

# Re: How to Become a Christian, Version 1.01

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"Dr. Andrew B. Chung, MD/PhD" <nospam6@heartmdphd.com> wrote .  
> "SomeGuy" <spam@spam.sp> wrote ..  
>> "Dr. Andrew B. Chung, MD/PhD" <andrew@heartmdphd.com> wrote

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>> *So much for dying for the sins of man, then, eh? At the last moment, Judas smarten's up, tells the Romans to bugger themselves and rejoins the deciples.*  
>> *deciples.*  
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> *It is not a matter of lack of intelligence.*

Are you sure, Andrew? Did you honestly believe that I thought Judas was NOT intelligent?

> *Judas was intelligent enough to steal money without getting caught.*

Andrew, not getting caught is not a test of intelligence.

> *Nor is it a matter of lack of free will. No one forced Judas to do anything against his own free will.*

You might just as easily say that no one forces a washing machine to clean clothes either. It does so under its own free will.

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>> *No, God foresaw what would happen, being all powerful and all, Judas therefore had no choice in the matter.*  
>> *Events were prophesied/foreseen in general but specifics about how things would happen (ie who betrays whom) could have happened in a near infinite number of permutations to allow individual free will to be expressed.*

Andrew, you suggesting that God did not know who would betray Jesus!?  
Furthermore, you are also suggesting that God is not all powerful, for if he were, he would know exactly what would happen.

> > *His actions were predestined.*

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> *Actually, no. Prophecy is not the same thing as predestination.*

Predestination enables prophecy.

> > *He played his role just as was*

> > *expected; hence, no free will.*

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> *That was his choice, therefore free will.*

Just as it is my washing machines choice to clean my clothes.

> > *To be "saved" implies that one is in danger, Andrew.*

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> *Correct.*

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> > *Mozz is in no danger.*

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> *That is not what I sense.*

Your senses are mistaken.

> > *You, on the other hand, are being bitten by a dogma.*

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> *Nothing bites through God's armor.*

Perhaps not, but the armor itself is pinching you and cutting off circulation to the reasoning part of your brain.

> > > *In truth, if the Gospels were a myth, there would*

> > > *be no essential parts to them.*

> >

> > *I'll bet the kids really look forward to your bedtime stories then.*

(Have

> > *someone explain that last line to you, Andrew, because I doubt you'd*

> > *understand it.)*

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> *(no need to doubt).*

Good point, I should have written "... because I know you won't understand it."

> *You remain in my prayers, dear neighbor whom I love.*

You mean I remain in your sig.

> *Servant to the humblest person in the universe,*

A humble person does not demand to be put above all others.