

KWIKPIZZA

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This attempts to deal with the complex issue of 'Free Will and Predestination'. The two characters, who are probably male as the sketch is written – e.g. reference to football, but who could be male or female with a little bit of modification, are walking together and pass a pizza shop 'KWIKPIZZA'. They stop outside to study the menu.

A Do you fancy a pizza?

B Yeah, why not?

A What sort do you like?

B I don't know. There's so much choice.

A Yeah, there is, isn't there.

B First you have to decide on the type of base – regular or deep pan. Then you have to decide what size to have – 9 inches, 12 inches or 14. Then you have to choose the type – with 20 alternatives from 'cheese and tomato' to 'hot and spicy'. And, as if that's not enough decision making, you then have to make your mind up about which of the 30 extra toppings you may or may not want.

A Yeah, it is tough.

B Life's so full of decisions.

A I read a book about that recently.

B A book?

A Yes, you know – one of those things with pages.

B And you read it?

A Yeah.

B What was it called, "Noddy In Toyland"?

A No. It was called 'Free Will and er.. er.. '.

B Oh, yeah, I saw the film.

A Did you?

B Yeah. I liked the bit where the whale jumped over the little boy on the quayside.

A What are you talking about?

B The film where the whale, Willy, broke free.

A Not 'Free Willy' – free will.

B Oh. *[Pause]* Who's Will then?

A Noone. It's about our will. Our freedom to make choices. It said that God gives us complete freedom to decide how to lead our lives.

B Like when we're choosing a pizza.

A That's right.

B That seems blatantly obvious to me.

A Well, yes, - but, I remember now; the full title was 'Free Will and Predestination'

B Oh really?

A Yeah.

B And what's this 'Defenestration' then?

A Predestination. It means that, although we have complete freedom to choose whether to follow God or not – actually He has already made the decision for us. He's predestined what choices we will make.

B So, we don't have freedom after all? God was being 'economical with the truth' as they say in political circles?

A Well, yes. Er..... I mean no. We do still have freedom of choice – and God has predestined us.

B Hmmm. That sounds rather confusing.

A The writer called it a 'parasomething'.

B Parachute?

A No.

B Parallelogram?

A Paradox. That was it.

B Oh right. *[Pause]* What's a paradox then?

A It means when two seemingly contradictory things both happen to be true.

B You mean, like you believing that Watford are the greatest football team in the world – and them losing to Fulham on Saturday?

A Not exactly.

B What does it mean then?

A Well, let me give you an example. Imagine we come to this pizza shop...

B Like we are.

A Yes, and we spend 20 minutes deciding which pizza to have – what base, what size, what type, which toppings, etc.

B Yeah.

A And then we go inside – and before we can say anything – the pizza man hands us our order, exactly as we have chosen it.

B Hey, that would be good.

A Yeah.

B It would save a lot of time. That really would be a 'Kwik Pizza'.

A Yes, I suppose it would.

B And you'd feel the pizza man really knew you and cared about your needs.

A That's right.

B So, you're saying that God is like a sort of heavenly Kwik Pizza man?

A In a sort of way, I am, in that He allows us our freedom of choice but also knows all about us and plans what's best for us.

B That's good, that is. Most reassuring.

A Yes it is. *[Pause]* So what are you going to have then?

B Oh, I don't know. I can't make my mind up.

A I tell you what.

B What?

A Shall we go and get some fish and chips instead?

B Yeah, OK. *[Exit A and B discussing what sort of fish they might have, with salt or without, with or without vinegar, etc]*

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