

Peirce's Critical Common-sensism

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Abstract

This paper is exegetic in character. Its main purpose is to clarify Peirce's critical common-sensism. The focus is placed on how Peirce argues for the existence of what he calls 'original belief,' a notion which seems to be neglected by many Peirce scholars. After clarifying some characteristics of original belief, we show the similarities and differences between critical common-sensism and the basic version of epistemic foundationalism.

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