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## No Gardeners

Imagine that a royal family cared for a centuries old, 100 acre flower garden. Visitors were told the history of how the gardens were planted and maintained by gardeners. A visitor was struck by the great beauty of the gardens, but he did not believe the royal family's history of how the gardens came to be. He then wrote a very detailed natural history of the gardens, claiming the gardens came about without the care of any gardeners. Now a second visitor trusted that natural history story as being true, but he still believed gardeners were involved in some way. This second visitor revised the natural history story by adding back gardeners, asserting that gardeners initiated and guided the natural processes which created and preserved the gardens. Now the royal family's garden history was correct, while the made-up natural history without gardeners was a fairytale. It was foolish to add gardeners back into that fairytale, yet that is exactly what some Christians do by attempting to write God into the evolution story. Writing God into the fairytale called "evolution" makes no sense.

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