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# THE PRAGMATIC THEORY OF NECESSITY

In the early 1920s, C.I. Lewis formulated his pragmatic theory of the a priori which formed the heart of his conceptual pragmatism. He identified propositions that could be known a priori with those that are logically necessary. In the 1930s and 40s he developed a theory of meaning that was to support his epistemology. I look at Lewis's theory historically, and outline his underlying semantical theory. I also look at the prospects for reconstructing the theory without its verificationist overtones.

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