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**evening, waning moon**

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**John Donlan** <johnjamesdonlan@gmail.com>

3 October 2012 at 00:19

To: Milan Ilnyckyj &lt;milan@sindark.com&gt;

Milan, a pleasure to speak with you.

May I suggest autographing, labelling, or rubber stamping your books, before you lend them to forgetful Fellows?

Here is the "Companion Reading list" of my work in progress, *Out All Day*. The book I mentioned is Williams, *The Chemistry of Evolution*. I'd be interested to hear your reading of it. I wouldn't recommend the Loewenstein -- it seems little more than academic hackwork to those of us in the know-- except that it's one of the few works in this field that employs information science.

You can get the articles through U of T Libraries' databases, especially JSTOR. I highly recommend [abebooks.com](http://abebooks.com) for book purchases. Fast and cheap and honest. Canadian born. And there's always free interlibrary loan.

Best wishes,  
John

**Companion Reading**

Schneider, Eric D., and Dorion Sagan. **Into the cool: energy flow, thermodynamics, and life**. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2005.

Harold, Franklin M. **The way of the cell: molecules, organisms and the order of life**. New York: Oxford University Press, 2001.

Lovelock, James. **The ages of Gaia: a biography of our living earth**. New York: Norton, 1988.

Williams, R.J.P., and J.J.R.F. DaSilva. **The chemistry of evolution: the development of our ecosystem**. New York: Elsevier, 2005.

Volk, Tyler. **Gaia's body: toward a physiology of earth**. Cambridge: MIT Press, 2003.

Hengeveld, R. "Two approaches to the study of the origin of life." **Acta Biotheoretica**, v. 55, 2007, p.97-131.

Hengeveld, R., and M.A. Fedonkin. "Bootstrapping the energy flow in the beginning of life." **Acta Biotheoretica**, v. 55, 2007, p. 181-226.

Margulis, Lynn, and Dorion Sagan. **What is life?** New York: Simon and Schuster, 1995.

Loewenstein, R. Werner. **The touchstone of life: molecular information, cell communication, and the foundations of life.** New York: Oxford University Press, 1999.

Luoma, Jon R. **The hidden forest: the biography of an ecosystem.** New York: Henry Holt, 1999.

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9 October 2012 at 15:27

John,

Getting some sort of bookplate might well be advisable, though I do make sure to at least write my name in volumes as I buy them.

I have added the Williams book to my reading list (attached). I have also attached a poem that may be of interest for one of your Wednesday discussions, though I haven't been able to decide for myself how impressionistic it is and to what degree it is making a point about the world.

In any event, it may be interesting to discuss.

Best wishes,

Milan

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10 October 2012 at 10:07

Milan,

Thanks so much for sharing your reading lists with me. You're impressively organized. I will return *The Professor and the Madman*, since I have read it. I am still reading *Eating the Sun* and find it very educational, giving both a history of the science and scientists as well as the science itself.

Unless you insist on buying only new books, I recommend [abebooks.com](http://abebooks.com), a used booksellers' coop which is very quick and cheap, with good book descriptions, and a very large inventory.

The Joyce poem is a little strained for me. I like his more simple and imagistic poems, from *Pomes Penyeach*.

Best,  
John

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