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Chapter 1

THE END AND THE BEGINNING

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God?!” I first asked myself this question in a circle of women in Westchester were all “housewives” with families and some of us worked outside the home. In my first consciousness-raising group I had agreed to address the topic. Each woman had agreed to address the topic. I prevented me from doing something I spoke about my recent decision to leave before completing my degree. I had been I told the group that if anything had prevented me from earning my doctorate it was the subject. It seemed that most of what the present generation of classical scholars did was describe the generation of classical scholars. Nothing. Although I enjoyed university life and work as a scholar was my true vocation, research that was done as if it were ritual was undertaken for the sake of proving the tedium of citing obscure texts and classical more obscure references to those texts. If to graduate school, I had promised myself to study something new — something that evolution of human culture.

Most of the other women also discussed

