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«The beautiful is the beautiful.» All primitive ideas are indefinable; if we think to define them, it is a pure illusion. They are only defined by themselves. Thus plurality, space, time, etc.

«Time is the order of duration.» But duration supposes time.

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Critique of argument of determinism. «True I cannot think as I will, nor be a genius or a fool at pleasure. But I can think it possible to live without eating, or to jump from here to the moon. That is to say, I can choose my thoughts, wild or not, within the sphere of necessity imposed by my general nature. Thus, I may be incapable of acts of great benevolence, but I may be able to choose between giving a counterfeit shilling to anyone or not giving it.» This answer is false, rests on a false basis. What is not indeterminate is determinate; there is no avoiding this. What is not free is unfree; this cannot be denied. Necessity and freedom cannot be found together. Matter is a shell of properties. Spirit is the matter thereof.

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