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What is science, and why should we care?

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Abstract

In this talk I will attempt to answer the questions posed in the title, stressing the importance of adopting an evidence-based worldview. I will discuss several groups of adversaries of this worldview: academic postmodernists and radical social-constructivists, advocates of pseudoscience, advocates of religion, and propagandists of all kinds.