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Fig. 1. Hieronymus Bosch, *Ship of Fools* (1490–1500)
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This book is dedicated to the memory of my grandparents,
Walter James Wilson, and Mildred Wilson
There is a strange urge in my mind: I would like to stop behaving as if I am a rat pressing levers — even if I had to give up the cheese and go hungry for a while.

I would like to step outside the conditioning maze and see what makes it tick. I wonder what I would find. Perhaps a terrible superhuman monstrosity the very contemplation of which would make a person insane? Perhaps a solemn gathering of sages? Or the maddening simplicity of unattended clockwork?

— Jacques Vallee

We are property.

— Charles Fort