

THE FALSE RELIGION AND DISASTROUS EFFECTS OF DARWINISM

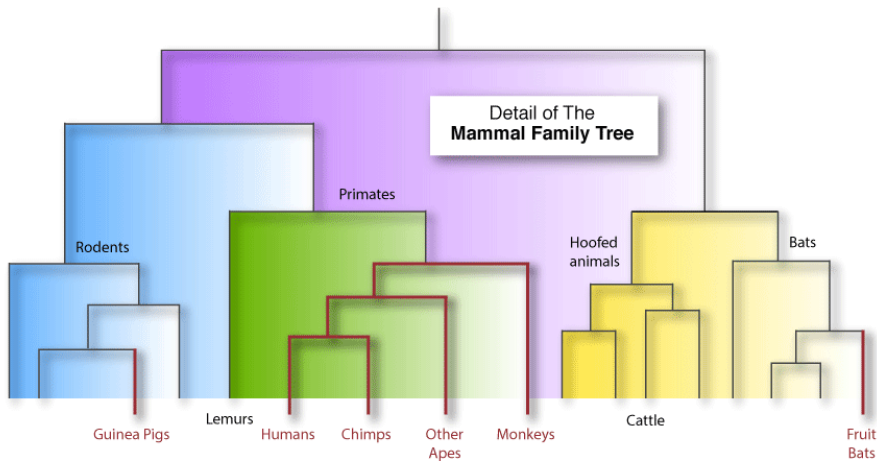
THE RELIGION OF DARWINISM

Its Claim as True Science

- Evolutionists claim that evolution is scientific fact...that it is the scientific explanation of the origin and development of life-forms on earth
- It is assumed by the majority today that “molecules-to-man” or “particles to people” evolution which has occurred through mutation and natural selection over billions of years is scientific fact
- They claim that true science is behind the evolutionary understanding of the origins of the universe because it is supported by an overwhelming amount of “scientific” evidence
- Evolution is claimed to be the best scientific description of the process by which life has diversified
- Creationists are usually accused of being unscientific while those who promote evolution assume that they are the “real” scientists
- Ernst Mayr stated that “No educated person any longer questions the validity of the so-called theory of evolution, which we know now to be a simple fact.”¹
- Thus, evolutionists claim that all of the scientific facts are on their side
- This “fact” is supposedly supported by “scientific” evidences including²:
 1. Homologous forms and structures point to common ancestors – the remarkable similarities between today’s animals and humans argue for evolution; also, vestigial traits (non-functioning eyes in blind cave fish, hip bones on whales, leg bones buried in the muscles of some snakes...or in humans – the appendix, wisdom teeth, goosebumps, etc.) are clues that today’s animals have a history that extends back to ancestors that were quite different
 2. The fossil record – the fossilized remains of dead plant and animal organisms found in the rock layers prove that life has evolved on the earth over millions of years; also, patterns found among the fossils of hominids show a transition from four-footed to upright bipedal walking, increase in brain size, and the use of ever more sophisticated tools
 3. Biogeography – “The differences between species on islands compared to mainlands provide a compelling example of evolution. Because islands provide isolated habitats where there is little chance of interbreeding with mainland species, evolutionary theory predicts that differences will accumulate and new species will evolve.” Adaptations over many generations in isolation from mainland counterparts results in the evolution of new species (i.e. the many different species of birds, insects, and plants in Hawaii that are found nowhere else on earth).
 4. Genetics – “If we never find another fossil or vestigial trait, genetic evidence puts common ancestry beyond reasonable doubt. Every organism shares the same genetic code, and the pattern of shared genes we’ve recently discovered among species generally matches the relatedness we had concluded from the other kinds of evidence. Genetics, then, enables us to test and confirm hypotheses in a powerful way.”

¹ Ernst Mayr, “Darwin’s Influence on Modern Thought,” *Scientific American*, July 2000, p. 83.

² Adapted from <https://biologos.org/common-questions/what-is-the-evidence-for-evolution>



- Are these truly scientific “evidences” for evolution and is evolution based on true science?
- In order to accurately answer that question, we must understand the difference between observational science and historical science?
 1. Observational science – the gleaning of data simply by examining things with our senses and employing the scientific method of observable, repeatable experiments to draw conclusions (the science behind flying an airplane, finding cures for illnesses, etc.)
 2. Historical science – making educated assumptions about the past by examining evidence in the present...or by finding a primary source of information that provides an eyewitness account of the historical event;

- The Eiffel Tower is 1,063 feet tall, is the tallest building in Paris, was built as the entrance for the 1889 World’s Fair, and was designed by Gustav Eiffel
- How do we know all of this is true? → It can be tested using both observational and historical science
- Observational science can be used to determine its height and the fact that it is the tallest building in Paris
- But that is the extent of information that can be determined by using observational science
- In order to determine the veracity of the other information, historical science is necessary to go outside the limits of observational science because who designed it and when it was constructed is information that belongs in the past
- Historical documents and eyewitness accounts are necessary to provide the data that comes through historical science

- While observational science can confirm that the world exists and it is full of plants, animals, and people, it cannot give us any answers about the origins of the universe because that was an event that occurred in the past
- Thus, either an eyewitness account about the origins of the universe must be believed...OR...assumptions must be made about it
- Since evolution rejects the eyewitness account (the Bible), the best evolutionists can do is make assumptions about the past based on what they see in the present
- Thus, the supposed “evidences” for evolution are not based on observable science but on historical science which has rejected the trustworthy eyewitness account of the only One who was present at the origin of creation
- “Since the physical world exists in the present, all the evidence a scientist has available to examine the physical world also exists in the present. The scientist has no method to examine directly the past; thus, he must make *assumptions* in order to come to conclusions. However, assumptions are unproven, and generally

unprovable, beliefs. Assumptions are no more than untestable guesses. Things that happened in the past are just that, past. They cannot be observed or tested in the present. They cannot be repeated or verified in the present.”³

- Thus, the above-mentioned “evidences for creation” do not meet the criteria for true scientific investigation (i.e. observational science)
- This is because a story about the past cannot be scientifically tested in the present
- In other words, true science can give us no knowledge whatsoever about where we came from or how we got here
- This is the reason that the creationist and the evolutionist arrive at very different conclusions about origins
- Although they each possess the same data (i.e. what can be presently observed), their conclusions are very different
- The creationist’s conclusions are based on the Bible; the evolutionist’s conclusions are based on their assumptions because they have no historical documentation for their viewpoint
- “So is evolution observable science? No, evolution falls under the realm of historical science; it is a belief system about the past. How can an evolutionist believe these things without rigorous scientific proof? The answer is that he *wants to*. Evolutionists are quite sincere in their beliefs, but ultimately these beliefs are based on their view that the world originated by itself through totally naturalistic processes. There is a term for this type of belief system—that term is *religion*.”⁴
- In this sense, both creation and evolution are based on a religious worldview

Evolution is a Religion

- Because of its desire to explain at all costs the origin of everything without a Creator, evolution is intrinsically an atheistic religion
- It is the religion of humanism or naturalism, worldviews which eliminate a personal God from any active role in the origin of the universe
- This “religion” proposes that the natural world proceeds according to its own internal dynamics, without divine or supernatural control or guidance, and that human beings are by products of that process
- “And atheism, no less than theism, is a religion!”⁵
- In the absence of observational scientific evidence, evolution must simply be believed, a belief that makes it a religion, or a philosophical worldview
- Evolution is not science, but religious faith in atheism
- Even the ardent Darwinian atheist Michael Ruse has acknowledged that evolution is their religion: “Evolution is promoted by its practitioners as more than mere science. Evolution is promulgated as an ideology, a secular religion—a full-fledged alternative to Christianity, with meaning and morality... Evolution is a religion. This was true of evolution in the beginning, and it is true of evolution still today.”⁶
- The late William Provine, the Charles A. Alexander Professor of Biological Sciences at the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at Cornell University, stated that “There are no gods, no purposes, no

³ https://answersingenesis.org/world-religions/is-evolution-a-religion/?utm_source=facebook-aig&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=facebook-aig

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ <https://www.icr.org/article/455/>

⁶ Ruse, Michael, "Saving Darwinism from the Darwinians," *National Post* (May 13, 2000), p. B-3.

goal-directed forces of any kind. There is no life after death. When I die, I am absolutely certain that I am going to be dead. That's the end for me. There is no ultimate foundation for ethics, no ultimate meaning to life, and no free will for humans, either."⁷

- Richard Dawkins, Professor of the Public Understanding of Science at Oxford University, stated that “My personal feeling is that understanding evolution led me to atheism.”⁸
- These evolutionists readily admit that evolution is a religion...a religion of atheism

	CHRISTIANITY	EVOLUTION
Holy Book	The Bible	<i>Origin of Species</i>
Origin of Everything	God created all in 6 literal days	Big bang resulted in all we see
Origin of Death/Suffering	The result of Adam's sin	The driving forces of evolution by the survival of the fittest
Reason for Human Existence	To glorify God as His image-bearers	Simply the result of chance
Future of Humans	For believers, to reign with Christ and live with God forever	Could become extinct or evolve into another species
Future of the Universe	To be burned up by God so that He will create new heavens/earth	It will just “be” when all the energy is used up (heat death)...estimated to take a thousand billion years

- Perhaps most striking is the fact that evolution requires more faith than Christianity
- “Many assume naturalism...has nothing to do with religion. In fact, it is a common misconception that naturalism embodies the very essence of scientific objectivity. Naturalists themselves like to portray their systems as a philosophy that stands in opposition to all faith-based worldviews, pretending that it is scientifically and intellectually superior precisely because of its supposed non-religious character. Not so. Religion is exactly the right word to describe naturalism. The entire philosophy is built on a faith-based premise. Its basic presuppositions – a rejection of everything supernatural – requires a giant leap of faith...Belief in evolutionary theory is a matter of sheer faith.”⁹
- Added to that is the fact that the passion and zeal with which evolutionists display in promulgating their dogmatic claims easily rivals or even exceeds the fanaticism of any religious zealot
- Thus, despite its claims that it is void of any religious beliefs, evolution is clearly as much a religion as any other theistic worldview
 - Christianity is a “religion” in which all are ultimately accountable to God
 - Evolution is a “religion” in which there is no God to whom you have to give an account of your actions...a religion for those who want to sin without guilt
- This “religion,” which deifies the universe and everything in it by imputing the glory of creation to creation itself, is the very thing Paul described in Romans 1

Romans 1:20-22, 25 ~ For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. 21 For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

⁷ William B Provine, *Origins Research* 16, no. 1 (1994): 9.

⁸ Laura Sheahen and Dr. Richard Dawkins, “The Problem with God: Interview with Richard Dawkins,” www.beliefnet.com/story/178/story_17889.html.

⁹ John MacArthur, *The Battle for the Beginning*, 11-12.

22 Professing to be wise, they became fools, 25 For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

DARWINISM'S EROSION OF BIBLICAL MORALITY

- Because the “religion” of evolution is completely bankrupt of human value or answers to humanity’s problems, it leads where all naturalism leads: to a sense of insignificance and spiritual barrenness
- It erases all moral and ethical accountability
- The rise of evolution has resulted in a moral catastrophe for our society because it ultimately holds that evolution and ethics are incompatible
- As such, human life is no more valuable than any other form of life if we all simply evolved from common ancestors
- This belief inevitably leads to the hopeless and futile conclusion that humans are no better than animals
- If we really evolved from animals, then we are just simply animals ourselves, ultimately nothing more than the accidental byproduct of haphazard genetic mutations

- “If the impersonal cosmos is all there is, all there ever was, and all there ever will be, then morality is ultimately moot. If there is no personal Creator to whom humanity is accountable and if the survival of the fittest is the governing law of the universe, all the moral principles that normally regulate the human conscience are ultimately groundless – and possibly even deleterious to the survival of our species.”¹⁰
- “Evolution therefore leads to the teaching that you can do as you please. You can live your life just to please yourself. Many people today live such a life. They have abandoned the faith of their forefathers and have embraced the doctrines of evolution with its atheism. No wonder we are living in a “me, me, me,” hedonistic society where everything that you do is to try to please and bring pleasure to yourself. This is more than “selfish ambition”; it is totally decadent and is in total contrast to what Christianity teaches about what our ambition should be—our chief end is to glorify God (not yourself) and to enjoy Him (not yourself) forever.”¹¹

- Due in no small part to Darwinian evolution, modern society has abandoned its moral foundation and its ethical standards
- In short, naturalism has led to an erosion of all forms of morality because it erases the image of God in man, depreciates the value of human life, and undermines human dignity
- The drift of modern society bears witness to the effects of Darwinian evolution
- “The moral catastrophe that has disfigured modern Western society is also directly traceable to Darwinism and the rejection of the early chapters of Genesis.”¹²

- In fact, the moral harm that this theory would result in was recognized soon after *On the Origin of Species* was published
- Darwin’s former biology professor, Adam Sedgwick, expressed his concerns soon after the book was published in 1859:¹³
 - “I have read your book with more pain than pleasure”
 - “I felt that Charles had ignored morality”

¹⁰ MacArthur, *Battle*, 15.

¹¹ https://answersingenesis.org/world-religions/is-evolution-a-religion/?utm_source=facebook-aig&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=facebook-aig

¹² MacArthur, *Battle*, 16.

¹³ Quoted in Jerry Bergman, *How Darwinism Corrodes Morality*, 7-8.

- “The argument of creation by natural selection would sink the human race into a lower grade of degradation than any into which it has fallen since its written record tells us of its history.”

Racism, Eugenics, and Genocide

- Darwin’s views naturally led him to believe in the superiority of certain races over others
- His view was that some animals have an evolutionary advantage that allows it to prevail in competition against other animals in the evolutionary struggle for life
- Applied to the human realm, Darwin believed that white European races were superior to all others
- This was hinted at in his most famous work: *The Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection or the Preservation of Favored Races in the Struggle for Life*
- It was further developed in his book *The Descent of Man* which spelled out his racial theory:
 - “The Western nations of Europe...now so immeasurably surpass their former savage progenitors [that they] stand at the summit of civilization”
 - “The civilized races of man will almost certainly exterminate and replace the savage races through the world”
 - “[Civilization does its] utmost to check the process of elimination; we build asylums for the imbecile, the maimed, and the sick; we institute poor-laws; and our medical men exert their utmost skill to save the life of every one to the last moment. There is reason to believe that vaccination has preserved thousands, who from a weak constitution would formerly have succumbed to small-pox. Thus the weak members of civilized societies propagate their kind. No one who has attended to the breeding of domestic animals will doubt that this must be highly injurious to the race of man. It is surprising how soon a want of care, or care wrongly directed, leads to the degeneration of a domestic race; but excepting in the case of man himself, hardly any one is so ignorant as to allow his worst animals to breed.”¹⁴
- Writing of the natives he saw in Tierra del Fuego, he described them as, “poor wretches were stunted in their growth, their hideous faces bedaubed with white paint, their skins filthy and greasy, their hair entangled, their voices discordant, their gestures violent and without dignity. Viewing such men, one can hardly make oneself believe they are fellow-creatures, and inhabitants of the same world. It is a common subject of conjecture what pleasure in life some of the less gifted animals can enjoy: how much more reasonably the same question may be asked with respect to these barbarians. At night, five or six human beings, naked and scarcely protected from the wind and rain of this tempestuous climate, sleep on the wet ground coiled up like animals.”¹⁵
- Darwin held that white, European, Germanic, or Anglo-Saxon races were at the pinnacle of progress and civilization and the “dark races” (Negroes, native South Americans, Aborigines in Australia) were inferior
- Darwin consistently called those humans that he judged as inferior as “savages” and “barbarians,” believing that they were very low in the hierarchy of human evolution
- He believed that such “savage races” would eventually be eliminated by natural selection
- It is no wonder then that Darwin was a supporter of eugenics, supporting his cousin Francis Galton (founder of the eugenics movement) in his eugenics studies
- Eugenics involves encouraging “superior” races to propagate and doing anything necessary to prevent “inferior” races from reproducing, including forced sterilization and murder

¹⁴ Charles Darwin, *The Descent of Man, and Selection in Relation to Sex* (London: John Murray, 1871), 168.

¹⁵ Charles Darwin, *Journal of Researches into the Geology and Natural History of the Various Countries Visited by H.M.S. Beagle under the Command of Captain FitzRoy, R.N. from 1832 to 1836* (London: Henry Colburn, 1839), facsimile reprint (New York: Hafner, 1952), p. 235-236.

- Not surprisingly he also seemed to support genocide: “When *The Melbourne Review* used Darwin’s teachings to justify the genocide of indigenous Australians in 1876, he didn’t try and stop them...the Australian newspaper argued that ‘the inexorable law of natural selection [justifies] exterminating the inferior Australian and Maori races’—that ‘the world is better for it’ since failure to do so would be ‘promoting the non-survival of the fittest, protecting the propagation of the imprudent, the diseased, the defective, and the criminal.’”¹⁶
- “Darwin’s racism and belief in white supremacy were an outgrowth of his ideas regarding natural selection.”¹⁷
- Herbert Spencer (1820-1903) applied the theories of evolution and the survival of the fittest to humans
- He argued that if nature determines that the strong survive and the weak perish, then this rule should be applied to society as well
- Racial and class distinctions should exist because they reflect nature’s way:
- “There is therefore no transcendent moral reason to be sympathetic to the struggle of the disadvantaged classes. It is, after all, part of the natural evolutionary process and society will actually be improved by recognizing the superiority of the dominant classes and encouraging their ascendancy.”¹⁸
- Friedrich Nietzsche (1844-1900) also embraced Darwin’s theory of evolution, believing that moral values such as humility, mercy, meekness, compassion for the oppressed, etc. had bred weakness in society
- He held that there should be two classes of people: 1) An enlightened, dominant minority of master-class elite; 2) The “herd” of sheep-like followers who were subservient to the master-class
- “[He] concluded that the only hope for humanity would be when the master-class evolved into a race of *Übermenschen* (supermen), unencumbered by religious or social mores, who would take power and bring humanity to the next stage of its evolution.”¹⁹
- Nietzsche’s philosophy laid the foundation for the Nazi movement in Germany
- It is well-known and well-established that “German evolutionary biologists, scientists, physicians, public health officials and academics played a critical role in supporting and implementing the Nazis’ program of racial eugenics that culminated in the Holocaust.”²⁰
- “From 1933 to 1945, the Nazi regime attempted to realize its goal of a biologically ‘healthy’ and ethnically homogenous population through social Darwinistic programs designed to cleanse German society of those persons whom the eugenic scientists perceived to be threatening to the German people’s eugenic health.”²¹
- Their goal was to produce a racially pure society that would reverse what the Nazi scientists saw as racial degeneration



¹⁶ <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/what-your-biology-teacher-didnt-tell-you-about-charles-darwin/>

¹⁷ <https://answersingenesis.org/charles-darwin/should-we-cancel-darwin/>

¹⁸ MacArthur, *Battle*, 15.

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, 16.

²⁰ Bergman, *How Darwinism Corrodes Morality*, 13.

²¹ *Ibid.*, 14.

- If we are really going to see the racism that has gripped our nation be abolished, we must first recognize the ruinous effects of social Darwinism
- And we must return to Genesis to solve racial tensions

Genesis 1:26-27 ~ Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” 27 God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Acts 17:26 ~ and He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation,

Sexual Immorality

- Darwinian evolution has contributed significantly to the widespread sexual immorality that launched the sexual revolution in the 1960’s and has resulted in the push for sexual freedoms that abandon all biblical ideals
- When humans are viewed as just animals, liberation from God’s standards of sexual morality will undoubtedly occur
- Physical intimacy will not be seen as a gift to be celebrated between a husband and a wife, but as an animalistic activity to engage in without any moral restraint
- All kinds of aberrant and vile sexual practices become the norm when God’s standards are abandoned

Abortion

- Abortion is a holocaust that has resulted in the death of over 60 million babies
- Darwinism has contributed significantly to this reprehensible practice because of its theory that views humans as mere animals
- “Darwinism had a profound influence on Planned Parenthood founder Margaret Sanger’s thinking including her conversion to, and active support of, eugenics. Sanger was specifically concerned about reducing the population of ‘less fit’ humans, including members of ‘inferior races’ such as ‘Negroes...’ To produce a superior race, Sanger advocated euthanasia segregation in work camps, sterilization, and abortion of those judged by eugenicists to be inferior humans.”²²
- Evolutionists have taught that “all human embryos pass through the early stages of our human evolutionary ancestors, from a simple single cell to our putative ape ancestors. This argumentation concludes that abortion is not murder because the human embryo is not human when abortions are usually performed, but rather a fish. Consequently, because the embryo is in the fish stage at this time, abortion does not destroy human life, thus is morally justified.”²³
- “The logical next step in the abortion movement is after-birth or post-partum abortions, killing a child after he or she is born. One study of this practice by Sara Blaffer Hrdy concluded that infanticide is part of the material instinct programmed into our genes by evolution. Hrdy argued that if female animals perceive that they do not have the resources to rear their infants, mothers aborted, abandoned and even killed their offspring. She then astonishingly applied this theory to homo sapiens.”²⁴

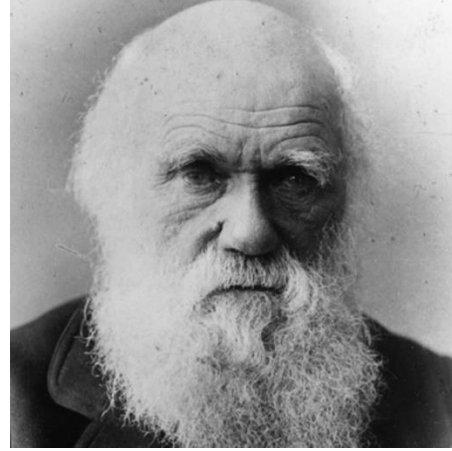
²² Bergman, *How Darwinism Corrodes Morality*, 95.

²³ *Ibid.*, 83

²⁴ *Ibid.*, 95-96.

DARWIN'S LIFE AN ILLUSTRATION OF HIS BELIEFS

- Darwin's life (1809-1882) was really a reflection of his bankrupt beliefs
- Although the exact cause of his mental and many physical problems may never be known for certain, he wrote extensively about this area of his life
- He is known to have suffered from a long list of afflictions
- He seemed to have some sadistic tendencies and impulses
- There was a dark side to him that most people are unaware of



His Marriage

- Darwin married his first cousin, Emma, in 1838 when she was 30 and he was 29
- Although marriages between cousins was fairly common in Europe throughout the 19th century, Darwin was warned by his half-cousin Francis Galton (who coined the term "eugenics") about the potential dangers of inbreeding
- This incestuous relationship produced 10 children, 3 of whom did not survive to adulthood
- Their surviving children were frequently ill:
 - Their son Charles passed away while just a toddler
 - Daughter Henrietta was bedridden for years with digestive illnesses
 - Horace and Elizabeth suffered from frequent convulsions
 - Three were infertile

A Passion for Killing

- Although having an interest in shooting and hunting is not necessarily sadistic, Darwin had an almost pathological drive to kill animals
- As a young boy he "beat a puppy... simply from enjoying the sense of power"
- He described in his autobiography his excitement when he killed his first bird: "In the latter part of my school life I became passionately fond of shooting, and I do not believe that anyone could have shown more zeal for the most holy cause than I did for shooting birds. How well I remember killing my first snipe, and my excitement was so great that I had much difficulty in reloading my gun from the trembling of my hands. This taste long continued and I became a very good shot."²⁵
- After about age 17, he dedicated almost every summer and fall to killing birds and other animals
- He even compiled an elaborate system to accurately record his numerous killings
- Some have suggested that his passion for killing and death might have played a part in developing his ruthless "survival of the fittest" theory of natural selection

Mental Instability

²⁵ Darwin, Charles. 1958. *The Autobiography of Charles Darwin 1809-1882*. New York: Norton. Autobiography. New York: W. W. Norton. Edited by Nora Barlow.

- Darwin was clearly a very troubled man and suffered from severe emotional problems for most of his adult life
- His health problems began around age 16 and became incapacitating around age 28
- He was largely an invalid from age 30, living a secluded, hermit-like lifestyle
- He was ill for almost the entire 5 years he was on the Beagle (1831-1836)
- He suffered from several serious and incapacitating psychiatric disorders, including agoraphobia (fear of certain places and situations)...he was fearful of being in crowds, being alone, or leaving home unless accompanied by his wife
- He had frequent panic attacks
- “Colp...concluded that ‘much of Darwin's daily life was lived on a rack which consisted of fluctuating degrees of pain’ that was sometimes so severe that Darwin called it ‘distressingly great.’ Darwin's many psychological or psychologically influenced physical health symptoms included severe depression, insomnia, hysterical crying, dying sensations, shaking, fainting spells, muscle twitches, shortness of breath, trembling, nausea, vomiting, severe anxiety, depersonalization, seeing spots, treading on air and vision, and other visual hallucinations...The physical symptoms included headaches, cardiac palpitations, ringing in ears (possibly tinnitus), painful flatulence, and gastric upsets—all of which commonly have a psychological origin...Colp noted that ‘behind these symptoms there was always a core of anxiety and depression’...Some speculate that part of Darwin's mental problems were due to his nagging, gnawing fear that he had devoted his ‘life to a fantasy—and a ‘dangerous one’ at that...This fear was that his theory was false and there was, in fact, a divine Creator.”²⁶
- He also had obsessive-compulsive tendencies and suicidal thoughts

²⁶ <https://www.icr.org/article/was-charles-darwin-psychotic-study-his-mental-heal/>