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Sorrell is critical of the scientistic tendency in philosophy. He does not wish to devalue science but supports the need to raise the status of arts and humanities within the discipline.