

Episode 258 - There Is No Necessity To Live Under the Control of Necessity - Part 2 (Conclusion)

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In last week's part 1 of the discussion of necessity (to be posted on 12/6) we devoted most of the discussion to the cultural background of the question and why it remains significant.

We also addressed what is generally thought of as Epicurus' first response to determinism, involving the swerve as discussed in Lucretius Book 2.

This week we will turn to additional - and arguably more important - issues that Epicurus raised against determinism.

Our material for the episode will consist largely in David Sedley's article "[Epicurus' Rejection of Determinism](#)" combined with Norman DeWitt's Chapter on "The New Hedonism."

There's a limit as to how many rabbits we can chase in regard to other pro-determinist arguments, but if anyone has something specific that we should consider addressing in this episode, please let us know in this thread.