

PREDESTINATION, *n.* The act of decreeing or foreordaining events; the decree of God by which he hath, from eternity, unchangeably appointed or determined whatever comes to pass. It is used particularly in theology to denote the preordination of men to everlasting happiness or misery. *Encyc.*

Predestination is a part of the unchangeable plan of the divine government; or in other words, the unchangeable purpose of an unchangeable God.

PREDESTINATOR, *n.* Properly, one that foreordains.

2. One that holds to predestination. *Cowley.*

PREDESTINE, *v. t.* To decree beforehand; to foreordain.

And bid *predestined* empires rise and fall.

Prior.

PREDETERMINE, *a.* Determined beforehand; as the *predetermine* counsel of God. *Parkhurst.*

PREDETERMINATION, *n.* [See *Pre-determine*.]

1. Previous determination; purpose formed beforehand; as the *predetermination* of God's will. *Hammond.*

2. Premotion; that concurrence of God which determines men in their actions. *Encyc.*

PREDETERMINE, *v. t.* [*pre* and *determine*.]

1. To determine beforehand; to settle in purpose or counsel.

If God foresees events, he must have *pre-determined* them. *Hale.*

2. To doom by previous decree.

PREDIAL, *a.* [*Sp. predial*, from *L. pradium*, a farm or estate.]

1. Consisting of land or farms; real estate. *Ayliffe.*

2. Attached to land or farms; as *predial* slaves. *Encyc.*

3. Growing or issuing from land; as *predial* tithes.

PREDICABILITY, *n.* [from *predicable*.] The quality of being predicable, or capable of being affirmed of something, or attributed to something. *Reid.*

PREDICABLE, *a.* [*L. predicabilis*, from *predico*, to affirm; *præ* and *dico*, to say.]

That may be affirmed of something; that may be attributed to. Animal is *predicable* of man. Intelligence is not *predicable* of plants. More or less is not *predicable* of a circle or of a square. Whiteness is not *predicable* of time.

PREDICABLE, *n.* One of the five things which can be affirmed of any thing. Genus, species, difference, property, and accident are the five *predicables*. *Watts.*

PREDICAMENT, *n.* [*Fr.* from *L. predicamentum*, from *predico*, to affirm.]

1. In *logic*, a category; a series or order of all the predicates or attributes contained under any genus. The school philosophers distribute all the objects of our thoughts and ideas into genera or classes, which the Greeks call *categories*, and the Latins *predicaments*. Aristotle made ten categories, viz. substance, quantity, quality, relation, action, passion, time, place, situation and habit. *Encyc.*

2. Class or kind described by any definite marks; hence, condition; particular situation or state. *Shak.*

We say, the country is in a singular *predicament*.

PREDICAMENTAL, *a.* Pertaining to a predicament. *Hale.*

PREDICANT, *n.* [*L. predicans, prädico*.] One that affirms any thing.

PREDICATE, *v. t.* [*L. prädico; præ* and *dico*, to say.]

To affirm one thing of another; as, to *predicate* whiteness of snow. Reason may be *predicated* of man.

PREDICATE, *v. i.* To affirm; to comprise an affirmation. *Hale.*

PREDICATE, *n.* In *logic*, that which, in a proposition, is affirmed or denied of the subject. In these propositions, "*paper is white*," "*ink is not white*," whiteness is the predicate affirmed of paper, and denied of ink. *Watts.*

PREDICATION, *n.* [*L. prædicatio*.] Affirmation of something, or the act of affirming one thing of another. *Locke.*

PREDICATORY, *a.* Affirmative; positive. *Bp. Hall.*

PREDICT, *v. t.* [*L. prædictus, prædico; præ*, before, and *dico*, to tell.]

To foretell; to tell beforehand something that is to happen. Moses *predicted* the dispersion of the Israelites. Christ *predicted* the destruction of Jerusalem.

PREDICTED, *pp.* Foretold; told before the event.

PREDICTING, *ppr.* Foretelling.

PREDICTION, *n.* [*L. prædictio*.] A foretelling; a previous declaration of a future event; prophecy. The fulfillment of the *predictions* of the prophets is considered to be a strong argument in favor of the divine origin of the Scriptures.

PREDICTIVE, *a.* Foretelling; prophetic. *More.*

PREDICTOR, *n.* A foreteller; one who prophesies. *Swift.*

PREDIGESTION, *n.* [*pre* and *digestion*.] Too hasty digestion.

Predigestion fills the body with crudities. *Bacon.*

PREDILECTION, *n.* [*Fr.*; *It. predilezione*; *L. præ*, before, and *dilectus, diligo*, to love.] A previous liking; a prepossession of mind in favor of something. *Warton.*

PREDISPOSE, *n.* That which predisposes.

PREDISPOSE, *v. t.* *s* as *z.* [*pre* and *dispose*.]

1. To incline beforehand; to give a previous disposition to; as, to *predispose* the mind or temper to friendship. *South.*

2. To fit or adapt previously; as, debility *predisposes* the body to disease.

PREDISPOSED, *pp.* Previously inclined or adapted.

PREDISPOSING, *ppr.* Inclining or adapting beforehand.

2. *a.* Tending or able to give predisposition or liability; as the *predisposing* causes of disease.

PREDISPOSITION, *n.* Previous inclination or propensity to any thing; *applied to the mind.*

2. Previous fitness or adaptation to any change, impression or purpose; *applied to matter*; as the *predisposition* of the body to disease; the *predisposition* of the seasons to generate diseases. *Wiseman. Bacon.*

PREDOMINANCE, } [*See Predomi-*
PREDOMINANCY, } *n. nant.*]

1. Prevalence over others; superiority in strength, power, influence or authority; ascendancy; as the *predominance* of a red color in a body of various colors; the *predominance* of love or anger among the passions; the *predominance* of self-interest over all other considerations; the *predominance* of imperial authority in the confederacy.

2. In *astrology*, the superior influence of a planet.

PREDOMINANT, *a.* [*Fr. predominant*; *It. predominante*; *L. præ* and *dominans, dominor*, to rule.]

Prevalent over others; superior in strength, influence or authority; ascendant; ruling; controlling; as a *predominant* color; *predominant* beauty or excellence; a *predominant* passion.

Those helps—were *predominant* in the king's mind. *Bacon.*

Foul subornation is *predominant*. *Shak.*

PREDOMINANTLY, *adv.* With superior strength or influence. *Brown.*

PREDOMINATE, *v. i.* [*Fr. predominer*; *Sp. predominar*; *It. predominare*; *L. præ*, before, and *dominor*, to rule, from *dominus, lord*.]

To prevail; to surpass in strength, influence or authority; to be superior; to have controlling influence. In some persons, the love of money *predominates* over all other passions; in others, ambition or the love of fame *predominates*; in most men, self-interest *predominates* over patriotism and philanthropy.

So much did love t' her executed lord

Predominate in this fair lady's heart.

Daniel.

The rays reflected least obliquely may *predominate* over the rest. *Newton.*

PREDOMINATE, *v. t.* To rule over.

PREDOMINATING, *ppr.* Having superior strength or influence; ruling; controlling.

PREDOMINATION, *n.* Superior strength or influence. *Brown.*

PRE-ELECT, *v. t.* [*pre* and *elect*.] To choose or elect beforehand. *Dick.*

PRE-ELECTION, *n.* Choice or election by previous determination of the will.

Prideaux.

PRE-EMINENCE, *n.* [*Fr.*; *It. preeminenza*; *pre* and *eminence*.]

1. Superiority in excellence; distinction in something commendable; as *pre-eminence* in honor or virtue; *pre-eminence* in eloquence, in legal attainments or in medical skill.

The *preeminence* of christianity to any other religious scheme— *Addison.*

2. Precedence; priority of place; superiority in rank or dignity.

That in all things he might have the *preeminence*. *Col. i.*

Painful *preeminence*! yourself to view

Above life's weakness and its comforts too.

Pope.

3. Superiority of power or influence. *Hooker.*

4. Sometimes in a bad sense; as *pre-eminence* in guilt or crime.

PRE-EMINENT, *a.* [*Fr.*; *pre* and *eminent*; *L. præ*, before, and *eminens, eminea*. See *Menace*.]