

Free Will?

Like Christopher Hitchens Said, "I Don't Have A Body, I Am A Body"

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Example A)

"I don't have a body, I am a body."

Christopher Hitchens

Example B)

"A puppet is free as long as he loves his strings."

Sam Harris

Example C)

"You can decide what you decide to do—but you cannot decide what you will decide to do."

Sam Harris

Example D)

"In point of fact, they simply do what they cannot help doing."

Friedrich Nietzsche

Example E)

"I don't believe in free will."

Sam Harris

Example F)

"I regard the brain as a computer which will stop working when its components fail. There is no heaven or afterlife for broken down computers; that is a fairy story for people afraid of the dark."

Stephen Hawking

Example G)

"Our wills are simply not of our own making. Thoughts and intentions emerge from background causes of which we are unaware and over which we exert no conscious control. We do not have the freedom we think we have."

Sam Harris

Example H)

"You are not controlling the storm, and you are not lost in it. You are the storm."

Sam (Mr. Miyagi) Harris

Example I)

"We are machines built by D.N.A. whose purpose is to make more copies of the same D.N.A. That is exactly what we are for... The propagation of D.N.A. is a self-sustaining process. It is every living object's sole reason for living."

Richard Dawkins

Example J)

"How can we be 'free' as conscious agents if everything that we consciously intended is caused by events in our brain that we do not intend and of which we are entirely unaware."

Sam Harris

Example K)

“So it seems that we are no more than biological machines, and that free will is just an illusion.”

Stephen Hawking

Example L)

“Your mind is all you have. It’s all you’ve ever had. It’s all you have to offer other people.”

Sam Harris

Example M)

“As a neuroscientist, I would argue that you need to have a biological theory of free will. It’s 100 billion neurons, so explain to me how you get free will out of a neuron that’s not choosing to fire, it’s just getting input and firing (a lump of warm wet matter in the brain)... (Philosophers don’t agree you see.) ... I would love to find free will to be true and causal, but I find no evidence for it.”

Thalia Wheatley

Example N)

“Evolution has no long-term goal...No final perfection...Humanity cherishes the absurd notion that our species is the final goal of evolution.”

Richard Dawkins

Example O)

“A person’s mental activities are entirely due to the behavior of nerve cells, glial cells, and the atoms, ions, and molecules that make them up and influence them.”

Sir Francis Crick

Example P)

"You are a pack of neurons."

Sir Francis Crick

Food for Thought

I have come to appreciate this topic. Free will is perhaps modern Atheism's weakest point. The average person can read the quotes I've given and breeze right past the deadly Atheistic verity residing therein.

Deadly? Yes. To whom? You, me and every human being. Let me explain.

Do you feel like there is a "you" living inside "your" body? Most folks do. We all have a sense of the separateness of "you" from "your" body. We sense that one houses the other. As Christians, we confess that we are two parts, soul and body.

If your Atheist friends are correct, you and I are deadly wrong. I say deadly wrong, because if they are correct, the "you" part doesn't exist, it's a figment of your imagination or a part of the baggage you are carrying courtesy of Christian mythology.

So, how do these Atheist "Brights" view themselves and you? Look at Christopher Hitchens' quote which is example A.

"I don't have a body, I am a body."

Christopher viewed himself and you as simply material. He would argue that there was a "him". But, if you pressed him, he would concede that the "him" is merely his body. In other words, his D.N.A. and his neurons firing off accounted for "all" of his feelings and actions. There is nothing immaterial about himself to such a man.

What of his brain? It is merely a functioning part of his body. It operates like a toe does.

When Sam Harris says,

"You can decide what you decide to do—but you cannot decide what you will decide to do."

He is simply playing Mr. Miyagi once more. Sam is distracting you with double-talk. Why? He fears you will figure out that he thinks you are purely mechanical and will desert the Atheist church altogether.

Sam Harris actually has a weak moment and forsakes his Mr. Miyagi talk in example E:

"I don't believe in free will."

Now, that is as direct as one can hope for. Lest you fear the other snake oil salesmen may not concur, I give you Stephen Hawking. Example F plainly states that Stephen views the brain as a computer, one whose components must inevitably fail. Hawking is even clearer in example K:

"So it seems that we are no more than biological machines and that free will is just an illusion."

Let's be clear. True Atheists such as the four in the Traveling Medicine Show, to remain logical, take a firm stand against free will. There is no such thing, as "consciousness" as you and I and the rest of mankind understands it. Read that sentence again and again until it sinks in.

What does that mean in real life? When I say to Lois, "I love you", it is my body saying it, not me (because, according to Atheism, there is no "me", in the normal way we think of "me").

The most fascinating of these atheists is, in my opinion, Thalia Wheatley. Take a gander at example M:

"As a neuroscientist, I would argue that you need to have a biological theory of free will. It's 100 billion neurons, so explain to me how you get free will out of a neuron that's not choosing to fire, it's just getting input and firing (a lump of warm wet matter in the brain)..."

Lastly, think about the ramifications of the Atheist position on free will. Since they believe that the way you are is fully derived from sources you had not and have not a choice about, what guilt could I possibly feel about stealing your wallet from your purse? After all, aren't all my actions determined by my D.N.A.?

Ahhh – Determinism; fine word, indeed, to describe the philosophical position the Atheist must logically hold. Personal guilt? Why would there be any? Better yet, how could there be any? Allow me to give a typical Atheist response to personal guilt:

“If someone does something bad to you, don’t get angry at them; if they did it because of their genetic background and so on it’s not their fault, and since they did it due to random events in their brain, it’s not their fault.”

“It is clear to me that without free will, there can be no morality. No action can be more right than another. No action can be more wrong than another. No matter what I do, since “I” didn’t truly choose to do it, can I, in the end, be truly wrong? Without wrong, there can be no guilt. I expect no condemnation nor praise, no matter what I do. It is clear “I” had no choice in the matter.”

Our prisons teem with men and women who did wicked things. We deemed them fit for punishment. We called the punishment just. But was it and is it? If Atheism/Determinism is right, the criminal did only what his or her mechanical forces determined him or her to do.

Such balderdash. None of them actually believes what they said. I hate phoneys, don’t you? Some Atheists chime in at this point with,

“We should punish them, even if they are driven to do it by mechanical determinism, because we can’t have chaos.”

More balderdash. Who determines what chaos is? Oh yeah, the one with the most power or votes. My patience runs out quite swiftly on this topic. One can get to the hypocrisy inherent in the atheist’s/determinist’s position rather easily, just say this:

“So, when I stole Sascha’s wallet from her purse, you agree that there should be no guilt assigned to me because it is my D.N.A.’s fault or those neurons’ fault, right?”

They will nod. Trust Me. Thank them for their help with thinking all this through. Say goodbye to your friends and their wives. Be certain to obtain the wives’ names as you depart. Take one step and spin around.

“(Tom), I winced last week when you mentioned that your credit card was stolen and that two charges were made at Target. I confess that I took it. It’s just that I was a little short for Sherry’s graduation gift. It’s nice to know the guilt feelings I had were due to my misunderstanding of free will. No hard feelings, I trust?”

Hypocrisy will rear its ugly head immediately. Just when you had hoped that one Atheist would actually believe the balderdash they were hawking, poof, they prove to you that even they have no stomach for balderdash. They admire it and love the aroma, but they can’t digest it. They gag when simple notions like murder, theft, and random violence come into the conversation. Don’t get me wrong, no anger or hypocrisy would have surfaced if you spoke in general about death, theft, and random violence. Only the personalizing of examples transforms balderdash into hypocrisy.

By the way, is Tom, the theft victim, who is offended guilty of being angry? Of course not, it’s his programming you’re hearing, there is no “him” to blame any more than there is a “me” to blame. At least that is the Atheist partyline. Ugh.

I’m done. Free will does not sell well to college students, so the Atheist apostles mention it only when forced to. They do not raise it above their heads like a trophy for all to admire.

If you need more drivel, find the differences between Sam Harris’ Determinism and Daniel Dennett’s Compatibilism. If you actually do this, stock up on psychedelics first.

Remember, Francis Crick said, “[You are a pack of neurons.](#)” So study and find out whose ideas your neurons favor.

Oh the silliness and hypocrisy of Atheism and its disciples.

This is a doctrine of Despair

Ask your student if they understand the ramifications of such an Atheistic position.

1. If you get straight A’s for your work, you deserve no praise.
2. If you make fun of people with mental disabilities, you deserve no condemnation.

3. If your girlfriend cheats on you with your brother, neither of them is to blame.
4. If you bust your tail and succeed at basketball or business, you deserve no congratulations.

Why? You are a mechanical; it is your D.N.A., which you did not contribute to, that has accomplished what you're incorrectly attributing to "you" – you are that body and nothing more. The Doctrine of Despair; that's what Atheism's view of free will is.

It is easy to understand why Atheism's pastors and elders don't feature this core belief. It is as if all we see about us is a gerry-rigged puppet show without a puppeteer. The puppets prance. The music plays. The puppets rot. The music drones on. The puppets decay. The music screeches on heedlessly. The puppets have smiles painted on their faces as they putrify. Without a puppeteer, all is meaningless. If there were a puppeteer, wouldn't we want to know who carved him?

Despair, utter despair, comes from this Atheistic doctrine. No wonder Harris and Dawkins hide the truth, who can sell this doctrine of despair?

Bertrand Russell was a fine salesman, but when he attempted to sell the beauty of "the trampling march of unconscious power," he had to file for intellectual bankruptcy.