

## ***God's Omniscience and Free Will: A Counter-Response to Nathan Aviezer***

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I would like to thank Professor Aviezer for his letter regarding my paper "God, Man, Chaos and Control: How God Might Control the Universe," which appeared in *Hakirah* Volume 20 (Winter 2015). His main concern appears to relate to my statement that prior to the development of quantum mechanics there was no solution to the conflict between omniscience and free will. He then proceeds to provide a detailed and slightly alternative explanation for the conflict between omniscience and free will based on quantum mechanics.

The primary difference between Professor Aviezer's formulation and mine is that he does not believe it is necessary to invoke quantum manipulation (God's intervention in nature through adjusting quantum events) to resolve the conflict.

I appreciate his comments and agree with his formulation to an extent; but the main focus of my essay was dealing not with God's knowledge, but rather with God's control of *hashgacha*. To resolve this paradox, omniscience is not enough. God's actions are needed and for that, we are blessed to have a universe subject to quantum manipulation.




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