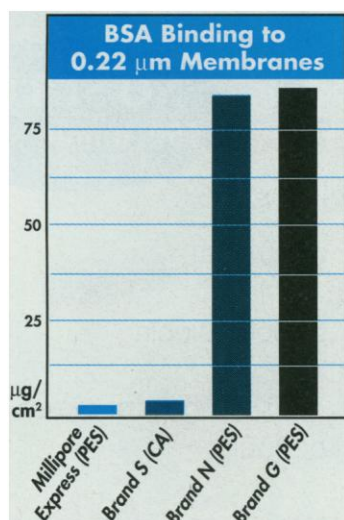


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are characterized by less than 10 percent endemism. This also helps to explain the very long average age (10 million years) of coral species in the fossil record.

Veron does not overlook the fact that low coral biodiversity can also be a consequence of low habitat diversity; reef-building corals occur only in the euphotic zone and in the tropics. Veron explains similarities in species composition as due to similarities in habitat. Reefs characterized by large differences in physical habitat though separated by a few miles may be more different than reefs with similar habitat on western and eastern coastlines of Australia, a separation of over 1000 miles. Herein may lie a limitation to Veron's argument. If corals need to retain genetic specialization (for example, habitat specificity), they must avoid hybridizing with species occupying very different but nearby habitats. Veron does not discuss this problem, but then he does not claim that reticulate evolution applies to all corals any more than it applies to all species in nature.

Thus Veron does not argue either-or regarding dichotomous or reticulate evolution; rather, he offers the latter as a significant process to explain the evolution of

those species that can successfully hybridize. The hypothesis of reticulate evolution is not new regarding plants, but it has been given little consideration in animal systematics. Veron suggests that reticulate evolution may be a major mechanism in the evolution of many marine invertebrates (among them crustaceans, mollusks, polychaetes, and echinoderms) and some vertebrates, notably Amphibia, in which fertilization is external. This is the major contribution of the book, and it should usher in a plethora of new research to test the generality of the hypothesis. If it occurs broadly, reticulate evolution should wreak havoc on traditional cladistics. Ultimately, the overall importance of reticulate evolution may be proved or disproved by molecular genetics. Thus the book represents a challenge for future research.

Having focused on the positives, I would be remiss not to mention some shortcomings. Perhaps the most bothersome to me is Veron's use of the term "vicariance circulation" to explain both separation and connectivity. Clearly circulation (ocean currents) can cause both, but the term "vicariance" refers to separation only. Other bits of jargon, such as "connectivity ratchets" are distracting, although Veron's meaning is clear. The references in some chapters are rather spotty, and some typos need correcting, such as the latitude of Clipperton Atoll (10 degrees north, not south). The writing in places is somewhat nebulous, but this is more than offset by the numerous summaries of main points and conclusions. It may take a decade of research to verify reticulate evolution as a major evolutionary process. If it proves to be such, history could well place Veron's *Corals in Space and Time* on the shelf alongside the works of Darwin, Mayr, Eldredge, and Gould.

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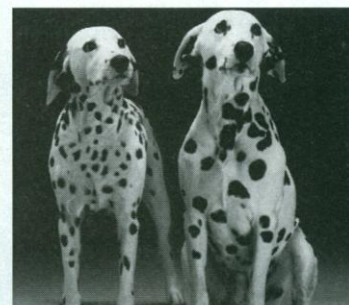
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