

"On Methods of Inference": Notes For Review And Discussion (Including David Sedley Article: "On Signs")

Post by "Cassius" of March 15, 2022 at 11:03 PM

Yes indeed Joshua is right but I am thinking of he was off his game I am sure my wandering in the topic contributed to it. I will get it edited into something coherent as soon as possible but in the meantime Godfrey I do think that a "position on the role of logic" (rather than logic itself) does fall under the "canonical" heading.

I presume you're reading other recent threads like the one by Eric and my goal is that we come up with a presentation on these issues understandable enough for the average junior high age student.

The physics gets combined with the logic I think mainly because a theory of how the senses work (including "images") is tied to physics so that's the intersection point.

That intersection is probably also a key to our answer on how speculative logical assertions must necessarily be given a secondary role to that which we derive from things that are perceptible, but that's the link that needs further work to articulate. WHY is that the case? Why should speculation without evidence be seen as a waste of time or even harmful or at least viewed with suspicion?

These are questions addressed by Lucretius in book 4 so we have some answers, but we need to draw them out and highlight them with greater force.