

Topic: Jabr (pre-destination) & Ekhtiyar (free will)

THE ISSUE OF PRE-DESTINATION (Jabr) AND FREE WILL (Ekhtiyar)

One of the issues which is directly related to the issue of the justice of the Creator, is the question of pre-destination or free will.

- ✚ According to the fatalists (those who believe in predestination), a **human being has no choice** in his or her acts, behavior or words and the movements of organs are just like the pre-destined movements of the parts of a machine.
- ✚ The **relation between fatalism and the justice** of God is that **by accepting pre-destination, justice makes no sense**.
- ✚ Since the **Ash'arites** believed that every act is **directly done by God** (because there is no power and will other than His), they **denied free will** in humans and claimed that it will not be unjust for Allah to put an oppressor in heaven or a good person in hell.
- ✚ Mu'awiyah and Yazeed **propagated the idea of fatalism to justify their oppression** over the Ahlulbayt (peace be upon them) and the people, arguing that it is the will of God and they have to do so.

The Roots of Belief in Pre-destination

- The effect of **environment**
- The effect of **education**
- The effect of **social culture**

The totality of factors like these may cause one to assume that no one has free will.

The Main Error of the Fatalists

No one can deny the role played by the environment, culture and economics in the thoughts and acts of a human being. The discussion is that despite all of these

motives and not complete causes, yet [the final decision is still ours to make](#). It proves the point that many people have [changed their environment, revolted against the status quo](#) of their lives and [changed their way](#) from the others who lived in the same conditions.

THE CLEAREST REASON FOR FREE WILL

1. The [universal and collective conscience](#) of the human beings denies predestination and holds the individuals [responsible for their acts](#).