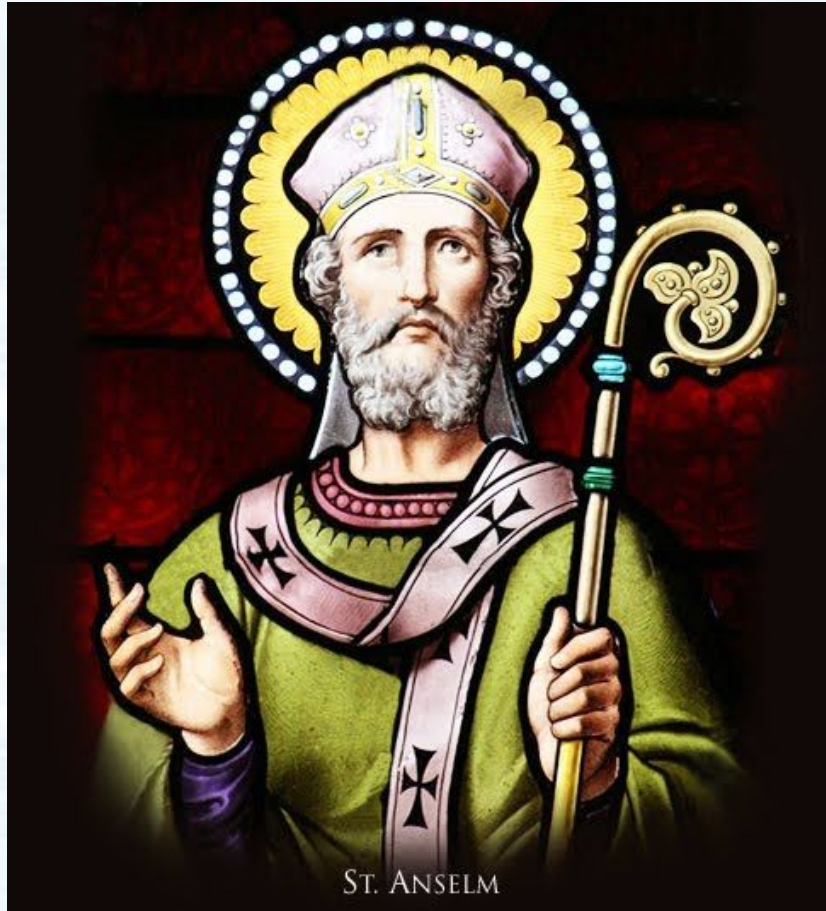
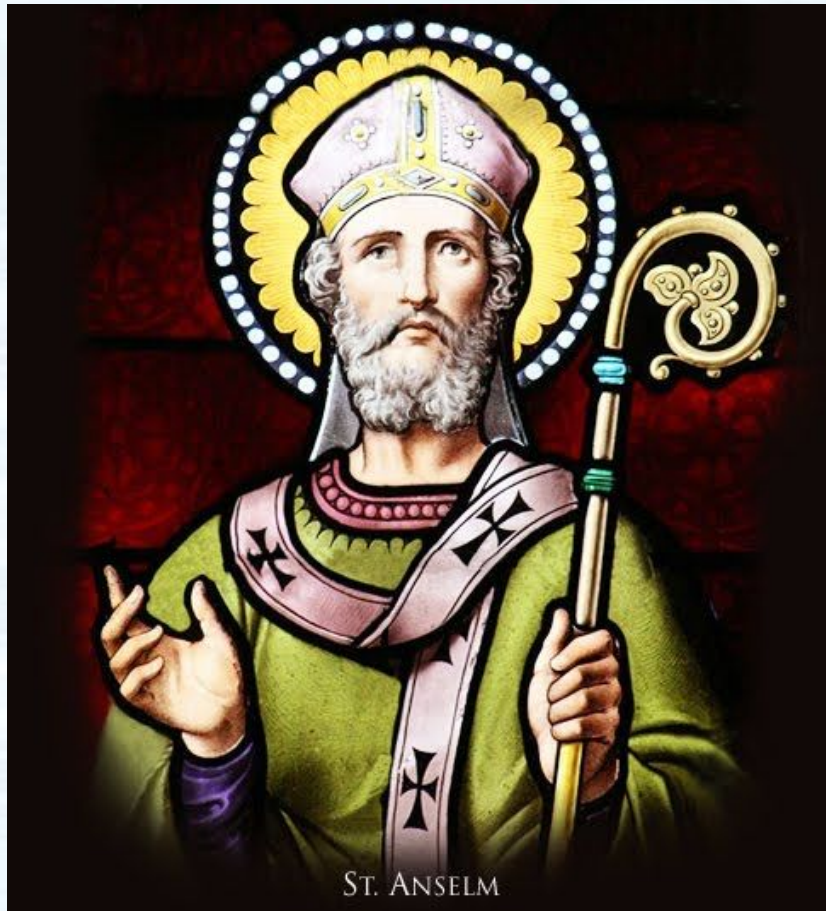


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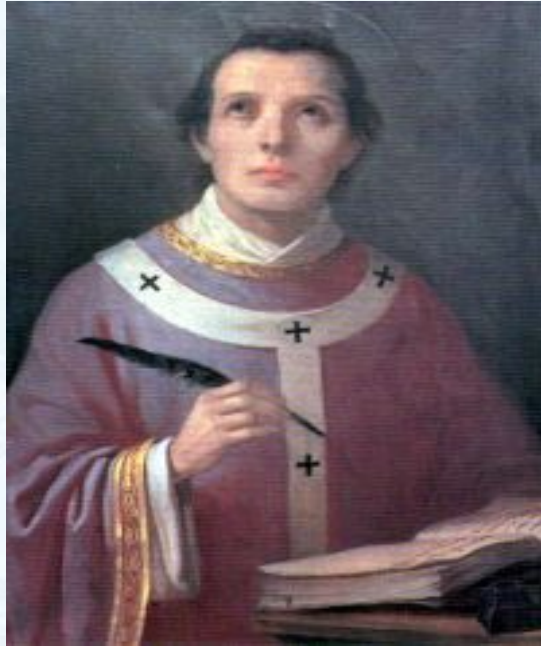
- Born 1033
- Dies 1109
- Canonized as a Saint in 1163
- “Faith Seeking Understanding”

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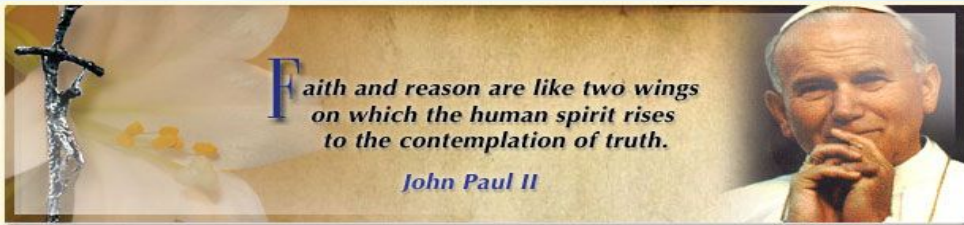


- Mary appears before Anselm while he is on a ship
- Legacy tied into guiding people towards God through faith and reason.

St. Anselm of Canterbury



- Around 1080 AD, begins working on theories of truth and freedom of choice.
- Famous for writing *De Casu Diaboli* – (On the Devil's Fall)



De Casu Diaboli

The story of why Lucifer fell from Heaven.



Philosophical in nature

- Examines issues of free will, faith, reason, and justice.
- Examines the nature of an all-powerful, all-knowing, and all-good God.

De Casu Diaboli



Main Idea Part 1:

Lucifer (The Devil) is cast down by God because Lucifer willed something which God did not approve of.

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Main Idea Part 2:

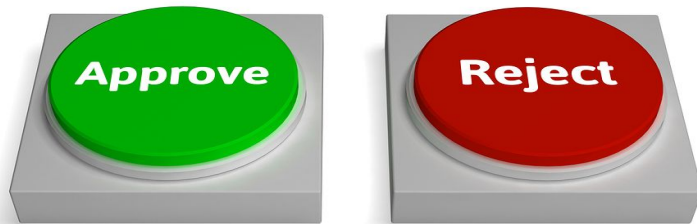
The Archangel Michael, is praised by God for willing something which God does approve of.

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Conclusion: God approves of the way Michael willed, but not of the way Lucifer willed.

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Question:

What is so great about Michael's will?
What is wrong about Lucifer's will?

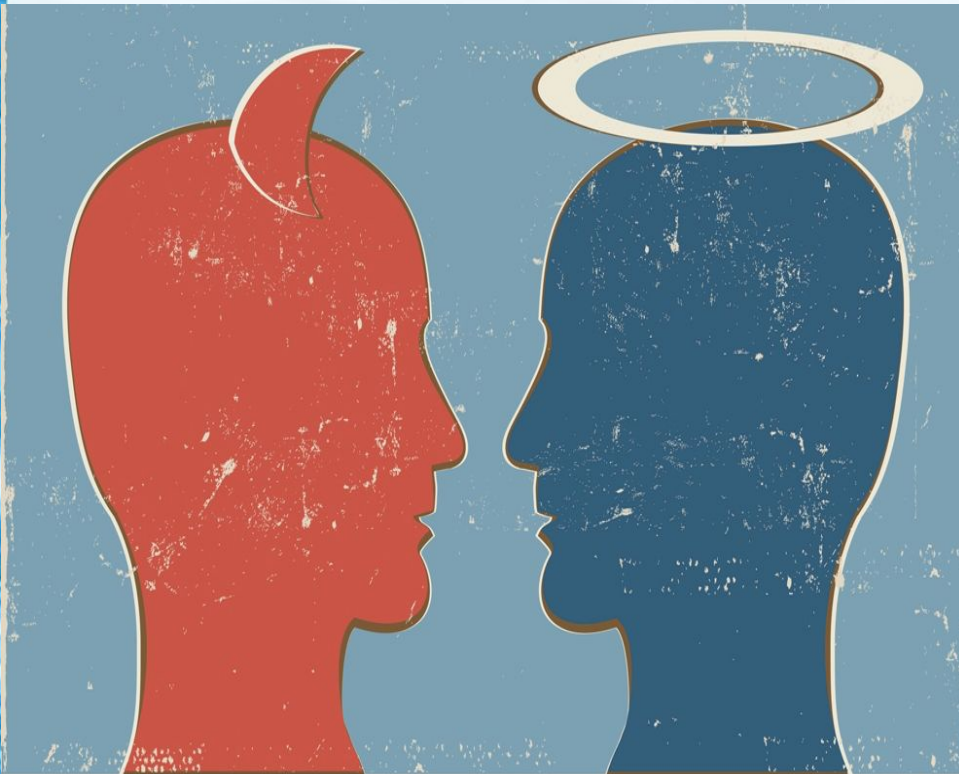
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Anselm is wrestling with several issues:

1. If God is all knowing, then wouldn't God know the will of all beings?
2. So didn't God already know that Lucifer would fall? What is the point??

De Casu Diaboli



Anselm is wrestling with several issues:

1. If God is perfect, then all of God's creations should be perfect.

A.) Perfect = All Good

2. Why would God allow for a world with evil?

De Casu Diaboli

Anselm:



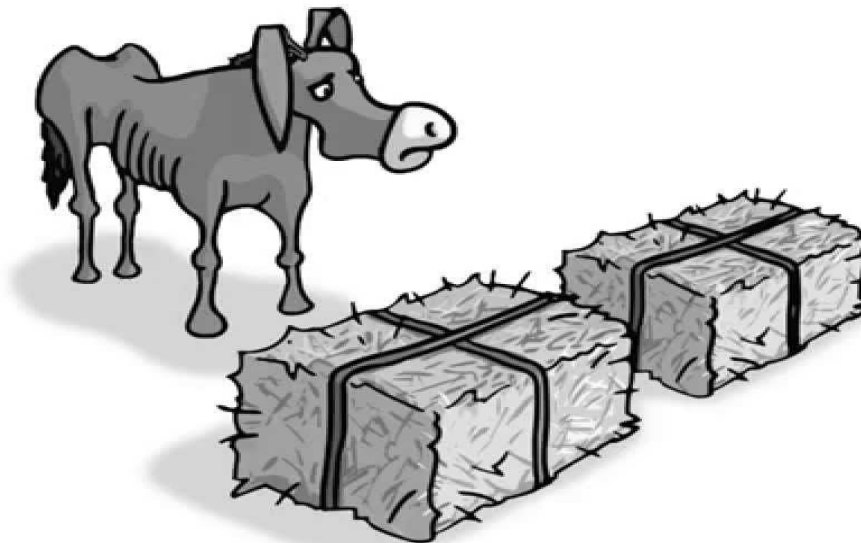
A lot of these issues arise because we do not understand how free-will operates.

Free Will is actually the way out - It also explains the fall of Lucifer.

Free-Will

Anselm: If God gave me true free-will, then I actually have a choice.

- So my will isn't an illusion and my choices aren't determined.



Free-Will



God is all good.
So God wouldn't
give us fake
free-will.
.Therefore,
Lucifer must
have had a true
free-will.

Free-Will



Anselm:
Part of having free-will is
having a will for justice. A will
to do the right thing.

Free-Will



.Anselm: There are actually two parts to having free will.

.Part one:
Justice



.What is part two?

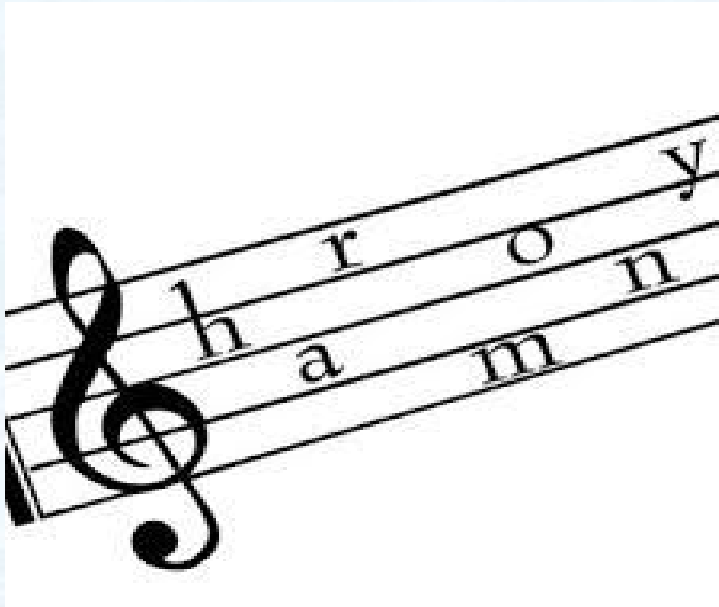
Free-Will



.DESIRE

.We want things. So we will to fulfill our desires.

Free-Will



God's Will is Harmonius

.God doesn't have to worry about any conflict between the will for justice and the will for desire.

Reason:

.Everything God desires is Just

Free-Will



•Humans (and Angels it seems) are often conflicted between their will for justice and their will for desire.

Free-Will



.I want to get snacks from the vending machine:

What is the best way to do this?

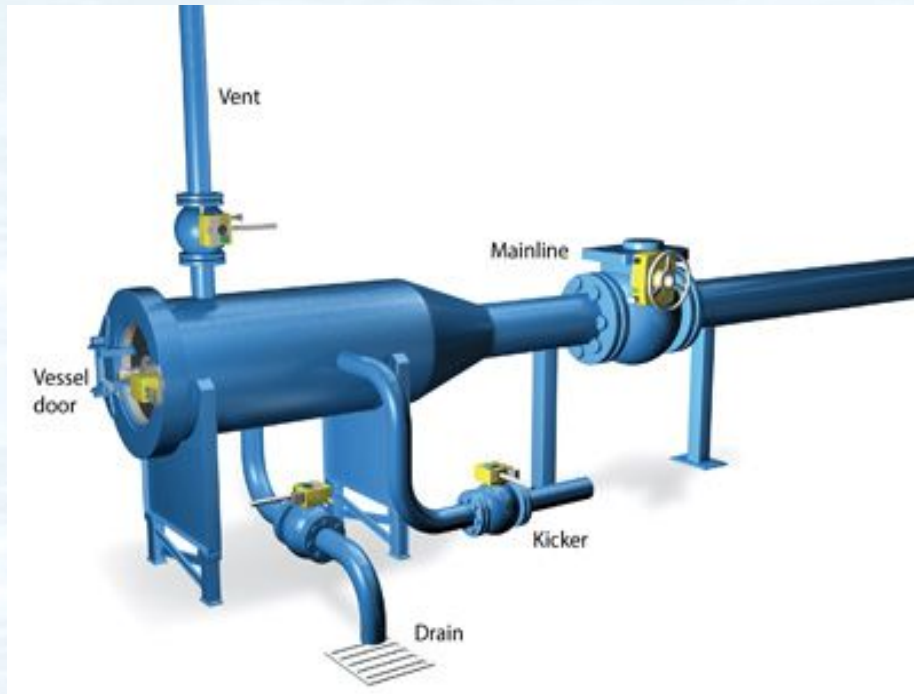
Free-Will



- .God wishes that we value our will for justice over our will for desire.
- .God did give us free will, so it is ultimately our choice.

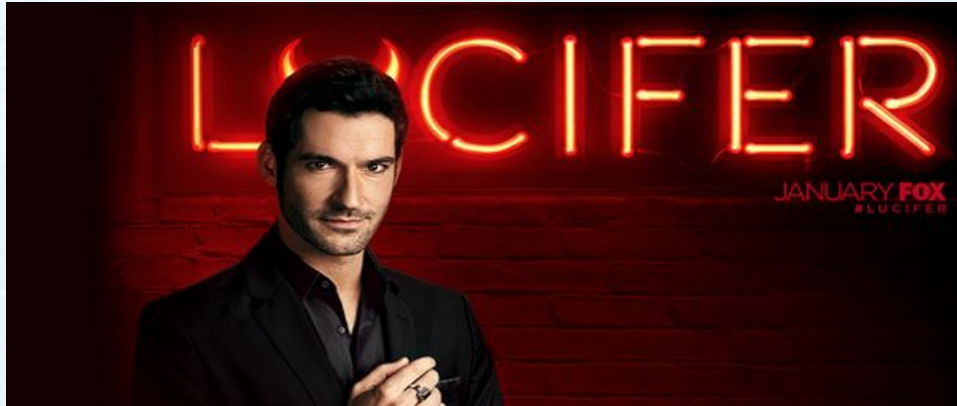
Free-Will

Our Will is very complex



•So when our will for justice is overseeing and maintaining our will for desire, then we are willing the way God wishes for us to will.

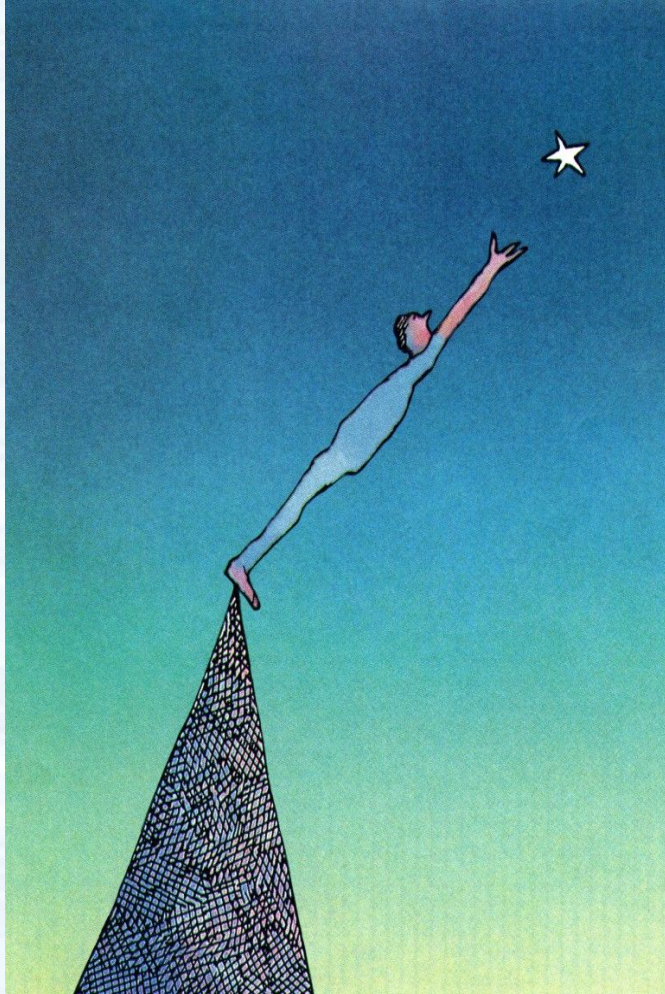
Free-Will



What's your
Ambition?!

- Lucifer had the ambition to will in the same way God wills.
- Lucifer only wanted to use his will for desire.

Free-Will



- .The fall of Lucifer can be seen as bittersweet.
- .Lucifer wanted a power he could not obtain.
- .God never intended for us to only use our will for desire.

Free-Will



.Conclusion: It would be good if God forced us to always will in the way he intended.
.It would be **BETTER** if we chose to will that way from our own Free Will.