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The issue before the reader appears with a new cover. While in the style of last year's volume that carried a border of medical images from the West, this new design draws its images from Asian medical traditions. The last issue of 2008 presaged this change (32(4)), which presented articles on non-western cultures only. In addition to the new front cover, the back is now also "covered," as it were, and ends the years of blank back covers by displaying the totality of the cover design uninhibited by the Journal's title and other material.

In this issue, we also present the last photograph of former editors, that of Peter Guarnaccia. As well, a new feature appears after that photograph, the Quote of the Volume. Each volume year will begin with a new quote that is well worth keeping in mind as we go about our work. This first one is from E.E. Evans-Pritchard and must be considered as an initial founding step toward Geertzian interpretive social science and the attendant notion of local moral worlds.

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