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.

References: MS [R] 469:8
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