

'Idealism' (pub. 06.09.15-11:42). 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-william-james-25>.

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**Term:** Idealism

**Quote:** ...there are writers who limit consciousness to what we know of the *past* which they mistake for the *present* and who thus think it to be a question whether we are to say the external world alone is *real* and the internal world *fiction* or whether we shall say that the internal world is the real and the external world a fiction. While the true idealism, the pragmatistic idealism, is that reality consists in the *future*.

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (1897-1909). *Letters to William James*. L [R] 224.

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