

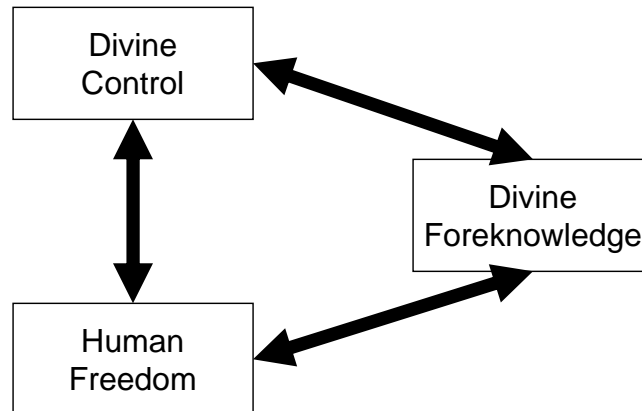
Divine Control & Human Freedom: Part 6

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Outline

- # Summary of problem.
- # Overview of solutions.
- # Issues to think about.
- # Where do you stand?

Three Doctrines in Conflict



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Foreknowledge & Freedom

- # If God foreknows that I will do X, then can I do otherwise?
- # How can God foreknow something that has not yet been freely decided upon?
- # If God already foreknows what is going to happen, what's the point of praying?

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Control & Freedom

- # If God has complete control over all His creation according to His will, then how can humans choose?
- # If humans are free to choose, then aren't humans able to act against God's will?
- # If God controls what is going to happen, what's the point of praying?

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Foreknowledge & Control

- # Does God have foreknowledge because He foreordained?
- # Does God act by using His foreknowledge?
- # Exactly what does God need to foreknow in order to have control?

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Solutions

	Foreknowledge	Control	Freedom
Calvinism	By determinism	By determinism	Compatibilist
Arminianism	Simple	By simple foreknowledge	Libertarian
Openness	None (of free acts)	In real-time	Libertarian
Molinism	By middle knowledge	By middle knowledge	Libertarian

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Considerations

- # Human freedom.
- # Divine control.
- # Theological fatalism.
- # Problem of evil.
- # Problem of divine agency.

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Where Do You Stand?



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