

'Second Intention' (pub. 26.03.16-13:12). 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-intention-0>.

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**Term:** Second Intention

**Quote:** *Second intentions* are those which are formed by observing and comparing first intentions. Thus the concept "class" is formed by observing and comparing class-concepts and other objects. The special class-concept, *ens*, or what is, in the sense of including figments as well as realities, can only have originated in that way. Of relative second intentions, four are prominent—*identity*, *otherness*, *co-existence*, and *impossibility*.

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (1902). Intention. In J. M. Baldwin (Ed.), *Dictionary of Philosophy and Psychology, Vol. II* (pp. 561). London: Macmillan and Co.

**References:** DPP 2:561; CP 2.548

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