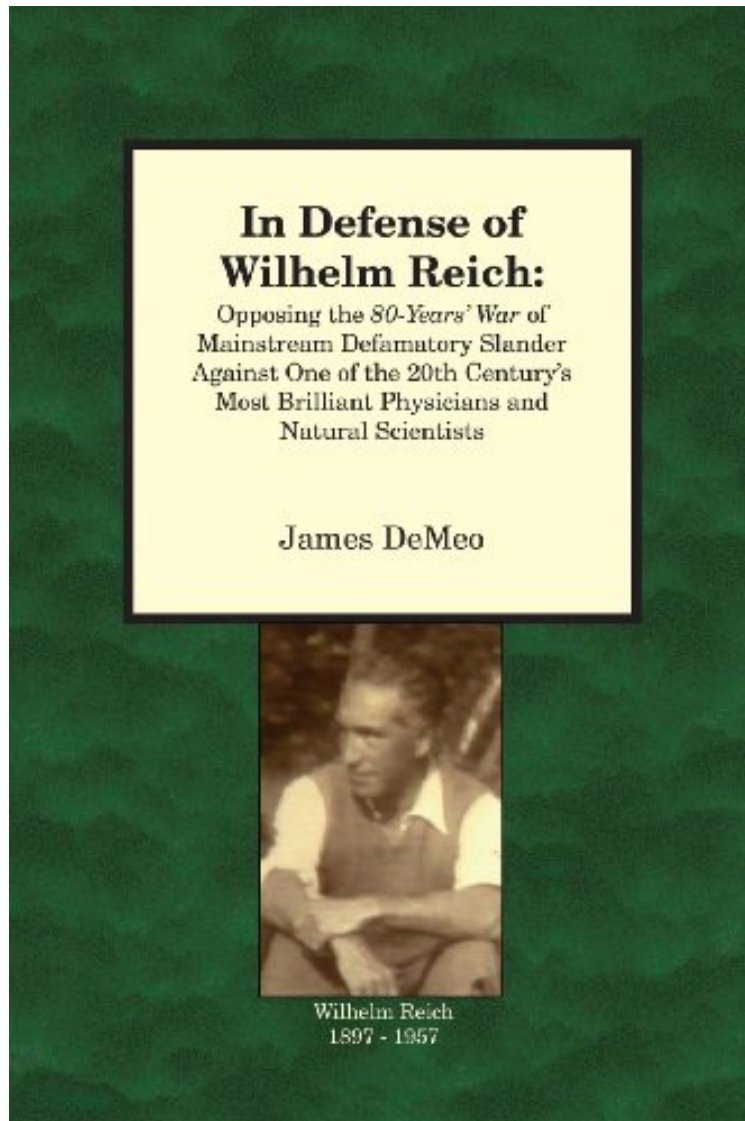


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17 of 17 people found the following review helpful. An intelligent, well-written and comprehensive summary. By Tom DiFerdinando "In Defense of Wilhelm Reich" is an intelligent, well-written summary of Wilhelm Reich's life, work and persecution. It is a powerhouse of scholarship, insight, meticulous historical detail, unapologetic political incorrectness, a relentless effort to stick to the facts, and, for newcomers to Reich, life-changing information. It is easily the most comprehensive, up-to-date overview of the entire body of Reich's controversial yet profoundly practical scientific achievements. The book's Timeline (Chapter Two) provides a clear exposition of all of Reich's major discoveries. I especially like the pithy, single-page "textboxes" that pepper the chapter. These alone give an immediate appreciation of the amazing scope of what Reich accomplished. They include his sex-economic discoveries; the foundational role of the orgasm in bioenergy regulation; Reich's remarkable bioelectrical experiments; his bion discoveries on cancer, the origin of the cancer cell and the origins of life; the orgone accumulator anomalies, biological effects and health benefits; and the discovery of the life energy in the organism, atmosphere and cosmos. One finds answers to questions modern researchers have been grappling with for centuries. One also finds an equally comprehensive collection of the attacks on Reich, detailing who exactly put his persecution into play and who keeps it in play today, with names named, dots connected and documentation provided. Chapter Three documents the full range of confirmations of Reich's discoveries, both before and after Reich's death - including reference to modern day discoveries where Reich's priority remains unacknowledged. Chapter Four is in some ways the most important chapter in the book. It includes a devastating expose' of the most recent attacks against Reich, as triggered by Christopher Turner's "Adventures in the Orgasmatron". Turner's book masqueraded as scholarship in a particularly insidious way - it actually mixed up selected facts about Reich with a heavy dose of outright fabrications and slanders. Turner's entire book was in essence a resurrection of the original 1947 Mildred Brady smears against Reich, merged with an even more scurrilous set of claims. One has to ask, what motivated Turner to go to all that trouble, to slander a scientist who has been dead for over sixty years? Well that is discussed in Dr. DeMeo's book, and in uncompromising terms. For example, there is the refreshingly straightforward and unapologetic discussion of Reich's findings on emotional and sexual health, i.e., on what Reich called genitality. DeMeo contrasts Reich's findings with those of the famous sex-researcher Alfred Kinsey (whom Turner is very friendly to) detailing where Kinsey differed with Reich in his claims about human sexuality. For example, unlike Reich, Kinsey's definition of orgasm excluded any concerns for love or emotions. DeMeo also documents how Kinsey gave support to pornography and pedophilia, along with other behaviors which Reich considered to be neurotic, sadistic or criminal. One cannot find a more diametrically opposed understanding of sexuality and emotional health. The point is made, to understand the direction the Western world took in its social and policy-making trends in the second half of the 20th century, one has to understand it was Kinsey's influence and claims, and not Reich's, that lead to the destructive results authors like Turner insist on deceptively ascribing to Reich. DeMeo's chapter on Turner also documents the crucial fact that Turner, like every other skeptic before him, cites NONE of the extensive supporting evidence and positive confirmations for Reich's clinical and experimental findings. This is especially important because, one of the oldest tricks employed by Reich's detractors is the lie of omission. This is especially destructive in Turner's case because his book was wrongly touted as an exhaustive, authoritative and scholarly biography of Reich! For the honest scholars and generally interested reader, "In Defense of Wilhelm Reich" contains a wealth of supporting links and resources to positive replications. The final chapters detail historically recent slanders and distortions, including those found in sources like the online encyclopedia Wikipedia. What I also found enlightening is DeMeo's use of eye-opening historical context, i.e., his highlighting of known historical facts that have not yet been integrated as a whole into Western history, culture and popular consciousness. For example, the Timeline chapter includes brief but clarifying insight into the secret working relationship between Hitler and Stalin, and also between Lenin and the German High Command after WWI - active, working relationships aimed at world domination that lead to the carnage of WWII. There is also material on the Marxist-Communist betrayals of the early sex- and family-law reformers; a comparison of the adoption of these reforms in Capitalist America vs. their rejection in the retrograde Socialist and Communist countries; and much on Reich's relationship to the Communists, i.e., what he knew and didn't know at the time about Marx and the Soviets - another major contribution. More than a book about Reich's persecution, "In Defense of Wilhelm Reich" serves as an indictment of the highly destructive yet profoundly seductive sociopolitical forces throughout our society that interfere daily with human freedom and happiness, forces which Reich collectively explained as the Emotional Plague. The central myth about Reich - that of the "sex-crazed quack gone mad" - is the perfect example. The negative response to Reich by many otherwise decent people today is, in actuality, a response to this fake "Reich" conjured up by the Plague. The real Reich is certainly controversial and emotionally challenging, due to his honest and penetrating analysis of humanity's deep-seated neurotic and psychosexually-driven frustrations and self-destructive tendencies. But that is a far cry from Reich being a "pornographic, sex-crazed charlatan"! The latter is a myth needed by the Emotional Plague and authors like Turner, to steer otherwise decent people away from the work and discoveries of one

of history's most remarkable and productive psychiatrists and natural scientists. I want to mention one other thing. Reich himself stated his FDA trial and persecution were initiated and organized by Moscow-driven Communist cells in the USA. Contrary to the popular assumption that Reich was delusional, and that his downfall and persecution were driven by a right-wing, sex-hating, McCarthy-inspired, Christian conservative conspiracy, Reich has since been proven correct. This is most thoroughly documented in a recent book by researcher James Martin, "Wilhelm Reich and the Cold War" (second edition subtitled: "The True Story of How a Communist Spy Team, Government Hoodlums and Sick Psychiatrists Destroyed Sexual Science and Cosmic Life Energy Discoveries"). "In Defense of Wilhelm Reich" provides further supporting evidence to both Reich's assertions and Martin's findings on the Communist conspiracy, connecting even more dots in a series of history-changing events that murdered and nearly completely destroyed the life's work of one of history's most original and prolific scientists. While people of all political persuasions certainly played a role in Reich's downfall, the demonstrable fact is it was the Communist Left who most actively conspired to destroy Reich, and as Dr. DeMeo shows, continues to work to destroy him today. The power of "In Defense of Wilhelm Reich" is that, like the best theatrical and cinematic productions, its theme is universal. It is classic "Good vs. Evil", except in the case of Reich, the transcendent nature of the drama is no fiction. It is the product of two powerful, but very real forces one rarely finds in such total opposition to each other: the relentless and uncompromising nature of Wilhelm Reich, his work and his genuinely profound discoveries, and the relentless, uncompromising compulsion of the Emotional Plague to destroy all three. Part of Dr. DeMeo's contribution, supported by his extensive background and lifelong experience in organomic research, is the fact he too is as relentless about sticking to the facts as the enemies of Reich and life-energy science are in hiding, obscuring, altering and destroying them. While nothing beats reading Reich's works first hand, for those who would like a broad yet profoundly satisfying overview and summary all in one place, this is the book for you. I give it my highest recommendation, to both novice and professional -- for those who want a fact-based introduction to whom Reich was and what he achieved, and for professionals and others with a life-long commitment to applying and advancing this man's remarkable discoveries and contributions to humanity.

7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. DeMeo Is The Best Authority on Reich
By Critical Chick
This is a man who has devoted his life to scientifically and historically validating Reich's work. I find this to be a very illuminating book, with some facts and context that I had not previously known because of the revisionist history of the 20th century. If you're ready to learn something new, definitely get this book.
By the way, I was privileged to meet Dr. DeMeo through e-mail and phone recently. What can I say? Reich's book "The Function of the Orgasm" was so mind-blowing that I had to meet his contemporary defender. I interviewed him for a Podcast, which can be found here: [...] . It was hard to do justice, in just that hour, to the importance of sexual fulfillment to a free society, but Dr. DeMeo's comments resonated with quite a few of our listeners. Not bad for a scientist who died nearly 60 years ago. These discoveries are still fresh today. Give it a read. Once you become hooked on Reich, there's no turning back.

8 of 19 people found the following review helpful. Uncomfortable Review
By Michael A. Villanueva, PhD
Writing reviews on books is not my strong suite -- I usually do not feel strongly enough to voice an opinion. But upon reading the above review, I knew I had to write. That review (first above) constellated my energy enough to retreat from lethargy - more on that in a moment
But first to the book "In Defense of Wilhelm Reich": I bought it and then added several other titles actually by Reich. My reasoning shows my intellectual weakness: I thought - hoped -- by reading DeMeo's "In Defense of Wilhelm Reich" I would get an overview of the remarkable man that was Reich. To be sure, I knew DeMeo's work was going to be a defense of Reich -- which told me Reich had been attacked. And that was consistent with what a friend told me about Reich's work. But I did not realize how rabidly polemical DeMeo's defense of Reich would be. I did not realize DeMeo's vitriolic defense, his incessant gnashing of teeth, his grinding and overuse of descriptive adjectives would completely obliterate any and all insights into Reich's work. DeMeo's writing literally turned my stomach with his continual puissant denunciations of each and every single one of Reich's detractor's and each and every single negative event in Reich's life. Admittedly, he (DeMeo) could be -- and perhaps is -- completely right to use italics, and "quotes" and pedantic paternalistic narrative style that completely razes everything in its sight using tautological arguments reminiscent of Rudyard Kipling's "Just So Stories" to defend Reich. He could be right about the character assassination of Reich. But I could neither stomach nor get past his dictatorial, polemical style. This book is not science -- this book is rabid opinion at its worse. This is ideology, not thought. The irony is that I wanted to believe DeMeo's story -- but his venomous anger, his self-righteous delivery of shrill opinion and defiant interpretations of both agenda and intention of others labeled as fact and irrefutable history consistently nauseated me. His writing was such a turn off to Reich that I was going to return the other titles to . I recall the definitive moment that my interest in Reich was salvaged: I was in Dallas International airport using the bathroom. I was so fed up with DeMeo's tone that I was going to toss the book into the rubbish bin. Reaching for the book in disgust, I accidentally dropped it onto the floor -- and in picking it up I glanced where my thumb had landed. I was completely taken aback by the compassionate depth of mind in quoted paragraph. These words were nothing, nothing at all like the rest of the book! It turns out that I had accidentally turned to one of the very few sections in the book where Reich himself was quoted. Thank-fully I read that section as it encouraged me to keep the titles I had and learn about Reich the real way, the hard way: On my

own. As for the reviewer above and why he galvanized this review: He sounds exactly like DeMeo's style. He sounds exactly like DeMeo. To quote the reviewer's review: "Turner is a modern journalist who has assembled many facts and fictions to create an odd, slanderous portrait of Reich, which he hoped he could sell to a public as soft porn. On the other hand, DeMeo, a scientist, builds his thesis fully on verifiable facts alone, leaving fictions to storytellers and to liars." Read this book and you will see exact that same exact syntax using the same comparative noun structure and very much the same type of conclusionary style: Liars vs real scientists. The tone - and phrases -- are striking in their similarity to DeMeo's style. As for why I give DeMeo's book "In Defense of Wilhelm Reich" only 1 star: This book is rhetorical history with possibly verifiable facts infused with vitriolic opinions and conspiratorial interpretations of the intentions of ****all**** others. Despite the claims that all DeMeo's facts are verified, this title is not a literature review of studies for or against Reich, this book is not about objective history of Reich's character assassination, (not that any account of history is objective), this book simply lacks any and all objectivity in its writing. This book is not science. This book is written in a style antithetical to science. DeMeo repetitively stabs his facts and opinions into your mind and heart as unassailable, irrefutable. DeMeo's shrill tone and polemical style utterly obviate any objective discussion of Reich but worse of all, he continually forces the reader through linguistic violence, to unquestioningly accept all of his premises and opinions and interpretations. This is a tragedy of epic proportions as I can tell there is one heck of an interesting, worthy, and noble story here to tell about Reich, his work, and his life -- but that message - including Reich himself -- are lost in DeMeo's literary sauce of rage and hate.

From the "Introduction": Dr. Wilhelm Reich is the man whom nearly everyone loves to hate. No other figure in 20th Century science and medicine could be named who has been so badly maligned in popular media, scientific and medical circles, or so shabbily mistreated by power-drunk federal agencies and arrogant judges. Publicly denounced and slandered in both Europe and America by Nazis, Communists and psychoanalysts, placed on both Hitler's and Stalin's death lists but narrowly escaping to the USA, subjected to new public slanders and attacks by American journalists and psychiatrists who deliberately lied and provoked an "investigation" by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA), imprisoned by American courts which ignored his legal writs and pleas about prosecutorial and FDA fraud, denied appeals all the way up to the US Supreme Court, which rubber-stamped the FDA's demands for the banning and burning of his scientific books and research journals, and finally dying alone in prison - who was this man, Wilhelm Reich, and why today, some 50 years after his death, does he continue to stir up such emotional antipathy? It is a literal 80-Years' War of continuing misrepresentation, slander and defamation. Who were and are Reich's attackers? And what stands behind their obsession to utterly rid the world of him, and of his work? What are the facts regarding Reich's social-sexual theories and his experimental work on the orgone energy, or life-energy? Natural scientist and former professor James DeMeo takes on the book-burners, exposing with clarity and documentation their many slanderous fabrications, half-truths and lies of omission. In so doing, he also summarizes the lesser-known facts about Reich's important clinical and life-energetic experimental findings, now verified by scientists and physicians in Europe, the Americas and other nations, which hold great promise for the future.

About the Author James DeMeo, PhD, formally studied the Earth, Atmospheric, and Environmental Sciences at Florida International University and later at the University of Kansas, where he earned his PhD in 1986. At KU, he openly undertook the first graduate-level natural scientific research specifically focused upon Wilhelm Reich's controversial discoveries, subjecting those ideas to rigorous testing, with positive verification of the original findings. DeMeo subsequently undertook field research in the arid American Southwest, Egypt, Israel, sub-Saharan Eritrea, and Namibia, Africa. His work on the Saharasia question constituted the most ambitious global cross-cultural research study to date, on the subjects of human behavior, family and sexual life around the world. His published works include dozens of articles and compendiums, and several books, including Saharasia, The Orgone Accumulator Handbook, and In Defense of Wilhelm Reich. He was editor of On Wilhelm Reich and Orgonomy and Heretics' Notebook, and of the journal Pulse of the Planet, and co-editor for the German-language compendium Nach Reich: Neue Forschung zur Orgonomie. DeMeo served on the faculty of Geography at the University of Kansas, Illinois State University, University of Miami and University of Northern Iowa. In 1978, he founded the Orgone Biophysical Research Lab (OBRL), where he continues as Director. In 1994 the OBRL Greenspring Center was established, a high-altitude research facility in the Siskiyou Mountains near to Ashland, Oregon, exhibiting optimal conditions for sensitive orgone energy experiments. At the new OBRL facility, he continues with experimental work and writing, and hosts the occasional seminar.