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of Charles Darwin
and the Making of His
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Commemorating the *Origin Of Species*

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By the time of his death Charles Darwin was one of the most celebrated—and one of the most notorious—scientists in the world. Today he is probably even more famous. Still controversial, Darwin has become an icon of modern science at the same time as his theories have become the basis of modern biology. This talk asks what are we to make of this public visibility, past and present? Janet Browne explores the different ways that Darwin and his famous book *On the Origin of Species* have been commemorated, and looks ahead to issues that may underlie the forthcoming anniversary celebrations.

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