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**Term:** Firstness

Quote: The immediate present, could we seize it, would have no character but its

Firstness. Not that I mean to say that immediate consciousness (a pure fiction, by the way), would be Firstness, but that the *quality* of what we are

immediately conscious of, which is no fiction, is Firstness.

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