

*What can I say to atheists who question God's existence? They ask: Can God create a rock so heavy he cannot lift it? Also, were the angels around before man?*

Before Adam was created (Ge 1:26–28) there was an angelic world (Eze 28:11–19).

The atheist can claim that there is no God; but, he must answer some questions to defend his worldview.

Adrian Rogers said that there are four bridges that the atheist cannot cross. They are: The Origin of Life and the law of biogenesis; The Fixity of the Species; The Second Law of Thermodynamics; and The Non-Physical Properties Found in Creation.<sup>1</sup>

God can do anything consistent with logic (Pr 18:6, 20:3, Eph 3:20).

He humbles men (Da 4:37) but ultimately it is their choice to live or die eternally (Deut 30:19).

*[Follow-up question] What about original sin and depravity? How could God allow us to inherit sin? And what about the angels? Some people are born with good character and others are not.*

God is not to blame for sin—man is (Ro 5:12–19)—and the angels are who rebelled (Is 14:12–15; Jud 6, Re 12:3–4) before Adam's creation.

Regarding Ezekiel 28:15<sup>2</sup> J. Vernon McGee wrote:

...Satan was the “anointed cherub that covereth”—that is, he protected the throne of God. This is not the Eden which was on earth, but apparently is a picture of heaven itself. Satan had access to heaven, of course.

Satan protected God's throne. He had the highest position a created being could have. What was it that brought him down? Ezekiel doesn't tell us, but Isaiah 14:12–15 has already told us: “How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.” The thing that brought him down was *pride!* Satan wanted to lift up his throne. He wanted to divorce himself from God and be God. He was in rebellion against God....<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Hatcher, By Everette, III, et al. “The Sermon on Evolution by Adrian Rogers that I sent to Over 250 Atheist Scientists from 1992 to 2015!” *The Daily Hatch*, 20 Jan. 2018, [thedailyhatch.org/2015/07/17/the-sermon-on-evolution-by-adrian-rogers-that-i-sent-to-over-250-atheist-scientists-from-1992-to-2015](http://thedailyhatch.org/2015/07/17/the-sermon-on-evolution-by-adrian-rogers-that-i-sent-to-over-250-atheist-scientists-from-1992-to-2015).

<sup>2</sup> Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee [Ezek. 28:15].

<sup>3</sup> McGee, J. V. (1991). [\*Thru the Bible commentary: The Prophets \(Ezekiel\)\*](#) (electronic ed., Vol. 25, pp. 140–141). Thomas Nelson.

God gave men and angels a will which resulted in sin (Ge 2:16, 17).

The traits of one's character are: described prophetically (Ge 49:1–28), indicated before birth (Ge 25:21–34), seen in childhood (Pr 20:11) and fixed in hell (Re 22:11, 15).<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> Thomas Nelson Publishers. (1996). Nelson's quick reference topical Bible index (p. 128). Thomas Nelson Publishers.