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**Abstract / From the Robin Catalogue:**

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The contempt for religious faith in scientific circles reveals, not open-mindedness, but prejudice. Deduction, induction, and retrodiction are the only kinds of reasoning. Deduction as either necessary or probable. Determinism and free will. Over-specialization on the part of the average scientist has made him culturally ignorant - a queer mixture of enlightenment and of what is the equivalent of superstition. Laws of nature. Miracles and ultramiracles. Two of the alternative sections contain a discussion of existential graphs.

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