

INTRODUCTION

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NOTES

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9. Forbes, Stephen, statement during a debate on Fox News, October 18, 2009.
10. These numbers represent the situation in the United States.
11. Notably Dennis Snower, Ernst Fehr, Richard Layard, & Joseph Stiglitz, as well as members of the GNH (Gross National Happiness) movement promulgated by Bhutan and now taken seriously in Brazil, Japan, and other countries.
12. These three pillars correspond to the concept of “mutuality” developed by the economist Bruno Roche.
13. Stemming notably from the studies by David Sloan Wilson, Elliott Sober, E. O. Wilson, & Martin Nowak.
14. On this subject, see the excellent chapters by Lecomte, Jacques, in *La Bonté humaine* (2012), *op. cit.*, on the deformations and exaggerations produced by a number of recent tragedies, as well as Chapter 9 of that book, “La banalité du bien” [“The banality of the good”].
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