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Modern psychology is viewed as having roots in ancient scholarly philosophy in both the 19th and 20th century. Why so? Some modern psychological ideas can be traced back to the fifth century BC. Greek philosophers such as Plato and Aristotle. They had their concern about the same issues that are still relevant nowadays, showing their interest in human nature and behavior long before psychology became a recognized field of study. Although, ancient scholarly philosophers studied human nature based on their own personal experiences. It was more of an intuitive way of investigating the issue.

Modern psychology emerged from philosophy taking the subject of the studies further by applying specific tools and methods that showed success in biological and physical sciences to explore the notion of human nature. Controlled observation and experimentation that the new science employed became new more precise and objective ways of conducting the research. The new science was driven to answer the original questions using its' new methods of study. Kurt Danziger referred to "the early psychological approaches to questions of human nature as the "prehistory" of modern psychology". The subject of mental phenomena that was taken from the original philosophical study field faced further exploration by means of combining philosophical thought and physiological investigation. Thus, the connection between philosophy and modern psychology cannot be denied.