

Free Will

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When thinking of independence we imagine freedom and breaking away from ties that bind. But it would appear we still have ramifications and rules which we must adhere to. Free will is different than that. From a spiritual standpoint, free will is your ability and your gift from the divine to make choices for your life without experiencing punishment or judgment from a higher source.

Many believe that we would tempt the wrath of God and incur punishment for making poor choices in our life. However, seeing as we were given the gift of free will, why would our divine creator give you the option to create, do and be who we want to be and who we are trying to create, and then punish us for making those choices? To me this makes no sense. Simplified, it's as if you've given your child the choice of a chocolate chip or an oatmeal cookie and then slapped their hand if they chose the chocolate chip. It simply isn't logical. The blessing behind this is that there are an infinite number of do-overs, and we can even take many lifetimes to perfect ourselves.

No, I don't believe in judgment passed down from the divine. Realize that "He", with infinite wisdom and grace, allows us to flourish and grow through free will and choice. Our Creator understands and knows that we learn the most from the difficulties we encountered in our lives, and that's what we're here to do - learn.

If we believe that we have poorly lived our life, and believe we should be separated from the divine after our physical passing, that, too, is free will. The creator will not separate us, nor keep us isolated because we made choices that may not have been as helpful as another. Yes, our free will could possibly create additional karma for us, but again, that's simply a do-over.

Think about your past and the actions or words that may have caused harm to another or yourself, and realize that you have the free will to correct what you deem a mistake.