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Charles Darwin's theory of evolution by natural selection made him immortal – and, judging from the heated discussions his theories still unleash around the world, undyingly controversial as well. Two hundred years after his birth, it is time to dispense with the myths and legends that still obscure the life of the great English naturalist.

Produced by Eike Schmitz (Atlantis Film) for ZDF and ZDF Enterprises, the one-hour documentary “Darwin – The Devil’s Chaplain?” immerses us into the complex and contradictory world of the scientist. In his seminal work published in 1859, “The Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection,” Darwin set himself the task of answering several fundamental questions: What is the origin of life? Where does man come from? Was he created by God or does he descend from apes? For even daring to imagine that this was possible, he was branded by his enemies as the “devil’s chaplain.” We travel

to the Cape Verde Islands, the Galapagos Islands and to South America in order to relive key experiences from Darwin’s famed journey around the world aboard the HMS Beagle. We follow his torturous transformation from Anglican theologian to atheist pioneer of modern science, and empathize with him as he withholds the publication of his main work out of respect for his deeply religious wife.

The program sketches a psychological profile of this headstrong man, whose personality has always been eclipsed by his revolutionary ideas. It visualizes the theory of evolution in stunning 3D animation and provides enlightening and easily understandable views on his theories. Emotional re-enactments depict key scenes in Darwin’s life and underscore the social impact of the theory of evolution not only on Victorian society, but also on our own times.

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