

In what way are we humans controlled by fate or free to make our own choices, and to what extent can we reasonably expect to attain a good life? These intertwined questions rose to prominence in antiquity and have remained puzzling to the present day. This book analyzes and compares the approaches of two significant authors from different schools at the turn of the third century CE, Alexander of Aphrodisias and Clement of Alexandria. These contemporaries utilize their respective Peripatetic and Christian commitments in their employment of the shared Greek classics toward these shared ethical questions. This comparative analysis reveals a common concern for safeguarding concepts of responsibility, human dignity and cosmic justice in both philosophical traditions. To this end, these authors each developed a novel model of indeterminist free will marking a distinct trajectory for later Greek thought.

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