

'Anthropomorphism' (pub. 22.06.17-11:02). 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-pap-ed-3>.

Term: Anthropomorphism

Quote: If I were to attach a definite meaning to “anthropomorphism,” I should think it stood to reason that a man could not have any idea that was not anthropomorphic, and that it was simply to repeat the error of Kant to attempt to escape anthropomorphism. At the same time, I am confident a man can pretty well understand the thoughts of his horse, his jocose parrot, and his canary-bird, so full of *espièglerie*; and though his representation of those thoughts must, I suppose, be more or less falsified by anthropomorphism, yet that there is a good deal more truth than falsity in them, – and more than if he were to attempt the impossible task of eliminating the anthropomorphism I am for the present sufficiently convinced.

Source: Peirce, C. S. (1906-7). *PAP [ed.]*. MS [R] 293.

References: MS [R] 293:1-2; NEM 4:313

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