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## It's up to us (Saint Peter the Damascan)

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Nobody's the cause of perdition; only our own will is. God's the cause of salvation: He gave us life and bliss, knowledge and power and His own Self. Not even the

devil can bring us to perdition against our will; all he can do is put the recollection of wickedness in our mind. But it's we, by our own will and volition, who decide to do evil. The good Lord doesn't try to prevent us by force, so that we don't disobey and become liable to greater punishment. Nor does He take away our free will, which He did well to grant us. So salvation or perdition is in our own hands.