

The Atomic Billiard Board, or: Understanding the Swerve to Mechanistic Determinism

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Prior to 20th century quantum mechanics or a thorough understanding of classical thermodynamics (which happened only after quantum mechanics), hard determinism appeared to be the most fitting to a materialist world view. I certainly would have fallen for the same trap. Embracing the swerve would have left a loophole for the church. Hard determinism rather than the swerve was going "all the way" at that time.