GEORG SIMMEL

SOCIETY =

THE INTRICATE WEB OF PATTERNED, MULTIPLE RELATIONS BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS IN CONSTANT INTERACTION.

THE INDIVIDUAL AND THE GROUP ARE MUTUALLY CONSTITUTIVE VIA SOCIAL FORMS, I.E., CRYSTALLIZED PATTERNED INTERACTIONS.

GEORGE HERBERT MEAD

SOCIETY =

A STRUCTURE THAT EMERGES THROUGH AN ONGOING PROCESS OF COMMUNICATIVE SOCIAL ACTS, THROUGH TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN PERSONS WHO ARE MUTUALLY ORIENTED TOWARD EACH OTHER.

CONSISTS OF "COMMON RESPONSES" ROOTED IN SUCH ATTITUDES BY WHICH "THE MODERN CIVILIZED HUMAN INDIVIDUAL IS AND FEELS HIMSELF TO BE A MEMBER NOT ONLY OF A CERTAIN LOCAL COMMUNITY OR STATE OR NATION, BUT ALSO OF AN ENTIRE GIVEN RACE OR EVEN CIVILIZATION AS A "WHOLE."