

'Practical Belief' (pub. 10.11.15-09:51). 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-humes-argument-against-miracles-and-idea-natural-law-hume-3>.

Term: Practical Belief

Quote: A state of *belief* in a proposition is such a state that the believer would on every pertinent occasion act according to the logical consequence of that proposition, He has a habit, and the proposition describes in abstract terms what sort of a habit it is. But for genuine belief, the man must not only have the habit, but must be aware of having it, and must be fully satisfied with having it. I will not say that no more than that is involved in saying that a man believes a proposition, but I think we may say that that constitutes *practical belief*.

Source: Peirce, C. S. (1901). *Hume's Argument against Miracles, and the Idea of Natural Law (Hume)*. MS [R] 873.

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