Foreword xv JOHN RALSTON SAUL Acknowledgments xvii Contributors xix

Introduction: The Public Face of Canadian Philosophy 3 ANDREW IRVINE AND JOHN RUSSELL

# **1** Science and the Environment

- 1 Expanding Our Perspective 9 PAUL M. CHURCHLAND
- 2 Is It Time for a New Space Race? 19 ANDREW IRVINE
- 3 Should We Implant Life on Mars? 22 THOMAS HURKA
- 4 Wilderness and Agriculture 24 JAN ZWICKY
- 5 Murdering Trees? 30 TRUDY GOVIER

### vi Contents

- 6 The Environmentalist Faith 35 JEFFREY FOSS
- 7 Creating the Phenomena 40 IAN HACKING
- 8 Science Rules 43 JAMES ROBERT BROWN
- 9 Is Scientific Progress Inevitable? 45 ANDREW IRVINE

# II Mind, Intelligence, and the New Technologies

- 1 From Descartes to Neural Networks 51 PATRICIA SMITH CHURCHLAND
- 2 How Do Neurons Know? 54 PATRICIA SMITH CHURCHLAND
- 3 The Role of Logic 60 RAY JENNINGS
- 4 Paradox and Probability 66 PAUL BARTHA
- 5 Could a Machine Think? 70 PAUL M. CHURCHLAND AND PATRICIA SMITH CHURCHLAND
- 6 I Checkmate, Therefore I Am 83 MARK KINGWELL
- 7 The Credible-Computer Conundrum 86 JOHN RUSSELL AND ANDREW IRVINE
- 8 The Future of Intimacy 90 MARK KINGWELL

# **III Education and Culture**

1 Broad Subjects Free Us from Narrow Minds 99 ANDREW IRVINE

- 2 The Young and the Jobless 103 GRAEME HUNTER
- 3 How to Get to the Top 105 THOMAS HURKA
- 4 The Case for a Liberal Education 108 JOHN WOODS
- 5 Why Intellectuals Care about the Flintstones 112 THOMAS\_HURKA
- 6 The Ideal of Open-Mindedness 115 WILLIAM HARE
- 7 Human Destiny 118 THOMAS DE KONINCK
- 8 Taming The Tempest 127 GRAEME HUNTER

# IV The Contemporary World

- 1 Perfecting Inhumanity 141 DAVID GAUTHIER
- 2 Society Is Only as Good as Its Apologies 143 JOHN RUSSELL
- 3 Three Malaises 146 CHARLES TAYLOR
- 4 Humanism and Its Role in the Contemporary World 153 PETER LOPTSON
- 5 All Things Being Unequal 162 MARK KINGWELL

# V Authority and the Individual

1 What Is Government For? 171 TRUDY GOVIER

### viii Contents

- 2 How to Make Governments Competitive 175 ANDREW IRVINE
- 3 Where My Rights End and Yours Begin 178 MARK KINGWELL
- 4 Guns 182 JAN NARVESON
- 5 Religion Isn't on Trial 187 JOHN RUSSELL
- 6 Do Children Have Rights? 190 THOMAS HURKA
- 7 A Market Economy Makes Us Better People 192 THOMAS HURKA
- 8 Questions for the Census Takers 194 ANDREW IRVINE
- 9 Responsible Government 197 ANDREW IRVINE

# **VI Free Speech**

- 1 The Most Beautiful Thing in the World 203 ANDREW IRVINE
- 2 The Porn Wars 207 JOHN DIXON
- 3 The Bessie Smith Factor 212 JOHN DIXON
- 4 Words Matter 222 JOHN RUSSELL
- 5 When Liberty Loses Out 225 ANDREW IRVINE

#### Contents ix

- 6 Protesters Deserve an Apology 228 ANDREW IRVINE
- 7 Big, Bad Ideas? No Big Deal 231 STAN PERSKY

### **VII Reverse Discrimination**

- 1 Why Equality Doesn't Mean Treating Everyone the Same 237 THOMAS HURKA
- 2 Hidden Meanings 239 LEO GROARKE
- 3 Affirmative Action: More Radical Arguments 242 THOMAS HURKA
- 4 Affirmative Action, Women, and 'the 50 Per Cent Solution' 245 LEO GROARKE
- 5 'Fixing' What Ain't Broke 252 GRANT BROWN
- 6 It's Affirmative Action, and It's Bad for Universities and Students 259 GRAEME HUNTER
- 7 The Curious Case of Country C 261 GRANT BROWN

### VIII Life and Death

- 1 Taking the Prime Minister at His Word 267 GRAEME HUNTER
- 2 Abortion and the Moral Standing of the Fetus 270 THOMAS HURKA
- 3 Does Surrogate Motherhood Turn People into Commodities? 273 THOMAS HURKA

### x Contents

- 4 Are Feminists Really Pro-Choice? 276 THOMAS HURKA
- 5 A Rose Is a Rose, but Clones Will Differ 278 JOHN RUSSELL AND ANDREW IRVINE
- 6 Human Stem Cell Cloning 282 ARTHUR SCHAFER
- 7 Feminism, Ethics, and Cancer 286 SUSAN SHERWIN
- 8 Cracking Down on Medical Trials 294 ARTHUR SCHAFER
- 9 Physicians, Limited Resources, and Liability 297 EIKE-HENNER W. KLUGE
- 10 Children and Informed Consent 301 EIKE-HENNER W. KLUGE
- 11 Robert and Tracy Latimer 306 ALISTER BROWNE
- 12 Mercy Killing: The Deep Divide 311 JOHN RUSSELL AND ANDREW IRVINE
- 13 Nancy B and Nancy F 314 LESLIE BURKHOLDER
- 14 Is Death Really All That Bad for You? 318 THOMAS HURKA

## **IX National Unity**

- 1 If Quebecers Say No, It Clearly Will Be Out of Fear 323 MICHEL SEYMOUR
- 2 Equality between Peoples 326 MICHEL SEYMOUR

- 3 Unity Poses Questions Already Answered 329 JOHN RUSSELL AND ANDREW IRVINE
- 4 A Unity Referendum to End All Referendums 333 JOHN RUSSELL AND ANDREW IRVINE
- 5 The 'Clarity' Bill in Retrospect 337 MICHEL SEYMOUR
- 6 Leading the Way 345 PAUL GROARKE
- 7 Minorities and the State 349 WILL KYMLICKA
- 8 The Paradox of Liberal Nationalism 353 WILL KYMLICKA
- 9 Canadian Nationalism and the Distinctiveness Fetish 359 THOMAS HURKA

# X 9/11 and After

- 1 Being True to Ourselves in Times of Crisis 365 ANDREW IRVINE
- 2 Vulnerability 368 TRUDY GOVIER
- 3 A Repeat of the McCarthy Era Would Imperil Democracy 375 JOHN DIXON
- 4 Evil's Back Now Let's Recover True and False 378 GRAEME HUNTER
- 5 Freedom, Not Security, Is Fundamental 380 MARK KINGWELL
- 6 Zap! You're a Terrorist 383 JOHN RUSSELL

### xii Contents

- 7 A Slogan for Our Times 386 JOHN RUSSELL
- 8 The Democratic Challenge 389 JOHN DIXON
- 9 Kindness 391 TRUDY GOVIER
- 10 Normal Behaviour 397 JOHN RALSTON SAUL

### XI Happiness and Morality

- 1 Should Morality Be a Struggle? 409 THOMAS HURKA
- 2 Why God Is Irrelevant to Morality 411 THOMAS HURKA
- 3 The Prime Directive 414 ALISTER BROWNE
- 4 Monstrous Acts Distort Reality 420 GRAEME HUNTER
- 5 Tsunami Ethics: Jillian's Choice 422 ARTHUR SCHAFER
- 6 Is There Such a Thing as Moral Luck? 425 THOMAS HURKA
- 7 Why Animals Deserve Rights 428 KATHARINE BROWNE AND ALISTER BROWNE
- 8 Do Animals Have Rights? 431 JAN NARVESON
- 9 On a Pedestal 435 LEO GROARKE

- 10 We Yearn for a Sense of Order, but ... 438 JOHN RUSSELL
- 11 Pleasure Alone Won't Make You Happy 441 THOMAS HURKA
- 12 Love Is All You Need to Understand Christmas 444 JOHN RUSSELL

# XII The Changing University

- 1 Town, Gown, and the Long Way Down 449 GRAEME HUNTER
- 2 Are University Faculty Unnecessary? 453 ANDREW IRVINE
- 3 The PC Tyranny 456 LOU MARINOFF
- 4 Privatizing the University: The New Tragedy of the Commons 462 JAMES ROBERT BROWN
- 5 The Factory Model Has No Place on Campus 467 ANDREW IRVINE
- 6 Civil Liberties, Representative Democracy, Globalization, and Education 470 STEVEN DAVIS

Sources and Credits 475 Name Index 481