

“Claiming My ‘Peace’ of Heaven in 2011”

Today’s Lesson

Our Spiritual Gift

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The gift of free will was given...
“And you shall have dominion.”
Genesis



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“I of myself can do nothing, it is the Father who sent me that does the work; for I seek not my will, but the will of him who sent me.”

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The Unity School of Christianity teaches that fatalism and predestination are false beliefs, and that they are not true, not real, because man has the power to turn in thought to God and to reverse his wrong thoughts.



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With regards to the question of free will Unity has always held the position that:
Each person selects that law under which he will live, and decides which law he will obey.

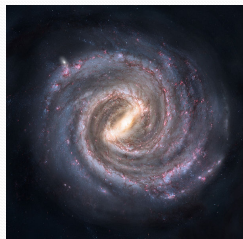
The civilian lives under the civil law; the soldier puts himself under the military law; and the sailor submits himself to the law of the sea.

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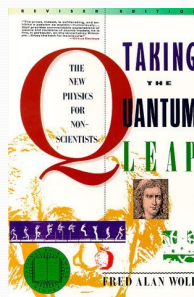
The fearful, trembling soul elects to live under the law of ego’s chance, and finds himself in a world that corresponds with accidents, floods, and sudden storms.

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But the spiritualized soul says, "There is only one Presence and one Power in the universe, God, the good omnipotent. I live, move, and have my being in God. I have my being in a world of Spirit, and I obey its laws."

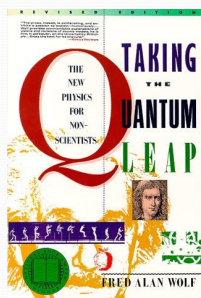
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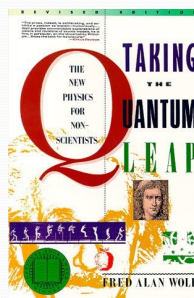
Quantum mechanics seems to point to the limits of human power. These limits refer to our knowledge and our ability to gain knowledge... Quantum mechanics, perhaps more clearly than any religion, points to the unity of the world. It also points to something beyond the physical world...

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We might say that God's will is exercised in the world of the qwiff, the quantum wave function. It is a casual world of exact mathematical accuracy, but there is no matter present. It is a world of paradox and utter confusion for human, limited intelligence...



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Perhaps if we come to understand how modern physics, particularly quantum mechanics, can make us aware of the limits of human will, we will learn to get along with each other. Even better, we may realize our cosmic heritage as part of the greater will.

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The will must be strengthened by constantly using the power of understanding. The problem of self-control is never settled until all that a person is comes in touch with divine Will and Understanding.

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"Not my will, but thine be done" is one of the most far-reaching affirmations of Jesus. When used with denial and affirmation great peace, order, harmony, and well-being prevail in our lives.



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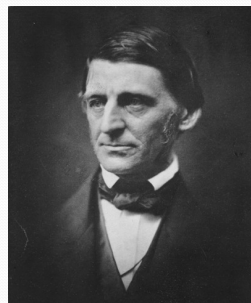
The Denial:

I give no power to choices and decisions made entirely from ego's sense consciousness.

The Affirmation:

Spirit led, I use my divine will and understanding to make wise choices and decisions.

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The education of the will is the object of our existence.
- Emerson

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How can we be sure that it's God's will and not our own that we are feeling? God's will does no harm!



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Here are four indicators that may help in the process:

- 1. *If it results in a winning situation for everyone involved, chances are it's God's will.*
- 2. *If things are going effortlessly, without force or manipulation, chances are it's God's will.*

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- 3. *As long as there's a green light or an open door, proceed ahead. Go through it. Chances are it's God's will.*
- 4. *If you really want to know God's will for you, listen for it. Expect it. And when you hear it, let it unfold your life. Go with it, wherever it leads, because God's will for you is absolute good.*

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Today and everyday I surrender all that am I, and all that I will be, into the care and keeping of God's divine will for me. Wherever Spirit leads I will follow. Thank you, God!