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## The Deep Hot Biosphere: The Myth of Fossil Fuels (Softcover reprint of the original 1st ed. 1999)

By Thomas Gold, Freeman J. Dyson

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