

'Maxim of Pragmatism' (pub. 07.04.13-12:18). 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-vii-deleted-passage-0>.

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**Term:** Maxim of Pragmatism

**Quote:** Pragmatism will be more essentially significant for him than for any other logician, for the reason that it is in action that logical energy returns to the uncontrolled and uncriticizable parts of the mind. His maxim will be this:

The elements of every concept enter into logical thought at the gate of perception and make their exit at the gate of purposive action; and whatever cannot show its passports at both those two gates is to be arrested as unauthorized by reason.

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (1903). *Harvard Lectures on Pragmatism: Lecture VII, a deleted passage*. MS [R] 315.

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