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Abstract: Charles Sanders Peirce famously claimed that 'The opinion which is fated to be ultimately agreed to by all who investigate is what we mean by the truth' (W3: 273). Christopher Hookway has argued for a highly distinctive interpretation of this claim in terms of speech-acts and the normative commitments we incur in performing them. So-construed, Peirce's conception of truth is difficult to compare with standard theories of the concept, which tend to focus instead upon some property or feature that is shared by all and only true propositions, and with whether or not that property is substantive or metaphysically significant. This paper examines Hookway's interpretation of Peirce's conception of truth in an effort to clarify its position in logical space. It then raises some difficulties for the way Hookway tries to accommodate Peirce's remarks about the special status of assertion and belief in science.

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