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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.

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