



Cognitive Dissonance

“**experiment**, *v.* To make an experiment upon, make trial of, test, try
viz. In experimenting of medicines, he should kill an infinit number of persons”¹

“**disturbance**, *n.* The interruption and breaking up of tranquility, peace, rest, or settled condition
viz. The slightest disturbance was sufficient to bring them down.”²

How does one reconcile the irreconcilable
irony

of experimentally studying landscape dynamics and disturbance in forest ecosystems³
without disturbing the experimental forest?



*Sign on a Douglas Fir
H. J. Andrews Experimental Forest
Watershed 2*

¹R. Carew tr. J. Huarte, *Examination of Mens Wits*, xii. 181 [1594]. *OED Online*.
Oxford University Press, June 2016. Accessed 28 June 2016.

²J. Tyndall, *Glaciers of Alps* 1. Vii. 49 [1860]. *OED Online*. *Oxford University Press*,
June 2016. Accessed 28 June 2016.

³Core research topic of the H. J. Andrews Forest Long Term Ecological Research
Program: <http://andrewsforest.oregonstate.edu/>, Accessed 28 June 2016.