**Term:** Metaphysics  
**Quote:** *Metaphysics* is that branch of philosophy which inquires into what is real, that is, what has anything true of it regardless of whether anybody thinks it is true or not.  
**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (1904). *Reason's Conscience: A Practical Treatise on the Theory of Discovery; Wherein logic is conceived as Semeiotic*. MS [R] 693.  
**References:** NEM 4:192; HP 2:825  
**Date of Quote:** 1904  