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#### New to the Ninth Edition

- All statistical data have been updated with the latest figures available. New examples and illustrations refer to recent events, including Bush administration policies.
- Discussions of the family and the changing role of women in industrial societies have been improved and sharpened.
- Discussion of the future has been revised in the final chapter, now including references to genetically engineered crops, fish farming, global warming, ideological and social changes in China, and so on.
- Hedonism as an emerging ideology in industrial societies is discussed, along with the growth of the entertainment industries.
- Excursus following Chapter 1 incorporates the contributions of French and Scottish Enlightenment figures in the eighteenth century.
- New or revised boxed inserts have been added on such topics as neophilic art and on recent research on psychological depression that points to the interaction of genetics and environment.

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A humane society is a group that aims to stop animal suffering due to cruelty or other reasons. In many countries, the term is used mostly for societies for the prevention of cruelty to animals (SPCA). In the United Kingdom, such societies may provide waterway rescue, prevention and recovery services, or may give awards for saving human life (e.g., Royal Humane Society and Glasgow Humane Society). Human society is an intellectual and spiritual phenomenon. It is the outcome of a purposeful utilization of a universal law determining cosmic becoming, viz., the higher productivity of the division of labor. As with every instance of action, the recognition of the laws of nature is put into the service of man's efforts to improve his conditions.