

EARLY DRAFT AMONG DARWIN TREASURES BEING RELEASED ONLINE

LONDON — The first draft of Charles Darwin's *On The Origin Of Species* is among a wealth of his papers being published on the Internet today for the first time (<http://darwin-online.org.uk>). The release of documents belonging to the intensely private man who changed science includes some 20,000 items and 90,000 images and is the largest in history, according to the organizers from Cambridge University Library, which holds all the Darwin papers. "This release makes his private papers, mountains of notes, experiments, and research behind his world-changing publications available to the world for free," said John van Wyhe, director of the project. "His publications have always been available in the public sphere — but these papers have until now only been accessible to scholars."