
**Term:** Interpretant  
**Quote:** The interpretant is created by the sign; and since the sign as such determines the interpretant, it is in some sense represented in the sign, that is, it is called up by the sign while in itself it is acted on by the sign. It is so acted upon as to represent the sign to be a sign of the object. Thus, while the object is bifiss, the interpretant is trifiss or trifissile.  

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