

'Will' (pub. 11.09.14-12:18). 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-forms-consciousness-r-5>.

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**Term:** Will

**Quote:** An element of Feeling is neither a part of self-consciousness nor is set up over against self-consciousness. But the consciousness of compulsion in sensation as well as the consciousness of willing necessarily involves self-consciousness and also the consciousness of some exterior force. The self and the not-self are separated in this sort of consciousness. The sense of reaction or struggle between self and another is just what this consciousness consists in. Hence, to give it a name, I propose to call it *altersense*. To avoid circumlocution, I will speak of the *altersense* element of sensation, as *Sensation* simply. Thus, *Altersense* has two varieties, *Sensation* and *Will*. The difference between them is that *Sensation* is an event in which a feeling is forced upon the mind; while *Volition* or *Willing*, is an event in which a desire is satisfied, that is, an intense state of feeling is reduced. In *Sensation*, a feeling is forced upon us; in *Willing*, feeling forces its way out from us.

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (1896 [c.]). *Forms of Consciousness [R]*. MS [R] 1107.

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