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Exploring Free Will in Faith Traditions in Conversation with Contemporary Challenges

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The concept of human will is fundamental to various religious and philosophical traditions, including the Abrahamic faiths and Eastern philosophies. These traditions explore themes like agency, moral responsibility, divine providence, and the dynamics of reward and punishment, aiming to clarify humanity's relationship with the divine and the moral frameworks guiding life.

In contemporary society, advancements in AI, neuroscience, and digital technologies challenge traditional notions of human autonomy and decision-making, raising questions about moral accountability. This Special Issue invites contributions from scholars across diverse fields, including theology, philosophy, and social sciences. It aims to bridge classical theological insights with modern technological challenges, examining how faith traditions can inform our understanding of human will amid rapid societal changes.

We seek to highlight the relevance of religious thought in addressing contemporary dilemmas related to agency and moral responsibility, offering interdisciplinary perspectives that enrich discussions on the role of human will in shaping destiny and addressing global challenges.

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