

The Gary King Conjecture: A Rebuttal of Determinism and Acknowledgement of the Chaotic Nature of Human Freewill.

Determinism seeks to construct a framework for the nature of the decision-making process entirely on the collective influence of environment and heredity. Given this argument Determinism postulates that the decision we make are extensions of training from our parents and social views as constructed by the societies we inhabit as well as biological predilections based on neurochemistry and environmental factors. While there is a certain logic in this causal relationship, determinism's argument rests on the unsure footing of its proofing. Determinism hinges on causation and evidences itself on the fact that any decision made would have always been made due to the influences which define the topic. Its proof then is tautological. Any result that comes of a decision is now inextricably linked to the fact that a decision was made at all. It is tautological in that conclusion is treated as if it automatically proves the premise. Mostly because any and all factors contribute to the decision-making process outside of the ability of an individual to make a choice against their determining factors. This system of logic works in mechanical systems and mathematics but falls short in the wake of sentience. That is to say, that while it is impossible to ignore factors such as biology and culture on the human decision-making process, to reducing man's decisions to solely these factors reduce the mental process of humanity to essentially programming. Reactions, interpretations, and all decisions are nothing more than preprogrammed system equations defined by input variables of culture running across biological hardware as effected by an infinite amount of unique environmental vectors. But if this were the fundamental nature of humanity then where does original creation come from? In that original creation in this context means decisions and patterns of thought that deviate from the pre-programming established by Deterministic values. Such prograded responses are closed systems which

incorporate and readapt existing materials to operate and yet mankind has the ability to create, to dream and imagine things that have never existed. The perfect example of this is the social variables which Determinism argues as the structural node for decision making. Where do they come from it not from human creativity? Even the bases of learned patterns of behavior such as society are not a natural state and is solely dependent on the creative processes of the people involved in its establishment. If human can create original thought, then that means that their intellectual processes are not solely dependent on pre-existing conditioning but rather have the ability to supersede that conditioning to produce new ideas and concepts. That ability to supersede basic conditioning and programming to determine a concept of self is the cornerstone of sentience and interchangeably freewill. For what is sentience if not the manifestation of self-awareness and the ability to independently self-determine? Humanity's exploratory need or more, its creative impulses exists as a means to overwrite Deterministic programming allowing a mutagenic effect on the decision-making process. I posit that humans have been able to advance through this process that can either encompass influential processes or ignore them and all logical reasoning which I call the Gary King Conjecture.

There is nothing natural about man mastering fire. All in all, it's actually a rather stupid idea. Fire kills, it burns things, and almost all creatures are naturally weary of it for a reason. And yet mankind did perhaps the dumbest and most antithetical process to its ancestral training and biological aversion and played with fire until not only could they make it, but they could use it to heat their homes, cook their food, and keep away the danger of the night. The same goes for cooking food. Who thought setting something on fire was the way to go for sustenance? If you take into account, the sheer volume of plants that people had no idea whether they were poisonous or not and someone put them in their mouths and decided to chew it's a wonder humanity has

survived as long as it has. This trend goes all the way through the testing of the first atomic bomb which scientists theorized could set the entire atmosphere on fire. In each of these cases the influence of basic biological desire for self-preservation, social conventions, and all existing knowledge was overwritten in an act that generally would signify stupidity on every level. I posit that this stupidity factor, the ability to see common sense and say “ehhh what if we did this instead,” is the defining evidence of man’s ability to self-determine, the defining criterion of sentience, and the encapsulation of humanities ability to create.

In the 2013 science fiction film *The World’s End* a group of friends return home to find that their small hamlet and in fact the world has been taken over by an alien intelligence which has started reversing mankind’s destructive effect on the planet, developed new medicines and technologies to enrich human lives, and have created a system to pacify the more destructive nature of humanity. The film follows these friends led by Simon Pegg as Gary King as they try to navigate through the infestation while drinking their way through a pub crawl, they did not finish some 20 years before. The film ends with a final confrontation between the last three surviving friends and an intergalactic federation of alien planets represented by an intelligence referred to as “The Network.” When confronted with the opportunity for immortality, the threat of imminent death, and a discussion about the fate of all humanity Gary King and his friends convince The Network that humans are “more belligerent, more stubborn, and more idiotic than you can possibly imagine” and thus The Network abandons the planet in disgust leaving the world to fall into a state of anarchy and decay but left to its own self-determination. This film encapsulates the context then that the contradictory and often negative elements of human nature are in fact evidence of man’s self-determination and freewill. They defy logic, biological imperative, and cultural convention at man’s will. When asked just what is it that they want to do Gary replies, “We want to be free. We

want to be free to do what we want to do. We want to get loaded and we wanna have a good time and that's what we're gonna do." The human capacity for stupidity then allows logic and experience to be thrown out the window and thus frees humanity from self-contained system of determinism and in doing so allows humans to accept both the rational and irrational. For Gary and his compatriots their rationality is in freedom even at the cost of their and everyone else's lives. Gary and the other value above all freedom with no context of what that means. This was a freedom only resting in their ability to self-determine and a freedom which contradicts all notions of environment, culture, and influence. For this reason, I refer to this interpretation as the Gary King Conjecture because sans an ability to construct identical conditions of choice which remove all post choice experiences, and exactly recreate all conditions down to cosmic radiation and gravimetric influence, neither determinism nor free will can actually be proven.

This irrational and creative impulse of self-determination can also be evidenced by humanity's ability to accept and still not comprehend the concepts of both zero and infinity which both exist and do not exist in a natural state and can not be observed. As such the concepts could not be introduced into the human thought set without an ability for humans to originate ideas beyond conditioning. It is this irrationality, the concept of "what if it did, didn't, or both?" that denies determinism, and this is further evidenced by the sheer volume of conflicting ideologies and cultures who each derive from human common ancestry. Diversion from status quo would be almost impossible given a deterministic nature of humans and yet it's basically the signature of the species. Defiance and irrationality are the inversions of the logic that determinism rest on. Chaos then becomes anathema to the determinist argument. What then is humanity if not chaotic? Any discussion that outlines motivations and control features of human decision making that does

not account for this chaos cannot truly begin to address the human condition. For as Gary King of the Humans once said, “To errrr is human. So... ahhh (shoulder shrug).”

A link to the final Speech from that film follows.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nwtpb3L-4bE>