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*AN ENQUIRY CONCERNING HUMAN UNDERSTANDING*

Study Questions

Section I: Of the Different Species of Philosophy.

What method of inquiry does Hume propose for philosophy?

Section II: Of the Origin of Ideas.

What are ideas, and what is their origin?

Section III: Of the Association of Ideas.

What are the ways in which ideas can be connected?

Section IV: Sceptical Doubts concerning the Operations of the Understanding.

Part I: How does Hume argue against the view that our knowledge of cause and effect is *a priori*?

Part II: What is the foundation of all reasoning based on experience?

Section V: Sceptical Solution of these Doubts.

Part I: Given the limitations of experience, what leads us to form our judgments about connections of cause and effect?

Section VII: Of the Idea of Necessary Connexion.

Part I: What are the possible sources of our idea of a necessary connection, and how does Hume reply to each of them?

Section VIII: Of Liberty and Necessity.

Part I: How does Hume argue against the customary view of the difference between liberty and necessity?

Section XII: Of the Academical or Sceptical Philosophy.

Part I: What is the proper kind of scepticism?

Part III: When the proper kind of scepticism is applied, what kinds of knowledge can we have and what kinds of knowledge can we not have?