

'Maxim of Pragmatism' (pub. 07.04.13-12:41). 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-issues-pragmaticism-1>.

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**Term:** Maxim of Pragmatism

**Quote:** According to the maxim of Pragmaticism, to say that determination affects our occult nature is to say that it is capable of affecting deliberate conduct; and since we are conscious of what we do deliberately, we are conscious habitualiter of whatever hides in the depths of our nature; and it is presumable (and only presumable, although curious instances are on record), that a sufficiently energetic effort of attention would bring it out.

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (1905). Issues of Pragmaticism. *The Monist*, 15(4), 481-499.

**References:** CP 5.441

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