

Student Discussion on Predest. - Versus F. Will

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We thought you would talk to us about Pre-destination. I'm not convinced the issue is that clear-cut for one thing. I see another side to it. But for another, I thought it good to get an expert's opinion. I don't know that I'm much of an expert on that. But, I think there's a mystery there that nobody understands. In a way, it's similar to a problem that used to bother me when I was a boy. I used to try to think of the universe, how big is the universe. Well, suppose you go on and on and on and on without any end. So, in other words, it's just a mystery that you just can't understand. And there are certain things that are definite and sometimes we ~~can~~ can't fit them together, but we know they are both true. And, in this case, I think there are two things that are definite and one is, God knows the end from the beginning, that God is sovereign, that God has planned that everything that has come to pass. (In detail?) Well, I don't know how you would plan it and not plan it in detail. (You say we're Nothing more than in a sense,) No, what I'm saying is that there are two sides which are both true. And the one is that God is absolutely sovereign and knows the end from the beginning and the other thing is our freedom is a real freedom. We have a real freedom though a real freedom, and I don't think we can prove how the two fit together, but I think we have to recognize both sides. The attitude of the bulk of the scientists is to completely deny free will. The attitude of most of the unbelievers is to take the attitude that everything is just the result of forces, that there's nothing in the world you can do about it. There was an article in Life Magazine about a month ago on the use of chemicals for mental illness, and the man expressed the expectation that we would be able to change men's minds and attitudes with chemicals. In time. We have only begun our understanding now but what we will be able to do, but in the course of the article it said that this famous professor quoting him said he was convinced that