

Two ultimate questions we can ask ourselves as human beings, related to the origin of life are where did we come from? Where are we going?

One secular worldview often held by atheists is that humans evolved rather than being designed and created by God, as some Christians believe. Atheism is the rejection of any sort of belief in deities or a God.

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One possible answer to where we came from for atheists is that it all started with a “Big Bang” 13.8 billion years ago, and evolution happened from possibly some molecules from the universe that landed on earth at the right time for life to develop.

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The bible book of **Genesis** says, “Then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature”. **Adam and Eve were created as perfect human beings, in God’s image.** *Therefore, they did not evolve from a simple living organism to a human being over a long period as believed by atheists. However, not all Christians have this same understanding of how Creation happened.*

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Another belief of **atheists** is that human beings have design flaws, so how could humans who were made in the ‘likeness of God’ who is perfect be designed and created with limitations.

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They put human design flaws down to making do with what we had in terms of genetics and evolution rather than design and creation.

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However, **Protestant’s** believe that the fall from grace lead to imperfection and flaws. This is what we learn about in the story of the Fall in Genesis 3.

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Christians believe that God's creation was perfect, but Adam and Eve had free will and chose to rebel against God and ate from the ‘tree of knowledge of good and evil’ in the middle of the Garden of Eden, which they were instructed not to eat. When they ate of the Tree then they showed that they were not able to follow God’s command and to listen to the voice of God. Sin came in to the world not because God wanted it but because human beings had free will.

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Atheists do not believe in deities or a God so there is no sense of a plan or purpose other than what they choose to implement themselves. They do not believe in an afterlife, that life and death is the natural cycle of all living creatures.

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This can lead to selfishness, as there is no need to consider or help anyone outside of your immediate circle of family and friends, as there is no creator to take into consideration. Once you are dead that is it, everything is over for you according to atheists.

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