

is one which shall benefit the world or which shall injure it. If the former, there is nothing which can be of more service in creating in men a willingness to undergo the sacrifices needed to attain the end; if the latter, there is nothing which more dangerously can cause worthy men to give unselfish endeavour for that which is unworthy.

The spirit of nationalism is what may be unworthy and is what is commonly called patriotism and evoked under that name. Whether this nationalism is truly patriotic depends on the worthiness of the nation and its cause.

There are few things which are in their nature more wrong than to use noble motives for base accomplishment. This is a perversion which when understood vaguely, but not clearly distinguished, can do more to discredit nobility of motive and make it seem not worth the while than almost anything else. It is the converse of the Jesuitical, and seeks to make the means appear to justify the end. It may serve to dim those ideals which hold the hope of progress.

It therefore behoves the true patriot, he who feels that his loyalty and his endeavours are due to his world, to determine whether his country is worthy, and whether by promoting his country's cause he is promoting the cause of civilisation