

# EVOLUTION VS. CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

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## The Glorification of God as Creator

Christian Stewardship begins with the premise that God is the Creator and Owner of all things. The responsibility of mankind is to manage His things according to His will for His glory. Christian stewards endeavor to be caring, careful caretakers of themselves and whatever else surrounds them in love for God. Defined, "Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the Church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes." For a Christian, the glorification of God is the primary purpose of existence. The stewardship of "God-glorification" is all inclusive, involving God pleasing management of oneself, one's possessions, the Church, the environment, personal activities, as well as other people. "Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." (1 Peter 4:10) "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." (1 Cor. 10:3)

**Nov. 24, 2009 marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Charles Darwin's book, "The Origin of Species" and the Theory of Evolution.**

The Theory of Evolution rejects the concept of God as Creator. The theory assumes higher forms of life evolved from lower ones via mutations and natural selection. It proposes change over a long period of time and assumes that life somehow originated and advanced without divine intervention. The theory negates the concept of God as Creator/Owner of all things. Evolutionary stewardship of the world, as a result, ends up humanistic.

## Evolution - An Unproven Theory

It should be understood and stressed that evolution is still a theory, a hypothesis which has not been established as scientific fact. Modern science functions on the basis of the "Scientific Method" proposed by the 16<sup>th</sup> century philosopher, Francis Bacon. The method, very effective in the pursuit of

knowledge and progress, has three parts:

1. HYPOTHESIS - A theoretical statement (guess) regarding something in nature.
2. OBSERVATION - Testing the hypothesis (theory) through experiments.
3. CONCLUSION - Establishing proof for the hypothesis as scientific fact.

To date, the evolutionary hypothesis is still in the realm of observation (stage 2) and has not been established as scientific fact.

## Observation Complications

Some scientific observations oppose the theory. For example, a gradual evolutionary progression of life from very simple forms to higher forms is not conclusively found in fossils. Furthermore, genetic mutations have not produced new gene forms that would enable a new race of organisms to evolve. Actually, mutations produce weaker organisms, not stronger ones. Again, "Symbiosis" (the scientific fact that life depends upon life to exist) negates the evolutionary assumption that life evolved over a long period of time. For example, coral, algae and fish on an ocean reef depend on each other to exist. To separate their origin by long periods of time is scientifically unreasonable. The fact of symbiotic dependency for life to exist favors a quick creation - the Biblical six days of Genesis 1 & 2.



**CREATION STAR**  
The six pointed star represents the six days of creation. It is also known as "The Star of David"

## Intelligent Design

The magnificent complexity of life and symbiotic relationships point to a master plan. The intricate nature of organic-inorganic things could not occur by evolutionary chance. They were designed intelligently - by God! Evolutionary stewardship proposes the humanistic management of the world "by man for man's sake". Christian stewardship endeavors to manage God's created things "through God for God's sake"!