

# what did epicurean actually mean by free will ? i think the article on the main page is confusing determinism with fatalism

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In the meantime:

[Wikipedia](#):

**Determinism** is the [philosophical](#) view that all events in the [universe](#), including human decisions and actions, are causally inevitable.

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And of course much much more which we can't hope to dissect in detail in the opening article. The practical affect of the issue is whether a human being has any control over his or future at all, and I would say that that is what Epicurus was addressing by referring mostly to the term "necessity" but also dealing with "fortune" and "fate" as well.