

'Ens Rationis' (pub. 08.01.15-16:05). 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-lowell-lectures-1903-lecture-5-vol-1>.

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**Term:** Ens Rationis

**Quote:** An *ens rationis* may be defined as a subject whose being consists in a Secondness, or fact, concerning something else. Its being is thus of the nature of Thirdness, or thought. Any abstraction, such as Truth or Justice, is an *ens rationis*. That does not prevent Truth and Justice from being real powers in the world without any figure of speech.

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