

McFetridge, Hale, Wright and Peacocke all endorse a certain “manifestation” condition for belief in absolute necessity:

(N) If X believes that it is absolutely necessary that Q then X will be prepared to add Q as a premise in reasoning from any supposition S.

We offer an alternative which improves upon (N), and is successful, in five important respects: (1) it is appropriately neutral about the extension of absolute necessity (fitting the views of Kripke, Lewis, Quine etc.); (2) it covers of both a priori and a posteriori necessity; (3) it appropriately distinguishes necessity from a priority; (4) it precipitates a companion proposal concerning a priority and (5) it facilitates an explanation of why we make judgements of absolute necessity.