

Name	Ism	Clues to General Revelation	Clues to Suppression
Galen Strawson Philosopher	Determinism	“convinced of the reality of radical free will”	“we cannot live” “can’t help believing” “I can’t really accept it myself.”
Edward Slingerland Philosopher	Materialism Reductionism •Will, Self, Consciousness an illusion •Humans=Robots	“no one can help really feeling that s/he is free” “incapable of experiencing ourselves/others as robots” “constituted in such a way, we unavoidably and inescapably experience lived reality of being moral agents”	“we need to pull off the trick of living with a dual consciousness” “physical systems vs. persons” “mental dichotomy” •We’ve lost unity of truth.
Marvin Minsky MIT	Materialism •“3-lb computer made of meat”	“we can’t put aside ancient myth of voluntary choice”	“cannot ever give up” concept of free will even though we know it’s false” •Secular leap of faith
Saul Smilansky Philosopher	Determinism	“we cannot live adequately with an awareness of the absence of free will” “free agency is a fortunate illusion because it makes civilized life possible”	“a two-tiered system” “those in the know and the majority who must be misled to our real nature” “false but necessary ideas” “we ought to hold to a contradictory belief”

<p>Richard Dawkins New Atheist</p>	<p>New Atheism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •“survival machines” •“robot vehicles blindly programmed” •“not responsible” 	<p>“I blame people, I give people credit”</p>	<p>“an inconsistency we have to live with or life would be intolerable”</p>
<p>Albert Einstein Scientist</p>	<p>Determinism Materialism</p>	<p>“to live in a civilized society, I must act responsibly”</p>	<p>“compelled to act <i>as if</i> free will existed” (see Kant)</p>
<p>Eric Baum Computer Scientist</p>	<p>Materialism Evolutionism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •mind a computer program produced by evolutionary processes •free will an illusion 	<p>“free will a useful theory for describing human behavior”</p>	<p>“much more reasonable and practical for my genes to build me believing in free will, and for me to act and think <i>as if</i> I have free will</p> <p>“belief in free will is mystical”</p>
<p>Colin McGinn Philosopher</p>	<p>Mysterianism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •not equipped to solve mystery of consciousness •evolved to solve practical problems 	<p>“we don’t have faculties of comprehension to enable us to remove sense of mystery” of how consciousness evolved from matter</p>	<p>“consciousness <i>must</i> have evolved from matter somehow”</p>