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Fate, Superstition, Or Providence?

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. (Matthew 10:29–31)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. (Proverbs 3:5–6)

Humans have always been drawn to high-risk pursuits, where triumph and disaster hang in the balance. That's why shows like Full Swing captivate us.

Securing a PGA Tour card, winning tournaments, and staying on tour is a high-stakes endeavor—especially for those with families to support.

The rewards are immense, but failure can be just as dramatic, leaving players scrambling for opportunity. It is this tension—between triumph and collapse—that keeps us watching, anxious to see what unfolds.

The greater the risk, the heavier the weight upon the soul. In life-and-death moments, humanity has always sought something beyond itself. Before the Trojan War, Agamemnon sacrificed his daughter Iphigenia to Artemis, seeking favor at a devastating personal cost.

Before Moses died, God instructed Joshua to consult Eleazar the priest, who would seek guidance through the Urim before going into battle. Major decisions, whether in war or leadership, were not confirmed solely by human reasoning but through divine revelation.

Even today, humans reach for the unseen. Baseball players avoid the foul line, refuse to shave during a playoff streak, and never—ever—mention a no-hitter in progress.

These rituals may seem trivial, yet they echo an ancient impulse: a desire to influence fate, to appeal to forces beyond ourselves, to seek some measure of control over outcomes.

After the Enlightenment, Western thought essentially turned away from the supernatural. Reason and science became the ultimate authorities, and reality was confined to what could be measured and observed by the senses.

Humanity was understood as purely material—governed by natural laws and dependent solely on its own intellect and strength. With the gods dismissed as nonexistent, there was no one beyond human effort to turn to for help.

Considering this story—humanity’s long dependence on the gods and eventual abandonment of them—how are we supposed to live today? When choosing a spouse, a career, a home, or deciding whether to raise a family, whom do we turn to? Fate? The stars? AI? Or blind chance?

The Bible offers a profoundly different vision. It reveals a singular God in three persons—the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—who existed in perfect love and fellowship before creation.

This God is neither fragile nor capricious; He does not demand ritual appeasement or bargains for success. Victory and provision flow not from manipulation or fear, but from His steadfast will and gracious hand.

The God of the Bible knows the number of hairs on your head. He knew the day you were born, knows the day you will die, and sees every moment in between. He desires that we cast aside superstition and turn to Him for wisdom and guidance.

Through the atoning sacrifice of His Son, Jesus, He offers the supernatural help of His Holy Spirit—an indwelling presence that guides, strengthens, and empowers us beyond what we could achieve on our own.

Life itself is the ultimate high-stakes endeavor. The risks we face are far greater than securing a PGA card—they are matters of life and death, now and forever.

The source from which we draw during our time on earth has eternal implications. In every choice, every pursuit, the question remains: will we rely on fleeting superstition, or will we trust in the God who knows, sustains, and empowers us through every step of the journey?

Prayer: Lord, be my source and my light. Show me the path You want me to walk, and give me the wisdom to follow.

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