

'Verisimilitude' (pub. 19.09.14-16:54). 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-note-notes-art-iii-r-0>.

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**Term:** Verisimilitude

**Quote:** I will now give an idea of what I mean by *likely* or *verisimilar*. [—] I call that theory *likely* which is not yet proved but is supported by such evidence, that if the rest of the conceivably possible evidence *should* turn out upon examination to be of a *similar* character, the theory would be conclusively proved. Strictly speaking, matters of fact never can be demonstrably proved, since it will always remain conceivable that there should be some mistake about it.

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (1910). *Note (Notes on Art. III) [R]*. MS [R] 703.

**References:** ILS 123-4; CP 2.663

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