

'Real' (pub. 09.03.13-19:18). 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-neglected-argument-reality-god-8>.

Term: Real

Quote: "Real" is a word invented in the thirteenth century to signify having Properties, *i.e.* characters sufficing to identify their subject, and possessing these whether they be anywise attributed to it by any single man or group of men, or not. Thus, the substance of a dream is not Real, since it was such as it was, merely in that a dreamer so dreamed it; but the fact of the dream is Real, if it was dreamed; since if so, its date, the name of the dreamer, etc., make up a set of circumstances sufficient to distinguish it from all other events; and these belong to it, *i.e.*, would be true if predicated of it, whether A, B, or C Actually ascertains them or not.

Source: Peirce, C. S. (1908). A Neglected Argument for the Reality of God. *The Hibbert Journal*, 7(1), 90-112.

References: EP 2:434-435; CP 6.453

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