

GENEALOGY DATABASE ENTRY

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professor of anatomy, chemistry, and philosophy; investigated the chemistry of gunpowder; analyzed cinnabar; proposed a new system of medical thought based on the ideas that a medical diagnosis can only be made after careful comparison to the patient's symptoms and medical tests with those of many other previously studied patients, and that none of the then-popular simple theories of diseases and illnesses was true or useful; recognized the importance of distinguishing the underlying illness and the overlying complications; recognized that a therapy must not be judged effective just because the symptoms are relieved since some patients get better by themselves.

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