

Is everything predetermined or there exist free will

If we see as per Hindu scriptures then there were mention of many events which were already known to God . The avtar of Hanuman and he helping Ram for his endeavour were already determined, lord Krishna's birth and he killing his maternal uncle were revealed even before his birth further he also knew the happening of Mahabharat war were kaurav's were destined to die on the hands of pandavs. And even when we look into ancient Greek mythology then we find mention of Oedipus who was prophesed to kill his father and marry his mother, to avoid this his father disowned him in jungle but after some turn of events the prophecy was fulfilled. Even in physical word every event has its cause. Like an object only moves when force is applied on it, a missile only when fired with same variables will hit the same location. For human brain too same process might hold. Our decision most of the time is determined by our subconscious mind as showcased by Libert's experiment, this subconscious mind holds out past experiences and our reaction then, even for concious mind the decision that we take are determined by synaptic pruning. In this process the neuron connection not much used are removed and those often used are kept intact. This in turn happens with our interaction with external environment. That might be the reason why we see behavioural patterns in person.

However in scriptures itself there is mention of free will. In second adhyaya of srimad bhagwat Gita Sri Krishna tells Arjun to do his karma as it is only thing that is there in his hand. He further adds that the outcome at present might not be in his hand but it is the result of your cumulative action till date. Furthermore there is a belief that what is going to happen to you in your next life is determined by your present action. Even when we see in physical world an identical twin getting everything similar starting from genes to environment, most of time tends to act differently. Even development in quantum physics have put forward thoughts of chaos and randomness in universe. Take for example Heisenberg principle or scrodinger cat thought experiment which suggest how you cannot predetermined an outcome but simply observe it. And even second law of thermodynamics tells about increase in entropy or randomness of universe with time.

To conclude it is better to believe in free will while working and therefore giving full efforts to realise potential. Wheras when the task is achieved accept the contribution of luck and then help others achieve their goals and thereby improve their chance or luck.

