

the principle of the future, and the principle of the past. I do not wish to imply that in this struggle truth or right has always been, or at any given time has been completely, with the one principle to the exclusion of the other. Indeed, which principle at any given time should govern is a matter largely of the effect of its application to the then existing conditions. All that I wish to make clear is that wherever you have the expression of political thought and political action, there you are apt to find this conflict of principles, the principle of the past maintaining that right and truth are on its side, and the principle of the future, which claims that its attitude is the true and right one.

It is to the ever-present conflict of these principles that we owe, I believe, the birth and growth of political parties. Each principle at all times has had its adherents, and indeed in the sympathies of most men and women there is in some measure an adherence to each of the principles. At times the application of the one seems so obviously apparent or wise that it readily wins to itself an all but unanimous support. At times the element of uncertainty as to the consequence of a too rigid application of either principle is so great that men and women find it difficult to decide in their own minds to which principle their adherence should be given. On the whole, however, our natures, our

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