Conceptions of the Future of Religion
The appeal to an entirely other [ein ganz Anderen] than this world had primarily a social-philosophical impetus. It led finally to a more positive evaluation of certain metaphysical trends, because the empirical ‘whole is the untrue’ [Adorno]. The hope that earthly horror does not possess the last word is, to be sure, a non-scientific wish (Horkheimer 1973:xii).

In December 1971, Max Horkheimer wrote this statement as part of his expression of appreciation to Martin Jay for writing a history of the Frankfurt School and the Institute of Social Research. This chapter seeks to explain this appeal to the totally Other in terms of Horkheimer’s materialistic sublimation or inversion of this religious and theological notion into his critical theory as a catalyst for resistance to the continuing barbarization of modern society in its development toward a globalized, totally administered society.

**Dialectical Methodology**

In January 1930, Horkheimer became the third director of the Frankfurt Institute for Social Research since its beginning in 1922. It was under the directorship