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THE CONDUCT OF INQUIRY: Methodology for Behavioral Science—Abraham Kaplan—Chandler Pub. Co., 428 p., \$8. A systematic, wide-ranging inquirinto the tasks, achievements, limitations and dilemmas of the newer disciplines of the behavioral sciences with emphasis on aspects they have in common.

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Robert Maitland Innes—Academic Press, 230 p
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