

SOME SUGGESTED READINGS IN THE PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE PERTAINING TO ANTHROPOLOGY

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Brown, Robert. Explanation in Social Science (Chicago: Aldine, 1963).

Brown took his original training in Anthropology and he draws many of his examples in this book from Anthropology. Brown's discussion suffers somewhat from having been written before the rethinking of science by philosophers which Kuhn's book did so much to stimulate.

Ferre, Frederick. "Explanation in Science and Theology," in Earth Might Be Fair: Reflection on Ethics, Religion and Ecology, ed. by Ian C. Barbour. (Englewood Cliffs, N.J.: Prentice-Hall, 1972), pp. 14-32.

Ferre presents a well-constructed argument regarding the distinction between "scientific explanation" and "ultimate explanation." His essay is also, in part, a critique of Hospers' argument in "What is Explanation?". Ferre's argument has striking parallels to the argument which Clifford Geertz makes about the differences between religious, ideological, scientific, and common sense perspectives.

Hospers, John. "What Is Explanation?" in Essays in Conceptual Analysis, ed. by Anthony Flew. (New York: St. Martin's Press, 1956).

Hospers, John. "On Explanation," J. of Philosophy 58:337-356, 1946; reprinted in Theory in Anthropology: A Sourcebook, ed. by Robert A. Manners and David Kaplan (Chicago: Aldine, 1968), pp. 69-79.

The second essay is an earlier version of the first essay. Hospers' ideas have been extremely influential, but again suffer from having been thought through prior to Kuhn's work.

Kuhn, Thomas S. The Structure of Scientific Revolutions. 2nd enlarged edition (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1970; first ed., 1962).

Kuhn's book has been perhaps one of the most influential books in Philosophy, Intellectual History, and in the Social Sciences generally.

Rudner, Richard S. Philosophy of Social Science (Englewood Cliffs, N.J.: Prentice-Hall, 1966).

Rudner's book is a very systematic and technical discussion of the structure of Social Science discourse.

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MARX - *Pre-capitalistic Economic Formation*

Weber - *From Max Weber*

Durkheim - *Suicide*