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Term: Firstness

Quote: If the universe is thus progressing from a state of all but pure chance to a state of all but complete determination by law, we must suppose that there is an original, elemental, tendency of things to acquire determinate properties, to take habits. This is the Third or mediating element between chance, which brings forth First and original events, and law which produces sequences or Seconds.

Source: Peirce, C. S. (1886). *One, Two, Three: Kantian Categories*. MS [R] 897.

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