

'Scholastic Realism' (pub. 09.06.14-20:00). 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-issues-pragmatism-12>.

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**Term:** Scholastic Realism

**Quote:** Another doctrine which is involved in Pragmatism as an essential consequence of it, but which the writer defended (*Journal of Speculative Philosophy* 1868, and *North American Review* 1871) before he had formulated, even in his own mind, the principle of pragmatism, is the scholastic doctrine of realism. This is usually defined as the opinion that there are real objects that are general, among the number being the modes of determination of existent singulars, if, indeed, these be not the only such objects. But the belief in this can hardly escape being accompanied by the acknowledgment that there are, besides, real *vagues*, and especially real possibilities. For possibility being the denial of a necessity, which is a kind of generality, is vague like any other contradiction of a general. Indeed, it is the reality of some possibilities that pragmatism is most concerned to insist upon.

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (1905). Issues of Pragmatism. *The Monist*, 15(4), 481-499.

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