Quantum theory and Q-methodology: Fictionalistic and probabilistic theories conjoined.

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AB Outlines the histories and similarities of quantum and factor theories (Q). Hypothesis testing led to expulsion of self-reference from Newtonian science; probabilistic belief accepted nature and self as conjoined, as is the case for the Q-methodological approach to subjectivity. The main application to general psychology is considered in terms of C. Spearman's (1937) attempt to provide it with laws and functions, clearly outmoded by the shift to quantum and relativity theories. What remains is interbehavioral psychology, the subjective approach to which is Q-methodology, quantumized by factor theory.