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**Introduction**

As discussed in the movie that free will is a blessing which is in accordance with my personal beliefs. Free will is a blessing because a person knows that this decision is his particular choice and if the consequence is against his decision, a person will surely accept it with an open heart. Ancient Greek tragedian Aeschylus said, *“And one who is just of his own free will shall not lack for happiness, and he will never come to utter ruin.”* Human minds are programmed to generate a query and find the answers accordingly. The argument mostly generated against the idea of free will is that actually, free will is nothing but an idea that is falsely flagged around determinism. Which means that if a person makes a choice knowingly, then the choice made would be in accordance with the past life that person has experienced. The answer is yes that although man's experience would be involved in the decision making capability actually free will is that we would be able to make our own decision whether based on previous experience or new circumstances led decision. This thing would make us joyous that what we are doing right now is due to the consequences of our own actions. Doing what we want, wherever we want is the most blissful feeling we would have in our life.

**Discussion**

As in case of free will we have the autonomy to choose our profession, our way of thinking, and our way of life so it would not be possible if we were predestined to do any task as described in many of the dystopian novels. Mustapha Mond in the novel the brave mind negates the view of moral reasoning that is achieved by the use of hypnopedia. He believes that *“moral education, which ought never, in any circumstanced, to be rational.”* According to him, the ability to think independently should be given to go beyond the capability of mental capacity and question whether they really are happy or their happiness is an illusion. Although the condition of happiness in instilled in the world without the free will, how one would know what the feeling of unhappiness is if all the decisions are predestined. Mond in the novel in his discussion goes for the comfort and stability of the world.

In the movie Matrix, Neo was given a choice to select a pill, one blue pill that shows the convenience and the other the red pill which shows the truth about the world. Morpheus explains to Neo that “*This is your last chance. After this, there is no turning back. You take the blue pill—the story ends, you wake up in your bed and believe whatever you want to believe. You take the red pill—you stay in Wonderland, and I show you how deep the rabbit hole goes. Remember: all I'm offering is the truth. Nothing more”*.The protagonist took the red pill instead of the blue pill and makes his decision to face the truth. The main philosophy of the movie is that there are more important things to us in life than a mere feeling of pleasure. Having an independent mind, truth and own experience either good or bad makes the true purpose of life and can instill true happiness. We see in the movie, that Neo unplugged literally from the machine so that he can find the actual truth of life. On the other hand, movie villain Cypher comes out in the real world but he regrets his decision and tried to reverse his decision.

The choice of taking the red pill is the better decision because it is naïve to close your eyes when you are met with inevitable. According to the recent studies by the American Psychological Association, personal autonomy and free will make people happier even when their materialistic needs are fulfilled. When only happiness is intended to be given through the fulfillment of the materialistic needs, it would account for the unilateral personality and the need for other multi objectivity still remains in the mind of autonomous beings.

**Conclusion**

Although choosing the autonomy over the happiness is the decision that comes with the steep price, the road will be with many twists and turns and may lead to dark places but eventually, they would lead us to the realization of the true self. There is no greater feeling to be the hero of one own life.