

Religious Bulletin.
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Freshmen.

"If wishes were flivvers, all beggars would ride." --Socrates.
You can't get a new hall by lying in bed in the morning and wishing for it. Follow the crowd to the chapel and pray. Pray your heads off!

Seniors.

Show the Freshmen how to pray. You know how: you've been here four years, and you've seen lots of prayers answered in that time. Do this last good turn for Notre Dame before you go.

The Fortune Teller.

I

"Please explain the doctrine of predestination. How can God give a man free will when he knows he will not have strength enough to resist temptation?"

You have over-stated the case. If a man has no strength to resist he hasn't free will. If man has free will he has the strength if he wants to use it, and God gives sufficient grace to everyone.

The doctrine is too long to explain fully here. Ask a priest. And don't worry about it. You can't understand a mystery. If you could, it would cease to be a mystery. Any explaining you receive will only show that it is according to reason: it remains beyond reason.

Hold on to two facts: (1) Man's will is free, and (2) God knows all things, even future events depending on the free will of man. All things are present to God. He sees them as accomplished by our free will. Hold on to these facts and leave the rest to God.

If you see a man tied to a railroad track upon which a train is approaching, your knowledge that he will be killed does not cause his death. Neither does God's knowledge of all future acts cause them.

II

"I like to receive Holy Communion but I swear so much that every time I go I have to go to Confession. I don't like to go to confession because it takes up too much time, especially in the evening when I study."

Ask your confessor's advice on how to break the habit. If you want to go to confession every day, go in the basement chapel after supper or in the morning.

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