

'General' (pub. 21.08.17-14:22). 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-topics-chapter-i-singular-systems-1>.

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**Term:** General

**Quote:** It is essential clearly to discriminate between vagueness and generality. As applied to assertions, this distinction is very easy. Namely, an assertion is *comprehensive* in so far as it extends the person to whom it is addressed a certain latitude in the interpretation of it; it is *vague* in so far as it reserves to the utterer of it a similar latitude.

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (1903 [c.]). *Topics. Chapter I. Singular Systems*. MS [R] 151.

**References:** MS [R] 151

**Date of** 1903 [c.]

**Quote:**

**Editorial** Peirce has replaced the word "general" with "comprehensive" in this passage

**Annotations**

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