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**Term:** Hypostatic Abstraction

Quote: That wonderful operation of hypostatic abstraction by which we seem to create

entia rationis that are, nevertheless, sometimes real, furnishes us the means of turning predicates from being signs that we think or think through, into being

subjects thought of.

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