

'Necessitarianism' (pub. 22.09.14-19:56). Quote in M. Bergman & S. Paavola (Eds.), *The Commens Dictionary: Peirce's Terms in His Own Words. New Edition*. Retrieved from <http://www.commens.org/dictionary/entry/quote-lecture-i-r-2>.

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**Term:** Necessitarianism

**Quote:** ...the doctrine of the necessitarians is that when the time for action comes, we act under a necessity which we cannot *then* control. I dare say they may be substantially right. We cannot control the actions that are past. But our future actions we can determine in a measure. Knowing that, we deliberate and formulate an ideal of conduct and then, having formulated our ideal, we go through a process similar to that of impressing a lesson on our memory, whereby mere resolutions are converted into determinations which are acquired *dispositions*.

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (1903). *Lecture I [R]*. MS [R] 451.

**References:** MS [R] 451:5-6

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