

Acts Series

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The Acts of the Apostles

“To the end of the earth”

Acts 1:8



Acts 2:22, “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know—”

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ὀρίζω *horizo*

perf mid part fem sing dat (variant)

to determine, to appoint

“set plan, specific plan, the determined plan”

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πρόγνωσις (*prognōsis*), foreknowledge.

BAGD: foreknowledge (with no further explanation), or predetermined.

LSJ, 1473, states the basic meaning as “know, perceive, learn, or understand beforehand, prediction.” The idea of judging beforehand is listed but seems to be basically grounded in foreknowledge, i.e., to judge in the sense of evaluate beforehand on the basis of knowledge.

MM, 538, gives the meaning as “foreknow, know previously.”

NIDNTT, to know beforehand, to know in advance

Acts 26:5, “They knew me from the first, if they were willing to testify, that according to the strictest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee.”

1 Pet. 1:2, “elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.”

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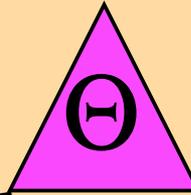
- **God knows all that can be known: all the “what ifs,” the possibilities, to the infinite extrapolation.**
- **God’s knowledge never increases, diminishes, or changes.**
- **God knows all things immediately, directly, intuitively, along with all their relations, and causes. There is no temporal nature to divine knowledge it is all eternally present.**
- **God’s knowledge does not determine what will or will not be.**
- **God’s knowledge of what will actually happen is a subset of all that He knows.**

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**Divine
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From Eternity to Eternity

all creation history



God's knowledge includes all events, choices, actions, thoughts; actual and potential.

God's decision of what will be, is usually presented as
a. He determines every detail of what will take place, or
b. He determines what will be based on the decision of the creature. Either God determines in a strong determinism, or man determines and God is simply a reactor. This is a logical fallacy.

Scripture does not inform us WHY God chose Abraham to work through and not, let's say, Job. Only that He did.

Either he chose arbitrarily, or He included within His choice all that He knew. But to include His omniscience, does not make man's decisions causative.

Especially, if some of those decisions are in themselves, non-meritorious.

Rom. 8:28, “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

Rom. 8:29, “For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.”

Acts 2:24, “whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.”

Acts 2:25, “For David says concerning Him: ‘I foresaw the LORD always before my face, for He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken.

Acts 2:26, “ ‘Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad; moreover my flesh also will rest in hope.

Acts 2:27, “ ‘For You will not leave my soul in Hades, nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.

Acts 2:28, “ ‘You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of joy in Your presence.’ ”

Psa. 16:9, “Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; my flesh also will rest in hope.

Psa. 16:10, “For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.”

Acts 2:29, “Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

Acts 2:30, “Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne,”