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# *Preface*

The history of philosophy is in many ways like an epic novel. There are revered ancestors who, through great suffering, establish traditions for the betterment of their descendents. There are black sheep of the family who stir up trouble, embarrass their brothers and sisters, and sometimes even invite the wrath of political authorities. There are bitter feuds between families that last generations, often with no clear victor ever emerging. As the saga passes from one era to another, there is some feeling of progress. Old-fashioned ways are discarded and replaced with new—although sometimes faddish—ones. Thus, the history of philosophy is an adventure of ideas, to use the words of one great philosopher. This book attempts to describe a major thread of that drama.

## **Changes in the Seventh Edition**

- The most visible change in this seventh edition is the reorganization of several chapters.
- Shorter chapters have been combined into longer ones of similar length.
- Chapters covering 19th- and 20th-century philosophy have been arranged more chronologically, and a largely new chapter on recent philosophy appears at the close.
- Except for a short discussion of Rousseau, all of the figures covered in the previous edition appear here as well.
- The style of the book is revised throughout, with the interests of newer readers in mind.
- Some sections are completely rewritten and others stated more concisely, all with the goal of greater clarity.

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PART ONE

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# *The Ancient Greek Philosophy*