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**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.

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (1902). Necessity. In J. M. Baldwin (Ed.), *Dictionary of Philosophy and Psychology, Vol. II* (pp. 143-146). London: Macmillan and Co.

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