

# Sedley: "Epicurus' Refutation of Determinism"

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General comment. wrote it before there are two ways to approach free will:

1) brain vs mind. in that case free will is an illusion (because there is no such thing as the "mind")

2) brain vs the world. in that case free will exists because the world is bigger than the brain and each moment the brain must choose a way to function.

Emergence is the invention of atheists to replace god 😏

Cassius Amicus:

As I understand the use of the term "emergence," Theo, it is simply being used as a placeholder to describe that on our level of function we observe these things to be true, without offering any explanation of the precise mechanism or relationship with the underlying atoms. I believe that to be the point that Sedley is making in the article, drawing on the statements of Epicurus. It's not necessary to use the word "emergence" and I am sure alternatives could be better. But the basic point of the argument in the article is that what is being described is something (the world of our senses) is very real to us in our functioning as humans/animals, and not a fantasy such as the religious arguments for the supernatural.