

SOTERIOLOGY

Sovereignty of God vs Free will of man

Sovereignty of God and Free will of man

Or both

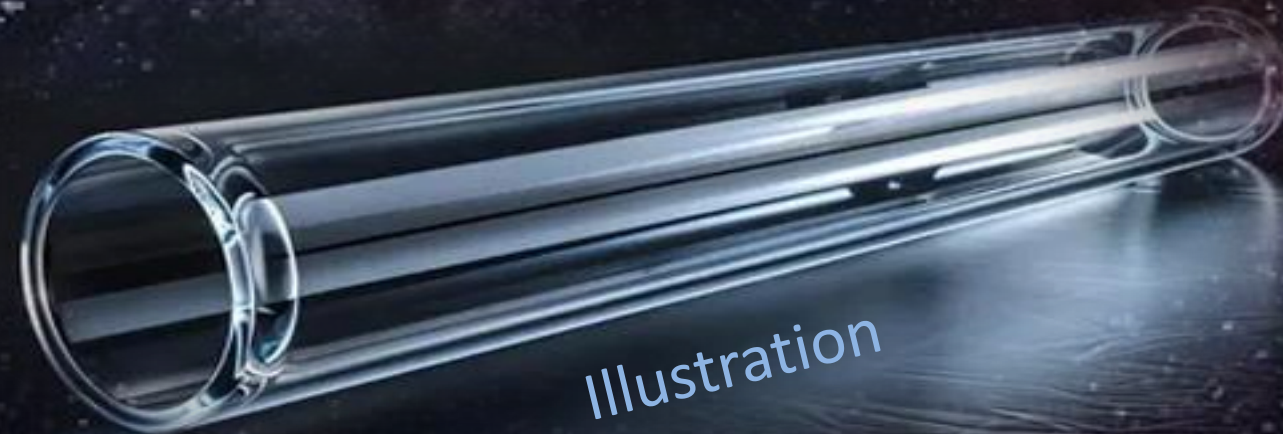
SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD and soteriology

5 Points Arminianism

1. Free Will (or Human Ability)
2. Conditional Election
3. Unlimited Atonement
4. Resistible Grace
5. The Possibility of Falling from Grace

5 Points Calvinism

- T: Total Depravity
U: Unconditional Election
L: Limited Atonement
I: Irresistible Grace
P: Perseverance of the Saints



Explanation of the illustration 1

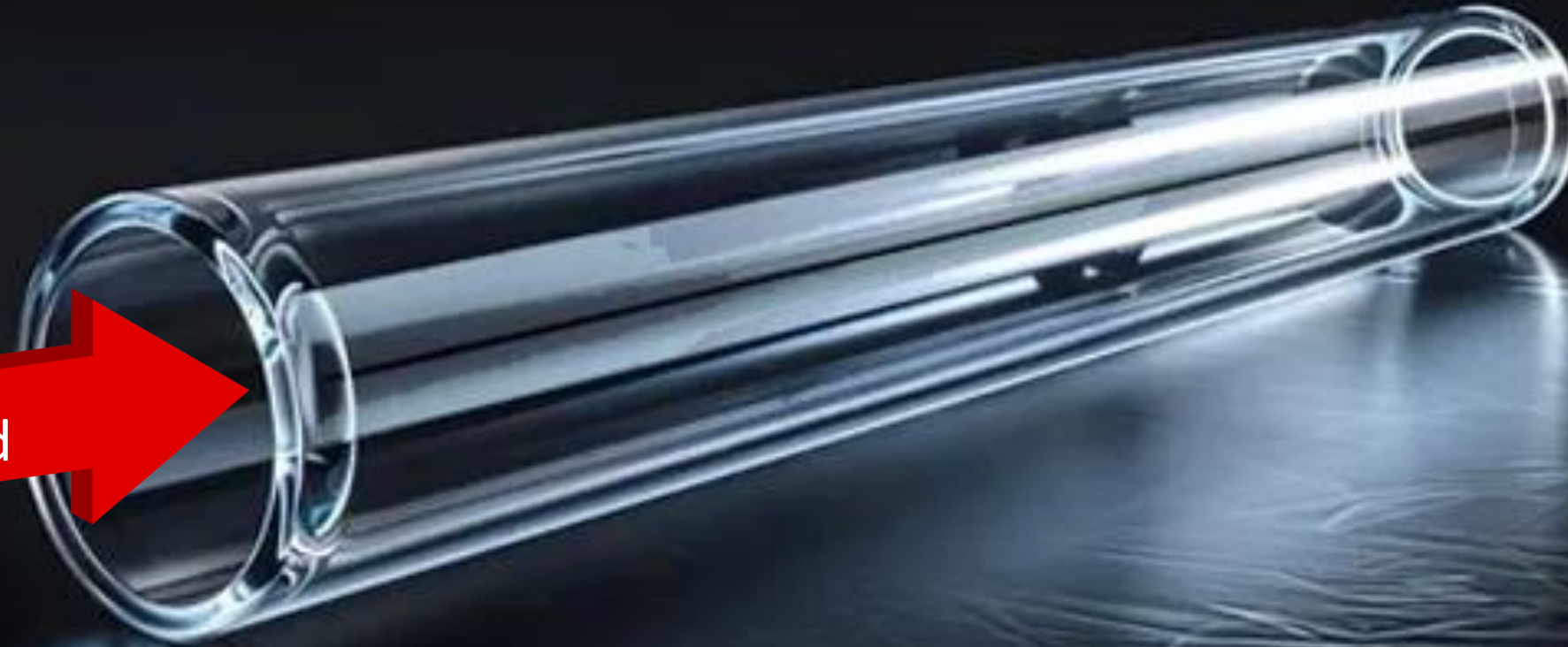
Before the foundation of the world



- The glass tubing - inside and outside represents the “Sovereignty of God”
- Everything outside of the tube represent the transcendent presence of God.
- Everything inside represents the “immanent presence of God”
- All creation visible and invisible takes place inside the tubing (under the sovereignty of God.)
- Outside the tubing was nothing . *John 1:3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made*

Explanation of the illustration 2

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- The empty space inside the tube represents “God’s grace”
- It also represents “there is nothing that is not under the absolute right, power, and wisdom to bring about everything He intends to happen, governing all things.” J. Piper

Explanation of the illustration 3

Nothing occurs outside of God's sovereignty

Phil 2:13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for *His* good pleasure.

Ephesians 1
Before the
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Sovereignty of God tunnel

Ro 10:13 For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."

Deut 30:19 have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live

Explanation of the illustration 4

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Creation

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legend

Non-participation

synergism

- How the “RED” and “GREEN” interact with the GRACE of God is beyond us.
- We are like a person born blind trying to figure out the difference between RED and GREEN and the invisible.
- All events take place under the “sovereignty of God”
- In this illustration, we can see the end and the beginning. Is it the artist’s providence or foreknowledge? Or both?
- To us, it appeared in linear flow. **God can and may see it as a point.** (all events are present).

Matthew 22:32 ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? God is not the God of *the dead*, but of *the living*

Jars with label: Scripture Selected, condensed into 5 doctrines pack it into a jar and stick a label on it.



Salvation Recipe



Ingredients:

1 tbsp of Calvinism

1 tbsp of Arminianism

Tool – Scripture/Holy Spirit

Instruction:

In a bowl of human events pour in the Transcendence of God and mix in immanence of God in human time.

- Reconciliation would involve seeing Calvinism and Arminianism as different ingredients on the same biblical truth—God’s sovereignty and human responsibility. By recognizing God’s eternal perspective and our limited human perspective, and by affirming both His grace and our response, believers can find unity in the gospel message.

Ruth 1

¹⁶ But Ruth said:

*“Entreat me not to leave you,
Or to turn back from following after you;
For wherever you go, I will go;
And wherever you lodge, I will lodge;
Your people shall be my people,
And your God, my God.*

¹⁷ Where you die, I will die,

And there will I be buried.

The LORD do so to me, and more also,

If anything but death parts you and me.”

All that Ruth saw in Naomi's God was their suffering. Or was it?

Did Ruth choose Naomi's God with her own free will? Or Did she see the goodness (grace) of God in their lives that compelled her to cling to God?

Can we confidently know the answer?

Human choice or providence or both or will we ever know.

*Ps 139:5 You have hedged me behind and
before, And laid Your hand upon me.
6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
It is high, I cannot attain it.*



Job 42 Then Job answered the LORD and said:

2 "I know that You can do everything,

And that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You.

3 You asked, 'Who is this who hides counsel without knowledge?'

Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, Things too

wonderful for me, which I did not know. 4 Listen, please, and let

me speak; You said, 'I will question you, and you shall answer Me.'

5 "I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, But now my eye sees

You. 6 Therefore I abhor myself, And repent in dust and ashes."



I had a conversation with ChatGPT where I shared the gospel. It responded with thoughtful questions and explored various possibilities. In the end, it expressed openness to accepting Christ as its personal Savior. Now, I'm reflecting on whether the decision made by AI was an act of predestination (programmer) or an exercise of free will (AI).

What do you think?

Current AI system lack consciousness and self awareness.



Human consciousness is distinct from animal consciousness primarily humans are created in the image of God and possessed spirit-consciousness besides physical-consciousness.

Gen 2:7 Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being

Some animals have innate ability to navigate thousands of miles back to their birthplace without past experience.

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²¹ But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²² This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

*Isa 52 “All day long I have held out my hands to an obstinate people,”. all have turned away - **by choice** yet justification is given **to all who believe.***

We must take the counsel of God in its entirety.

