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Term: Ground

Quote: ...the conception of a pure abstraction is indispensable, because we cannot

comprehend an agreement of two things, except as an agreement in some *respect*, and this respect is such a pure abstraction as blackness. Such a pure abstraction, reference to which constitutes a *quality* or general attribute, may

be termed a ground.

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