

# Ah, those sweet mysteries of life

Fascinating book on human origins touches all bases

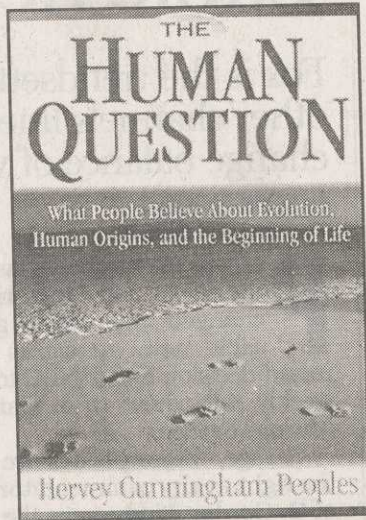
**"The Human Question: What People Believe About Evolution, Human Origins and the Beginning of Life,"** by Hervey Cunningham Peoples. Red Line Press, 288 pages, \$19.95.

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*For The Times*

The most compelling question asked by humankind is where does life come from and where does it go? All thinking people ponder these eternal questions, finding their answers in religion, philosophy and science.

As Hervey Peoples says, "What we know and what we believe can be two very different things. Rarely is this more evident than in our belief about human origins."

In this readable, interesting and thought-provoking book,



Peoples provides a comprehensive examination of all sides of the first part of this fascinating topic. The result is popular science at its best.

In 11 chapters she covers such areas as "The Five Most Common Beliefs about Human Origins," "The Seven Habits of a Healthy Skeptic," "The Agen-

da of 'Creation Science,'" "The Scientific Search for the Soul," her own "Answer" and more.

Peoples, a molecular geneticist and avocational anthropologist, is a scientist who has studied the question of human origins for more than 25 years. An interesting part of her book, interspersed throughout, is a variety of responses to interviews. Extensive notes and references provide excellent sources for further reading.

No matter what your belief about the origin of life, you can profit from reading this book. It will inform, entertain, educate and surprise you - a guaranteed mind-stirrer that will help you find your own answer.

She says her next book will consider the second part of the question, "Where does life go?" I'm looking forward to it.

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