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Ever since I can remember I was fascinated by science and its discoveries. I wondered at the lions and elephants in the Hall of African Mammals; I gazed in awe at the massive dinosaur fossils, which dwarfed even my dad in height and terror; I spent hours in the Hall of Ocean Life gazing at the dolphins, the sea lions, and the whales. The diorama of a sperm whale fighting a giant squid—two massive, monstrous forms, shrouded in the darkness of the deep sea—held a particular power over my childhood imagination. I must have made half a thousand drawings of that scene, the resolute whale battling the hideous squid in the imponderable depths. Growing up, I found that not everybody shared my admiration for the process of science and its discoveries. This came as a shock. Even now, no intellectual stance upsets me more than science denial. To me, denying science has always seemed tantamount to denying both the beauty of the world and the power of the human mind. And yet here we are, in a world fundamentally shaped by our scientific knowledge, full of people who, for one reason or another, deny the validity of the scientific enterprise. The reasons for science denial are manifold. Most obviously there is religious fundamentalism; and not far behind is corporate greed in industries, such as the coal or the cigarette industry, that might be hurt by the discoveries of scientists. These types of science denial often take the form of anti-intellectualism; but what troubles me more are the various forms of science denial in intellectual circles: Add to this the more plebeian forms of science denial often encountered on the left—such as skepticism about GMOs and vaccines—and we have a disbelief that extends across the political spectrum, throughout every level of education and socio-economic status. And all this is not to mention the science-worship that has grown up, partly as a response to this skepticism. Scientists are treated as a priestly class, handing out truths from high up above, truths reached by inscrutable methods using arcane theories and occult techniques, which must be trusted on faith. Needless so say, this attitude is wholly alien to the spirit of the scientific enterprise, and ultimately plays into the hands of skeptics who wish to treat modern science as something on par with traditional religion. Also needless to say I hope, both the supinely adoring and the snobbishly scorning attitudes fail to do justice to what science really is and does. This is where Susan Haack comes in. In this book, Haack attempts to offer an epistemological account of why the sciences have been effective, as well as a critique of the various responses to the sciences—from skepticism, to cynicism, to paranoia, to worship, to deference—to show how these responses misunderstand or mischaracterize, overestimate or underestimate, what science is really all about. Along the way, Haack also offers her opinions on the relation between the natural and the social sciences, science and the law, science and religion, science and values, and the possible "end of science. The early philosophers of science made two related errors that prevented them from coming to grips with the enterprise. The second mistake was assuming that this methodology was a special form of logic—deduction, induction, probability, and so on—used by scientists to achieve their results. In other words, they assumed that they could demarcate science from other forms of inquiry; and that this demarcation was logical in nature. Haack takes issue with both of these assumptions. Rather, scientific inquiry is continuous with everyday inquiry, from detective work to historical research to trying to find where you misplaced your keys this morning: What sets the natural sciences apart, therefore, is not a special form of logic or method, but various helps to inquiry: Scientific theories have connections both with other scientific theories and with the observable world, in much the same way that entries in a crossword puzzle have connections with other entries and with their clues. Scientific theories, in other words, connect with observed reality and with each other at many different points—far more like the intersecting entries of a crossword puzzle than the sequential steps of a mathematical proof—which is why any neat logic cannot do them justice. It is possible that all this strikes you as either obvious or pointless. Scientific revolutions might be compared to a team of

crossword puzzle-solvers suddenly realizing that the clues make more sense in Spanish than in English. The new background assumption will affect how they read the clues, but not the clues themselves; and the ultimate test of those assumptions—whether the puzzle can be convincingly solved—remains the same. Granted, to do science you do need to take some things for granted—that there is a real world that exists independently of whether you know it or not, that your senses provide a real, if imperfect, window into this world, that the world is predictable and operates by the same laws in the present as in the past and the future, and so on. But all this is also taken for granted when you ruffle through your bag to find the phone you dropped in there that morning, or when you assume your shoelaces will work the same way today as they did yesterday. We simply cannot operate in the world, or say anything about the world, without presupposing that, yes, the world exists, and that we can know something about it. Maybe this sounds obvious to you, gentle reader, but you would be astounded how much intellectual work in the social sciences and humanities is undermined by this inescapable proposition. Thus, for a sociologist, all physicists are failed sociologists, and so on. In cultures around the world, trances and visions, spirits and ghosts, are not seen as discontinuous with the everyday world, but a normal part of sensing and explaining the world around them. In other words, I think Haack needs to say much more about why one theory ought to be preferred to another in order to provide a fully adequate defense of science. This criticism notwithstanding, I think this is an excellent, refreshing, humane book—and a necessary one. Yet for all its flaws and shortcomings, this book does an excellent job of capturing what is good in science and defending science from unfair attacks, without going into the opposite extreme of deifying science. Really, there must be something terribly wrong with our education system if these opinions have become so pervasive. But perhaps there are some reasons for modest optimism. The United States shamefully backed out of the Paris Climate Agreement, but nearly every other country in the world signed on. So maybe we naive people who believe we can know something about the world need to take a hint from the sperm whale, with its enormous head, preparing to descend to the black depths of the ocean to battle the multi-tentacled squid:

2: Susan Haack - Defending Scienceâ€™Within Reason | Point of Inquiry

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Susan Haack - Defending Science Within Reason March 23, Susan Haack, formerly Fellow of New Hall, Cambridge, and then professor of Philosophy at the University of Warwick, is presently Cooper Senior Scholar in Arts and Sciences, Professor of Philosophy, and Professor of Law at the University of Miami.

Philosopher Susan Haack has a lot to say about science, what makes it tick properly, and how it relates to other areas such as law, ethics, religion, and social concerns. And she says it well, without drowning the reader in jargon or in disputes about technical details. In fact, this may come across as a surprisingly good book. Many scientists, in particular, are suspicious about philosophical commentary on science: This is not entirely a well-deserved reputation – there are plenty of philosophers who are deeply engaged with the science they examine, who have modest but exciting insights, and whose work is continuous with the best science itself has to offer. *Defending Science* is also worth reading because scientists and educators often take bad philosophical advice, or we play at philosophizing about science ourselves and make a hash of it. This is particularly a problem when we have to respond to paranormal and religious-oriented claims from outside of mainstream science, such as anti-evolutionary ideas. We easily are tempted into trying to rule creationism out because it fails to exhibit some supposedly essential feature of science such as "falsifiability"; we say intelligent design does not qualify as science because it is not naturalistic. Such attempts to cut off debate without having to explain why evolution succeeds as an explanation, however, are mistaken. They even play into creationist hands, as they are not difficult to portray as evolutionists shouting down the opposition rather than relying on the scientific evidence. Haack shows how the whole project of finding a special logic or essential method to science is misconceived. Far from securing our knowledge on a firm foundation, this approach leads to a lot of cognitive relativist mischief through its inevitable failure. Haack is, of course, just as strong when criticizing the relativists, whether their ideas have roots in philosophy, political ideology, or fashions within the sociology of science. This is not to say Haack always gets it right. She does, on occasion, exalt common sense carelessly. She also seems too concerned about protecting philosophy, particularly her discipline of epistemology, from assimilation into science – this leads her to overlook some fruitful continuities between philosophy and science, and to be unduly skeptical about the promise of cognitive science. Her chapters on the broader social issues related to science, though thoughtful and thought-provoking, also strike a few false notes. Her chapter on science and religion, where she includes a brief discussion of creationism and intelligent design, is an example. It restates the conventional wisdom current among liberal secularists well enough, but religious believers of all stripes are likely to find her position superficial. And it is; our liberal conventional wisdom owes more to political demands than any coherent analysis of science and religion, and some common perceptions of religion among secular academics do not do justice to the complexities of religious life. All this, however, is nitpicking. Haack has put together an ambitious, wide-ranging book about science, and this is not possible without compromising on the depth some subjects might otherwise require. By and large, she succeeds in her overall task. Even more than any specific argument, her overall approach and attitude – consistently supportive of science and its claims to knowledge while remaining clear-eyed about its imperfections – sticks with the reader at the end of the book. No matter what their background, defenders of science and good science education will put this book down feeling illuminated.

4: Defending Science - within Reason: Between Scientism And Cynicism by Susan Haack

About Defending Science - within Reason. Sweeping in scope, penetrating in analysis, and generously illustrated with examples from the history of science, this new and original approach to familiar questions about scientific evidence and method tackles vital questions about science and its place in society.

She was elected into Phi Beta Kappa as an honorary member. At Oxford, she studied at St. As an undergraduate, she took Politics, Philosophy and Economics and said of her taste for philosophy: But somewhere down the line, despite encouragement from my politics tutor to pursue that subject, philosophy took over. David Pears supervised her B. She held the positions of Fellow of New Hall, Cambridge and professor of philosophy at the University of Warwick before taking her current position at the University of Miami. Haack has said of her career that she is "very independent": She illustrates this idea with the metaphor of the crossword puzzle. A highly simplified version of this proceeds as follows: Finding an answer using a clue is analogous to a foundational source grounded in empirical evidence. Making sure that the interlocking words are mutually sensible is analogous to justification through coherence. Both are necessary components in the justification of knowledge. Peirce and Rorty in Conversation, consisting entirely of quotes from both philosophers. She performed the role of Peirce. In Manifesto of a Passionate Moderate, Haack is highly critical of the view that there is a specifically female perspective on logic and scientific truth and is critical of feminist epistemology. She holds that many feminist critiques of science and philosophy are excessively concerned with political correctness. Between Scientism and Cynicism, as a defence of scientific inquiry from the moderate viewpoint. During an interview with D. Grothe, then of the Center for Inquiry, Haack put forward the proposition that those on the far left consider science to be rhetoric motivated by power or politics, then proceeds to show how science can, and often does provide real benefits and gains, regardless of what the left may claim. Conversely, Haack argues the book is an attempt to make a sounder and solidier defence of inquiry in light of some philosophers of science narrow logical models of rationality. These tools and helps may not be available to those engaged in individual inquiry. When asked about how she responds to paranormal or supernatural claims, Haack indicates supporters of such claims have a heavy burden of proof. Rather than labelling such claims as pseudo-science, she admits these things can be "pretty bad stuff" and if they are to be considered seriously, they would need extraordinary evidence, and that such evidence should fit with the best warranted scientific theory about how things are. She agrees there is great tension between the two. While stating her disagreement with British philosopher of religion Richard G. Swinburne and Stephen Jay Gould, she referred to the pertinent chapter of her book for a comprehensive understanding of her views on this matter. Haack also disagrees with Swinburne. Haack believes that while scientists, historians and detectives play a useful role in scientific inquiry, theologians do not. Haack shows how religion and science make claims about how the world is. She shows how science and religion also make assertions as to what could lead to a better human condition. By these statements, Haack shows that religion and science do not enjoy their own separate space. She points out areas where prior and current religious claims about the natural universe are strongly refuted by the best warranted findings of science. She also stipulates that controversy and unanswered questions abound in modern science. She summarises her defence for scientific inquiry by stating that she makes no apology for reserving her "greatest admiration for those who delight to exercise the mind, no matter which way it takes them" those for whom doing their damndest with the mind, no holds barred, is a point of honor".

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6: Defending Science - Within Reason : Susan Haack :

Defending Science--Within Reason: Between Scientism and Cynicism by Susan Haack Amherst: Prometheus Books, pages Reviewed by Taner Edis Truman State University This is a good book. Philosopher Susan Haack has a lot to say about science, what makes it tick properly, and how it relates to.

7: Susan Haack - Wikipedia

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8: Review: Defending Scienceâ€™Within Reason â€™ Lotz in Translation

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9: Reasonable science | The New Criterion

Susan Haack is a prolific philosopher of logic, epistemology, and science. Defending Scienceâ€™Within Reason presents her general perspective on scientific inquiry, attacks various forms of relativism, and considers the relations between science and literature, law, and religion.

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