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# Why? Why not?

“Others have seen what is and asked why.  
I have seen what could be and asked why not” (Pablo Picasso).  
Explore this distinction with reference to two areas of knowledge.

“其他人看到了那是什麼，並問爲什麼。  
我看到了那可能是什麼，並問爲什麼不”。  
(巴勃羅·畢加索)。請參考兩個知識領域探討這一區別

image: Pablo Picasso, *Girl before a Mirror*, 1932.

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“There is a sharp line between describing something and offering an explanation of it.”  
To what extent do you agree with this claim?

“在對事物進行描述和做出解釋之間  
有一條清晰的界線。”  
你在多大程度上同意這一論斷？

SHARP  
LINE

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Does it matter that your personal circumstances influence how seriously your knowledge is taken?

你的個人境況會影響你的知識被認真對待的程度，這是否重要？

**Oh it matters.**

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“The role of analogy is to aid understanding rather than to provide justification.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

“類比的作用是幫助理解而不是提供證明。”你在多大程度上同意這一說法？



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“Given that every theory has its limitations, we need to retain a multiplicity of theories to understand the world.” Discuss this claim with reference to two areas of knowledge.

“鑒于每一種理論都有其局限性，我們需要保留多種理論來理解世界。”請參考兩個知識領域討論這一論斷。

image: Rene Magritte *Golconda*, 1953.

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“Present knowledge is wholly dependent on past knowledge.”  
Discuss this claim with reference to two areas of knowledge.

Past

Present

Future

“目前的知識完全依賴以往的知識。”  
請參考兩個知識領域討論這一論斷。