

'Perceptual Judgment' (pub. 19.07.15-15:22). 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-harvard-lectures-pragmatism-lecture-iv-seven-systems-metaphysics-1>.

**Term:** Perceptual Judgment

**Quote:** Even after the percept is formed there is an operation which seems to me to be quite uncontrollable. It is that of judging what it is that the person perceives. A judgment is an act of formation of a mental proposition combined with an adoption of it or act of assent to it. A percept on the other hand is an image or moving picture or other exhibition. The *perceptual judgment*, that is, the first judgment of a person as to what is before his senses, bears no more resemblance to the percept than the figure I am going to draw is like a man.

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I do not see that it is possible to exercise any control over that operation or to subject it to criticism.

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (1903). *Harvard Lectures on Pragmatism: Lecture IV. The Seven Systems of Metaphysics*. MS [R] 309.

**References:** EP 2:191; CP 5.115

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