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Confusion about the meanings of philosophy and science within chiropractic results from the eccentric uses to which these terms have been put in the past. The present paper suggests that science and philosophy are dynamic processes which give rise to testable and untestable principles, the outputs of critical, sceptical and intellectual activity. In the light of the profession's scientific aspirations, a pressing philosophical need is to reach consensus about an appropriate epistemology. A literature on these topics does exist, but it is not widely known among chiropractors.