

'Pragmatism' (pub. 12.03.18-12:39). 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-40>.

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**Term:** Pragmatism

**Quote:** ...I have come to think that the common pragmatistic opinion [...] is that every thought (unless perhaps certain single ideas each quite *sui generis*) has a meaning beyond the immediate content of the thought itself, so that it is as absurd to speak of a thought in itself as it would be to say of a man that he was a husband in himself or a son in himself, and this not merely because thought always refers to a real or fictitious *object*, but also because it supposes itself to be interpretable. If this analysis of the pragmatistic opinion be correct, the logical breadth of the term *pragmatist* is hereby enormously enlarged.

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (1905 [c.]). *The Basis of Pragmaticism*. MS [R] 908; MS [R] 282(a).

**References:** MS [R] 908:2; EP 2:361

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