Sign

I define a Sign as anything which is so determined by something else, called its Object, and so determines an effect upon a person, which effect I call its Interpretant, that the latter is thereby mediately determined by the former. My insertion of “upon a person” is a sop to Cerberus, because I despair of making my own broader conception understood.


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Editorial Annotations: In a variant of this passage, the "sop to Cerberus" refers to "mind" rather than "person".

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