

IS FREE WILL WORTH ALL THE SUFFERING IN THE WORLD?

1. If God were to supernaturally intervene to stop evil it would effectively end free will as we know it. The consequences of this would be a life where God would be required to intervene to stop all expressions of evil. How about if God decided He was going to stop you every time you started to smoke? He would turn your cigarette into a bubble blower. How about if God didn't like the way you cursed? Every time you cursed your mouth would break out with sores. How about if God knew that you couldn't handle your liquor and every time you drank more than two cans of beer he turned it into a class of milk?
2. If God were to supernaturally intervene to stop the excess of evil & suffering the end result would be a world that none of us would scarcely recognize or approve. Think of the many profound negatives if we didn't have free will. They are so profound that life as we know it would not exist. Imagine the different possible ways that God might use to intervene & stop evil. It would greatly change life as we know it! At any moment, desires, intentions or bodily movement could be miraculously stopped by divine intervention. People would be too fearful to do, try or even think anything, realizing that God could intervene at any moment. Other people might try "anything" because they knew that God would intervene! Life would become unpredictable and crazy.
3. If God were to supernaturally intervene and suspend "free will" the number of dilemmas that would exist in such a world make it logically impossible to imagine. What would such a world look like? First, if God had to freeze someone as they are about to commit evil, how long would they be paralyzed and when would they snap out of it? Would those around them need to be placed into similar paralysis? Second, if God was to stop evil—isn't it possible that people would become even more empowered to try knowing that some divine force was going to reach down and attempt to stop it? Third, if God was to stop evil—would this begin with our thought life? Fourth, if God was to stop evil he would be stopping cars that try to speed through the intersection. In other words, He would necessarily have to stop the forces of nature in mid-air! God is all-powerful but this doesn't mean that God can do the logically impossible.
4. On the whole, a world of free will has many more positives than negatives. First, it is positive that we can use our free will to be a blessing to other people. Second, it is positive that our good actions can extend way beyond the scope of our individual life. Third, it is positive that our good choices can alleviate the hardship of people around us. Fourth, it is positive that our good choices can extend through generations; even having the ability to reverse generational evils. Fifth, it is positive that in the midst of profound evil that good can stand as an inspiration to everyone of the power of good.