

'Proposition' (pub. 07.03.16-18:32). 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-basis-pragmaticism-19>.

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**Term:** Proposition

**Quote:** The peculiar characteristic of the proposition lies not in its possibly *being* false, but in its possibly *turning out* to be false, and this whether it has been positively held or merely by *not* suspecting the possibility of its denial. That is wherein all advancement and diffusion of knowledge consists.

Note that a proposition is nothing existent, but is a general model, type, or law according to which existents are shaped. [—]

Now a proposition consists of two parts, the *predicate*, which excites something like an image or dream in the mind of its interpreter, and the subject, or subjects, each of which serves to identify something which the predicate represents.

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (1905 [c.]). *The Basis of Pragmaticism*. MS [R] 280.

**References:** MS [R] 280:26-7, 31-2

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