

'Tendency' (pub. 08.09.15-00:20). 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-rationale-reasoning-0>.

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**Term:** Tendency

**Quote:** ...I use the word "*tendency*" to denote, in the concrete a real would-be, and in the abstract the reality of a would-be, which is not the cause but is the reality of a disposition in a kind of event, whether produced by a cause or merely by the absence of any determining cause, in consequence of which[,] or more accurately speaking by the meaning of which expression[,] that kind of event, if the tendency were known[,] could be predicted to happen, either invariably, or usually, or often, or sometimes, as the case might be, in the long run.

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (1910). *The Rationale of Reasoning*. MS [R] 663.

**References:** MS [R] 663:8

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