

# Choices and Destiny

*"I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live."* Deuteronomy 30:19

Closely related to discussions of power, responsibility, and value are notions of choice and destiny. Peter Parker and Max Dillon did not choose to become Spider-Man or Electro. That power was thrust on them and might be considered part of their destiny. However, as we have seen, both Peter Parker as Spider-Man and Max Dillon as Electro make choices that shape their destinies as either a hero or a villain.

What the future holds for any of us is a mystery. Some might say that this unknown future is our destiny, but we hardly move from one moment to the next or one day to the next without making countless choices, some of which we aren't even conscious of making. The culmination of those choices results in who we become. While there are forces beyond our control, how we choose to respond to them goes a long way to shaping our destinies.



## Discussion Questions

- 1 Can you distinguish between forces beyond your control and what you can control through your choices and actions?
- 2 What are choices that you have made that contribute to the life you live and the future you want or hope for? When have you made choices that hurt that future?
- 3 What do you hope for in your future?

