



# MATERIALISM

MORAL AND SOCIAL CONSEQUENCES

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This book challenges the view that matter is the centrepiece of life – a view that denies spirituality, conscience and feeling. It advocates for a sensible balance between the spiritual and material aspects of life as two pillars of an equitable civilization.

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