

'Synechism' (pub. 09.03.13-10:31). 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-immortality-light-synechism-0>.

Term: Synechism

Quote: The word *synechism* is the English form of the Greek {synechismos}, from {synechés}, continuous. For two centuries we have been affixing *-ist* and *-ism* to words, in order to note sects which exalt the importance of those elements which the stem-words signify. Thus, *materialism* is the doctrine that matter is everything, *idealism* the doctrine that ideas are everything, *dualism* the philosophy which splits everything in two. In like manner, I have proposed to make *synechism* mean the tendency to regard everything as continuous.

[—] I carry the doctrine so far as to maintain that continuity governs the whole domain of experience in every element of it.

Source: Peirce, C. S. (1893). *Immortality in the Light of Synechism*. MS [R] 886.

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