

Q Pragmatists argue that Pragmatism has nothing to do with philosophy. Do you agree?

## \* INTRODUCTION ~ PRAGMATISM

### ORIGIN:

This term was 1st introduced by Charles S. Peirce who considered as the father of this theory. The word Pragmatism derived from Greek word "prajma" which means practice, action and activity.

"The common belief is that you are either a dreamer or a realist."

### \* MY ARGUMENT:

At some extent I am not agree with this argue that pragmatism is different from philosophy because pragmatists also use some concepts of philosophy to explain and justify their theory related to experiences.



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## \* BASIC PRINCIPLE AND CHARACTERISTIC

### 1) BELIEVE IN CHANGE:

They argue that the world is not constant it is relative because experiences are also changed with the passage of time.

### 2) GIVE MORE IMPORTANCE TO ACTIONS:

They do not consider rationality and metaphysics (soul, mind) because we cannot experience them.

### 3) (NO) BELIEF IN PERMANENT VALUE

They consider that value and truth are not permanent because actions and experience are not constant.

### 4) BELIEVE ON PRESENT:

They give importance to present because they do not believe in life after death. They argue that it is just a guess.



## 5) GOOD ACTIONS:

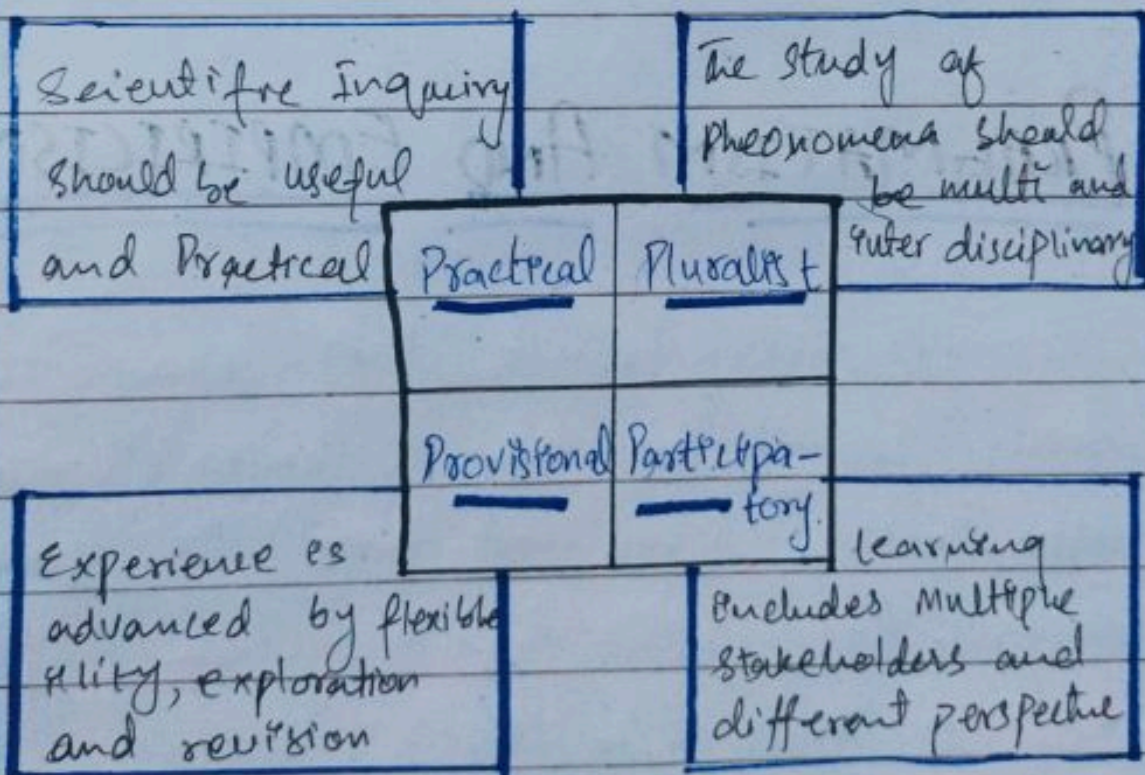
According to them, only those actions are good which have good consequences.

## 6) DEEP FAITH ON DEMOCRACY:

They believe on taking actions that's favour democracy.

## 7) FOCUS ON MEANS NOT ON GOALS:

They mainly focus on the means (Action) to achieve any goal, not on ends (goals).



## 8) REJECTION OF METAPHYSICS:

They reject metaphysics because



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It is beyond of human experiences.

They do not believe in spirituality and transcendentalism. They argue that life after death is nothing. They do not believe in God. They argue that truth and values are relative.

## 9) ACCEPTANCE OF EPISTAMOLOGY

They accept epistamology because it is experienced based knowledge.

They also considered the theories of epistamology to explain their theories.

## \* PRAGMATISM AND EMPIRICISM:

Empiricists believe that knowledge which gained by using senses (Touch, taste, smell, vision and hear) is truth.

Whereas, Pragmatists believe an practical knowledge that's why they also agree with the theories of empiricists.



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# WHAT IS PRAGMATISM IN PHILOSOPHY

Pragmatism was the intellectual movement in early 20<sup>th</sup> century which believes on experiences and actions.

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## EXAMPLE OF PRAGMATISM:

Dewey focus on action in education. He said that student learn more if he practically apply educational concepts instead of just listening to lecture.

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## MAIN IDEA OF PRAGMATISM

They argue that source of true knowledge is practical experiences, concepts of metaphysical world, God and spirituality are just waste of time.

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## C.S PEIRCE'S ARGUMENT:

He concerned with pragmatism and scientific methods. He emphasized conceptual clarity to help guide and refine experimental inquiry.



## JAMES WILSON'S ARGUMENT

He considered pragmatism in conjunction with psychology and morality. For example he was interested in relation between truth and satisfaction.

## JOHN DEWEY'S ARGUMENT:

He considered pragmatism to solve and study the social issues such as democracy and education.

## TYPES OF PRAGMATISM

### Biological Pragmatism

If capacity of human being is changing in environment according to human needs and requirement then it is valuable.

### Humanistic Pragmatism

What satisfy human nature, desire etc is actual truth.

### Experimental Pragmatism

Whatever fulfills experimental process is truth.





# CRITICAL ANALYSIS:

This theory is based on scientific and sensible data. Some other theories are also based on calculations and concepts such as Cartesian table of Decartes. Pragmatism theory also uses some concepts of philosophy such as morality which is used by Wilson.

## 1) Lack OF KNOWLEDGE:

This theory is just based upon experiences then what about metaphysical and spiritual knowledge? Even they are not able to give satisfactory answers regarding soul.

## 2) Concept OF SOUL:

Human beings have soul which is supernatural thing and actually exists. But they do not properly clarify about the soul, whether it exist or not?



c) Mind and ideas may be primary  
Source of knowledge not experiences:

Even sometimes we do not get true knowledge by experiences and senses because they sometime give false knowledge and deceive us. Example in desert we see water which does not actually present there.

## CONCLUSION:

Pragmatism theory is dealing with practical life and deny metaphysics. During current era, Atheist believed on this theory because they also believe on nature.

Atheists argue that we are unable to experience soul, god, life after death, so they denied the existance of superstitious world.