

'Discrimination' (pub. 28.02.18-10:23). 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-first-part-apology-pragmaticism-2>.

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**Term:** Discrimination

**Quote:** In a paper published in the *Proceedings of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences* for 1867 May 14, I defined the three ways in which an idea can be mentally isolated from another. They [are] *Dissociation*, *Prescission*, and *Discrimination*. [—] Discrimination consists in logically supposing the former idea to be absent though the latter is present. Thus, I can discriminate color from space, since I can logically suppose that there is a space that is uncolored.

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (1908). *The First Part of An Apology for Pragmaticism*. MS [R] 296.

**References:** LI 373

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