

'Habit-taking' (pub. 21.10.15-12:39). 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-logic-and-spiritualism-r>.

Term: Habit-taking

Quote: Hyperbolic philosophy has to assume for starting-point something *free*, as neither requiring explanation nor admitting derivation. The free is living; the immediately living is *feeling*. Feeling, then, is assumed as starting-point; but feeling uncoordinated, having its manifoldness implicit. For principle of progress or growth, something must be taken not in the starting-point, but which from infinitesimal beginning will strengthen itself continually. This can only be a principle of growth of principles, a tendency to generalization. Assume, then, that feeling tends to be associated with and assimilated to feeling, action under general formula or habit tending to replace the living freedom and inward intensity of feeling. This tendency to take habits will itself increase by habit. Habit tends to coordinate feelings, which are thus brought into the order of Time, into the order of Space.

Source: Peirce, C. S. (1890). *Logic and Spiritualism [R]*. MS [R] 878.

References: W 6:393; CP 6.585

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