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Daman's Desire to Deviate

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Heredity determines the possible outcomes of life and environment determines the probable among them. Daman prays that unlike the possibles and the probable they determined for him in this life, they determine possibles and a probable in some life he may have yet to live that permits him to deviate from the typical, the usual, the mediocre, the average, or the normal.

Of course, he does not desire to deviate to the negative likes of a tyrant, a terrorist, a religious intolerant, or a racist. Any one of those would be worse than the typical, the usual, the mediocre, the average, or the normal. Rather, he desires to deviate to the positive likes of a wise mentor, a generous lover, a religious tolerant, or a wonder in either the arts or the sciences.

If heredity determines possibles and environment a probable that supports his desire to deviate, he will celebrate. If heredity does but environment does not, he may be able to change the probable by changing his environment. If heredity fails to determine at least one possible that permits him to realize his desire to deviate, environment and changes in it will become irrelevant.

Should the latter or worse scenario occur, he vows he will pray that heredity and environment determine a possible and a probable that permit him to truncate early on the life he may have yet to live. Another life without a chance to realize his desire to deviate from the typical, the usual, the mediocre, the average, or the normal would be not only monotonous but indefensible.