

Free-Will Angels

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If God knows the future, how can free will exist?

How are we able to make truly autonomous decisions if God already knows what we'll choose?

If God is intimately involved in guiding our lives, then how can our personal free will co-exist with his Providence?

Rebbe Nachman's Answer

Rebbe Nachman of Breslov tells us that understanding the spiritual-philosophical conundrum at the root of these questions is simply beyond our ability. 

The Rebbe says that *"the answer to such questions lie in a sphere of wisdom that is so transcendent that the human mind*

is unable to reach it.

"This wisdom can never enter the human mind. It only encompasses the mind from the outside. One who truly understood this wisdom would not be human at all, he'd be an angel."

Angels vs. People

Angels do not have free will. They are created to fulfill a singular mission, one which defines the purpose of their magnificent, but limited, existence.

We humans, on the other hand, have free will. And one of the necessary preconditions to having genuine free will, is that we live with paradox. Our free will co-exists with Divine Providence and Foreknowledge and it doesn't make sense.

Richard Dawkins, Sigmund Freud, and Mr. Spock

Meteorologists, evolutionists, cosmologists, psychologists and sociologists, and others tell us what reality is. They're fond of describing the future by extrapolating predictions from the recent (or distant) past. They describe the past in terms of the present nature of existence.

Whether or not they're accurate in their descriptions of reality—scientific truths change from year to year, so it's safe to say they often are not accurate—many pundits find it easier to say there is no God, than to believe that there is One who has knowledge that they will never access.

Some of them are truth-seekers who reject the limitations of being human and fail to embrace the incredible spiritual potential of being human. They believe in free will without Providence. Or they believe there is neither free will nor Providence.

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In the future, the Rebbe tells us, when the world's deeply spiritual and peaceful nature has been revealed, people's minds will expand. (Even scientists' and politicians'.)

At that time, we will be able to comprehend the secret behind the fusion of free will and Divine Providence.

The free will we live with today, the confusing kind, will fade away. Our minds will emerge from the cocoon of limitations, we'll unfurl our wings, and ascend into a new way of being. We'll be like angels *with* free will.

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