

'Pseudo-priman' (pub. 19.03.18-10:45). 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-5>.

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**Term:** Pseudo-priman

**Quote:** ...although there is but one *pure* Priman, there are *impure* and *pseudo* Primans, as well as Pseudo Secundans. For example, a Leibnizian monad is something which is represented to be all that it is in itself, by itself, and for itself. But this is self-contradictory. If the monad really were for itself alone one could have no more conception of it than one has of the inner life of a pebble on the beach. It would be simply nothing to us. I say, then, that the monad has an "imputed" Primanity, or that it is pseudo-priman. It is represented to be Priman; but, just as being represented, it is really Tertian.

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