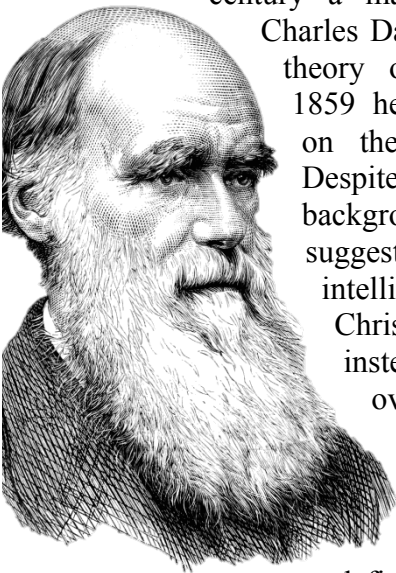


Was Charles Darwin Crazy?

**FOR – Yes, he was crazy.*

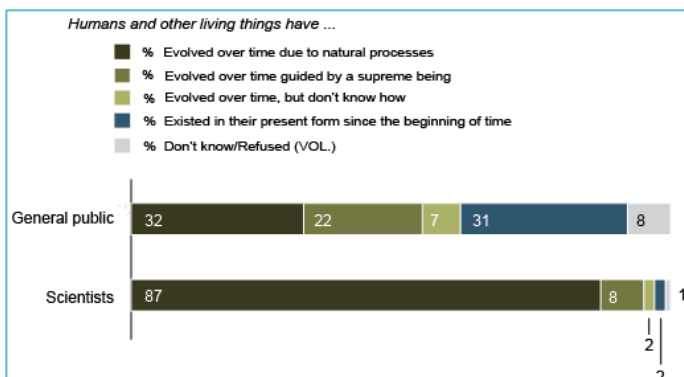
**AGAINST – No, he wasn't crazy.*

For centuries the theory of evolution has greatly been debated among many people. In the mid-19th



century a man by the name of Charles Darwin studied into his theory of evolution and in 1859 he published his book on the origin of species. Despite Darwin's Christian background, his theory suggests against an intelligent designer (as Christianity implies), and instead tells us about how over many generations the organisms change into something different. Evolution is

defined as the "origination of species by development from earlier form" (George W. Turner 1934, p.242). This theory of evolution has become widely accepted all over the world and regarded as fact rather than theory in many cases – for example today evolution is taught in schools as a subject. It is said that approximately 97% of all scientists support some aspect Darwin's theory of evolution (Peter Enns, 2013) – (BELOW).



However, there are still a vast majority of people who believe in an intelligent designer (or God). The evolution debate is still unsettled and has no definite answer. So we ask ourselves today, "Was Charles Darwin crazy?" In order to answer this question, both sides of the argument must be considered and the evidence must be weighed up for a conclusion to be reached. Of course, this is an extremely deep

topic beyond my grasp; it looks into the scientific and historical evidence of evolution far above my approach. So in this report I will only be including evidence that strongly supports or contradicts the theory of evolution that the average person can understand, without having to dedicate their lives into the study of evolution. Please keep in mind that evolution is only one possibility that suggests how life as we know it came to be, and this report is not a "Creation or Evolution" debate. The topic is "Was Charles Darwin Crazy?" – In other words, is his theory of evolution feasible or not? All of the evidence will be weighed up in order to come to an equitable conclusion. Darwin himself wrote, "**AN UNVERIFIED HYPOTHESIS IS OF LITTLE OR NO VALUE**". If there are any parts of a theory that cannot be proved, or can be disproved, science itself claims that it cannot be taught as fact – So in this report we will look at the faults, and also the evidence that strongly supports his theory in order to determine whether or not it could be true.

The theory of evolution, as mentioned earlier, is taught as a fact in schools just like history or maths, but would this be the case? As I will explain, there are many aspects of evolution that are still yet to be proven. Fact is defined as a "thing that is known to be true" (George W. Turner, 1934, p. 250) – In other words it has been proven. Despite whether Darwin's ideas are regarded as fact or theory, with the limited technology that Darwin had at the time, were his findings plausible? Or was he in fact crazy?

Review and Evaluation of Articles:

Australian Pocket Oxford Dictionary: The definitions for "evolution" and "fact" were taken from the Australian Pocket Oxford Dictionary; there was no bias or use of emotive language... etc. as the information was just definitions.

Peter Enns: Facts were taken from an article written by Peter Enns – a biblical scholar, theologian, and writer. He writes about the relationship between science and religion and Christianity and evolution. In his article he states that "97% of scientists accept some form of evolution" – he then uses emotive language and in brackets says; "there must be something wrong with them". Enns claims not to put his faith in science, but he accepts it and does so by working out his faith in the bible. In the article that Peter Enns writes, he seems to have a steady balance between

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How Evolution Began

- <http://www.ucg.org/science/prove-evolution-false-even-without-bible/> - Website
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Age of the Earth

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- <http://www.scientificamerican.com/article/how-science-figured-out-the-age-of-the-earth/> - Website
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- <http://www.ajsonline.org/content/s4-23/134/78> - Journal
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Natural Selection

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