

## CHARLES DARWIN

Charles Darwin's theory of evolution was one of the most significant revolutions in the history of science. Widely debated after the publication of *On the Origin of Species* in 1859, it continues to be controversial. In this volume, Michael Ruse offers the definitive history of the theory of evolution through natural selection. Tracing Darwin's intellectual journey and experiences that led him to his novel insights, Ruse explores his scientific contributions, their relationship to philosophical issues, and their religious implications, as well as how they have been both inspiration and challenge to novelists and poets. He also shows how Darwin's ideas continue to have contemporary relevance, as they shed light on social issues and problems such as race and sexual orientation – including the possibility and desirability of social change – the connections between Darwin's thinking and that of Sigmund Freud, and the status of women. Written in an engaging, non-technical style, Ruse's volume serves as an ideal introduction to the ideas of one of the key figures in the history of modern science.

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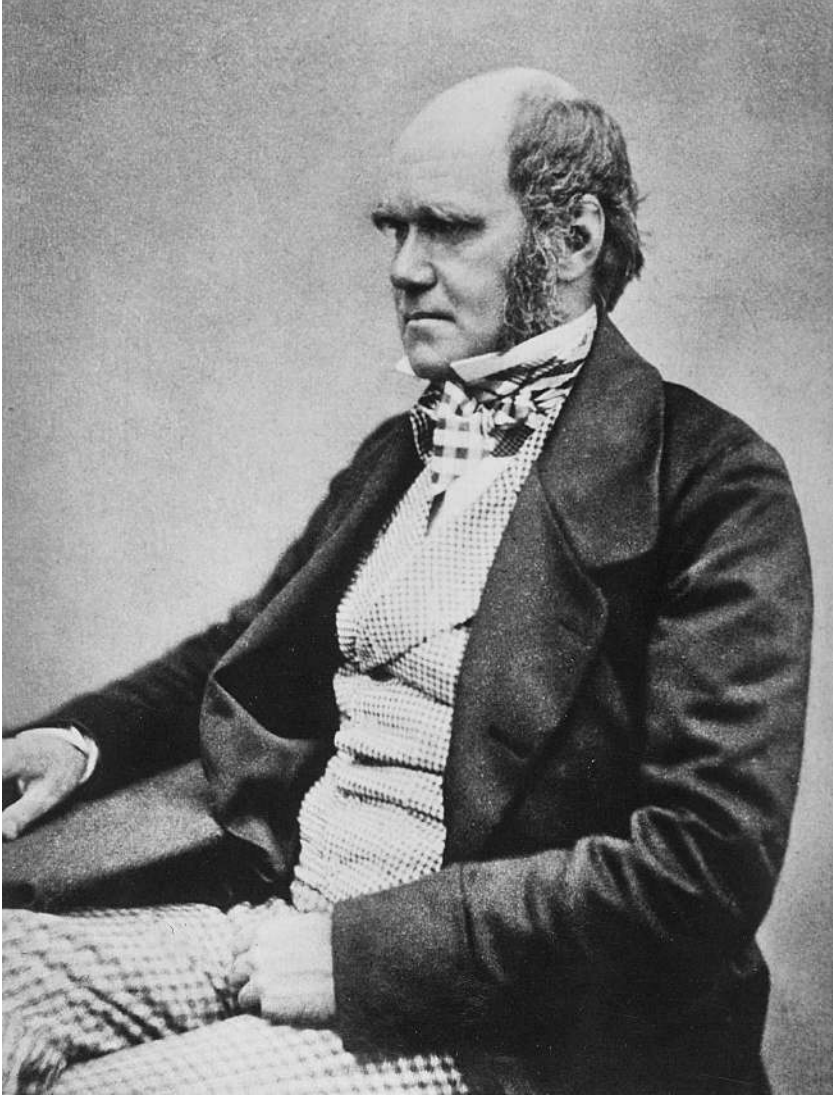


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