

Conditional Resolution

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By a *categorical resolution* I mean a representation to oneself that one will behave in a certain general way in a certain expected contingency, this representation being received with satisfaction, being rehearsed with pleasure, and perhaps exciting a special effort to learn it as a lesson. The purpose toward the accomplishment of which the action tends is taken for granted. By a *conditional resolution*, I mean a similar representation except that the purpose or end in view is only arbitrarily supposed to be aimed at and the circumstances under which the action would take place are not generally expected to arise.