

PREDESTINATION

THREE SCHEMES OF THE ORDER* OF DIVINE DECREES

*these are eternal decrees, so the order is logical, not chronological

CALVINISTIC SUPRALAPSARIANISM

election/reprobation before (supra) the fall (laps)



1. Predestine/elect some individuals to salvation and reprobate others
(not yet considered as fallen);



Theodore
Beza



2. Create;



3. Ordain or permit the fall;



4. Appoint Christ to redeem the elect;



5. Provide means of salvation to the elect (Holy Spirit to regenerate and preserve).



Franciscus
Gomarus

CALVINISTIC INFRALAPSARIANISM

election/reprobation after (infra) the fall (laps)



1. Create;



2. Permit the fall;



3. Predestine/elect some created and fallen individuals to eternal life and
pass over (single predestination) or reprobate (double predestination) others;



4. Appoint Christ to redeem the elect;



5. Provide means of salvation to the elect (Holy Spirit to regenerate and preserve).

ARMINIAN CHRIST-CENTERED PREDESTINATION

election after/in Christ



1. Create;

*“He predestined us for adoption to himself as sons
through Jesus Christ ... In him we have obtained an
inheritance, having been predestined” (Eph. 1:5, 11).*



2. Permit the fall;



3. Appoint Christ to be the Savior of humanity;



Jacob
Arminius



4. Save, in Christ, the class of believers, and condemn unbelievers outside of Christ;



5. Provide means of grace (Holy Spirit) for repentance and faith;



John
Wesley



6. Save or condemn individuals foreknown to believe or not believe.