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Table 27

Properties revealing the coherence of the hierarchy of ethical authority.  
See Master-Tables 18 & 19 and text for further details and explanation.

G	Ethical Authority and Function	Ultimate Value Link	The Process of Ethical Design	Key Social Entities	Evolution of Authority	Conformity & its Effect	Unity and Multiplicity
7"	<b>The Order</b> ensures that each member can be authentic when authorizing and sustaining what everyone deems right.	<b>Harmony</b>	Moral imagination: the starting point and hope for a better world.	The person and the actual social order.	Spirit of authority	Desired so enables freedom	Unity.
6"	<b>Imperatives</b> ensures that categorical obedience can persist authoritatively in society through time.	<b>Truth</b>	Ethical force: what makes social life possible and worthwhile.	Ultimate values (God) and the sovereign society.	Force of authority	Demanded so requires restraint	Unity expressed as a duality.
5"	<b>Frames of Reference</b> ensures that differing views of right conduct can be definitively resolved by an authoritative judgement.	<b>Justice</b>	Ethical context: the evolving all-embracing context for personal conduct.	Communities; The government; Natural moral institutions.	Systems of authority	Judged so enables freedom	Three unities seeking a greater unity.
4"	<b>Standards</b> ensures that conformity can be sustained above an authoritative and self-chosen minimum.	<b>Liberty</b>	Ethical being: self-consciously seeking ethical individuality and tolerating diversity.	Communities; each person and organization; the government; multi-national governmental bodies.	Realizing authority	Self-appraised so requires restraint	Multiple discrete connected unities.
3"	<b>Positions</b> ensures that members can be coherently and authoritatively oriented to ethical challenge and change.	<b>Equality</b>	Open debate: the mechanism of ethical stability and progress.	The media, campaigning and reforming bodies of many types; innovators, iconoclasts, outsiders, conscientious objectors, radicals.	Modifying authority	Debated so enables freedom	Connected multiplicity.
2"	<b>Principles</b> ensures that choices affecting the community and its viability can be authoritatively guided.	<b>Fraternity</b>	Community governance: what can and should be ethically designed.	Each person, the government, political parties, legislators, jurists, regulatory authorities — plus academic inquirers.	Establishing authority	Determined so requires restraint	Disconnected multiplicity.
1"	<b>Rules</b> ensures that constraints defined by recognizable authorities can become binding obligations on all.	<b>Peace</b>	Primal authorities: the means and limits of ethical design.	Communal leaders, community mainstream, consciences, class power, ethical teachings, the law, ultimate values.	Recognizing authority	Bounded so enables freedom	Multiplicity organizable in discrete areas.