

Evolution *And* Religion

(A Belief System for Atheism)

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Evolution meets several criteria that are necessary to be considered a modern religion:

- * A Doctrine
 - * Prophets, Priests, Professors, Disciples
 - * Scriptural text(s)
 - * A Holy Trinity would be nice
 - * A Plan of Salvation (its ultimate Creed)
 - * Miracles
 - * A Theory of Origins
 - * A Mantra
- * A Favorite Hymn
- * An Icon
- * Holy Days (holidays)
- * Seminaries
- * Temples / Cathedrals / Sanctuaries
- * A Creator
- * An Inquisition
- * A World-view

Let's see how the notion of Evolution satisfies these criteria:

- Doctrine (Origin and Evolution of Species by Means of Natural Selection)
- Prophets, Priests, Professors, Disciples (Darwin, Lyell, Gould, Sagan, Hawking, Dawkins, Eugenie Scott, etc.)
- Scriptures (Old Testament: *On the Origin of Species*. . . New Testament: *The Descent of Man*. . .)
- A Holy Trinity (Mother Nature / Father Time / Lady Luck)
- Plan of Salvation (Survival of the Fittest)
- Miracles (“Out of nothing came everything!”)
- Theory of Origins (BIG BANG!)
- Mantra (“Once Upon A Time. . .”)
- Favorite Hymn (“I Did it My-y-y Way-y-y-y”)
- Icon (Darwin Fish)
- Holy Days (February 12, April 1, October 31)
- Seminaries (Science classrooms)
- Temples (Natural History Museums); Cathedrals (i.e., Westminster Abbey); Sanctuaries (“Back to Nature”)
- Creator (Chance / Time – lot’s of TIME!)
- An Inquisition (Note: Prof’s Demski, Gularimo, Bretz, etc.; see – *Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed*)
- A World-view (“Red in Tooth and Claw!”)



We have then, the DOCTRINE of Evolution (Origin and Evolution of Species by Means of Natural Selection), which holds to a CREATOR (Chance over Time), that has a SCRIPTURE with both an Old Testament (*On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection: Or the Preservation of Favored Races in the Struggle for Life*) and a New Testament (*The Descent of Man*. . .) and a favorite HYMN (“I Did it My Way”); with PROPHETS, PRIESTS, PROFESSORS, DISCIPLES (Darwin, Lyell, Gould, Hawking, Dawkins, Sagan, Eugenie Scott, etc.), a HOLY TRINITY (Mother Nature / Father Time / Lady Luck), a MANTRA (“Once Upon a Time. . .”)*, and an ICON (the Darwin Fish).

Evolution has a THEORY OF ORIGINS (the Big Bang), acknowledges the place of MIRACLES (Out of Nothing came Everything!), offers a PLAN OF SALVATION (Survival of the Fittest), instructs the youth in its SEMINARIES located in every city and town in America (the public school classroom), and has a world-wide series of TEMPLES (Natural History Museums) in which to pay homage and worship. Proponents of Evolution doggedly attempt to impose its view upon the minds of Men through an INQUISITION (witness the movie, *Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed*). HOLY DAYS (holidays – are generally celebrated on February 12, April 1, and October 31 of each year).

Finally, Evolution has an all-encompassing WORLD-VIEW: (“Red in Tooth and Claw!”). In the final analysis, Evolution meets all necessary criteria of a modern religion.

In other words, Evolution has a THEOLOGY (Man IS god) with a METHODOLOGY (educate the kids) for its BIOLOGY (From Goo to You by way of the Zoo), culminating in its ESCHATOLOGY (When you die, you’re dead!) as its ultimate HOPE.

Makes you wonder if that is the kind of PHILOSOPHY (Wonderful idea), in which you want to place your faith!

What Evolution does *not* have is –

A God of LOVE, revealed in His Written WORD; with its GOSPEL message of a Crucified SAVIOR and Risen LORD – and a Blessed HOPE for a Dying World.

* Just Listen to the Mantras

“Once Upon a Time. . .”
“Millions and billions of years ago. . .”
“Over the course of eons. . .”
“During pre-historic times. . .”
“Over countless generations. . .”