Second Intentional Logic

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The scholastic doctors used to talk of *first intentions* and *second intentions*. First intentions were conceptions obtained by generalizing ordinary experiences. Second intentions were conception[s] obtained by generalizing conceptions themselves considered as objects of logical comparison. Now an abstract notion, that is, the *name of a quality*, is the first fruit of second-intentional thought. I have therefore called that branch of formal logic which takes account of this operation, and expresses it, *Second Intentional Logic*.