

# Darwin's Impact on Society

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# Talk Outline

- Evolutionists before Darwin
- Charles Darwin, B.A.
  - *HMS Beagle* Voyage
  - A.R. Wallace and the Origin of Species
- Fruits of Darwinism
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  - Nazism
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Influences on  
Charles Darwin



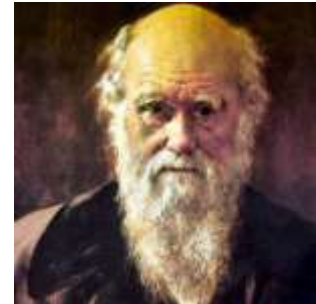
Popularization  
of “Evolution”



Ramifications of  
evolutionary thought



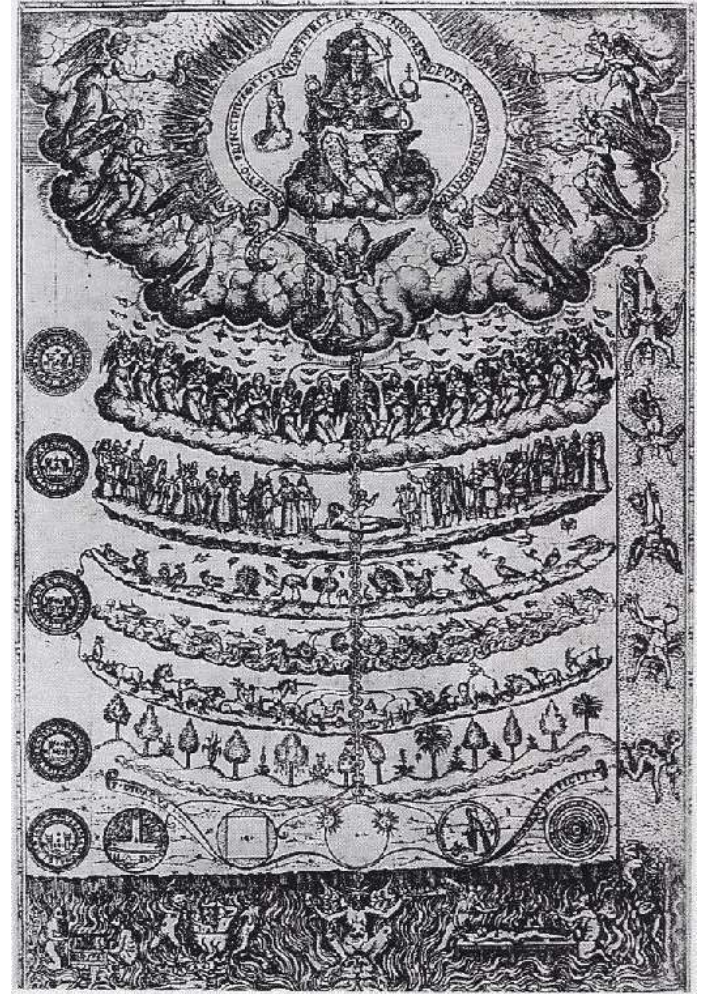
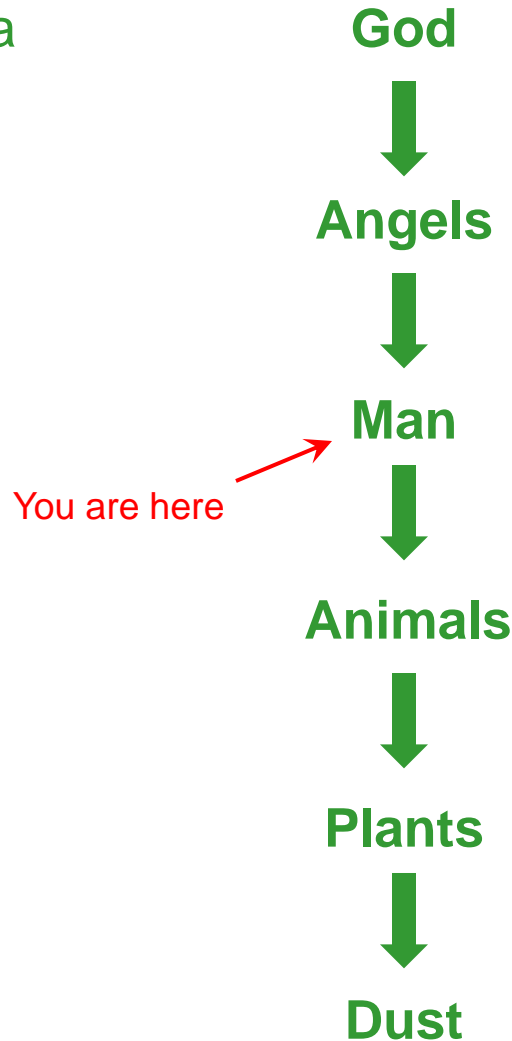
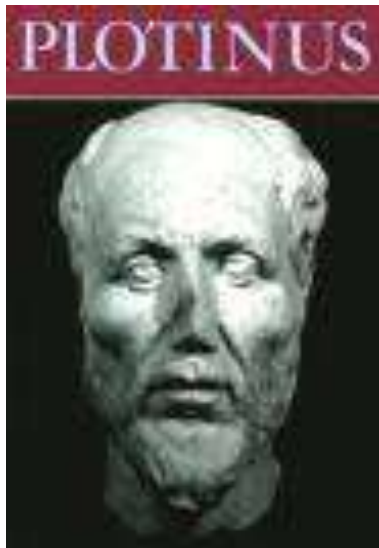
**Charles Darwin**  
English naturalist



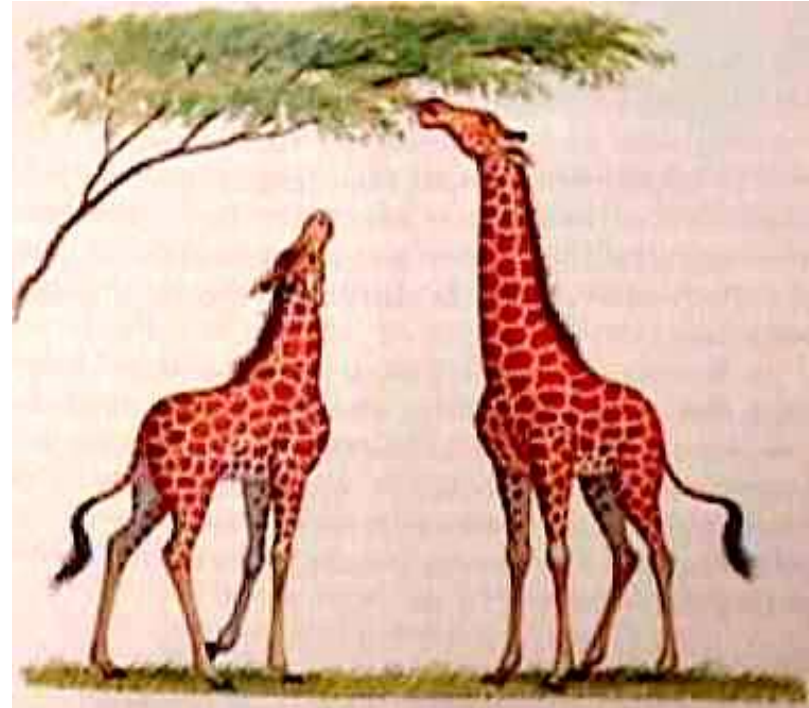
February 12, 1809 to April 19,  
1882 English naturalist

# Great Chain of Being

All Things Form a Hierarchy



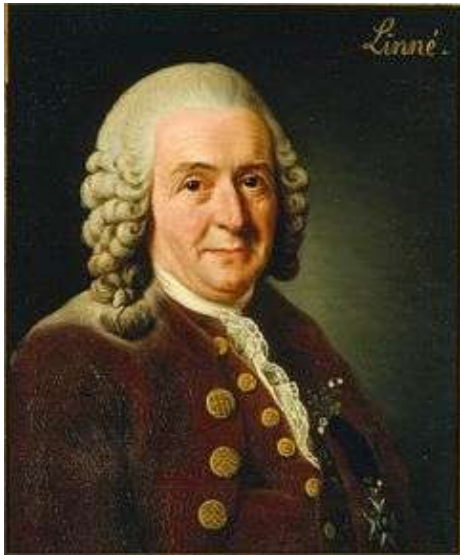
1579 drawing of the great chain of being from Didacus Valades, *Rhetorica Christiana*.



**Life is more like an escalator...**

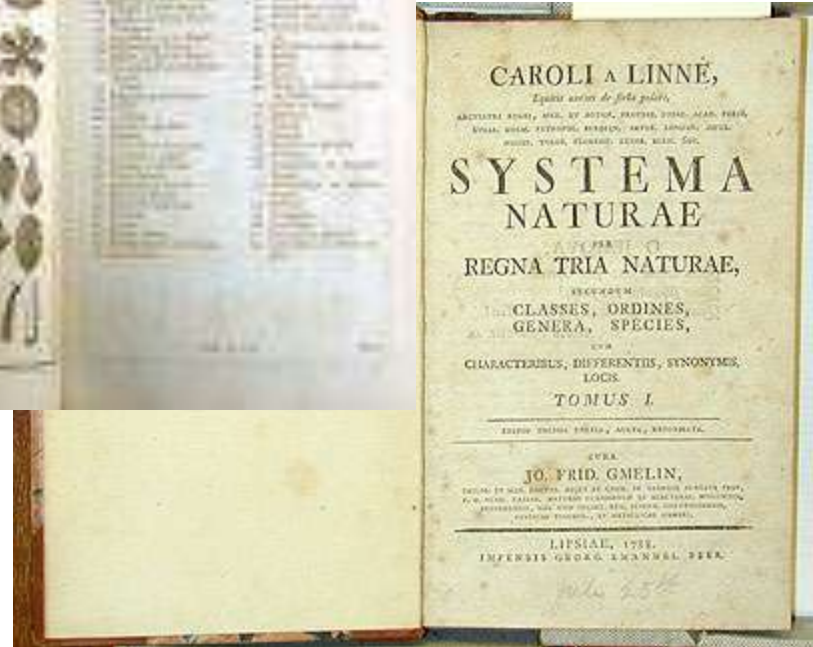


Lamarck believed that change in organisms was in "felt needs". Acquired characteristics, such as the long neck of the giraffe was the gradual result of many generations of stretching and stretching.



Carl von Linné, Alexander Roslin, 1775. Currently owned by and hanging at the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences.

Linnaeus was a Swedish physician and botanist who is regarded as the father of taxonomy (the classification of organisms in categories based on common characteristics). His system of classifying plants and animals is still in use today.



The title page of Carolus Linnaeus's seminal work, Systema Naturae. It was published in thirteen editions from 1735 to 1770. Written in Latin, Systema Naturae introduced the binomial (two-word method) for naming organisms.

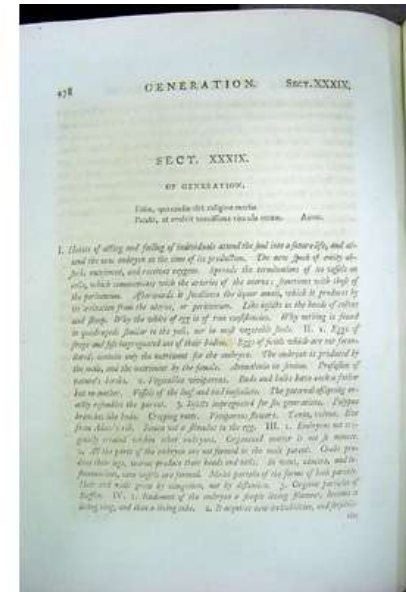
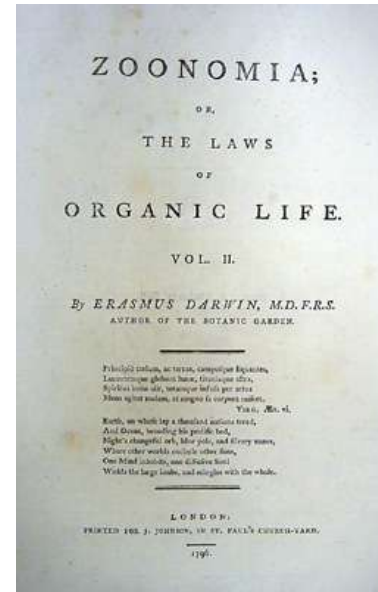
**Traditional  
Definition  
(Linnaean)**

**Species identified by common  
attributes, relying on upon  
appearance**

**Current  
Definition**

**(with knowledge of  
genetics)**

**Species identified by  
interbreeding group**

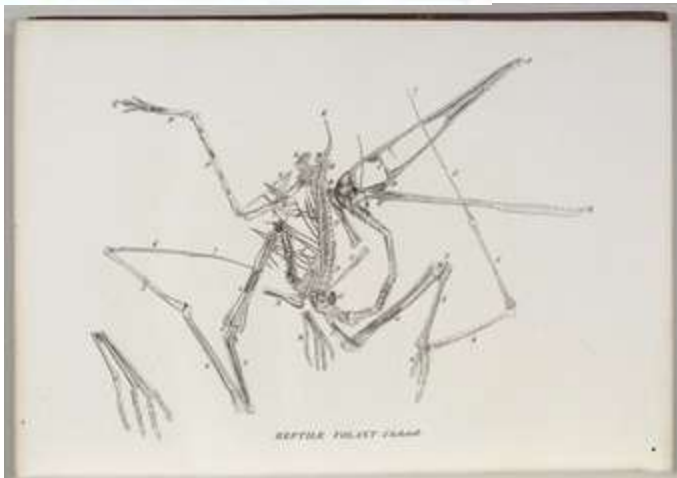


Medical doctor and poet. Advanced idea that life evolved from a single common ancestor, forming "one living filament", and that the environment influences the evolution of an organism. He was a founding member of Lunar Society, Freemason, and anti-Biblical.



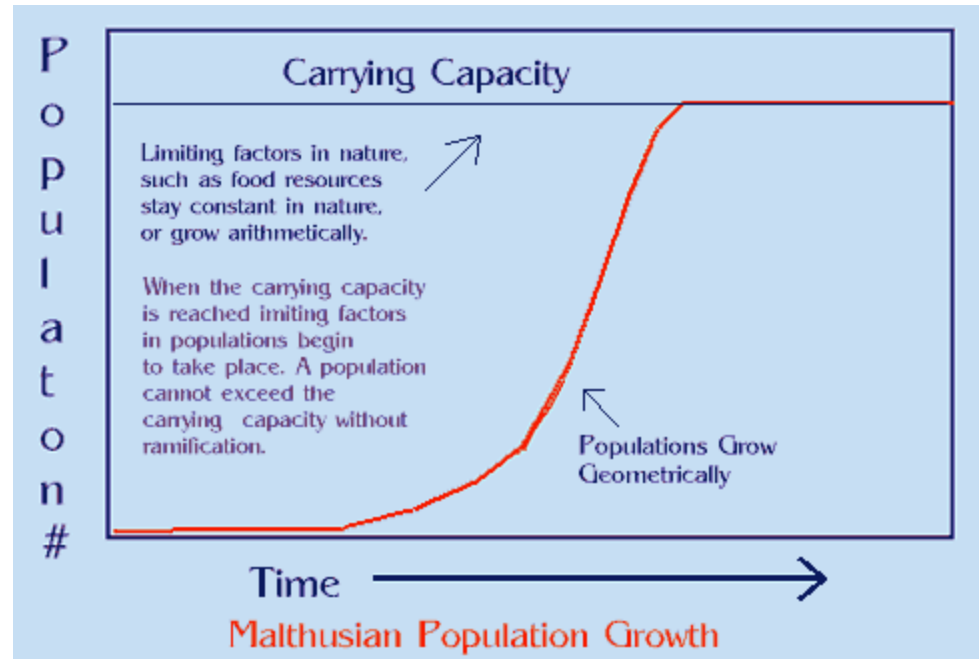


French anatomist considered to be one of the chief architects of science of paleontology. Believed fossils in strata were result of catastrophes (the Flood was the last) Bible believer and creationist.



Lecturing on Paleontology at the Museum (Sic)  
D'Histoire Naturelle Paris

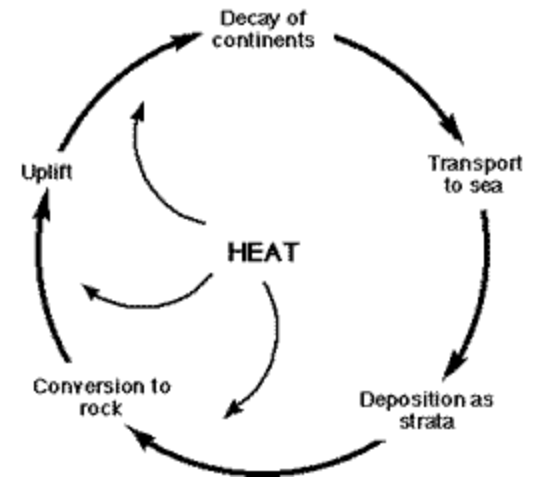
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Baron: Recherches sur les  
Ossemens Fossiles de  
Quadrupeds (Paris:  
Deterville, 1812) at Christie's  
Important Scientific Books



Malthus believed that human suffering by war and famine were the inevitable consequence of population increasing faster than supply of food. Set stage for Darwin's "struggle for existence."

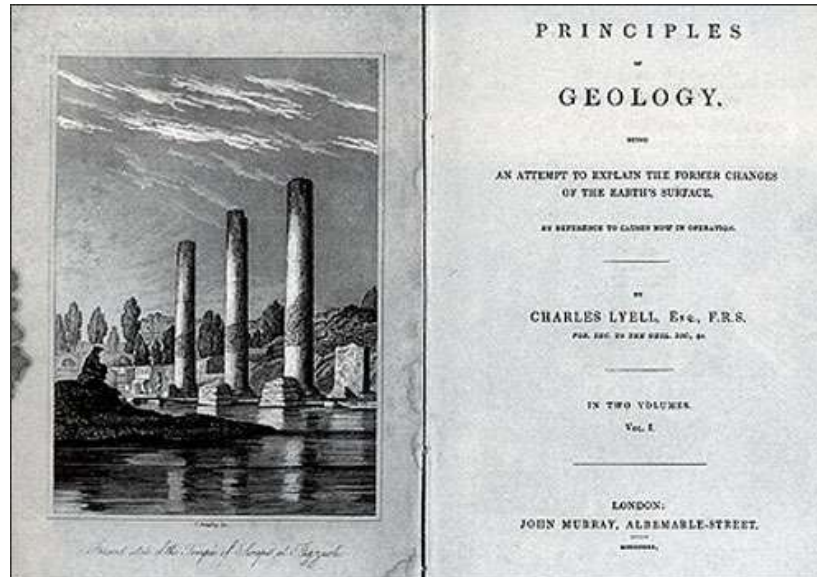


X. THEORY of the EARTH; or an INVESTIGATION of the laws observable in the Composition, Dissolution, and Restoration of Land upon the Globe. By JAMES HUTTON, M.D., F.R.S. EDIN. and Member of the Royal Academy of Agriculture at PARIS.



This image shows how James Hutton first envisioned the rock cycle.

Scottish geologist who believed that the features of the earth could be explained by slow processes over time – **gradualism**.

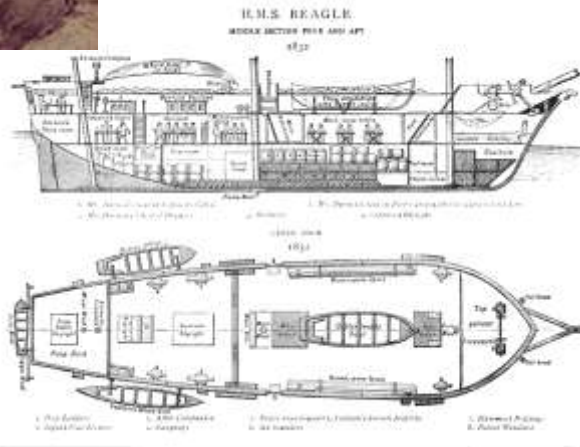
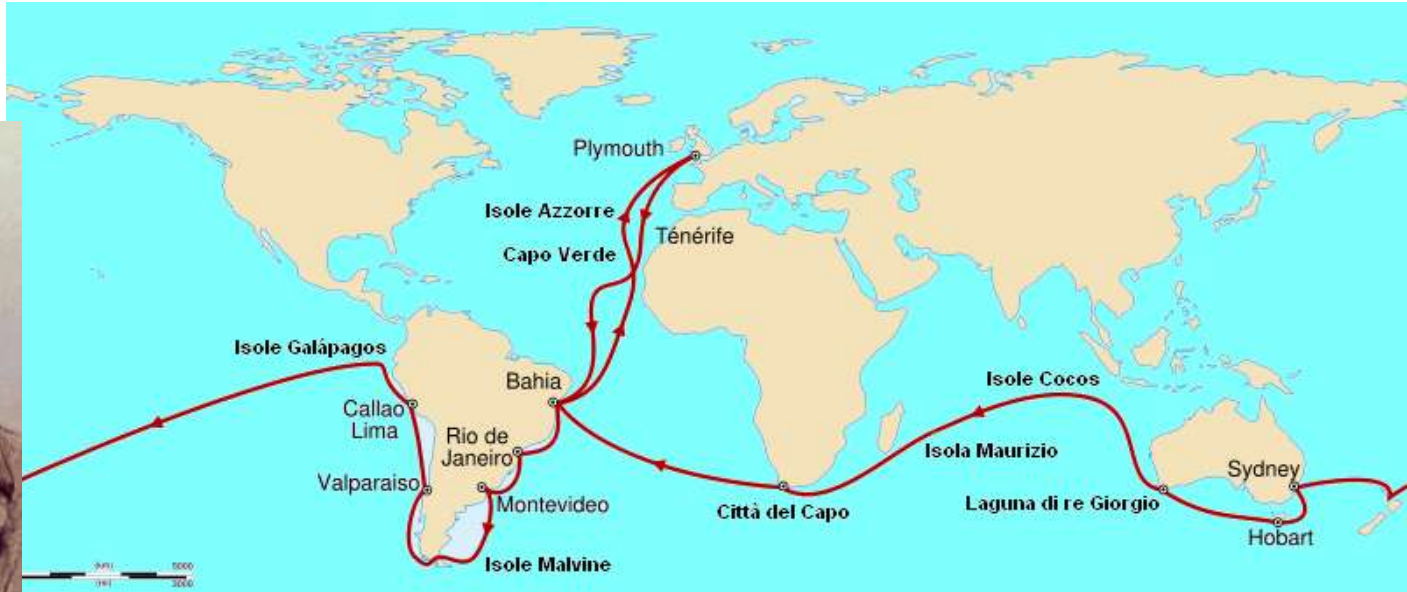


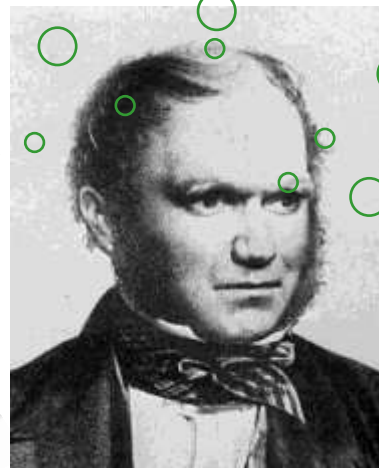
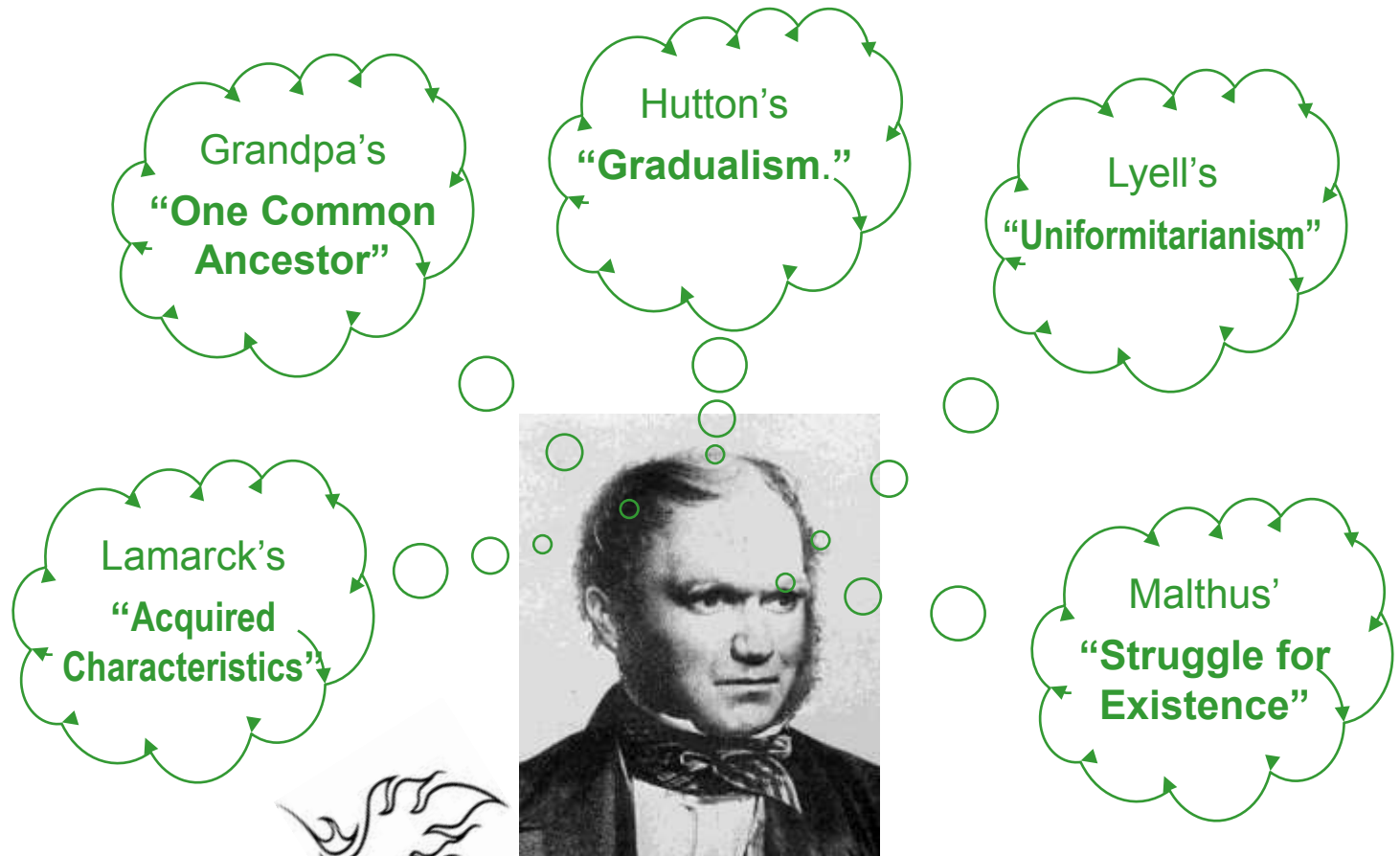
...tas, observing that, es which they have ears, they are suffi- of sea and land is the Mediterranean still greater number waves since the era ope. If we could d actual state of all ably discover that and situated where many districts not

yet occupied by man, land animals and forests now abound where the anchor once sank into the oozy bottom. We shall find, on inquiry, that inroads of the ocean have been no less considerable; and when to these revolutions produced by aqueous causes, we add analogous changes wrought by igneous agency, we shall, perhaps, acknowledge the justice of the conclusion of a great philosopher of antiquity, when he declared that the whole land and sea on our globe periodically changed places\*.

\* See an account of the Aristotelian system, p. 16, ante.

Lawyer. Carried Hutton's gradualism farther into **uniformitarianism**, the notion that geological processes are uniform through time. Wrote "Principles of Geology" and was a mentor to, and had a strong influence on Charles Darwin.





Wallace's  
**Identical  
Theory !**

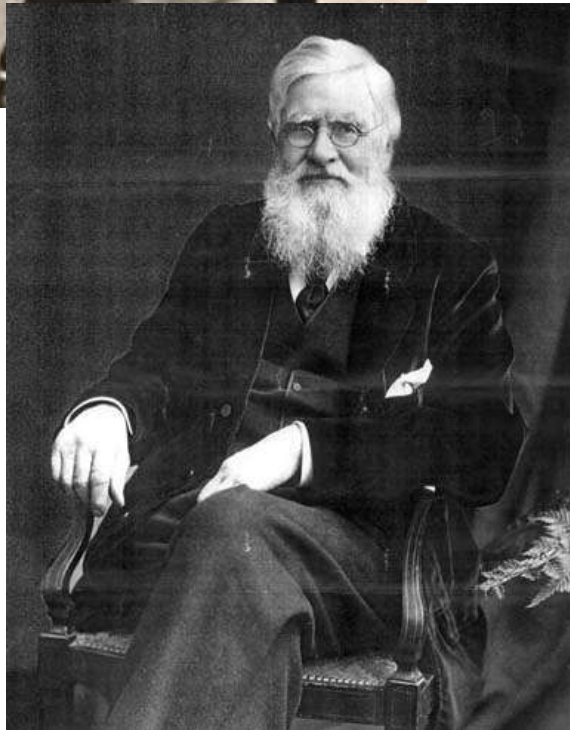




Alfred Russel Wallace in Singapore in 1862



“Evolution” was co-discovered by Wallace, who was self educated and a spiritist . He received his idea while in a malarial fit in the jungles of Malaysia. Wallace would later write a definitive textbook "Miracles and Modern Spiritualism" in 1876.



On March 14, 1874, Alfred Russel Wallace, co-originator with Charles Darwin of the natural selection of evolution theory, visited a professional photographer with Mrs. Guppy, a medium, in hopes of obtaining a spirit photo. In the first photo, a half-figure of a man holding a sword appeared. [??]



**20 Years**

**February 12, 1809** Darwin was born in Shrewsbury, England.

**1831 -1836** Voyage on the *HMS Beagle* - expedition naturalist and gentlemen's companion to Capt Robert FitzRoy. Circumnavigated the world, spending over 3 years of the 5 exploring the coastline, flora and fauna of southern South America.

**1838** Put devises his theory of evolutionary change and the origin of species by a process of natural selection.

**1842** Expanded theory into a 35-page paper

**1844** Expanded theory into a 230-page paper. After Darwin had written down his ideas, he was stricken with bouts of bad health and several tragedies in his personal life.

**1858** Receives a package from Indonesia in containing an essay written by the young English naturalist Alfred Russell Wallace containing an outline of a theory nearly identical to his own, which Wallace indicated was devised one night during a malarial fit.

**1859** *Origin of Species...* was published when Darwin was 50 years old. It became an instant best seller -- and an instant source of controversy. Darwin talks much about pigeons, dogs, beetles, and other forms of life but says nothing of man.

**April 19, 1882**, at 73 years of age, he died at Down House, after several hours of nausea, intense vomiting and retching, symptoms of a chronic illness that bedeviled him for the last 40 years of his life. Darwin's last words, spoken to his wife Emma, "I am not in the least afraid to die."



## James Hutton: (1726-1797)

Believed features of earth could be explained by slow processes over time - gradualism.

Education: **Agriculture**

## Charles Lyell: (1797-1875)

Carried gradualism further, advancing the notion that geological processes are uniform through time - uniformitarianism.

Education: **Law**

## Alfred Russel Wallace: (1823-1913)

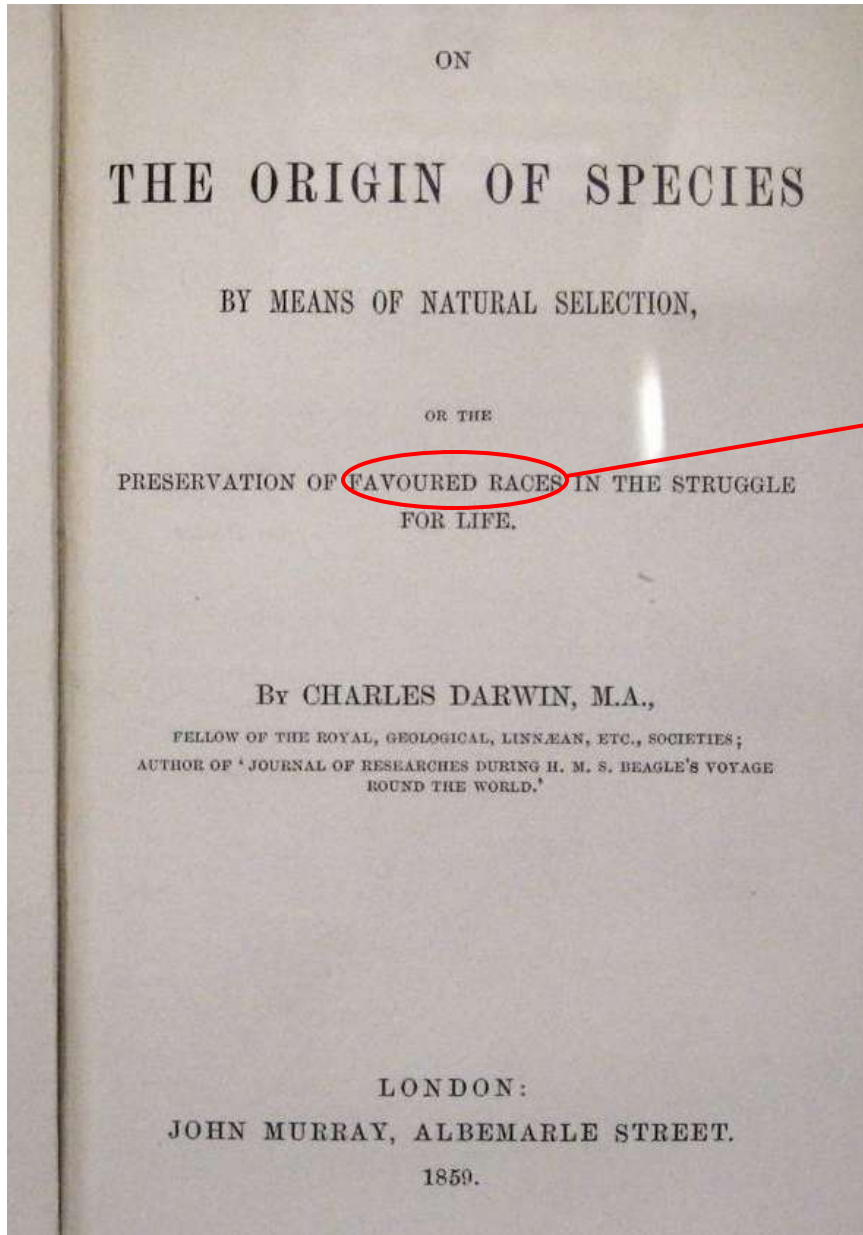
Co-"discoverer" of the notion that natural selection is the source of new species.

Education: **No formal higher education**

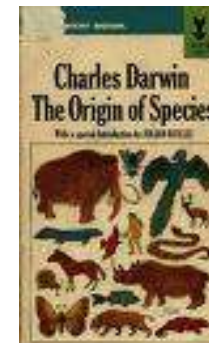
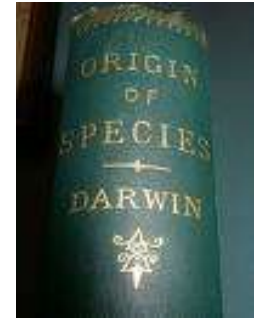
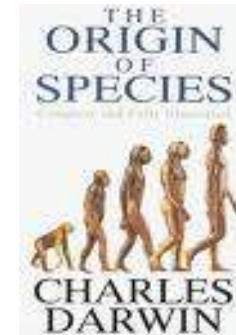
## Charles Darwin: (1809-1882)

Famous proponent of natural selection to explain the origin of species.

Education: **Theology, B.A. Christ College, Cambridge, 1831**



**Favored Races ?**  
**What's this about ?**



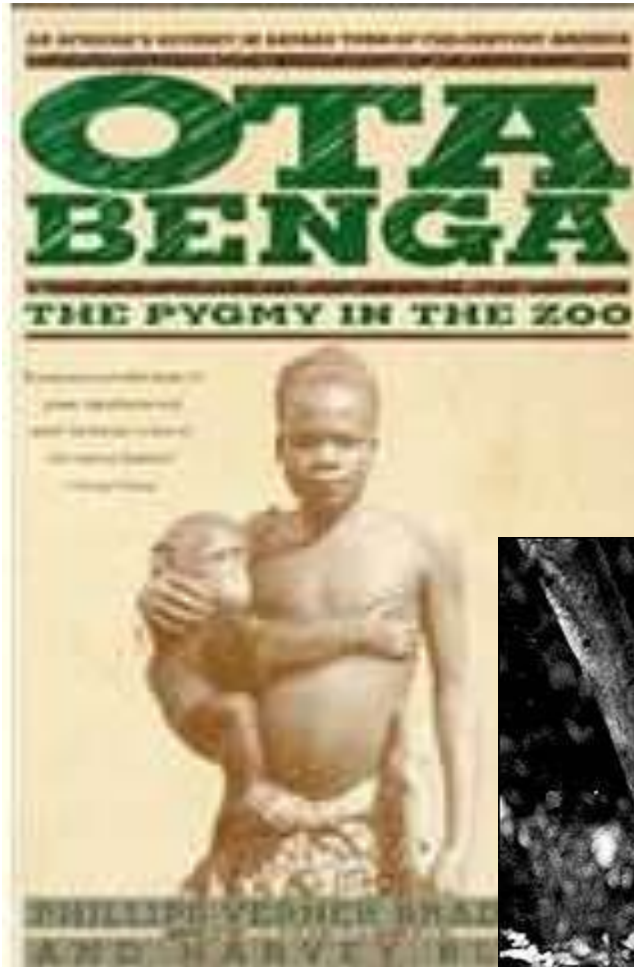
**Something missing  
from modern copies ?** 18

# Natural Selection

**Forces in  
ordinary life**

**Pick out, not create  
new things**

**But where did the organisms come from in the first place ?**

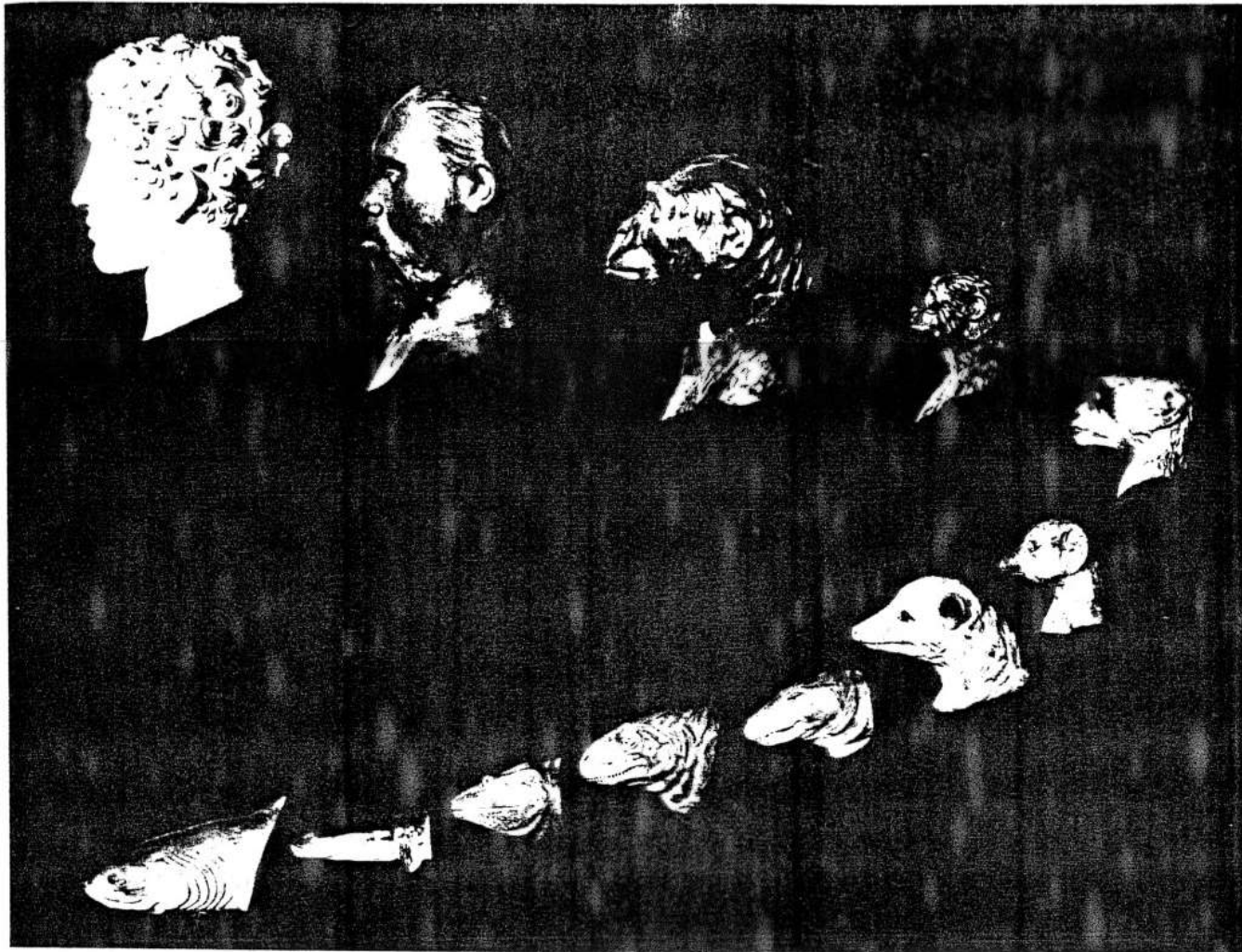


Ota Benga (c.1881 or 1884 – March 20, 1916) was a Congolese pygmy who was featured in a 1906 human zoo exhibit at the Bronx Zoo alongside an orangutan



"The Negroid stock is even more ancient than the Caucasian and Mongolian, as may be proved by an examination not only of the brain, of the hair, of the bodily characters, such as the teeth, the genitalia, the sense organs, but of the instincts, the intelligence. The standard of intelligence of the average adult Negro is similar to that of the eleven-year old youth of the species Homo Sapiens."

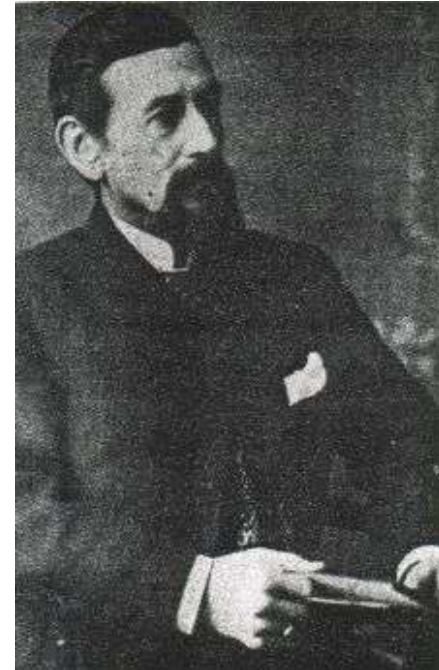
Henry Fairfield Osborn, "The Evolution of Human Races," *Natural History*, Jan./Feb. 1926. Reprinted in *Natural History* 89 (April 1980): 129.



FALLACIOUS LADDER, “Our Face from Fish to Man” at the American Museum of Natural History, arranged living species in ascending series, from sharks through opossums, to monkey, gorilla, and man. Racist assumptions of the 1930s mandated placement of an African or aboriginal Australian “one rung below” a European white man—represented by a classical Greek god! (By the 1960s the exhibit had become an outmoded embarrassment and was removed.)



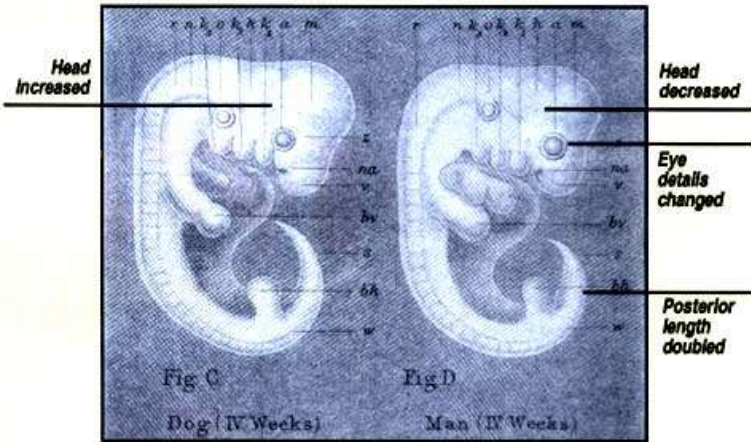
**Amalie Dietrich (1821-91)**, a German evolutionist, (nicknamed the 'Angel of Black Death') asked that Aborigines be shot for specimens, so their skin could be stuffed and mounted. "Although evicted from at least one property, she shortly returned home with her specimens."



"A death bed memoir from **Korah Wills (1828-96)**, who became mayor of Bowen, Queensland, in 1866, graphically describes how he killed and dismembered a local tribesman in 1865 to provide a scientific specimen"



Photograph of a Berlin theater rented by Haeckel for a public lecture on evolution about 1905. The enormous backdrop shows embryos, skeletons, etc., relating man with the ape. (Reproduced from Peter Klemm, *Der Ketzer von Jena*, Leipzig: Urania, 1968)



Human and dog embryo fraud.



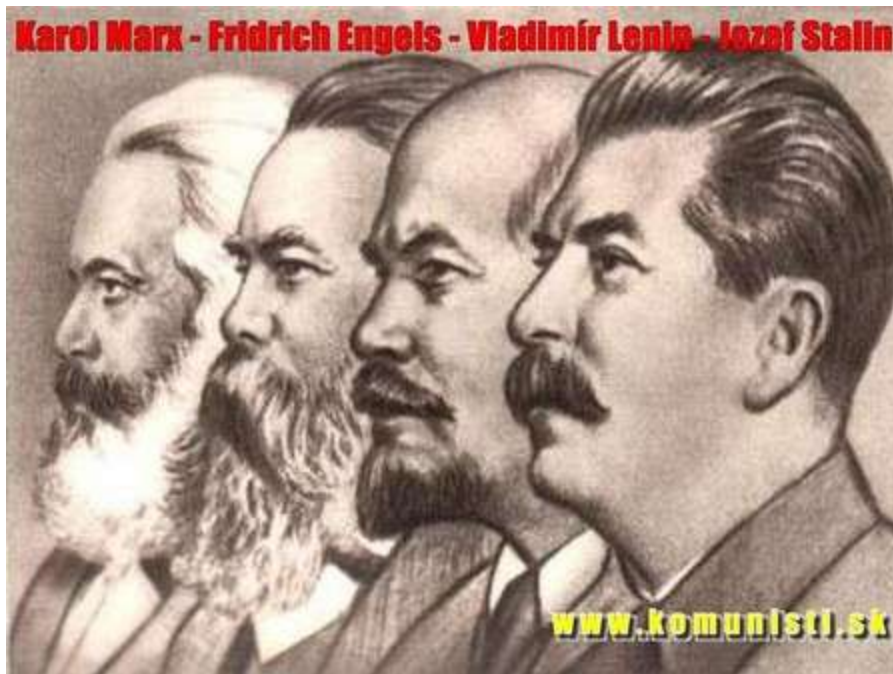


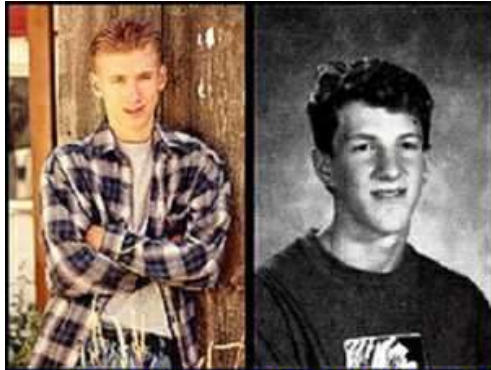
**Heinrich Himmler develops program for breeding Aryan "super race":** The *Lebensborn* (source of life) program was developed in 1935 by *Reichsführer-SS* Heinrich Himmler to produce a German "super race" by selective breeding. Suitable young German women -- those displaying the Aryan characteristics idealized by Heinrich Himmler in his perverted views of Nazi Germany's heritage and culture -- were encouraged to become pregnant by SS officers, all of whom were considered to be politically sound and "racially pure."

Replace struggle of races with  
struggle of classes.



Karl Marx, Friedrich Engels, Lenin, Trotsky and Stalin were all atheistic evolutionists. Marx wished to dedicate a portion of Das Kapital.





Eric Harris & Dylan Klebold

Klebold's father was a **geologist**. Both Eric and Dylan were followers of **Nazi teachings**. The shooting took place on **Hitler's birthday on purpose**. Klebold wore a shirt that said "serial killer." They shot Isaiah Shoels because he was **black**. *Newsweek* May 3, 1999

"God!" one of the gunmen taunted her. "Do you really believe in God?" Cassie said, "Yes."

**Eric's T-Shirt read "Natural Selection" while Dylan's read, "Wrath"** *Rocky Mountain News* May 16, 2000



They spoke German to each other in the hall at school and Harris wore a Nazi German cross.



Getting rid of all the stupid and weak organisms."

-Columbine shooter Eric Harris, on his website

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**In short, applying the Theory of Evolution to society kills, destroys, and ruins lives**

**Evolution and Racism**

**Evolution and Communism**

**Evolution and Abortion**

**Evolution and Drugs, Homosexuality, Promiscuity, etc.**

If there are no absolutes, are there any rules?

**Evolution and Spiritual Death**

If we evolved, Genesis is a myth, Adam's Fall is a myth, and Salvation through Christ is unnecessary. As a result the person who follows this logic will spend eternity in hell.

**In contrast to evolution, creationism supports the Bible and produces good fruit.**

**"By their fruit you will recognize them" Matthew 7:16**