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## **Time**

It is stated in the 1951 axioms that time could be considered to be the single arbitrary, and might thus be the single source of human aberration. A further investigation and inspection of time has demonstrated it to be the action of energy in space, and it has been found that the duration of an object roughly approximates its solidity.

Time could be considered to be a manifestation in space which is varied by objects. An object could be considered to be any unit manifestation of energy including matter.

It can be readily established that an individual loses his self-determinism in the ratio that he possesses objects and utilizes force.

Time could be considered to be an abstract term assigned to the behavior of objects. It can be found to be regulatable by postulates.

The desire, enforcement and inhibition in the possession, giving and receiving of objects can be found to establish a time-track.

Time in the field of behavior and experience becomes having. Having and Not Having form between themselves the interchanges which become survival.

If the auditor processes having, giving and receiving, energy and items, he will discover that he is processing time directly and has processed into a higher level the time sense and reaction of the preclear.

The primary manifestation of this is found in criminality, where the individual is unable to conceive the investment of energy to attain an object. He will not “work.” The criminal in particular wishes to collapse and render without time, desiring and having; whereas this may be possible in one’s own universe, it is not possible in the MEST universe. The MEST universe is so planned as to make work necessary in order to have, thus establishing a gradient scale of having. The criminal has not made the distinction between his own universe which he possibly once had and where he could attain things instantaneously, and the MEST universe. He thus has no “respect for property”. The identification of his own universe with the MEST universe is so marked as to be in itself a highly aberrated identification, thus rendering his conduct destructive to himself and causing him to fail.