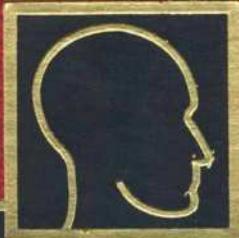


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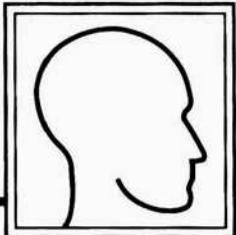
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PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION

We are in the midst of a period of tremendous progress in the field of human biology. New information appears daily at such an astounding rate that it is clearly impossible for any one person to absorb all this material. The *Encyclopedia of Human Biology* was conceived as a solution: an informative yet easy-to-use reference. The Encyclopedia strives to present a complete overview of the current state of knowledge of contemporary human biology, organized to serve as a solid base on which subsequent information can be readily integrated. The Encyclopedia is intended for a wide audience, from the general reader with a background in science to undergraduates, graduate students, practicing researchers, and scientists.

Why human biology? The study of biology began as a correlate of medicine with the human, therefore, as the object. During the Renaissance, the usefulness of studying the properties of simpler organisms began to be recognized and, in time, developed into the biology we know today, which is fundamentally experimental and mainly involves nonhuman subjects. In recent years, however, the identification of the human as an autonomous biological entity has emerged again—stronger than ever. Even in areas where humans and other animals share a certain number of characteristics, a large component is recognized only in humans. Such components include, for example, the complexity of the brain and its role in behavior or its pathology. Of course, even in these studies, humans and other animals share a certain number of characteristics. The biological properties shared with other species are reflected in the Encyclopedia in sections of articles where results obtained in nonhuman species are evaluated. Such experimentation with non-

human organisms affords evidence that is much more difficult or impossible to obtain in humans but is clearly applicable to us.

Guidance in fields with which the reader has limited familiarity is supplied by the detailed index volume. The articles are written so as to make the material accessible to the uninitiated; special terminology either is avoided or, when used, is clearly explained in a glossary at the beginning of each article. Only a general knowledge of biology is expected of the reader; if specific information is needed, it is reviewed in the same section in simple terms. The amount of detail is kept within limits sufficient to convey background information. In many cases, the more sophisticated reader will want additional information; this will be found in the bibliography at the end of each article. To enhance the long-term validity of the material, untested issues have been avoided or are indicated as controversial.

The material presented in the Encyclopedia was produced by well-recognized specialists of experience and competence and chosen by a roster of outstanding scientists including ten Nobel laureates. The material was then carefully reviewed by outside experts. I have reviewed all the articles and evaluated their contents in my areas of competence, but my major effort has been to ensure uniformity in matters of presentation, organization of material, amount of detail, and degree of documentation, with the goal of presenting in each subject the most advanced information available in easily accessible form.

Renato Dulbecco

PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION

The first edition of the *Encyclopedia of Human Biology* has been very successful. It was well received and highly appreciated by those who used it. So one may ask: Why publish a second edition? In fact, the word "encyclopedia" conveys the meaning of an opus that contains immutable information, forever valid. But this depends on the subject. Information about historical subjects and about certain branches of science is essentially immutable. However, in a field such as human biology, great changes occur all the time. This is a field that progresses rapidly; what seemed to be true yesterday may not be true today. The new discoveries constantly being made open new horizons and have practical consequences that were not even considered previously. This change applies to all fields of human biology, from genetics to structural biology and from the intricate mechanisms that control the activation of genes to the biochemical and medical consequences of these processes.

These are the reasons for publishing a second edition. Although much of the first edition is still valid, it lacks the information gained in the six years since its preparation. This new edition updates the information to what we know today, so the reader can be confident of its full validity. All articles have been reread by their authors, who modified them when necessary to bring them up-to-date. Many new articles have also been added to include new information.

The principles followed in preparing the first edition also apply to the second edition. All new articles were contributed by specialists well known in their respective fields. Expositional clarity has been maintained without affecting the completeness of the information. I am convinced that anyone who needs the information presented in this encyclopedia will find it easily, will find it accessible, and, at the same time, will find it complete.

Renato Dulbecco

A GUIDE TO USING THE ENCYCLOPEDIA

The *Encyclopedia of Human Biology, Second Edition* is a complete source of information on the human organism, contained within the covers of a single unified work. It consists of nine volumes and includes 670 separate articles ranging from genetics and cell biology to public health, pediatrics, and gerontology. Each article provides a comprehensive overview of the selected topic to inform a broad spectrum of readers from research professionals to students to the interested general public.

In order that you, the reader, derive maximum benefit from your use of the Encyclopedia, we have provided this Guide. It explains how the Encyclopedia is organized and how the information within it can be located.

ORGANIZATION

The *Encyclopedia of Human Biology, Second Edition* is organized to provide the maximum ease of use for its readers. All of the articles are arranged in a single alphabetical sequence by title. Articles whose titles begin with the letters A to Bi are in volume 1, articles with titles from Bl to Com are in Volume 2, and so on through Volume 8, which contains the articles from Si to Z.

Volume 9 is a separate reference volume providing a Subject Index for the entire work. It also includes a complete Table of Contents for all nine volumes, an alphabetical list of contributors to the Encyclopedia, and an Index of Related Titles. Thus Volume 9 is the best starting point for a search for information on a given topic, via either the Subject Index or Table of Contents.

So that they can be easily located, article titles gener-

ally begin with the key word or phrase indicating the topic, with any descriptive terms following. For example, "Calcium, Biochemistry" is the article title rather than "Biochemistry of Calcium" because the specific term *calcium* is the key word rather than the more general term *biochemistry*. Similarly "Protein Targeting, Basic Concepts" is the article title rather than "Basic Concepts of Protein Targeting."

TABLE OF CONTENTS

A complete Table of Contents for the *Encyclopedia of Human Biology, Second Edition* appears in Volume 9. This list of article titles represents topics that have been carefully selected by the Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Renato Dulbecco, and the members of the Editorial Advisory Board (see p. ii for a list of the Board members). The Encyclopedia provides coverage of 35 specific subject areas within the overall field of human biology, ranging alphabetically from Behavior to Virology.

In addition to the complete Table of Contents found in Volume 9, the Encyclopedia also provides an individual table of contents at the front of each volume. This lists the articles included within that particular volume.

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The Subject Index in Volume 9 contains more than 4200 entries. The subjects are listed alphabetically and indicate the volume and page number where information on this topic can be found.

ARTICLE FORMAT

Articles in the *Encyclopedia of Human Biology, Second Edition* are arranged in a single alphabetical list by title. Each new article begins at the top of a right-hand page, so that it may be quickly located. The author's name and affiliation are displayed at the beginning of the article. The article is organized according to a standard format, as follows:

- Title and author
- Outline
- Glossary
- Defining statement
- Body of the article
- Bibliography

OUTLINE

Each article in the Encyclopedia begins with an outline that indicates the general content of the article. This outline serves two functions. First, it provides a brief preview of the article, so that the reader can get a sense of what is contained there without having to leaf through the pages. Second, it serves to highlight important subtopics that will be discussed within the article. For example, the article "Gene Mapping" includes the subtopic "DNA Sequence and the Human Genome Project."

The outline is intended as an overview and thus it lists only the major headings of the article. In addition, extensive second-level and third-level headings will be found within the article.

GLOSSARY

The Glossary contains terms that are important to an understanding of the article and that may be unfamiliar to the reader. Each term is defined in the context of the particular article in which it is used. Thus the same term may appear as a Glossary entry in two or more articles, with the details of the definition varying slightly from one article to another. The Encyclopedia includes approximately 5000 glossary entries.

DEFINING STATEMENT

The text of each article in the Encyclopedia begins with a single introductory paragraph that defines

the topic under discussion and summarizes the content of the article. For example, the article "Free Radicals and Disease" begins with the following statement:

A FREE RADICAL is any species that has one or more unpaired electrons. The most important free radicals in a biological system are oxygen- and nitrogen-derived radicals. Free radicals are generally produced in cells by electron transfer reactions. The major sources of free radical production are inflammation, ischemia/reperfusion, and mitochondrial injury. These three sources constitute the basic components of a wide variety of diseases. . . .

CROSS-REFERENCES

Many of the articles in the Encyclopedia have cross-references to other articles. These cross-references appear within the text of the article, at the end of a paragraph containing relevant material. The cross-references indicate related articles that can be consulted for further information on the same topic, or for other information on a related topic. For example, the article "Brain Evolution" contains a cross reference to the article "Cerebral Specialization."

BIBLIOGRAPHY

The Bibliography appears as the last element in an article. It lists recent secondary sources to aid the reader in locating more detailed or technical information. Review articles and research papers that are important to an understanding of the topic are also listed.

The bibliographies in this Encyclopedia are for the benefit of the reader, to provide references for further reading or research on the given topic. Thus they typically consist of no more than ten to twelve entries. They are not intended to represent a complete listing of all materials consulted by the author or authors in preparing the article.

COMPANION WORKS

The *Encyclopedia of Human Biology, Second Edition* is one of an extensive series of multivolume reference works in the life sciences published by Academic Press. Other such works include the *Encyclopedia of Cancer*, *Encyclopedia of Virology*, *Encyclopedia of Immunology*, and *Encyclopedia of Microbiology*, as well as the forthcoming *Encyclopedia of Reproduction*.

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