

# Knowledge of Life

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As the work of thinkers such as Michel Foucault, Franois Jacob, Louis Althusser, and Pierre Bourdieu demonstrates, Georges Canguilhem has exerted tremendous influence on the philosophy of science and French philosophy more generally. In *Knowledge of Life*, a book that spans twenty years of his essays and lectures, Canguilhem offers a series of epistemological histories that seek to establish and clarify the stakes, ambiguities, and emergence of philosophical and biological concepts that defined the rise of modern biology. How do transformations in biology and modern medicine shape conceptions of life? How do philosophical concepts feed into biological ideas and experimental practices, and how are they themselves transformed? How does knowledge undo the experience of life so as to help man remake what life has made without him, in him or outside of him? *Knowledge of Life* is Canguilhem's effort to explain how the movements of knowledge and life come to rest upon each other. Published at the dawn of the genetic revolution and still pertinent today, the book tackles the history of cell theory, the conceptual moves toward and away from mechanical understandings of the organism, the persistence of vitalism, and the nature of normality in science and its objects.

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## 评论

真的是福柯的导师，康吉莱姆的思考十分具有摧毁性。前半段尝试建立生物科学和哲学的关系，从后面开始论述生命与哲学，越往后写越开始解构人类中心主义的框架。什么是异态、什么是常态、什么是畸形、什么是生命？一连串提问暴露出了人类为了稳定而建构的整体同一性的专制。生命十分宽容，但常态却是个心理畸形的暴君。

很棒。对于理解环境很有用。媒介研究就是，anthropology, zoology, 和theology

感觉偏生命科学一点。

能不能好好写作，哲学家请不要怪读者不开窍，明明是好点子！

“…life tolerates monstrosities. There is no machine monster. There is no mechanical pathology” (90).

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