SPECIES BEING

• Every species is defined by its method of survival, the way it makes “a living.”

• Humans create/produce (through work or labor) the world in which they live; we are inherently and necessarily productive. [Recall the characteristics of human nature.]

• Humans are self-conscious (reflexive) and therefore they observe that world. [This is the socio-cultural world that simultaneously contains, constrains, and enables us.]

• The world we make shapes and defines the maker; the product defines/expresses the producer and his/her relationship with others.

• Humans are inherently socially dependent and collectively oriented (altruistic). [Capitalism inherently distorts these human qualities.]