

# Paul Thyry (Baron D'Holbach / Mirabaud) - French / German Sympathizer With Some Epicurean Ideas

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## [Quote from Pacatus](#)

Under strict determinism, those who (for example) follow Epicurus and those who follow (say) the Stoics are simply determined to do so - without any actual choice based on study and reflection.

Right -- and Epicurus says exactly that:

VS09. Necessity is an evil, but [there is no necessity to live under the control of necessity](#).

VS40. The man who says that all things come to pass by necessity cannot criticize one who denies that all things come to pass by necessity: for he admits that this too happens of necessity.

So as I read and interpret his position, it is very important to be very firm: Hard determinism is bunk! 😊