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Adding to the celebrations of the sesquicentennial anniversary of the publication of *On the Origin of Species*, *New Scientist* enlisted Steve Jones to [summarize](#) [4] Darwin's masterpiece. Jones previously updated the *Origin*, with modern language and modern examples, in his [Darwin's Ghost](#) [5] (Random House, 2000). Introducing his *New Scientist* summary, Jones writes, "If The Origin was a hasty letter to its readers, this account is no more than a postcard. But I hope that in just a fraction the length of its archetype it sketches out how Darwin might make his case today, a century-and-a-half on." Jones is Professor of Genetics and head of the Department of Genetics, Evolution, and Environment at University College London; he is also Steve #8 of NCSE's [Project Steve](#) [6] (now with 1118 Steves).

Appearing in the same issue of *New Scientist* is the editorial "Darwin's long argument is won," [arguing](#) [7], "the argument put forward in *The Origin* is no longer just a theory (in the colloquial sense). The veracity of Darwin's thinking shines out with clarity. The long argument is over and, as Darwin himself aptly put it: 'There is grandeur in this view of life.'" The editorial also notes that "copies of Darwin's great work, adulterated with a creationist introduction, are about to be distributed on college campuses," referring to Ray Comfort's imminent campaign; NCSE's executive director Eugenie C. Scott recently [described](#) [8] Comfort's introduction as "a hopeless mess of long-ago-refuted creationist arguments, teeming with misinformation about the science of evolution, populated by legions of strawmen, and exhibiting what can be charitably described as muddled thinking."

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