

Re: Spliceosomal introns

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"Perplexed in Peoria" <jimmenegay@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message [news:dtd3aj\\$21ss\\$1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:dtd3aj$21ss$1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

I seem to be making the transition from being an amateur molecular biologist to being an amateur population genetics man. ;-) Lynch's explanations seem much more plausible to me than Gilbert's. And, for that matter, more plausible than my own molecular-oriented speculations.

I seem to be cramming for a graduation from layman-totally-naive (LTN) to layman-substantially-naive (LSN). But, in the meantime, I continue to hold on to such weird convictions as: that correlations do not in every case establish cause and effect. Most of the "old school" evolutionary theories (those up until this century) strike me as unencumbered by such convictions.

But, alas, those working at the frontiers today, as reflected by sources of the kind you provide links to with above (mostly snipped) posting, do indeed seem to me to reflect that maybe all of my convictions are not wrong, after all, and that researchers at the frontiers are actually looking for the step-by-step mechanisms which may eventually connect some cause dots and some effect dots together.

What is evolutionary biology at its best? What is happening NOW !

What a breath of fresh air for this LSNWB (layman-substantially-less-naive-wanna-be), who is trying to get some sense of where the answers are most likely to be found (as opposed to endless wranglings about untestable veritable dogma and philosophical analyses of the issues).

Thanks for a link to a breath of fresh air.

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