

'Maxim of Pragmatism' (pub. 20.05.15-09:26). 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-harvard-lectures-pragmatism-lecture-ii-6>.

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**Term:** Maxim of Pragmatism

**Quote:** Pragmatism [was considered] as the maxim that the entire meaning and significance of any conception lies in its *conceivable* practical bearings, – not certainly altogether in consequences that would influence our conduct so far as we can foresee our future circumstances but which in *conceivable* circumstances would go to determine how we should deliberately act, and how we should act in a practical way and not merely how we should act as affirming or denying the conception to be cleared up.

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (1903). *Harvard Lectures on Pragmatism: Lecture II*. MS [R] 305.

**References:** EP 2:145; MS [R] 305:1

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