

given characteristics define it . . . it is extremely difficult to define class attributes for such taxa as cows or chairs" (7). Once the notion of a class "essence" is abandoned it becomes unclear whether we are obliged to search for presupposed or indispensable universal criteria for defining the class "standards of truth" or the class "standards of valid reasoning." Truth may be viewed as no more than a name for all possible ways of judging a statement to be factual or logical, and those properties themselves are not definable in terms of universally shared criteria.

It is also not apparent to me that "universal" and "context-independent" can be used synonymously or that Lukes's critique is directed at the heart of relativist claims. It is a big step from the assumption of a stable world of objects and events, independent of the perceiver, to the "discovery" of those objects and events. It seems to me that it is around that discovery, not around the distinction between subject and object, that the issue of relativism revolves. In any case, Lukes's paper is challenging and provocative and should certainly be read and debated by all variety of relativists.

"In trying to define the relation between traditional and modern thought patterns, twentieth century social scientists can hardly be said to have made a notable advance on their nineteenth century predecessors." Horton concludes his essay in *Modes of Thought* with this sobering remark (p. 300). Taken together *Culture and Thought* and *Modes of Thought* cannot be described as an exhaustive coverage of major issues in the field. Yet taken together these two books are probably as good as any for encouraging the dedicated to construct that framework for the interpretation of intellectual diversity which will one day mark the coming of age of cognitive anthropology.

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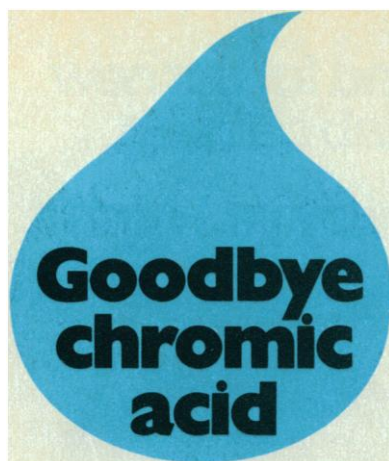
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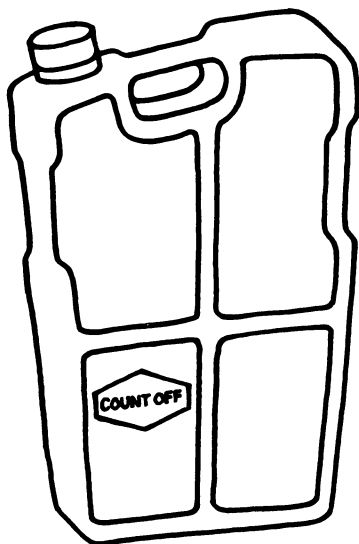
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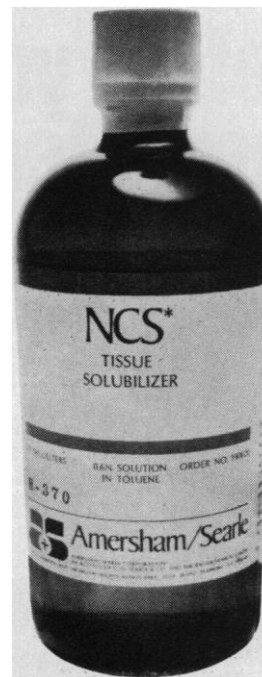
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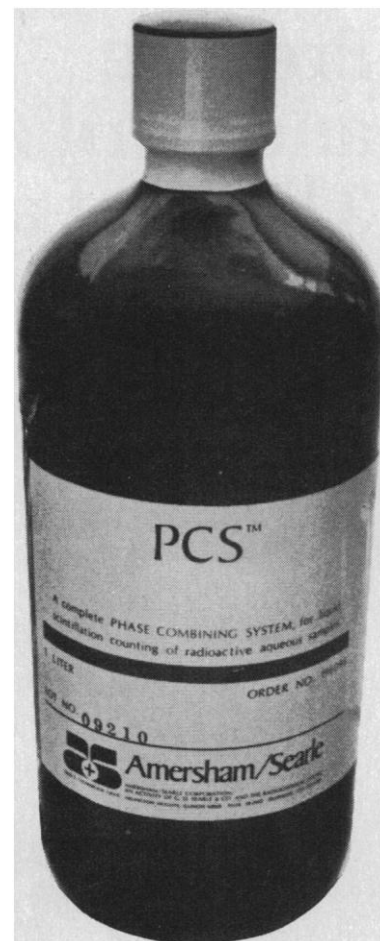
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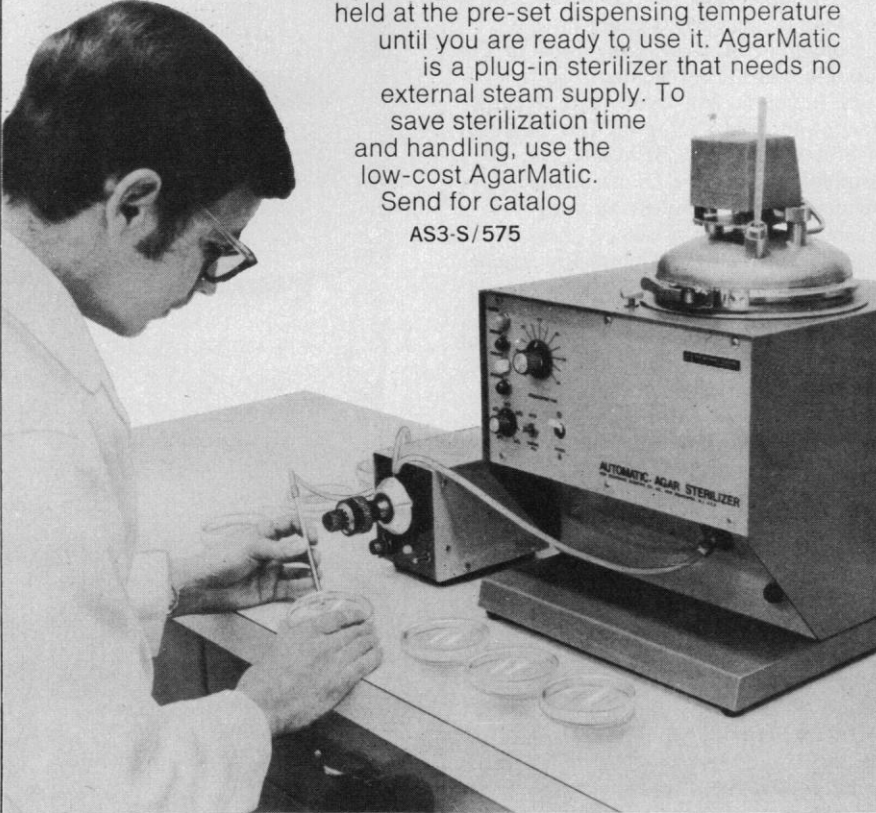
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