

Do people necessarily continue to hold always the same point of view. Sometimes it is very difficult to decide in a set of given circumstances which of the two points of view it is the wiser to take.- Sometimes on a given question, there may be good and sufficient reasons why we should alter a point of view formerly held and to which on other matters we still adhere, or to which we may wish subsequently to return. In political phenomena, as in natural phenomena, there is no sharp line of demarcation, though there are very definite and preponderating shades of difference. It would, for example, be a little difficult to say just when day had changed into night or night into day. There is a realm of indecision in thought which corresponds with the realm of twilight in nature, but just as there comes to be a difference, increasingly preponderating, between light and darkness or darkness and light, so there comes to be in the point of view of men and women as they give thought to public questions a tendency in one direction or in an opposite direction which determines the principle in accordance with which on most occasions they finally act.

Difference in political principles illustrated from Greek City-State

Now let us go back to the Greek city-state.

Having viewed politics in its beginnings, let us see if we can

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