

## ***Foreword***

You have in your hands a well-written and extensive science book that provides a new discipline of major importance to the future of humanity. While in the *Preface* the author introduces, among other points, the value of the writing style and length of this book, here are some additional reasons why this book is important.

Absolutely no aspect of the universe—energy, matter, or life forms, *including human beings and human behavior*—is beyond the reach of objective scientific explication. That that may seem overstated is merely indicative of insufficiently developed science in the presence of culture-wide superstition. Scientific activity, strictly defined, is methodological, and anyone adhering to scientific procedures, even profoundly mystical people, can objectively collect data on any real phenomenon. However, to qualify as *natural* science, the framing of questions and the interpretation of findings must be informed by natural philosophy, not by any sort of mystical assumptions. While this holds for *all* subject matters, the long history of compromises with mysticism and “social science” has led many natural scientists to abandon the possibility of objectively accounting for human behavior from the same purely naturalistic perspective that prevails in physics, chemistry, biology, et cetera. That subject matter is thus left to the well organized forces of cultural superstition.

This comprehensive presentation of the natural science of human behavior enables a strategic end to those compromises. This is not a science of *how* a particular behavior occurs (which is part of biology), but a science of *why* a particular behavior occurs. It is the foundation natural science for all socio-cultural behavior-related fields, not at the level of mystical body-directing self-agents, but at the level of a body’s natural physics-based interactions with its environment. This book provides natural scientists with the natural science discipline with which they can reinvigorate their struggle to end the domination of the culture by organized superstition, a domination that, through its essential anti-natural, anti-rational stance, arguably endangers the survival of human culture and life in general.

This book is not written as an instrument of persuasion to change the thinking of the superstitious majority of people regarding the nature of human beings. Instead, the book is written to help the natural science community realize *its* necessary role in moving the superstitious culture toward more effective, scientific thinking about human behavior. That is, with respect to the nature of the cultural problems addressed by the subject matter of this book, the necessary intervention is not at the level of an individual author. It is the natural science *community* as a whole that must take the cultural lead toward rationality, and this book, written by a natural scientist for natural scientists, can help move that community in that important cultural direction.☪