

He married a devout woman. He tried to keep his unbelief from her, but it showed up in his diaries. After his death his wife went through the diaries and crossed out all the anti-Christian statements with red ink. So his diaries as published did not contain this, but they have later on been published. He was a very kindly fellow and would not hurt anyone's feelings if he could help it, unless they criticized him and then he became quite different in his attitude. But that was the only situation under which you would see an arousing in his feelings.

As Darwin travelled he noticed different kinds of things which were similar, yet altogether different, and he wondered how these differences came about. One day he was reading Malfus' Study of Population and the idea came to him, The ones die out that don't fit the environment, and consequently they disappear, and the other ones reproduce. That is how changes occur. It struck him as a brilliant idea and he wrote it up in a little paper which he put in a safe, and it had been there for about 20 years.

A friend of his named Wallace who was on the other side of the world read the same book by Malfus and got the same idea, and he wrote to Darwin and said, I've got an idea I think will interest you and he presented the idea. Darwin said, If Wallace publishes this he'll get the credit for it instead of me. So Darwin got his paper out of the safe and got to work to write it up. When he'd written it he took it to a publisher and the publisher looked it over and said Yes, we'll publish it; you've got a reputation in science. But they said, We don't think it will sell; nobody much will be interested in it. Why don't you write a book on peanuts? People are interested in peanuts; they are not interested in these theories!

Darwin rarely left his home. Rarely entered into controversies