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Philosophy as Enchantment?

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In a lecture on science as a vocation, Max Weber identified "the problem of disenchantment." The problem is that a scientific worldview leaves no room for "skyhooks" on which to hang magical, religious, or possibly even moral ideals. In my talk I'll explore where philosophy engages with this problem: is it part of the "forces of disenchantment" - as we might suppose from naturalist programs like Dennett's? Or might philosophy be in the business of providing ideals to counter disenchantment, as we see in Peter Sloterdijk's work?

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