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PREFACE

THIS small book is intended as a companion volume to *The Origin of Magic and Religion*. Its aim is to tell, as simply and clearly as possible, the story of the origin and development of civilization and of the spread of culture throughout the world. It may seem impossible to achieve this task adequately within the limits of a book of this size, but as knowledge increases the historical process becomes relatively simple, and there emerge certain broad general principles which characterize its workings. At present there is a tendency to pay attention to the various products of the historical process, and to ignore the process itself. The story of civilization can well be told without names of kings or warriors, except as illustrations of the working of general "laws"; and the discovery of these laws should be the main preoccupation of the historian. Although this book may perhaps contain errors of detail, the general principles enunciated in it are, I am sure, valid, and capable of universal application without serious modification.

Much of the material for this book has been drawn from my works on *The Megalithic*

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Culture of Indonesia and *The Children of the Sun*, but I have also used, especially in the later chapters, evidence not mentioned in those works. Anyone who is dissatisfied with my arguments on the ground that they are not sufficiently supported by facts is referred to the works just mentioned.

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