

MA in Cultural Astronomy and Astrology
Introduction to Cultural Astronomy and Astrology
Philosophy: Fate and Freewill in the Cosmos

Optional Reading

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This week we are leaving it open to you to search for resources. Search in JSTOR and on the THE DETERMINISM AND FREEDOM PHILOSOPHY WEBSITE (below)

Kane, Robert. *The Significance of Free Will*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1998, esp. chapters 1 and 3
Oxford Scholarship via the University Library

Kane, Robert, 'Introduction: The Contours of Contemporary Free Will Debates', in Robert Kane (ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of Free Will* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011).
<https://www.oxfordhandbooks.com/view/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780195178548.001.0001/oxfordhb-9780195178548-e-1>

Plotinus, , *Ennead II, 1 - 3*, Vol., 2, trans., A.H. Armstrong, Cambridge Mass., London: Harvard University Press, 1966.
Loeb classic library via the University Library

Cicero, 'On Fate', in *On the Orator*, Book 3, trans. H.Rackham (Cambridge Mass.: Harvard University Press, London, 1942).
Loeb classic library via the University Library

Web Sites

The Determinism and Freedom Philosophy Website

<http://www.ucl.ac.uk/~uctytho/dfw/IntroIndex.htm>.

This web site contains a large number of academic papers by the leading thinkers in this field, focus on authors such as Kane, for the libertarian position and Honderick for the hard incompatibilist position (there is only determinism and no free will) and Hume for the compatibilist position.

The Stanford Encyclopaedia of Philosophy

Check the articles on 'fatalism', 'causal determinism', free will', and 'ancient theories of freedom and determinism

Also try combinations of such words such as free will, fate or determinism and Taoism, Confucianism,,Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and Christianity

Optional Reading: Books

The number of books available on determinism is vast. However, these may be relevant should you wish to write about this topic

Adorno, Theodor, W., 'The Stars Down to Earth: The Los Angeles Times Astrology Column', in *The Stars Down to Earth and Other Essays on the Irrational in Culture*, edited by Stephen Crook, pp. 34-127. London: Routledge, 1994.

Dawkins, Richard, *The Blind Watchmaker*, London: Penguin 1991, Chap 1

Hawking, Stephen, *Black Holes and Baby Universes*, London: Bantam 1994, chap 12 ('Is Everything Determined?')

Hume, David, *An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding*. Edited by Eric Steinberg. Cambridge: Hackett Publishing Company, 1977, Reprint, 2nd. pp 53-69 (Section VIII Of Liberty and Necessity).