

Evolution Hindrance or Help?



Session 1: Our Historical Landscape: What is Truth?

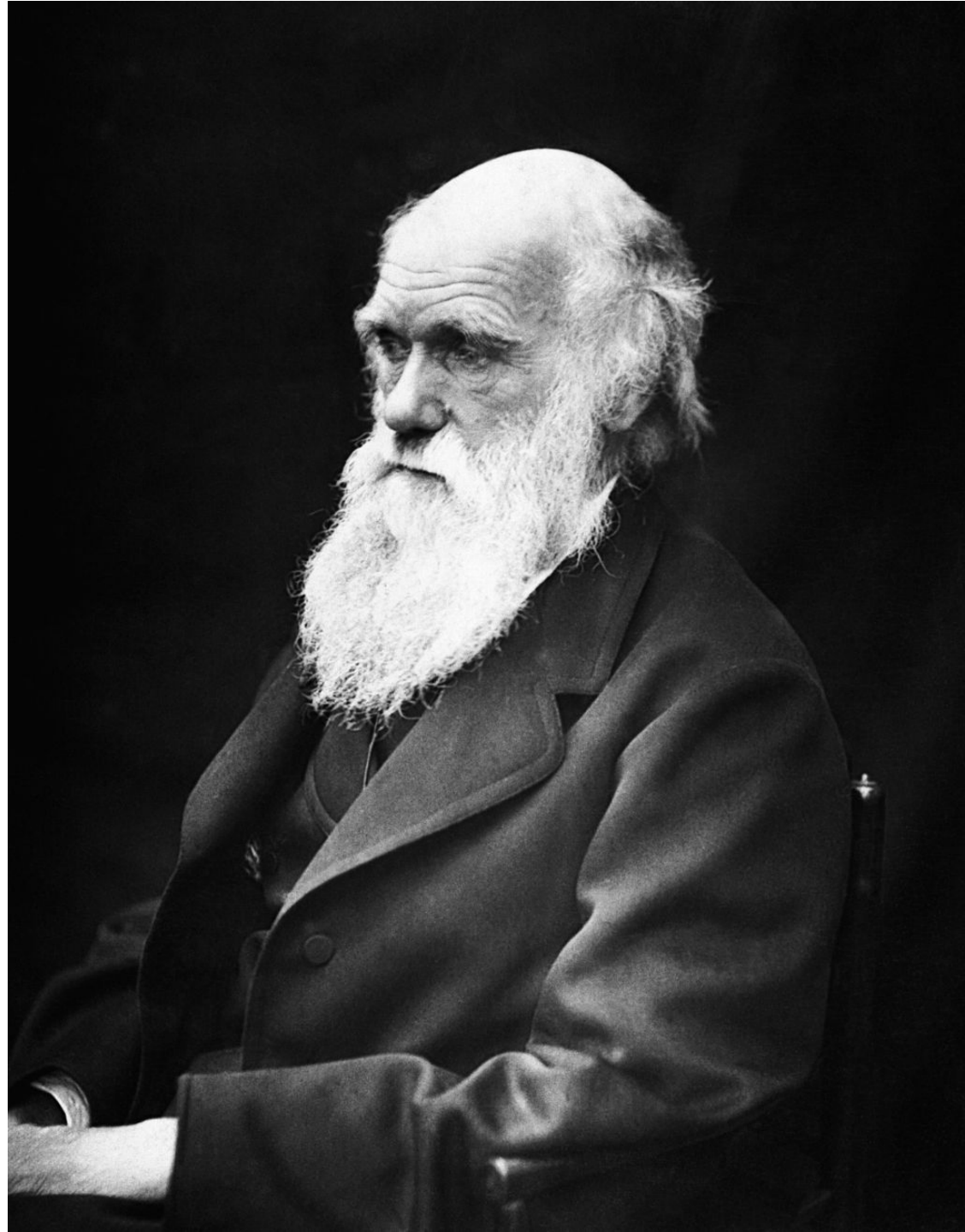
Session 2: Creation

Session 3: Evolution: Hindrance or Help?

Session 4: Creation care: Redemption of the Land

Session 5: The Future Landscape: Redeeming Truth

Charles Robert Darwin
(1809-1882)



Theory of Natural Selection

1. Individuals in a population vary in their traits.
2. Variations in these traits are inherited from parents.
3. More offspring are produced than can survive.
4. The offspring that survive in a particular environment reproduce, thus passing on their traits to the next generation.

View of God: Imperialist or Humble/Suffering?

- Luke 9: 46-48
- John 13: 1-15
- Philippians 2: 1-11

A Theology Including Evolution Helps Us:

1. See pain and suffering as natural.
2. Understand the role of humans in creation.
3. Appreciate purpose, beauty, and value.

Questions for Discussion

1. In the U.S., Charles Darwin is often vilified for his ideas. Why do you think this is?
2. Do Darwin's two major problems with Christianity (biblical literalism and the problem of evil) trouble you? Many non-Christians have reservations based on these same issues today. How should we respond to these issues?
3. Is it possible for God to be self-limiting and vulnerable, yet still all-powerful?
4. Do you believe that evolution through natural selection eliminates purpose and meaning?