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This three-paper dissertation investigates the logic of evaluation proposed by Michael Scriven using two different methods of inquiry: content analysis and a survey method. Scriven's logic of evaluation is one of the central concepts in evaluation because it provides a fundamental reasoning process of conducting evaluation. However, it has not been empirically investigated. Therefore, the purpose of this three-paper dissertation is to accumulate empirical knowledge on Scriven's logic of evaluation. The first study systematically content-analyzes evaluation reports to investigate whether the practice of Scriven's logic of evaluation can be identified or not. The second study seeks to investigate evaluators' perceptions and application of his logic. The third study examines further details of Scriven's logic of evaluation with its focus on performance standards and evaluative conclusions. Findings from this dissertation will provide empirical knowledge on Scriven's logic of evaluation, an essential concept in evaluation.