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Hether whatsoever comes to passe proceed from Necessitie, or some things from Chance; has been a Question disputed amongst the old Philosophers long time before the Incarnation of our Saviour, without drawing into argument on either side the almightie power of the Deity. But the third way of bringing things to passe distinct from Necessitie and Chance, namely Freewill, is a thing that never was mentioned amongst them, nor by the Christians in the beginning of Christianity. For St. Paul that disputes that question largely and purposely, never useth the term of Freewill; nor did he hold any Doctrine equivalent to that which is now called the Doctrine of Freewill; but deriveth all actions from the irresistible Will of God, and nothing from the will of him that runneth or willeth. But for some ages past, the Doctors of the Roman Church have exempted

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