

'Synechism' (pub. 09.03.13-10:43). 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-cambridge-lectures-reasoning-and-logic-things-logic-continuity>.

Term: Synechism

Quote: ... the characteristic of my doctrine, namely, that I chiefly insist upon continuity, or Thirdness, and, in order to secure to thirdness its really commanding function, I [find it indispensable] that it is a third, and that Firstness, or chance, and Secondness, or Brute reaction, are other elements, without the independence of which Thirdness would not have anything upon which to operate. Accordingly, I like to call my theory Synechism, because it rests on the study of continuity.

Source: Peirce, C. S. (1898). *Cambridge Lectures on Reasoning and the Logic of Things: The Logic of Continuity*. MS [R] 948.

References: RLT 261; CP 6.202

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