

'Science' (pub. 07.10.18-16:12). 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-nominalism-realism-and-logic-modern-science-r-0>.

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**Term:** Science

**Quote:** Science is defined in the dictionaries as systematized knowledge. But considered as one of the elements of the life of civilization science is not so much characterized by knowledge as by a resolute *desire* to know. Science to be a live thing must be growing; and to grow it must be animated with the spirit of inquiry; and the most essential element of the spirit of inquiry is a swiftness to see that you have been in the wrong.

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (1893 [c.]). *Nominalism, Realism, and the Logic of Modern Science [R]*. MS [R] 860.

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