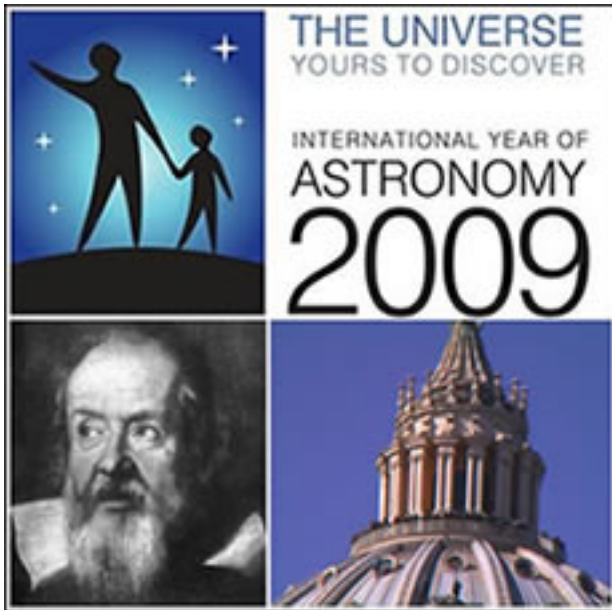


## Documents for the 2009 Anniversary: International Year of Astronomy and II Centenary of Darwin's birth

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John Paul II, [Address to the Plenary Session of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, including Pontiff's hope that "theologians, scholars and historians, animated by a spirit of sincere collaboration, will study the Galileo case more deeply and, in loyal recognition of wrongs from whatever side they come, will dispel the mistrust that still opposes, in many minds, a fruitful concord between science and faith", Rome, November 10, 1979.](#) [2]

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John Paul II, [Speech delivered at the Concluding Summary presented by the Commission on the Galileo Affair, Rome, October 31, 1992.](#) [4]

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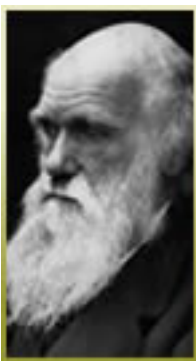
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Charles R. Darwin, [\*My Religious Belief, from The Autobiography of C.R. Darwin edited by his grand-daughter Nora Barlow, with the original omissions restored.\*](#) [14]

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[\*The Role of a Creator according to the 1842 Sketch and to the conclusions of The Origin of Species \(1859 and 1860\)\*](#) [16]

C.H. Hunter, [“Evolution and Theodicy”, a reading from \*Darwin’s God. Evolution and the Problem of Evil\*](#) [17]

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John Paul II, [Humans are Spiritual and Corporal Beings, from the General Audience April 16, 1986](#) [20]

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John Henry Newman to J. Walker, on [Darwin’s Theory of Evolution](#) [25], May 22, 1868

Ernest C. Messenger, [On the Problem of Man’s Origin](#) [26](1932)

Steven M. Barr, [The Miracle of Evolution](#) [27] (2006)

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