

Errata in FROM BACTERIA TO BACH AND BACK, as of February 6th, 2018:

1. Accent on p13 (è fatta)

--thanks, Doug Hofstadter

2. p39, Jack Michael, not Lou Michaels and in index 465

--thanks, Arthur Falk, email 2/24/17

3. page 141 in caption on Figure 7.1. There "differences" is written with only one "f".

--thanks, David Strohmeier. 2/25/17

4. Fermilab, not Fermi Lab on p95 and index 458,

--thanks, Thomas Frikker , 2/14/17

5. missing word, "men" on p329

--thanks, Paul Oppenheim 2/2/17

6. On page 153, fn 39, delete the parenthetical statement in this sentence:
An interpreted language in effect compiles each instruction as soon as it is composed (sometimes called "just-in-time compiling").

--thanks, Allan Schiffman 3.1.17

7. Pinker, 2010, mentioned on p260, is missing from the references. It is "The cognitive niche: evolution of intelligence, sociality, and language," PNAS [Proc. Natl Acad Sci] May 11, 2010 | vol. 107 | suppl. 2 | 8993-8999

--thanks , Mattijs Glas.

8. p276 Bybee 2006 is not in references. The reference is

Bybee, Joan, 2006, "From Usage To Grammar: The Mind's Response To Repetition" *Language*, **82**, 4: pp711-33.

--thanks, Enoch Lambert

9. p191 delete the left parenthesis before "We"

--thanks, Justin Zazlavsky

10. p13. Corriere della Sera (not Serra)

--thanks, Maurizio Bardelli

11. p. 301: 'You attribute the quip "Anything you can do I can do *meta*" to Hofstadter, but in your previous book, *Intuition Pumps*, you attribute the quote to yourself (p.9 of the Norton hardcover).'

(From Chris Via)

My response:

Dear Chris, As for the quip, Doug thinks I came up with it first, and I think Doug did. Nobody knows. I think we should just share the credit; sorta like Gilbert and Sullivan (or Chase and Sanborn).

Dan

12. p.314: "*Eat!—its good for you!*" This should be "it's."
--thanks, Chris Via (7/1/17)

13. p. 348: "...more accurate knowledge of what was going *inside* you." This should read "...going on *inside* you."
--thanks, Chris Via (7/1/17)

14. p. 224: In the first paragraph (i.e., after the quote from Strawson) there is a sentence that says "...they don't really exist but it is remarkably useful to act as they did". This should read "remarkably useful to act as if they did".
--thanks, Dr John Doody

15. p. 225: first line of the indented paragraph - "in" should be "is".

16. p. 432: your reference 2015c - Frankfurt "am" Main (not "and" Main) would be correct.
--thanks, Lutz U. Xander, for corrections 15 and 16

17. p. 329.5, "(Could have a gene for luck that women lack? Not a chance.)" The word "men" should be inserted between "Could" and "have".

18. p. 341.7: "without taking a peak at the user interface" should be "... peek ...".
--thanks, Mark Spahn, for corrections 17 and 18 (1/3/18)

(Numbers 19-22 below are all corrections from Taizo Kijima, the translator into Japanese of FBBB.)

19. Figure 9.2 in p.181 is titled,
"Glossogenetic tree of all languages".
I think it has a great mistake.
For this tree contains only Indo-European languages,
not ALL languages.
Indo-European language belongs to one language-family
and there are many other (62) language-families.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Language_family

You're right! I don't know how that slipped by all the earlier readers. Well done.
Dan

20. P.344 lines 15-19 read,
"McFarland is far from the first to express the idea . . .

. . . as the epigraphs at the beginning of this section."

But I think "this section" would be "previous section".

Yes, you are right.

DCD

21. P.371 has an epigraph.

I think its author is not Emerson M. Pugh

but George Edgin Pugh,

Again, I think you are right. I had the book right, but EM Pugh attributes it therein to his father George Edgin Pugh.

DCD

22. P416, line 4 from bottom:

"Prime Mammal" is not in DDI, but 'Freedom Evolves' (ch.4: p5).