

Julianna smiled. She was reminded of a theory that she read two years ago from a science book—the clockwork universe. It was developed based on the hypothesis that the world's structure and motion was determined with concise physical laws. Each step that puts the universe into progress followed could be mapped out with the exact same laws. Julianna was not sure if she liked this theory. On one hand, she appreciate the connectedness that the theory suggests. The connectedness allowed her see the world as a macro structure, with each details she experienced leaving implications on every other process. *Kinda like karma, right?*

On the other hand, the theory had exactly undertones of such determinism. The result of every decision made would be dependent on the environment around it. Together, everything being made contributed to the path of the universe.

*If such determinism existed, what would be the meaning of life, then?*