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- Hedonism as an emerging ideology in industrial societies is discussed, along with the growth of the entertainment industries.
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- 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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All human societies have language, in fact all humans are born capable of learning any spoken language (see Noam Chomsky's Theory of Universal Grammar). All human societies have religion (see work by E.E. Evans Pritchard). All human societies have a form of social organization with members at the top and members at the bottom (Eric Hobsbawm). There is quite an extensive list of cultural/human universals worked up by Donald Brown. You can find it by clicking the link below. A human society is a group of people involved in persistent interpersonal relationships, or a large social grouping sharing the same geographical or social territory, typically subject to the same political authority and dominant cultural expectations. Human societies are characterized by patterns of relationships (social relations) between individuals who share a distinctive culture and institutions; a given society may be described as the sum total of such relationships among its constituent members.