

'Assertion' (pub. 23.09.14-16:38). 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-letters-lady-welby-46>.

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**Term:** Assertion

**Quote:** A dicent is not an assertion, but is a sign *capable* of being asserted. But an assertion is a dicent. According to my present view (I may see more light in future) the act of assertion is not a pure act of signification. It is an exhibition of the fact that one subjects oneself to the penalties visited on a liar if the proposition asserted is not true.

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (nd). *Letters to Lady Welby*. MS [R] L463.

**References:** SS 34; CP 8.337

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