

'Economy of Research' (pub. 27.11.14-13:12). 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-economy-research>.

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**Term:** Economy of Research

**Quote:** The doctrine of Economy, in general, treats of the relations between utility and cost. That branch of it which relates to research considers the relations between utility and the cost of diminishing the probable error of our knowledge. Its main problem is how with a given expenditure of money, time, and energy, to obtain the most valuable addition to our knowledge.

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (1879). Note on the Economy of Research. *Coast Survey Report, 1876*, 197-201.

**References:** W 4:72

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