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Charles Darwin, British naturalist who is best-known as one of the most famous and influential scientists of 19th century. He established that all species of life have descended over time from common ancestry, and created the scientific theory where he explained the branching pattern of evolution resulted from a process of natural selection. However, before becoming a scientist, he failed out of medical school. After his failure in finishing his studies in medicine, he was sent to another university where he says, “I was considered by all my masters and my father, a very ordinary boy, rather below the common standard of intellect.” He was told he was not smart or dedicated.

Finally, Darwin chose to pursue his dream, exploring nature and understanding species. According to Julian Huxley, Darwin’s idea “is the most powerful and most comprehensive idea that has ever arisen on earth. It helps us understand our origins…We are part of a total process, made of the same matter and operating by the same energy as the rest of the cosmos, maintaining and reproducing by the same type of mechanism on the rest of life.”