

# On Determinism

Something else that bothers me about the free will debate: if determinism (or variant) is true, then accepting it requires us to engage in delusional thinking. Hear me out.

Delusional thinking is “characterized by or holding idiosyncratic beliefs or impressions that are contradicted by reality.” Our experiential reality is that we have free will, that we make choices and have the real ability to choose otherwise. Determinism is not our reality, however true it may be. Therefore, to accept determinism is to willfully think in a delusional way. In other words, delusional thinking is required by truth-seeking if reality is an illusion. Do you understand? That bothers me, a lot. And that’s today’s two cents.