

'Habit' (pub. 11.06.14-18:49). 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-law-mind-4>.

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**Term:** Habit

**Quote:** By induction, a habit becomes established. Certain sensations, all involving one general idea, are followed each by the same reaction; and an association becomes established, whereby that general idea gets to be followed uniformly by that reaction.

Habit is that specialization of the law of mind whereby a general idea gains the power of exciting reactions. But in order that the general idea should attain all its functionality, it is necessary, also, that it should become suggestible by sensations. That is accomplished by a psychical process having the form of hypothetic inference.

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (1892). The Law of Mind. *The Monist*, 2(4), 533-559.

**References:** EP 1:327-8; CP 6.145; W 8:151

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