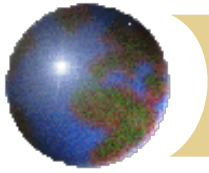


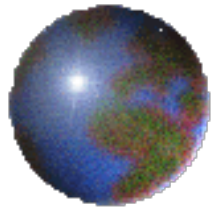
Seven Men Who Rule the World from the Grave

A Study Based on the Book by David Breese

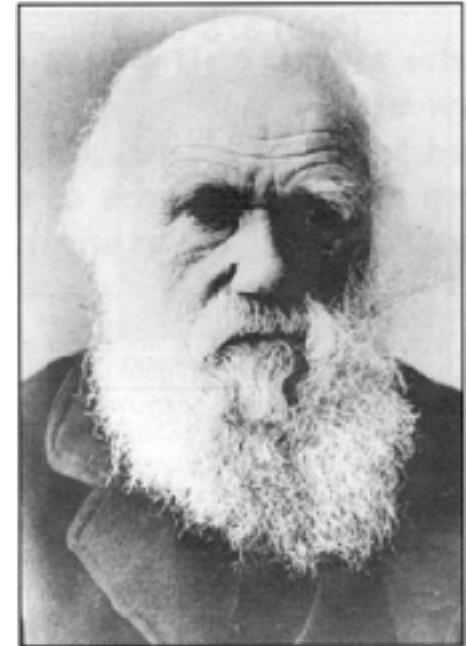


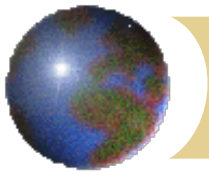
“Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.”

Colossians 2:8



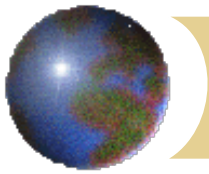
Charles Darwin
1809-1892



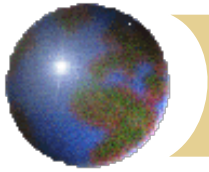


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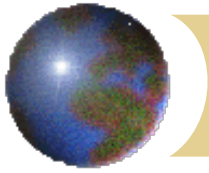
- ✚ Born Feb. 12, 1809 at Shrewbury, England
- ✚ Son of a physician and grandson of a well known physician, Erasmus Darwin
- ✚ Began a study medicine but later transferred to Cambridge “where he took the ordinary courses without achieving any distinction.” He was actually preparing to become an Anglican clergyman. His interest turned to geology and natural history instead.



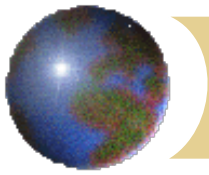
- ✚ In 1831 he was invited to join H.M.S. Beagle as a naturalist. On this voyage he visited the Galapagos Islands off the coast of Ecuador where he became convinced that he had observed the effect of evolution in the birds found there.
- ✚ In a 1972 reprint of Darwin's diary of his voyage, Walter Sullivan said, "This book was prelude to what became the most revolutionary change that has ever occurred in man's view of himself."



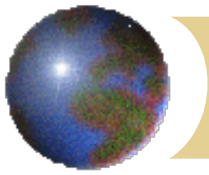
- ✚ On returning to England in 1836 he married and with an inherited fortune moved into Down House in Kent where he spent the rest of his life developing his theories.
- ✚ In 1859 he published *The Origin of the Species*. The first edition was 1250 copies sold out the first day. Numerous editions have followed and sold and influenced millions of people around the world.



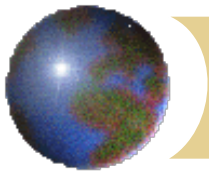
✚ In 1871 he published *The Descent of Man* in which he said, “man is descended from a hairy, tailed quadruped, probably arboreal in its habits, and an inhabitant of the Old World.”



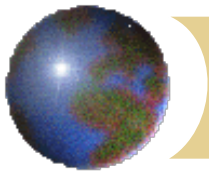
In many ways Darwin was a product of the **rationalism** of the **Enlightenment**, an 18th century philosophical and social movement in Europe. The application of **human** logic became the answer to every question.



The focus had shifted from **revealed** truth to **discovered** truth. In many ways the thinking of modern society is **permeated** with a philosophy which endows science with a characteristic of God, namely **omniscience**.



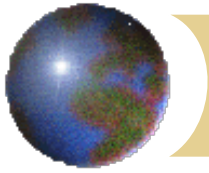
In striving to understand the influence of Darwin, it is critical to grasp the **limitations** of science. Science is **not** all knowing, does not have sufficient answers for **every** problem, and is not ultimately **authoritative!**



Four Assumptions of Social Darwinism

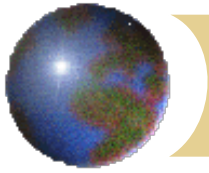
- ✚ The Social Structure is engineered and controlled by impersonal forces rather than by God.

The results are the banishment of God from any public forum, the secularization of society, growing atheism, and antagonism to Biblical Christianity.



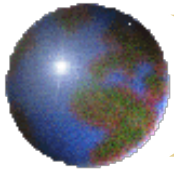
✚ Society is moving upward from a mean past to an improving future.

The results are “historic optimism” or the idea that man will eventually find the answer to every problem. “Social Darwinism is utopian.” Faith is diverted from God and placed in man.



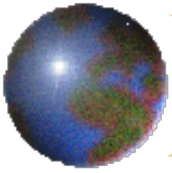
⊕ Man is nothing more than a higher sort of animal.

The results are an amoral universe in which there can be no values, purpose, or destiny. There are no safeguards because there are no moral absolutes. This accounts for the increasingly violent nature of modern society.



✚ Soul, spirit, and eternal life are but chemical reactions of the brain.

The results are an irrational universe in which all thought is the same. This is strikingly similar to the postmodern view that truth is a construct formulated for each individual (in effect everything is truth if it is believed to be so).



Creation is:

- ⊕ by the Word of God: [Psalm 33:6](#); [John 1:1–4](#); [Hebrews 11:3](#)
- ⊕ by the power of God: [Jeremiah 10:12](#)
- ⊕ by God's wisdom: [Psalm 104:24](#); [Proverbs 3:19](#); [Colossians 2:3](#)
- ⊕ according to the will of God: [Genesis 1:26](#); [Revelation 4:11](#)
- ⊕ by the Son of God: [John 1:1–4, 10](#); [Colossians 1:15–17](#); [Hebrews 1:2](#)
- ⊕ according to the character of Jesus: [Matthew 11:29](#); [John 10:11](#); [John 14:27](#)
- ⊕ out of nothing: [Hebrews 11:3](#)
- ⊕ instantaneously: [Psalm 33:6](#)

These factors were in operation during the six literal days of creation. They are not subject to natural laws and can therefore only be comprehended by faith ([Hebrews 11:3](#)).