

'Existence' (pub. 19.03.18-10:30). 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-mario-calderoni-3>.

**Term:** Existence

**Quote:** That mode of being which we call existence, the reaction of everything in the universe against every other, the crowding out of a place for itself, acting most on things near, less on things far, but brutally insisting on a place is Secundan. I say "brutally", because no law, so far as we know, makes any single object to exist. Law only determines in what way things shall behave, once they do exist.

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (1905). *Letters to Mario Calderoni*. MS [R] L67.

**References:** MS [R] L67

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