

Indication

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Sometimes, when I do my readings, I will be very deep into a book before I see, for the first time, any other markings left behind by the text's previous reader. I appreciate this, when they leave their thoughts for me to stumble upon, and I have found that, in my own practice, marking the text up with underlining and other marginalia builds on the previously made notes. I think it creates a nice community.

This will be the first indication that I have had an unknown partner reading along with me. A specific example of a more general phenomena commonly known in nature by the same name, it will be found somewhere between suspicion and confirmation, near implication.

Indication is useful in the construction of theory as it serves an empirical basis to build quantitative knowledge from. Otherwise vague outlines revealed by theory, by way of suggestion from hypothesis, can act as theoretical pointer readings, and no doubt more sophisticated instruments could be built to facilitate their detection. But you should hold steady and not become overconfident in the support offered to confirmation by indication. It must be remembered that indicatory factors are already presupposed by the statement of a hypothesis.