

Explanation and Truth

Nobody asked but ...

Truth that is covered by many layers of explanation is useful, but the truth may be that the explanations are false. A thing which has no explanation may, nevertheless, be true. Only explanations that can be tested, that clearly show their underlying truth, that do not have confounding associations and byproducts can be connected directly to the truth.

There is much debate today about what constitutes either truth or explanation. Part of the confusion is that without knowing the truth, it can be very difficult to define a test which will give evidence of an unknown truth.

— Kilgore Forelle