**Term:** Necessity

**Quote:** Necessity [Lat. *necessitas*]: Ger. *Nothwendigkeit*; Fr. *nécessité*; Ital. *necessità*.

1. The state or condition that cannot be otherwise than it is; that must be just as it is.

2. The principle in virtue of which the condition of the universe as a whole, or any particular part of it, is rendered, both as to its existence and quality, inevitable. Opposed to both freedom and chance, but especially, in its strictly philosophical use, to chance […] or contingency. That which has the property of necessity is said to be necessary.


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