

'Hypothesis [as a form of reasoning]' (pub. 02.01.13-18:39). 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-reasoning-and-instinct>.

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**Term:** Hypothesis [as a form of reasoning]

**Quote:** There are three kinds of reasoning, the Inductive, the Deductive, and the Hypothetical. The last consists in the introduction into a confused tangle of given facts of an idea not given whose only justification lies in its reducing that tangle to order. This kind of inference is little subject to control, and so not highly rational; and one reason for this is that when once the facts have been apprehended in the light of the hypothesis, they become so swallowed up in it, that a strong exertion of intellect is required to disembarass them from it, and to recall them in their pristine nudity.

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (nd). *Reasoning and Instinct [R]*. MS [R] 831.

**References:** MS [R] 831: 13-14

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