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The Road of Inquiry, Charles Peirce's Pragmatic Realism Peter Skagestad, 1981 Scientist mathematician thinker the father of pragmatism the inspiration for William James and John Dewey Charles Peirce has remained until recently a philosopher s philosopher Peirce trod a fine line between the extremes of nominalism and realism tough minded pragmatism and metaphysical speculation As Peter Skagestad makes clear Peirce s system of thought was fragmented incomplete and sometimes inconsistent But one overriding concern gives unity to the whole the road of inquiry must never be blocked

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