

BA Intercollegiate Lectures in Epistemology and Methodology
Autumn 1999: Scepticism, Truth-Tracking and A Priori Knowledge
Readings 4: A priori knowledge

The topic of a priori knowledge has been prominent in some recent articles by George Bealer, including

Bealer, George, "A priori knowledge and the scope of philosophy", Philosophical Studies 91 (1996)

"The incoherence of empiricism", Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society Supplementary Volume 66 (1987)

"On the possibility of philosophical knowledge", Philosophical Perspectives 10 (1996)

"The a priori", in John Greco and Ernest Sosa, eds., The Blackwell Guide to Epistemology [Oxford: Blackwell 1998]

The last mentioned of these articles appears in a slightly different form in

DePaul, Michael, and William Ramsey, eds, Rethinking Intuition [Toronto: Rowman and Littlefield 1997]

along with some other useful material, especially the short article by Ernest Sosa. Bealer's approach can be interestingly compared with that of Christopher Peacocke in

Peacocke, Christopher, "How are a priori truths possible?", European Journal of Philosophy 1993

Quine's attack on the analytic/synthetic distinction is helpfully discussed by Paul Boghossian in an article entitled "Analyticity" in

Wright, Crispin, and Bob Hale, A Companion to the Philosophy of Language [Oxford: Blackwell 1998]

There is also a somewhat unsympathetic, but none the less perceptive discussion of Quine in Laurence Bonjour's lengthy defence of a priori knowledge in

BonJour, Laurence, In Defence of Pure Reason [Cambridge: CUP 1998]