

The *past* is that which is the wholly fixed, already settled content of the future, no longer open to decision.

The *present* is that which is in the process of becoming the wholly fixed, already settled content of the future, no longer open to decision.

The *future* is that which is a mixture of the wholly fixed or already settled content of the future, no longer open to decision, on the one hand, and alternative possibilities still really open to decision, on the other.

The *eternal* is that which has *always* been part of the wholly fixed or already settled content of the future, and thus has never been and never will be among the alternative possibilities still really open to decision.

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