

'Normative Science' (pub. 04.05.15-19:43). 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-minute-logic-chapter-iv-ethics-0>.

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**Term:** Normative Science

**Quote:** It is pretty generally admitted that logic is a *normative* science, that is to say, it not only lays down rules which ought to be, but need not be followed; but it is the analysis of the conditions of attainment of something of which purpose is an essential ingredient. It is, therefore, closely related to an art; from which, however, it differs markedly in that its primary interest lies in understanding those conditions, and only secondarily in aiding the accomplishment of the purpose.

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (1902). *Minute Logic: Chapter IV. Ethics*. MS [R] 433.

**References:** CP 1.575

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