

Thomas M. Lennon (University of Western Ontario), “Will and Freedom: The Theology of Descartes's View”

There is an on-going debate in the literature as to whether Descartes held a libertarian or a compatibilist view of human free will. Almost all of the debate focuses on Descartes's texts with little attention to their historical context. However, the investigation conducted here of the theological context in which he worked makes it pretty clear which, if either of the views, he held.