It has been argued that, underlying any given quantum-mechanical model, there exists at least one deterministic system that reproduces, after prequantisation, the given quantum dynamics. For a quantum mechanics with a complex *d*-dimensional Hilbert space, the Lie group SU(d) represents classical canonical transformations on the projective space \mathbb{CP}^{d-1} of quantum states. Let R stand for the Ricci flow of the manifold SU(d-1) down to one point, and let P denote the projection from the Hopf bundle onto its base \mathbb{CP}^{d-1} . Then the underlying deterministic model we propose here is the Lie group SU(d), acted on by the operation *PR*. Finally we comment on some possible consequences that our model may have on a quantum theory of gravity.