

# **BEAUTY**

**Charles Darwin:** Males and females of a species, including homo sapiens, make **display** of features revealing they possess the qualities which the other sex values in their selection of a mating partner

**Intrasexual Selection**  
**Intersexual Selection**

**David Buss**

**Karen Horney**

Natural selection could have influenced beauty preferences because physical attraction responses are related to sexuality and reproduction.

Beautiful features are in part symbols of biological or social fitness.

## **Multiple Fitness Model**

**Michael Cunningham**

A model of social perception [that] describes the relations among the target's face and body features; the perceiver's needs and characteristics; and the perceiver's evaluations of the target's attractiveness and implicit fitness for various biological, social, and personal challenges. (Cunningham, 1995, 1986)

The Multiple Fitness model notes that the human face and body pass through three age-related transformations in appearance:

**Neonate Features**

**Sexual Maturity Features**

**Senescence Features**

**Beauty reflects an Ideal Neonate-Sexual  
Maturity Combination**

**Karl Grammar**