

# A Refutation of Tze-ho Fung's Argument against the Stone Argument

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In a paper titled “A Logical Analysis of the Stone Paradox”<sup>1</sup> that appeared in *CGST Journal* in 2007, Dr. Tze-ho Fung claims that “God can create a stone which God cannot lift” and “God cannot create a stone which God cannot lift” correspond to two states of affairs that are NOT exhaustive and mutually exclusive. In this paper, I am going to argue that there is a fatal flaw in his logical analysis due to the misplacement of the negation operator, which, if correct, would lead to absurd consequences.

## I. Fung's Argument Recapitulated

In his paper, Fung aims at refuting the so-called stone argument against omnipotence. In Fung's words, such an argument goes as follows:

- (1) If God can create a stone which God cannot lift, then God is not omnipotent, because God cannot lift the stone in question.
- (2) If God cannot create a stone which God cannot lift, then God is not omnipotent, because God cannot create the stone in question.

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1 Tsze-ho Fung, “A Logical Analysis of the Stone Paradox,” *CGST Journal*, 42 (2007.1): 205–24.