



A Sociological View of Biology

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ABSTRACT For the sociologist, biology as a scientific discipline, must be understood along two lines of thought. Firstly, as a science allowing for the understanding of that part of the all encompassing “human order”, the biological sub-order, never to be separated from the two other sub-orders, i.e., the symbolic and the structural ones. Secondly, as a field of human activity pertaining to the everlasting “will to know”, with its own organization, problem-settings and modes of dissemination, eligible as subject sciences. Just as biology may help sociology to enter new paths of thinking and reasoning the latter may help the former new ways of weighting the impact of its findings on the course of human affairs.

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