**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 Pragmaticism*. MS [R] 284.

**References:** MS [R] 284:54-5

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