

Creation and Fatalism

Commentary for March 1, 2026 — Free Will Versus God's Will

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Editor's Note: Below is a recent article by Mark Vogt. His presentation "Creation and Fatalism" is biblical, precise, and concise. David Sielaff

A false philosophy used by the Adversary to distort the truth of God's creation and sovereignty is fatalism — the belief that everything is predetermined and nothing you do can change the outcome.

At first glance, fatalism might sound similar to God's sovereignty. But do not be fooled — fatalism and the truth of Scripture are not the same. Let us explore the difference.

What Is Fatalism?

Fatalism teaches that:

- Everything is already set in stone;
- Nothing that you do matters;
- You are powerless to influence your life; and
- Your choices are an illusion.

Yet it suggests that a cold, impersonal force is running the universe — and you are just along for the ride. In fatalism, there is no purpose, no plan, no love — just inevitability. The Problem with Man-Centered Philosophy, like most world philosophies, is that fatalism starts with man and works its way toward God (or a god-like force or concept). That is backwards.

The correct approach is to start with God — the First Cause — and work back toward man.

But Western thought has long been shaped by Greek philosophers — Plato, Aristotle, Socrates — and their influence lingers in everything from universities to pulpits. Even many Christians have unknowingly absorbed these ideas.

The Fatal Flaw of Free Will Theology

Most Christians reject fatalism, while many cling to the idea of free will — which is just as flawed. In fact, free will is one of the three pillars of modern Christian theology:

1. The Trinity
2. Eternal conscious torment
3. Free will

All three are satanic distortions, designed to confuse believers and unbelievers alike.

The Truth About Free Will

Let us define terms carefully. Free will means: **“The ability to make a decision without any internal or external influence.”** If that is the definition, then no human has free will.

- You did not choose your birth date.
- You did not choose your parents, race, language, or country.
- You did not choose the circumstances of your up-bringing.
- And your daily decisions are shaped by events, emotions, and influences you did not plan.

So, what do humans have? We have a **WILL** — but not a free one. Our decisions are always influenced by something — and God is the One orchestrating all those influences.

God Is Writing Every Story

Ephesians 1:11 says it best:

“In Whom we were also chosen, being predestinated according to the purpose of the One Who is operating all in accord with the counsel of HIS will” (CLV).

All means all.

Not most.

Not some.

Not “everything except salvation.”

God is operating everything — including belief and unbelief. Even our decisions are part of His story, shaped by divine placement, timing, and purpose.

How Fatalism Misses the Point

Fatalism and biblical sovereignty may look similar on the surface, but here are the key differences:

Fatalism	Biblical Sovereignty
Cold, impersonal force	Loving, purposeful Father
No meaning or hope	Everything has meaning and direction
Human effort is pointless	Human effort is part of God’s plan
No accountability	Complete accountability — within God’s authorship
No restoration or end goal	All ends in Christ — God All in all
FATALISM says,	GOD says,
“What will be, will be.”	“What I have purposed, I will do — and it will be glorious.”

Why Christianity Fights for Free Will

Many believers try to reconcile God's sovereignty with free will because they are desperate to protect one thing: The idea that humans must choose salvation. In their view:

- God must be sovereign ... but man must still "decide" for Jesus...

So, they invent a theology where God runs most things — but salvation depends on you. This is completely contrary to Scripture:

- Daniel 4:35 — **"HE does according to HIS will ... and none can stay His hand."**
- Isaiah 46:10 — **"MY counsel shall stand, and I will do ALL My pleasure."**
- Isaiah 14:24 — **"Surely, as I have thought, so shall it come to pass."**

Even Belief Is From God

"To you it is graciously granted ... to be believing ..." (Philippians 1:29).

"... God parts to each the measure of faith" (Romans 12:3).

Even Unbelief Is Part of God's Plan

This may sound shocking to some — but it is true: Unbelief is also from God.

If belief is a gift, then unbelief must also be part of the story. As Romans chapter 11 makes clear, God has hardened and blinded for a purpose.

Even Israel's rejection of their Messiah was written in advance (see John 12:39–40).¹ God is not hoping people come to Him. He is drawing, blinding, revealing, and restoring — on His schedule, for His glory.

Final Thought: Rest, Not Resignation

- Reject fatalism — but do not run to free will. Instead, rest in God's total sovereignty.
- He [God] is not a distant force. He is a loving Author, writing every life with wisdom, purpose, and grace.
- Your choices matter — because God ordained them to matter.
- And that is far better than fatalism. It is freedom.

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¹ John 12:39–40, CLV:

"Therefore they COULD NOT BELIEVE, seeing that Isaiah said again that He has blinded their eyes and callouses their heart, [Why?] lest they

MAY BE perceiving with their eyes, and

SHOULD BE apprehending with their heart, and

MAY BE turning about, and I shall be healing them." DWS

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