

'Potentiality' (pub. 15.10.15-14:01). 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-prescott-book-0>.

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**Term:** Potentiality

**Quote:** *Potentiality* is the absence of Determination (in the usual broad sense)[,] not a mere negative kind but a positive capacity to be Yea and to be Nay; not ignorance but a state of being. It is therefore *Inchoateness of Being*. Nothing is the Egg of Being. It is self-contained ability to be this and that. Latent Being.

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