

think I'm choosing, it's up to me to make the right choice still.

3. I believe that this Scripture, the Book of Ezekiel, especially ch.18, and our text within it, reinforces the traditional Methodist view, that we do choose for ourselves our way of life.

4. Some modern psychological theories of the development of personality claim that personality is developed and choices made simply on the basis of mechanical laws of stimulus and ~~demand~~ response: what I need I reach for, without necessarily thinking about it; and what I fear I jump from, etc.. But equating personality thusly makes man simply an animal, a biological mechanism, which is a view of mankind that has long been rejected by believers in God. That man is more than an animal or a machine is the basis of the Judaeo-Christian religion.

5. Throughout the whole O.T. & N.T. the idea of judgment keeps popping up. But if "what is to be will be," if all ^{has} been predestined by God long in advance, if we really have no choice in the things we do but simply act mechanically according to the stimulus presented, what is there to judge? You can't reward a machine, make it happy, give it eternal life. You can't

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