

## EVOLUTION VS. PURPOSE

Evolution is a theory in biology postulating that the various types of plants, animals, and other living things on earth have their origin in other preexisting types and that their distinguishable differences are due to modifications in successive generations. The “evidence” for evolution is if two or more species share a unique physical feature they may all have inherited this feature from a common ancestor. The father of the modern theory of evolution was Charles Darwin. Although by definition evolution is a theory, it is considered a scientific “fact” that evolution has occurred and is still occurring. Here are the facts: Scientists have classified around 1.2 million species of animals. However, this is not universally accepted. According to the IUCN Red list, about 2.16 million have been formally described as of 2022. In addition, there are about 380,000 known species of plants ranging from single cells to the tallest trees according to Wikipedia. In addition biologists have described more than 30,000 species of fish in the world. Then consider the insect population of population of more than 1,000,000, and about 7,000 new insects are found each year. Entomologists estimate there are 10 million undiscovered insect species. There you have it. It’s simple – all from a single explosion 6 billion years ago. Random chance, if you please. If evolution is true there is no purpose. If creation is true there is a purpose for all of it. Consider the concept of ecosystem. It is a biological community of interacting organisms and their physical environment. Scientists have divided ecosystems into four types: artificial, terrestrial, lentic, and lotic. All of that only makes a difference if there is a purpose. Evolution is a non-purposeful explanation of the universe and everything in it. Our very humanity cries out for purpose, and scientific evolution provides none. The Bible does. God created the world to display His glory, and He created man for His glory (Isaiah 43:7). To the evolutionist, man is an accident. To the creationist, man has a purpose – to know God and enjoy Him forever. An intelligent Creator is the only explanation for the complex world of the species and complex ecosystems that exist in the world.