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"Are Humans Misfits in Market Democracies?: The Spinach Pie Papers, Takeaway Two" is the second of a pair of books, the first being "After the End of History: The Curious Fate of American Materialism," published by University of Michigan Press in 2006 as the sixth in a series called "Evolving Values for a Capitalist World."

This manuscript is an analysis of how markets shape and misshape the human personality. It is framed as a four-person argument on the way society, especially markets, influence consciousness, cognition, and emotions. The participants are: Dessie, the political science protagonist named after Desiderius Erasmus, Adam, an economist, Hypatia, a philosopher, and Charles, an amateur biologist. They meet weekly for casual, if sometimes inflamed, discussion at a Greek restaurant in New Haven near Yale University.

Under the impression that the papers might have some value, this has been published for the benefit of whatever audience may be curious about root causes for the failure of our institutions.