

# Editorial Foreword

**COUNTER-CULTURE.** Martin Schiff compares this phenomenon in contemporary U.S.A. with its nineteenth-century antecedents. Some of the ideological elements involved were discussed earlier in *CSSH* in Ernest Tuveson's 'The Power of Believing' (Vol. 5) and by Leslie Sklair and Richard Meir in Vol. 13 (1971).

**RELIGIOUS REFORMATIONS.** Sheldon Shapiro points to the numerous leaders in the history of the great salvation religions who have drawn followers away from reliance on set forms of knowledge and works, to believe in salvation through faith. This is the fifth in a series of contributions on how and why religions change.

**RURAL SOCIAL STRUCTURES.** Wolfram Fischer urges more rigorous comparative study of the local conditions that favored the proliferation of industrial villages in many regions of early modern Europe. His paper is a constructive critique of current tendencies to oversimplify a problem by considering only such variables as can be quantified. However, in their paper on the South Caribbean, John Stuart MacDonald and Leatrice D. MacDonald successfully employ quantitative methods to illuminate the complexity of rural trends in that region.

**MODERNIZATION.** Dean C. Tipps surveys the increasingly withering criticism to which this catch-all concept is subject. He concludes by calling for 'a fundamental rethinking of how we approach the analysis of long-term, macro-level transformations of societies'. Pamela Utz's review article on Lenski's evolutionary thought adds further dimensions to that conclusion.