
The author discusses the nature of scientific inquiry. He examines in some detail the historical development of several lines of scientific investigation, such as those involving atmospheric pressure and systematic biology. The base underlying the current understanding of a group of natural phenomena is referred to as the "conceptual scheme." The book is an elaboration of a previously published volume by the author entitled ON UNDERSTANDING SCIENCE, AN HISTORICAL APPROACH, itself an outgrowth of lectures on the "tactics and strategy of science" to college undergraduates.

The author believes that "There is no such thing as the scientific method." He defines science as "an interconnected series of concepts and conceptual schemes that have developed as a result of experimentation and observation and are fruitful of further experimentation and observations." He distinguishes between "speculative ideas," "working hypotheses," and "conceptual schemes." The essential quality which leads from the first to the last is fruitfulness in producing new findings. He suggests that the "deductive method of reasoning of the mathematician" must now return "to assist the 'sooty empiric' in his labors," meaning the artisan of the middle ages with his trial-and-error experimentation.

After several specific "case histories" involving pressure, hydrostatics, chemistry and biology, with emphasis on Boyle's experiments on atmospheric pressure, he discusses cause and effect in biology and the relationships of science with the remote past, industry, medicine, and the state. Regarding the origin of life he says: "For while no one can categorically deny that spontaneous generation is occurring on the earth today, one can say that no phenomena have been studied which cannot be accommodated far better by the concept that for every living organism there is a living precursor." The obvious question, whence the first living organism, is left unanswered. He expresses doubt that the prevalent ideas of neutrons, protons, and electrons will survive another fifty years. He points to the dilemma of the modern physicist and nuclear scientist who is caught between the need for secrecy for military reasons and the need for no secrecy if science is to go forward.
He describes the deadly effect on scientific progress when, as in the USSR, it is bound to official political dogma.

M. SILVERT, M.D.


This small book of 158 pages, painful but rewarding to read, deals with circumcision as an inexcusable mutilation of helpless children. The title appears in the heading of the last chapter, "STOP, in the Name of Humanity, STOP!" The author bitterly and relentlessly exposes its primitive origin as a blood atonement, its later incorporation as a religious rite, and its current pseudomedical rationalization. The book drives home vividly and poignantly the horror and brutality of a sexual mutilation which cannot be justified on any scientific ground. He takes up statements by "authorities" that circumcision variously is "hygienic," or that it "prevents" venereal disease and cancer, and readily shows that such statements are myths. He points out the very real dangers, physical and psychological, and the fatalities that ensue. With gruesome detail he describes the operative technique in infants and in adults. In describing the structure and function of the foreskin he says: "... The removal of the prepuce is a definite contributing cause of masturbation." He does not clearly distinguish between pleasurable, gentle genital play which is quite natural, and hard, rough handling which results from local pain and irritation. He discusses fanaticism generally in relation to sexual mutilations and closes with a desperate plea to stop further needless mutilation of infants.

Many excellent passages could be quoted, if space permitted. The reviewer recommends the book to all who have the interests of children at heart and are prepared to battle for them.

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This is the most objective and least petty biography of Lawrence to appear since Lawrence's death in 1930. The author includes early biographical material not to be found elsewhere, and gives a close and often keen textual analysis of Lawrence's major writings. Moore's work also includes some valuable appendices: A complete bibliography of Lawrence's writings, a bibliography with excellent brief comments on the books and articles that have appeared about Lawrence and his work, a survey of the portraits of Lawrence, a description of "The Lawrence Country" (Nottingham, England) where Lawrence was born and raised, and a section on the genesis of Lawrence's first classic, SONS AND LOVERS.

Moore treats insufficiently and rather dully those aspects of Lawrence's work which are of special interest to us: His concern with the "God-flame in things" and his attempt to restore sexuality to its rightful place in our society. Thus Lawrence's writings—particularly his essays and poems—await analysis by an "orgonomically oriented" literary critic who can distinguish the many genuine and significant insights in Lawrence from the mystical sidetracks he often made. Such an analysis would allow us to appreciate in a way that Moore's biography does not the man who wrote: "There is nothing for men to do but to turn back to life itself ... If we don't, if Nye don't put back a bit of the old warmth into life, there is a savage disaster ahead."

M. R. S.
Projeto Arte Org
Redescobrindo e reinterpretando W. Reich

Caro Leitor
Infelizmente, no que se refere a orgonomia, seguir os passos de Wilhelm Reich e de sua equipe de investigadores é uma questão bastante difícil, polêmica e contraditória, cheia de diferentes interpretações que mais confundem do que ajudam.
Por isto, nós decidimos trabalhar com o material bibliográfico presente nos microfilmes (Wilhelm Reich Collected Works Microfilms) em forma de PDF, disponibilizados por Eva Reich que já se encontra circulado pela internet, e que abarca o desenvolvimento da orgonomia de 1941 a 1957.

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Sendo que nosso intuito aqui é simplesmente divulgar a orgonomia, e as questões que a ela se refere, de acordo com o próprio Reich e seus colaboradores diretos relativos e restritos ao tempo e momento do próprio Reich.
Quanto ao caminho e as postulações de cada um destes colaboradores depois da morte de Reich, já é uma questão que extrapola nossas possibilidades e nossos interesses. Sendo que aqui somente podemos ser responsáveis por nós mesmos e com muitas restrições.

Alguns destes artigos, de acordo com nossas possibilidades e interesse, já estamos traduzindo.
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