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**An Evolution of Thinking from Darwin to Dewey** Routledge  
Science news is met by the public with a mixture of fascination and disengagement. On the one hand, Americans are inflamed by topics ranging from the question of whether or not Pluto is a planet to the ethics of stem-cell research. But the complexity of scientific research can also be confusing and overwhelming, causing many to divert their attentions elsewhere and leave science to the "experts." Whether they follow science news closely or not, Americans take for granted that discoveries in the sciences are occurring constantly. Few, however, stop to consider how these advances--and the debates they sometimes lead to--contribute to the changing definition of the term "science" itself. Going beyond the issue-centered debates, Daniel Patrick Thurs examines what these controversies say about how we understand science now and in the future. Drawing on his analysis of magazines, newspapers, journals and other forms of public discourse, Thurs describes how science--originally used as a synonym for general knowledge--became a term to distinguish particular subjects as elite forms of study accessible only to the highly educated.

**Philosophical Chemistry** W. W. Norton & Company  
Paul Feyerabend ranks among the most exciting and influential philosophers of science of the twentieth century. This book reconstructs Feyerabend's pluralistic conceptions of knowledge and philosophy as they developed from the late 1940s through to his infamous *Against Method*. It combines a historical narrative of the main influences on his developing ideas with a systematic investigation of their merits. It presents Feyerabend as a philosopher who promoted pluralism in the pursuit of progress.  
**Juvenescence** Routledge

Berkeley's *Principles of Human Knowledge* is a key text in the history of British Empiricism and 18th-century thought. As a free-standing systematic exposition of Berkeley's ideas, this is a hugely important and influential text, central to any undergraduate's study of the history of philosophy.

**Berkeley's 'Principles of Human Knowledge'** Edinburgh University Press

*Scientific Method* A Historical and Philosophical Introduction Routledge

*Hans Christian Ørsted and the Romantic Legacy in Science* Cambridge University Press

Focusing on the history of ideas, this book explores important questions concerning knowledge in relation to philosophy, science, ethics and Christian faith. Kirk contributes to the current debate about the intellectual basis and integrity of Western culture, exploring controversial issues concerning the notions of modernity and post-modernity. Repositioning the Christian faith as a valid dialogue partner with contemporary secular movements in philosophy and ethics, Kirk seeks to show that in 'post-Christian' Europe the Christian faith still possesses intellectual resources worthy to be reckoned with. This book's principal argument is that contemporary Western society faces a cultural crisis. It explores what appears to be an historical enigma, namely the question of why Western intellectual endeavours in philosophy and science seem to have abandoned the search for a source of knowledge able to draw together disparate pieces of information provided by different disciplines. Kirk draws conclusions, particularly in the area of ethical decision-making, from this apparent failure and invites readers to consider Christian theism afresh as a means for the renewal of culture and society.

*Samuel Johnson's Pragmatism and Imagination* Routledge

This textbook will enable scientists to be better scientists by offering them a deeper understanding of the scientific method.

*Socratic Questions* Walter de Gruyter

This Very Short Introduction provides a concise overview of the main themes of contemporary philosophy of science. After a short history, the author goes on to investigate the nature of scientific reasoning, scientific explanation and more.

*Wrestling with Nature* University of Delaware Press

An antidote to technique-orientated approaches, this text avoids the recipe-book style, giving the reader a clear understanding of how core statistical ideas of experimental design, modelling, and data analysis are integral to the scientific method. No prior

knowledge of statistics is required and a range of scientific disciplines are covered.

**Scientific Method** Routledge

Included is a famous nineteenth-century debate about scientific reasoning between the hypothetico-deductivist William Whewell and the inductivist John Stuart Mill; and an account of the realism-antirealism dispute about unobservables in science, with a consideration of Perrin's argument for the existence of molecules in the early twentieth century.

*From Natural Philosophy to Natural Science, 1700-1900* University of Chicago Press

This book, first published in 1992, introduces some of Socrates' problems and some of the problems about him. It seeks at the same time to advance new views, arguments and information on Socrates' mission, techniques, ethics and later reception. From civil disobedience to ethics, this collection provides stimulating discussions of Socrates' life, thought and historical significance.

**Skewed Studies: Exploring the Limits and Flaws of Health and Psychology Research** SCM Press

While acknowledging its theory-ladenness, Chalmers (history and philosophy, U. of Sydney) defends the objectivity of scientific knowledge against those critics for whom such knowledge is both subjective and ideological. Annotation copyrighted by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR

*Shakespeare in the Marketplace of Words* Oxford University Press

The central theme running throughout this outstanding new survey is the nature of the philosophical debate created by modern science's foundation in experimental and mathematical method. More recently, recognition that reasoning in science is probabilistic generated intense debate about whether and how it should be constrained so as to ensure the practical certainty of the conclusions drawn. These debates brought to light issues of a philosophical nature which form the core of many scientific controversies today. *Scientific Method: A Historical and Philosophical Introduction* presents these debates through clear and comparative discussion of key figures in the history of science. Key chapters critically discuss \* Galileo's demonstrative method, Bacon's inductive method, and Newton's rules of reasoning \* the rise of probabilistic 'Bayesian' methods in the

eighteenth century \* the method of hypotheses through the work of Herschel, Mill and Whewell \* the conventionalist views of Poincaré and Duhem \* the inductivism of Peirce, Russell and Keynes \* Popper's falsification compared with Reichenbach's enumerative induction \* Carnap's scientific method as Bayesian reasoning The debates are brought up to date in the final chapters by considering the ways in which ideas about method in the physical and biological sciences have affected thinking about method in the social sciences. This debate is analyzed through the ideas of key theorists such as Kuhn, Lakatos, and Feyerabend. [Science and Its Fabrication](#) Springer Science & Business Media

When and where did science begin? Historians have offered different answers to these questions, some pointing to Babylonian observational astronomy, some to the speculations of natural philosophers of ancient Greece. Others have opted for early modern Europe, which saw the triumph of Copernicanism and the birth of experimental science, while yet another view is that the appearance of science was postponed until the nineteenth century. Rather than posit a modern definition of science and search for evidence of it in the past, the contributors to *Wrestling with Nature* examine how students of nature themselves, in various cultures and periods of history, have understood and represented their work. The aim of each chapter is to explain the content, goals, methods, practices, and institutions associated with the investigation of nature and to articulate the strengths, limitations, and boundaries of these efforts from the perspective of the researchers themselves. With contributions from experts representing different historical periods and different disciplinary specializations, this volume offers a fresh perspective on the history of science and on what it meant, in other times and places, to wrestle with nature.

*Scientific Method* John Wiley & Sons

"The book makes a valuable addition to the field...providing a very useful resource for those evaluating, engaging in, or embarking on, research" - Monika Buscher, Department of Sociology, Lancaster University This book provides a discussion of qualitative research methods from an ethnomethodological perspective. Detailed yet concise, Paul ten Have's text explores the complex relation between the more traditional methods of qualitative social research and the discipline of ethnomethodology. It draws on examples from both

ethnomethodological studies and the wider field of qualitative research to discuss critically an array of methods for qualitative data collection and analysis. Key features of the book include: · A broad coverage - includes discussions of interviewing, the use of documents, ethnography, and methods of data analysis · An understanding of different research traditions and illustrations of how these may be used in practice · Concise chapter summaries and further reading sections to aid student learning With a student-friendly structure, this engaging book will be an invaluable resource for both students and researchers across the social sciences.

*China Before the Conflict Thesis* Scientific Method A Historical and Philosophical Introduction

This book introduces theological hermeneutics by giving a historical account of the development of hermeneutical thinking. It defines hermeneutics as the analysis of the obstacles to understanding. The history of hermeneutical thinking and responses to obstacles is told here, beginning with the allegorical interpretation of myths in Hellenism through to the contemporary view of the hermeneutical problem as universal. Following the opening chapters on the history of hermeneutical thought, the book presents an overview of the various contemporary hermeneutical schools of thought, and shows their rooted-ness in different parts of the hermeneutical tradition. The focus is clearly on biblical interpretation however it does also take account of developments outside the field of theology, as they influence the theological reflection on the hermeneutical problem. The questions raised and the possible answers suggested in this volume will be of interest to students of other disciplines, such as philosophy and literature.

**Popper's Critical Rationalism** BRILL

This book is an indispensable resource for students, researchers, and general readers who want to think more critically about the health news they see and hear. It outlines the research process and explores the many issues that can arise. "People Who Drink Coffee Live Longer." "Students Learn Better When Listening to Classical Music." "Scientists Discover the Gene That Causes Obesity." We are constantly bombarded with reports of "groundbreaking" health findings that use attention-grabbing headlines and seem to be backed by credible science. Yet many of these studies and the news articles that discuss them fall prey

to a variety of problems that can produce misleading and inaccurate results. Some of these may be easy to notice—like a research study on the benefits of red meat funded by the beef industry, or a study with a sample size of only 10 people—but others are much harder to spot. *Skewed Studies: Exploring the Limits and Flaws of Health and Psychology Research* examines the most pervasive problems plaguing health research and reporting today, using clear, accessible language and employing real-world examples to illustrate key concepts. Beyond simply outlining issues, it provides readers with the knowledge and skills to evaluate research studies and news reports for themselves, improving their health literacy and critical thinking skills. Brings together and thoroughly explores the many ways in which health research and reporting can be flawed and problematic Improves readers' critical thinking skills and gives them practical tools to better evaluate the health information they come across Explains scientific and statistical concepts in clear, easy-to-understand language Includes a curated and annotated directory of resources for readers seeking additional information

[Understanding Philosophy of Science](#) Cambridge University Press

This collection of essays, including contributions by Paula Backscheider, Martin C. Battestin, and Patricia Meyer Spacks -- examines the relationships between history, literary forms, and the cultural contexts of British literature from the late seventeenth to the late eighteenth century. Topics include print culture and the works of Mary, Lady Chudleigh; the politics of early amatory fiction; Susanna Centlivre's use of plot; novels by women between 1760 and 1788; and the connection between gender and narrative form in the criminal biographies of the 1770s.

**Henry Cavendish, Natural Philosophy, and the Rise of Modern Theoretical Science** Cambridge Scholars Publishing

Philosophical Chemistry furthers Manuel DeLanda's revolutionary intervention in the philosophy of science and science studies. Against a monadic and totalizing understanding of science, DeLanda's historicizing investigation traces the centrality of divergence, specialization and hybridization through the fields and subfields of chemistry. The strategy followed uses a series of chemical textbooks, separated from each other by fifty year periods (1750, 1800, 1850, and 1900), to follow the historical formation of consensus practices. The three chapters deal with

one subfield of chemistry in the century in which it was developed: eighteenth-century inorganic chemistry, nineteenth-century organic chemistry, and nineteenth-century physical chemistry. This book creates a model of a scientific field capable of accommodating the variation and differentiation evident in the history of scientific practice. DeLanda proposes a model that is made of three components: a domain of phenomena, a community of practitioners, and a set of instruments and techniques connecting the community to the domain. Philosophical Chemistry will be essential reading for those engaged in emergent, radical and contemporary strands of thought in the philosophy of science and for those scholars and students who strive to practice a productive dialogue between the two disciplines.

[Eighteenth-century Genre and Culture](#) Oxford Paperbacks

A riveting road map to the development of modern scientific thought. In the tradition of her perennial bestseller *The Well-Educated Mind*, Susan Wise Bauer delivers an accessible,

entertaining, and illuminating springboard into the scientific education you never had. Far too often, public discussion of science is carried out by journalists, voters, and politicians who have received their science secondhand. *The Story of Western Science* shows us the joy and importance of reading groundbreaking science writing for ourselves and guides us back to the masterpieces that have changed the way we think about our world, our cosmos, and ourselves. Able to be referenced individually, or read together as the narrative of Western scientific development, the book's twenty-eight succinct chapters lead readers from the first science texts by Hippocrates, Plato, and Aristotle through twentieth-century classics in biology, physics, and cosmology. *The Story of Western Science* illuminates everything from mankind's earliest inquiries to the butterfly effect, from the birth of the scientific method to the rise of earth science and the flowering of modern biology. Each chapter recommends one or more classic books and provides entertaining accounts of crucial contributions to science, vivid sketches of the scientist-writers, and clear explanations of the mechanics

underlying each concept. *The Story of Western Science* reveals science to be a dramatic undertaking practiced by some of history's most memorable characters. It reminds us that scientific inquiry is a human pursuit—an essential, often deeply personal, sometimes flawed, frequently brilliant way of understanding the world. *The Story of Western Science* is an "entertaining and unique synthesis" (Times Higher Education), a "fluidly written" narrative that "celebrates the inexorable force of human curiosity" (Wall Street Journal), and a "bright, informative resource for readers seeking to understand science through the eyes of the men and women who shaped its history" (Kirkus). Previously published as *The Story of Science*.

*An Anthology* Oxford University Press

This close analysis of Kang's conception of a compatible and complementary relationship between scientific knowledge and 'true religion' exemplified by his Confucian religion (kongjiao) contributes to a richer understanding of this subject in China and in a more global context.

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