Term: Tychism

Quote: In 1891-3, in the ‘Monist’ [...], he outlined a hypothesis capable of being subjected to inductive tests, which hypothesis, called tychism, was that the laws of nature, although real, are results of a process of evolution, and as such are not yet and never will be exactly fulfilled by the facts, which depart from the laws in the same way, although vastly less than, observations do.


References: Peirce, 1983, p. 68; MS [R] L107:12

Date of Quote: 1904

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