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Term: Necessity

Quote: Necessity [...] is that mode of being which is not subject to the principle of

excluded middle, since it may neither be that A is necessarily B, nor that A is necessarily not B. [—] How can the principle of excluded middle fail to apply? By the function of determination being given over to the person addressed.

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