

## Re: Evolutionism the religion

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Gactimus <[gactimus@xrs.net](mailto:gactimus@xrs.net)> wrote in  
news:DcOsd.122658\$%x.11815@okepread04:

- > *I copied this from the talk.origins feed back (April 2000):*
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- > *"How so? It has no deity. No worship. No priests. No sabbath. No*
- > *commandments. No inerrant doctrine-- it is constantly undergoing*
- > *revision. It has no reliance on the supernatural or miracles. It*
- > *has no penalties for unbelief. Belief in evolution carries no*
- > *promises of reward. It is acceptable for any deity, including*
- > *Jehovah, to be inserted in the forefront, taking credit for the*
- > *progression of evolution. How, then, is evolution a religion? Are*
- > *other scientific theories, such as the theory of relativity, also*
- > *a religion? How does one distinguish and determine this?"*
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- > *A religion is essentially an attitude to the world as a whole. Thus*
- > *evolution, for example, may prove as powerful a principle to*
- > *co-ordinate men's beliefs and hopes as God was in the past. Such ideas*
- > *underlie the various forms of Rationalism, the Ethical movement and*
- > *scientific Humanism.*

If evolution is a religion, then it has a huge advantage over the other, competing religions. Its main principle tenet is something that is actually observed.

- > *Humanism: An outlook that places man and his concerns at the center of*
- > *interest. Modern Humanism, which does away with traditional*
- > *Christianity, is characterised by its faith in the power of human*
- > *beings to create their own future, collectively and personally.*

Modern humanism? It finds its roots in the Renaissance, when philosophers began to overthrow the medieval scholastics' overdependence on the ancient writings of the Greek philosophers and scripture (as they then interpreted it). However, far from doing away with traditional Christianity, it has succeeded in somewhat forcing it back to its roots. It is the rather UNtraditional Christianity of some of the more radical reformation sects that h