

'Phenomenon' (pub. 29.09.14-10:23). 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-lowell-lectures-1903-lecture-3-3>.

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**Term:** Phenomenon

**Quote:** These substantive possibilities, – that is, qualities, relations, and the like, – are *prior* to existence, in the sense that non-existence is not a necessary proof of non-possibility, but non-possibility is a necessary proof of non-existence. For it is logically impossible that existence should exhaust pure possibilities of any kind. These truths are strictly deducible from the facts of phenomenology, or the analysis of the phenomenon; meaning by the *phenomenon* whatever is present in the mind in any kind of thought.

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