

'Rational Interpretant' (pub. 08.03.16-01:51). 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-basis-pragmatism-25>.

Term: Rational Interpretant

Quote: ...when we speak of the interpretant of a sign, we may mean the *rational* interpretant which fairly and justly interprets it, or we may mean the *dynamic* interpretant, i.e. the way in which the sign will actually get interpreted in the mind of the person addressed in case the sign be of such a nature as necessarily to produce an interpretant, or we may mean the *immediate* interpretant, which the sign itself represents to be its intended interpretant.

Source: Peirce, C. S. (1905 [c.]). *The Basis of Pragmatism*. MS [R] 284.

References: MS [R] 284:54-5

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