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Archive of Darwin's works now online

CAMBRIDGE, England >> Charles Darwin's work has evolved again. Now it's available in an online archive that launched this month.

The creators of <http://www.darwin-online.org.uk> say the Internet trove is only half complete. But it already includes manuscripts, notebooks and other material, much of which comes from the Darwin Archive at Cambridge University.

"The idea is to make these important works as accessible as possible; some people can only get at Darwin that way," said project director John van Wyhe, a researcher at Christ's College, Cambridge. "Most of the materials provided are appearing online for the first time." Van Wyhe noted that the archive is expected to be complete by 2009 — the 200th anniversary of Darwin's birth and the 150th anniversary of the first publication of "The Origin of Species."