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Post by "DaveT" of August 19, 2025 at 9:12 AM

[Quote from Cassius](#)

It wouldn't matter to me if Martin or 100 people with more experience than Martin were to tell me that "modern physics establishes that there is a mystical realm, or modern physics establishes that knowledge is impossible, or modern physics establishes that human life is entirely mechanistic."

[Cassius](#) Respectfully, and I don't wish to belabor the points in this thread, but your quoted phrase is rather an overstatement. I don't think scientific endeavor used by mainstream scientists exploring and testing the boundaries of physics, have an agenda to prove there are mystical realms or that knowledge is impossible. Quite the opposite.

And even those scientists (thinkers and experimenters) who are exploring the degree to which human behavior is entirely mechanistic, i.e. biologically and environmentally determined, will admit that theirs is a minority opinion so far.

The real debate today over behavior and free will, as I understand it, is not a zero sum debate, but rather to what degree is our behavior determined by biology, and environment (culture, etc.) vs. to what degree it is not. Those exploring whether there is a middle ground are called Compatibilists.