

'Logical Principle' (pub. 23.03.18-15:04). Quote in M. Bergman & S. Paavola (Eds.), *The Commens Dictionary: Peirce's Terms in His Own Words. New Edition*. Retrieved from <http://www.commens.org/dictionary/entry/quote-algebra-logic-5>.

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**Term:** Logical Principle

**Quote:** ...a leading principle, which contains no fact not implied or observable in the premisses, is termed a *logical principle*, and the argument it governs is termed a *complete*, in contradistinction to an *incomplete*, argument, or *enthymeme*.

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A logical principle is said to be an *empty* or merely formal proposition, because it can add nothing to the premisses of the argument it governs, although it is relevant; so that it implies no fact except such as is presupposed in all discourse...

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (1880). On the Algebra of Logic. *American Journal of Mathematics*, 3, 15-57.

**References:** W 4:167-168; CP 3.166, 168

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