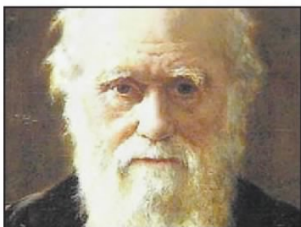


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Charles Darwin

## Darwin's papers online

The first draft of Charles Darwin's "On the Origin of Species" is among a wealth of papers belonging to the intensely private man who changed science that have been published on the Internet for the first time.

Comprising about 20,000 items and 90,000 images, the release on [www.darwin-online.org.uk](http://www.darwin-online.org.uk) 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.

The collection includes thousands of notes and drafts of Darwin's scientific writings, notes from the voyage of the Beagle — when he began to formulate his theory of evolution — and his first recorded doubts about the permanence of species.