Lecture: Where We Are At

Hubbard defines willpower as self-determinism in this lecture. He says that someone who has lost the ability to impose time and space on his abilities is psychotic, and if the person could impose time and space on every facsimile in his bank, he'd be cause on all eight dynamics and everyone would be building a church to him.

What is willpower? And what is self-determinism And we can get it in the same answer. In this MEST universe it consists of the relative ability to impose time and space on energy or matter. The relative ability to impose time and space upon energy or matter. That’s willpower. And that’s self-determinism. And that is controlling people and people controlling you and so forth, and all of a sudden it works out to this very simple basis.

How does it do this? When a person has lost his ability to impose time and space upon his facsimiles, his memories, he’s psychotic—he’s gone. And when he only has a relative ability, a very slight ability, to impose time and space upon his facsimiles, in this society would be considered to be in ravingly good shape. And if he could impose time and space upon every facsimile he has in the bank, he would be cause on all eight dynamics and everybody would be down here building a new church to him.

— L. Ron Hubbard

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