

'Belief' (pub. 17.08.17-14:07). 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-reasons-rules-21>.

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**Term:** Belief

**Quote:** A belief is of the nature of a habit; for a belief is a rule so impressed upon a man's nature that he will act according to it when he acts deliberately and the proposition believed in is the hinge on which conduct will turn. Now a habit (using the word in such a sense as not to exclude a natural disposition) is nothing but a rule so impressed upon a man's nature that he tends to act according to it, when opposing influences are not too strong. A belief, therefore, is seated in the depth of the soul, and may never appear even to the believer himself except in its effects.

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (1902-03 [c.]). *Reason's Rules*. MS [R] 596.

**References:** MS [R] 596:21

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**Quote:**

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