

## Predestination in Islam

### FREEDOM AND RESPONSIBILITY

Al- Qadr	Predestination (Arabic; 'to measure out'). All human lives are predestined before the human is born. Everything that humans do has been decreed in advance by God. A largely Sunni view.
Bada'	Humans have control over their lives. They have reason and intelligence. God allows events to be affected by human actions while still retaining supreme power. A Shi'a outlook.
Al- Adl	The justice of God. One of 5 Shi'a Roots of Belief and common to all Muslim core beliefs. God is just and cannot will evil. Humans cannot see what God can see, but can trust that God is always just.
Mu'tazilites	A group most active in the 8 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> Centuries, whose ideas still exist. Argued that humans must have total free will as God, who is perfectly wise and good, cannot cause evil. Humans cause their own suffering. The suffering God allows humans to experience is to test their faith, evidence of our complete freedom in actions.
Al-Asharites	A rejection of the Mu'tilizite view. Humans have some freedom of action, and total freedom of thought, but only God has supreme power. Humans cannot truly understand notions of freedom and justice, which are the domain of God alone. A largely Sunni view.

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