

'Initial Interpretant' (pub. 02.03.16-18:38). 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-letters-paul-carus-14>.

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**Term:** Initial Interpretant

**Quote:** Now we can regard the Interpretant in 3 ways, or rather there are 3 distinct things which may properly be regarded as the Interpretant. For any thing that the sign, *as such*, effects may be considered as the Interpretant. And this may be 1<sup>st</sup> something merely subjective, the vague determination of the consciousness effected by the sign, 2<sup>nd</sup> the *actual event* that some signs by virtue of really acting as such bring about. [—]

I only make use of one division according to the 1<sup>st</sup> of the above, the Initial Interpretant, as I call it.

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (1890-1913). *Letters to Paul Carus*. MS [L] 77.

**References:** ILS 285

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