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In Germany they're called "diseases of civilization"; in Japan, "lifestyle maladies"; in Sweden, "diseases of affluence." The USA leads the world in producing them, but doesn't even have a name for them. They have now reached epidemic proportions: obesity, depression, ADHD, bullying, chronic fatigue syndromes, sleep disorders, and sexual dysfunctions are sweeping the developed world. These so-called "epidemics" are culturally-induced illnesses, caused primarily by bad habits, poor choices, bankrupt values, and harmful lifestyles. That is, they stem from dysfunctional philosophies of li

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