

'Thought' (pub. 08.03.16-16:17). 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-how-make-our-ideas-clear-7>.

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**Term:** Thought

**Quote:** These two sorts of objects, what we are *immediately* conscious of and what we are *mediately* conscious of, are found in all consciousness. Some elements (the sensations) are completely present at every instant so long as they last, while others (like thought) are actions having beginning, middle, and end, and consist in a congruence in the succession of sensations which flow through the mind. They cannot be immediately present to us, but must cover some portion of the past or future. Thought is a thread of melody running through the succession of our sensations.

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (1878). How to Make Our Ideas Clear. *Popular Science Monthly*, 12, 286-302.

**References:** W 3:262-3; ILS 86; CP 5.395

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