

# Can Determinism Be Reconciled With Epicureanism? (Admin Edit - No, But Let's Talk About Why Not)

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[Quote from Nate](#)

The term "free will" is problematic for materialists, but not indeterminism, itself.

Thank you @Nate, I am closer to understanding Onfray, though he extends the argument too far for my liking.

I will definitely look into Marx's thesis; I am a bit familiar with his dialectical materialism and political economy, as well as Popper's extended criticism of Marx, but I never knew about his Epicurean references.

But with regards to free will, aside from the context of a deity (some external intelligence that "tests" us - an idea that has been an excuse to avoid any critical thought), what could materialism have against the concept of free will?