

THE DEGREE OF INFLUENCE ALLOWED

The degree of influence self-determinists acknowledge as to free actions will vary according to their accepted degree of "Calvinism" or "Arminianism." The maximum allowable for a self-determinist is high persuasion short of coercion. The minimum is zero. The scale of "persuasion allowed" ranges as follows:

- No influence allowed -- Pelagian (no grace needed)
- Some influence allowed -- Semi-Pelagianism (some grace needed)
- Much influence allowed -- Arminianism (much grace needed)
- Great influence allowed -- Moderate Calvinism (great grace needed; irresistible grace on the willing allowed)
- Overwhelming influence allowed -- Extreme Calvinism (irresistible grace on the unwilling needed)

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