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1659?-1734

German chemist and physician who is best remembered as one of the main developers of the phlogiston theory of combustion, which dominated the chemical sciences for a hundred years. Stahl studied medicine at the University of Jena, and later lectured there. He became the court physician at Weimar, then professor of medicine at the University of Halle, and eventually served as personal physician to the King of Prussia. Stahl also produced influential medical writings and founded a short-lived chemical journal.