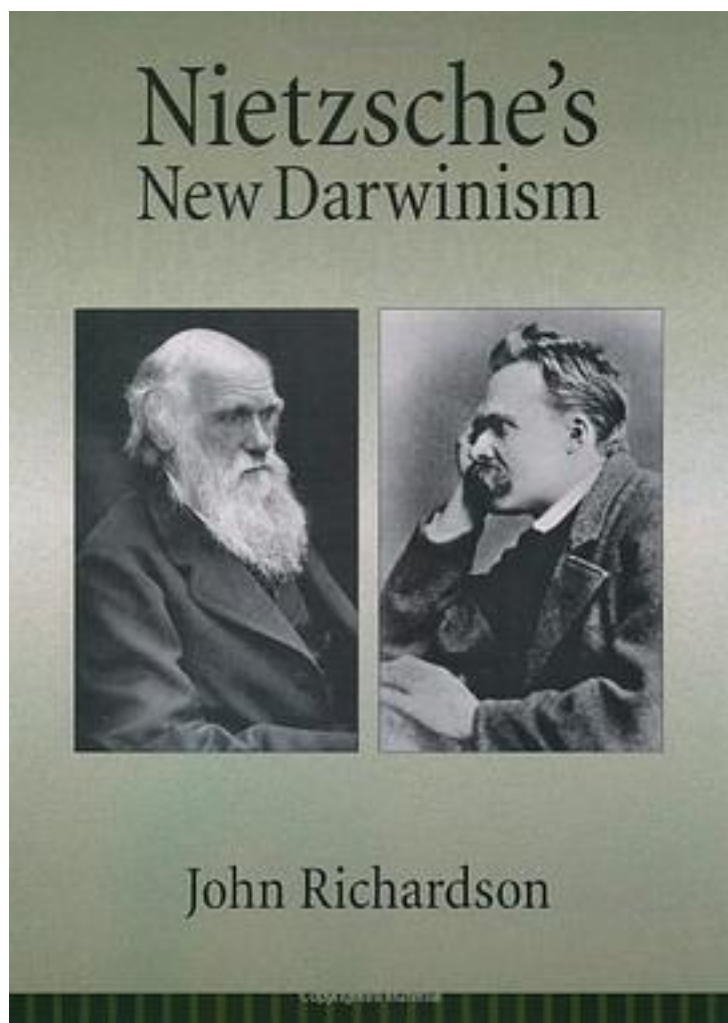


Nietzsche's New Darwinism



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Nietzsche wrote in a scientific culture transformed by Darwin. He read extensively in

German and British Darwinists, and his own works dealt often with such obvious Darwinian themes as struggle and evolution. Yet most of what Nietzsche said about Darwin was hostile: he sharply attacked many of his ideas, and often slurred Darwin himself as "mediocre." So most readers of Nietzsche have inferred that he must have cast Darwin quite aside. But in fact, John Richardson argues, Nietzsche was deeply and pervasively influenced by Darwin. He stressed his disagreements, but was silent about several core points he took over from Darwin. Moreover, Richardson claims, these Darwinian borrowings were to Nietzsche's credit: when we bring them to the surface we discover his positions to be much stronger than we had thought. Even Nietzsche's radical innovations are more plausible when we expose their Darwinian ground; we see that they amount to a "new Darwinism." The book's four chapters show how four of Nietzsche's most problematic ideas benefit from this Darwinian setting. These are: his claim that life is "will to power," his insistence that his values are "higher" yet also "just his," his disturbing ethics of selfishness and politics of inequality, and his elevation of aesthetic over moral values. Richardson argues that each of these Nietzschean ideas has a clearer and stronger sense when set on the scientific ground he takes from Darwin.

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尼采说，竟然有“博学的蠢货”认为我是达尔文主义者。Richardson显然觉得当博学的蠢货并没有什么不好。他从“自然选择”、“社会选择”、“自我选择”三个层面讲尼采与达尔文（达尔文主义）之间的关系。作者认为，在“自然选择”层面，尼采几乎与达尔文的立场完全一致（除了达尔文讲生命的保全、而尼采讲生命的提升增长），在“社会选择”层面，尼采才真正超越达尔文与社会达尔文主义，在“自我选择”层面，尼采构建了自己的新达尔文主义。也就是说，尼采比达尔文走得更远，对人类文明及其未来解释的也更深刻~尼采的新达尔文主义堪称激进版达尔文主义~不愧又博学又无聊，另外需要提及的是，作者1994年出版了一本书叫《尼采的体系》，讲尼采的形而上学。2004年却打脸写了《尼采的新达尔文主义》，说自己以前犯了大多数学者都会犯的错

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