

'Hecceity' (pub. 29.05.14-16:22). 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-relatives>.

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**Term:** Hecceity

**Quote:** By a hecceity, I mean, some element of existence which, not merely by the likeness between its different apparitions, but by an inward force of identity, manifesting itself in the continuity of its apparition throughout time and in space, is distinct from everything else, and is thus fit (as it can in no other way be) to receive a proper name or to be indicated as *this* or *that*.

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (1897). The Logic of Relatives. *The Monist*, 7(2), 161-217.

**References:** CP 3.460

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