

'Indefinite' (pub. 20.08.17-13:57). 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-39>.

Term: Indefinite

Quote: The October remarks made the proper distinction between the two kinds of indeterminacy, viz: indefiniteness and generality, of which the former consists in the sign's not sufficiently expressing itself to allow of an indubitable determinate interpretation, while the latter turns over to the interpreter the right to complete the determination as he pleases. [—]

The October remarks, with a view to brevity, omitted to mention that both indefiniteness and generality might primarily affect either the logical breadth or the logical depth of the sign to [which] they belong.

Source: Peirce, C. S. (1906). *The Basis of Pragmaticism*. MS [R] 283.

References: EP 2:394; CP 5.448 n.

Date of 1906

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Editorial Annotations "The October remarks" is a reference to the Monist article 'Issues of Pragmaticism' (1905)

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