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Director-at-Large Candidate





Fate is often described to be inevitable, a facet of our lives controlled by a celestial aura that is incomprehensible to us. The concept of fate is controversial, it's disregarded by the arriviste hard workers, but it's feared by the superstitious.

My grandparents were extremely superstitious, and I learnt early on the dogma that fate cannot be overcome, that a part of my future will be molded by situations totally out of my control. These ideals made me complacent. I let fate control my future, so I didn't need to work hard. Naturally, nothing was working my way.

As a teenager, I started developing my own thoughts, my own ideals. It was a mini existential crisis where I questioned myself for multiple days: "What's the use of everyone having dreams when fate is unavoidable"?

But through reading about multiple celebrities and entrepreneurs I realized fate is an excuse for failure. Hard work is the only solution. From Jimmy Butler, an NBA all-star who was abandoned by his parents, to Elon Musk who has achieved his riches through relentless hard work. And then there's me, a former C-grade student, struggling in his early years, who finally achieved his small goal of being academically and socially adept. This was my transition from superstition to empiricism. I now am ready to take up yet another challenge of proving to be the right candidate for the Director-at-Large position with my perseverance and hard work.

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