

Factors influencing humans regarding the acceptance of the phenomenon of predestination (with an approach to historical, social, religious, Sufi interventions, etc.)

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Abstract:

Throughout history, the deterministic perspective on human actions has always existed. Undoubtedly, factors such as ignorance, self-interest, adherence to ancestral traditions, misconceptions about religion, Sufism, indulgence in carnal desires, avoidance of responsibility, and the like have contributed to the acceptance of this thought, all of which are reflected in historical and literary texts. The present article, using a descriptive-analytical method and examining relevant Quranic verses, identifies factors that directly or indirectly influence the human soul in accepting deterministic thinking. These factors are categorized into three groups: doctrinal, social, and political, and are critically examined. The findings of this research can be summarized as follows: factors such as socio-political history, religious ignorance, superstition, the self-interest of rulers, Sufism, and others have significantly influenced the tendency of humans toward determinism. Among these, what emerges from the noble Quranic verses, reliable narrations, Islamic theological beliefs, and authentic mysticism is that humans are "compelled" within the framework of creation and divine law, yet within this same framework, their worldly and otherworldly happiness is shaped by their own actions. This point is also confirmed in Islamic mysticism, where Rumi explains general determinism and the determinism believed by the elite.

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