

*Is
there
a
West?*



**The final Core
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From Eleven Nine to Nine Eleven

The Fall of the Wall



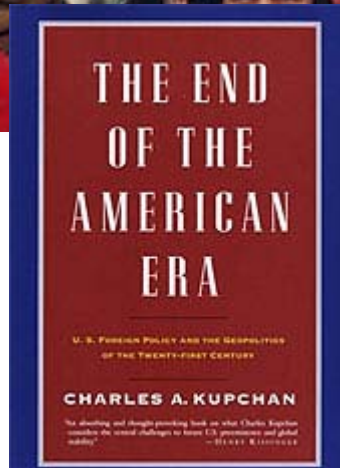
The Fall of the Towers



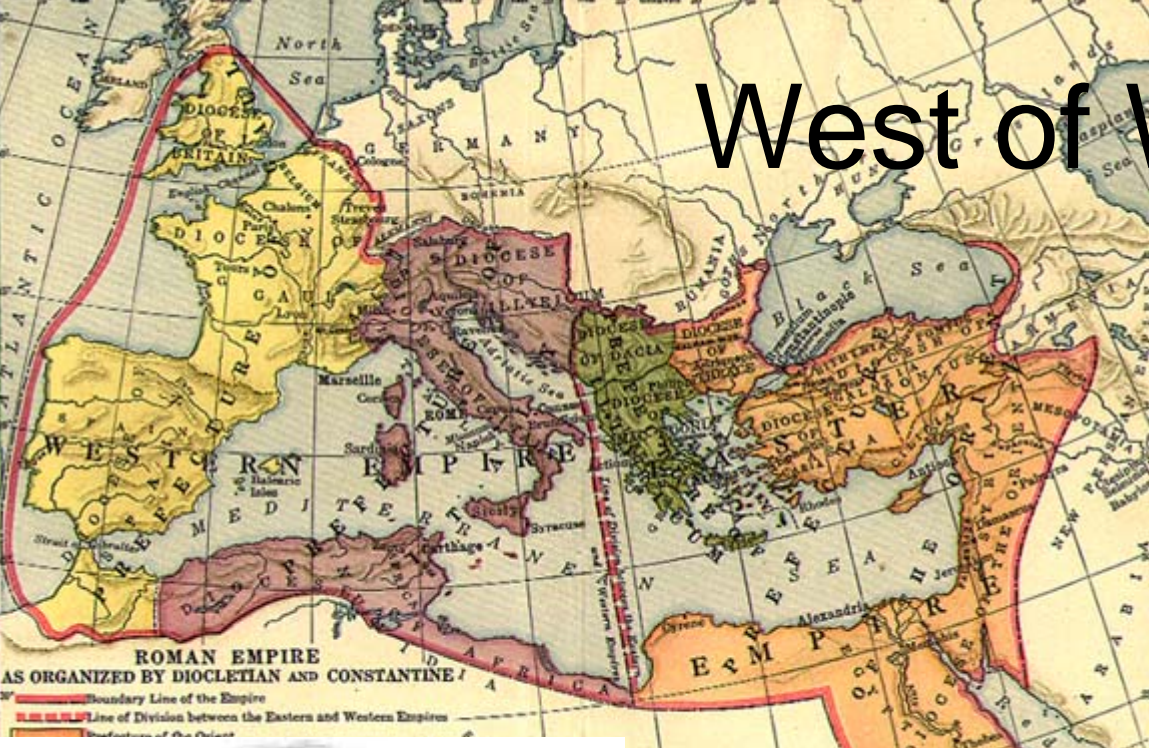
The end of the West?



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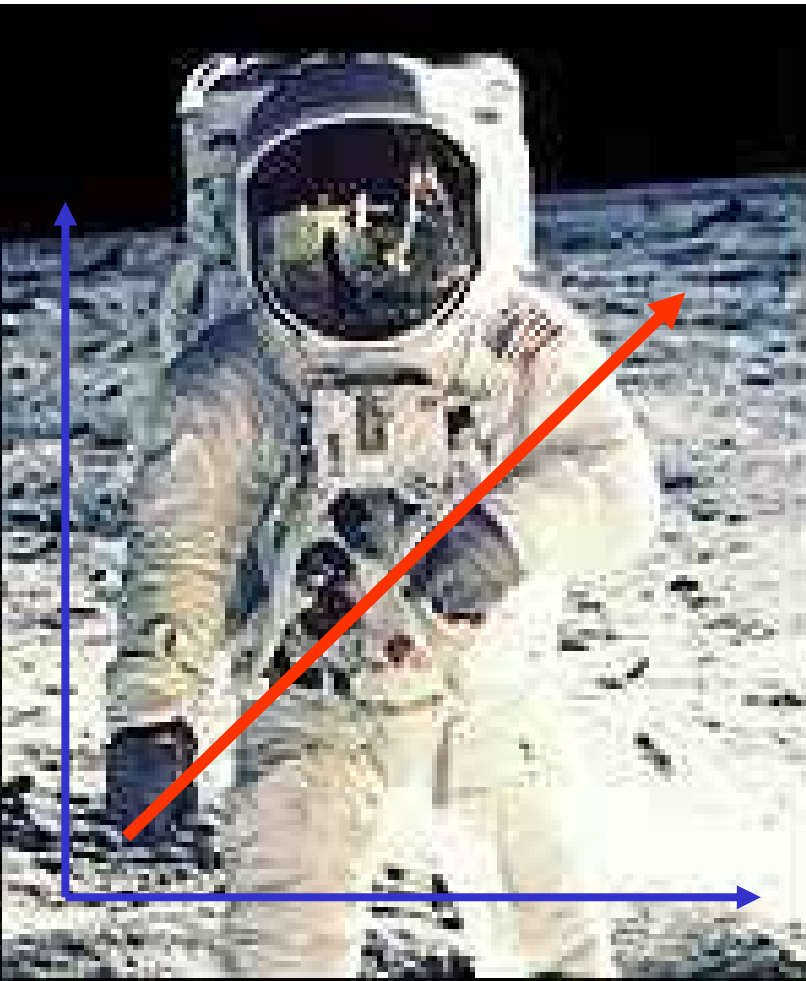


West of What?

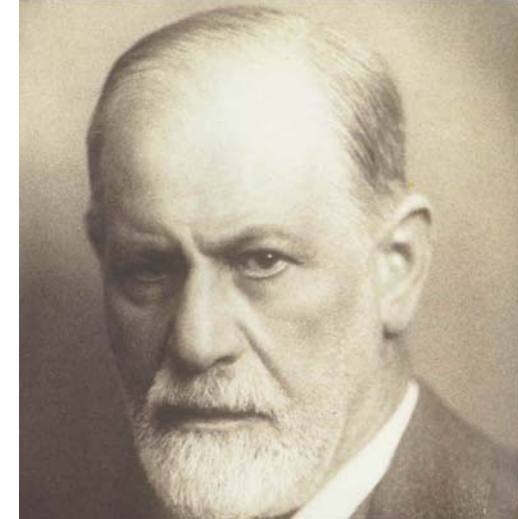


« Manic depressive » West

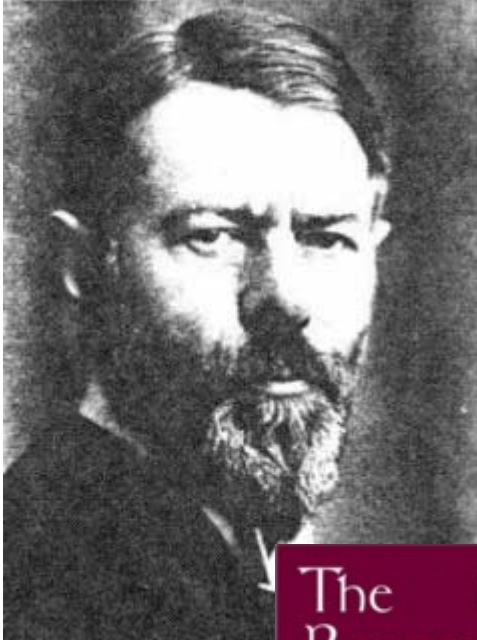
Great achievements:



Great failures:



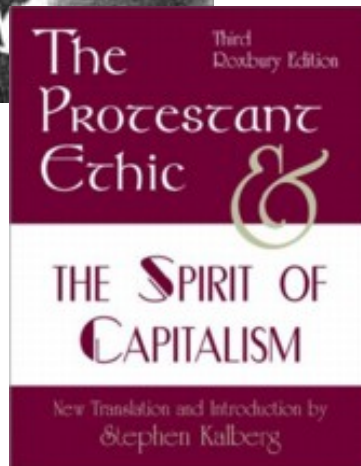
« Only in the West »



“A product of modern European civilization, studying any problem of universal history, is bound to ask himself to what combination of circumstances the fact should be attributed that in Western civilization, and in Western civilization only, cultural phenomena have appeared which (as we like to think) lie in a line of development having *universal* significance and value.

Only in the West does science exist at a stage of development which we recognize to-day as valid. Empirical knowledge, reflection on problems of the cosmos and of life, philosophical and theological wisdom of the most profound sort, are not confined to it, though in the case of the last the full development of a systematic theology must be credited to Christianity under the influence of Hellenism, since there were only fragments in Islam and in a few Indian sects. In short, knowledge and observation of great refinement have existed elsewhere, above all in India, China, Babylonia, Egypt. But in Babylonia and elsewhere astronomy lacked--which makes its development all the more astounding--the mathematical foundation which it first received from the Greeks. The Indian geometry had no rational proof; that was another product of the Greek intellect, also the creator of mechanics and physics. The Indian natural sciences, though well developed in observation, lacked the method of experiment, which was, apart from beginnings in antiquity, essentially a product of the Renaissance, as was the modern laboratory. Hence medicine, especially in India, though highly developed in empirical technique, lacked a biological and particularly a biochemical foundation. A rational chemistry has been absent from all areas of culture except the West.

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« From Plato to NATO »



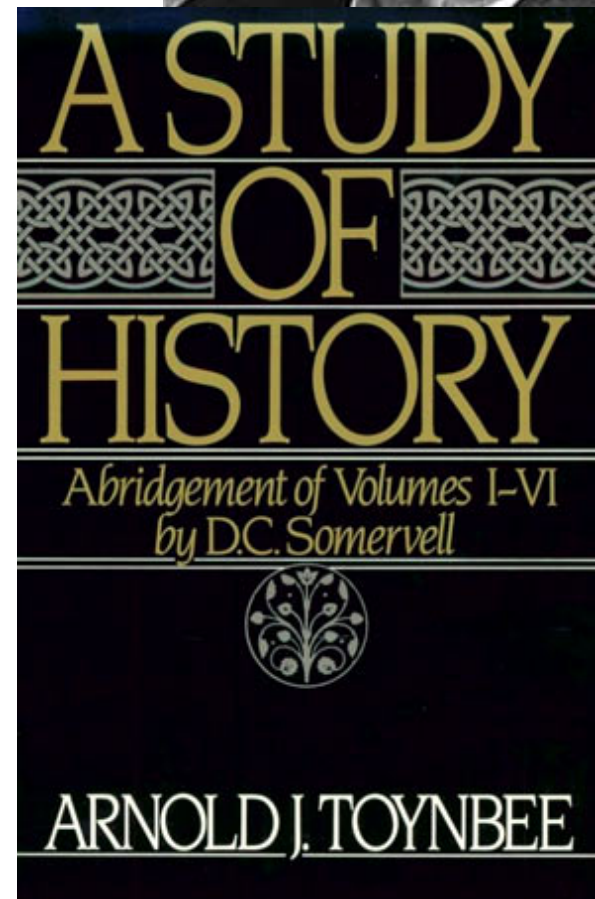
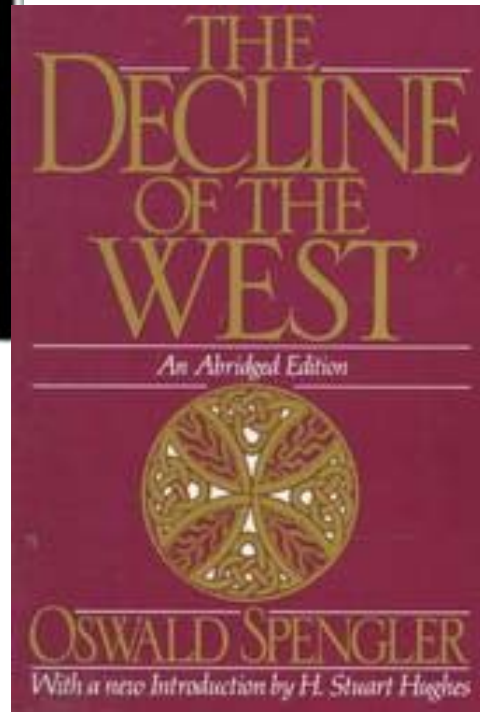
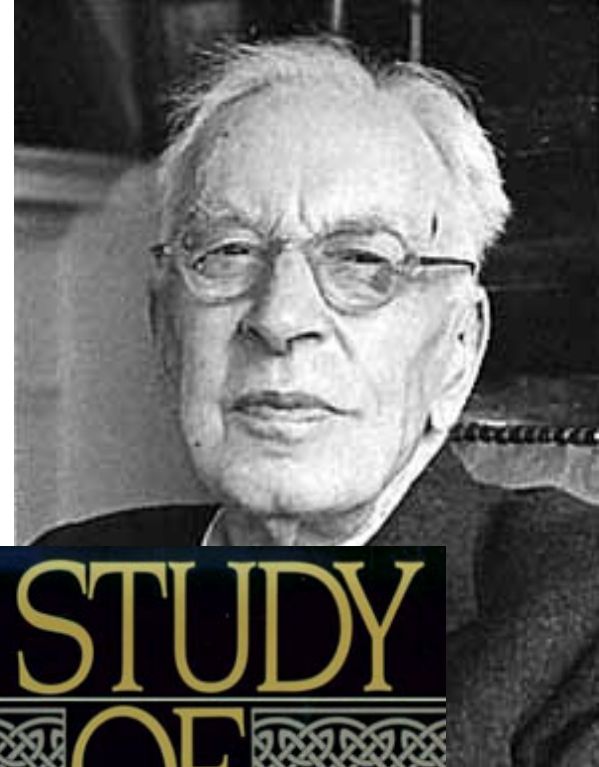
North Atlantic Treaty Organisation

•Europe has a set of primary interests which to us have none or a very remote relation. Hence she must be engaged in frequent controversies, the causes of which are essentially foreign to our concerns. Hence, therefore, it must be unwise in us to implicate ourselves by artificial ties in the ordinary vicissitudes of her politics or the ordinary combination and collisions of her friendships or enmities.”





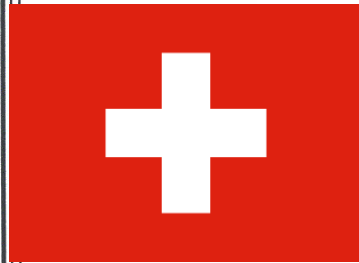
Prophets of Decline



The Cold War West is over. The West is alive and kicking

What the West is not:

- Not a geographical zone with precise boundaries
- Not an Anglo-Saxon Protestant Thing
- Not an institution
- Not a side
- Not a cultural paradigm which has an influence over politics



*The Eastern
Boundary of
Western Civilization*





There is a West as:

- The meeting of the French and AngloSaxon liberal tradition, on which converged other European countries which were previously dissident or marginal
- The political architecture that avoided the self destruction and marginalization of Europe.
- A web of security institutions that created the first free-from-war zone of the planet
- Still the only global leadership for the world

Prescriptions

Europe should refrain from the temptation of building an European identity as an alternative and opposed to the American leadership.

Europe must keep in the West if it wants to keep global

Europe must continue the trend of enlarging the political West, finally bridging the historical gap with the other great European family, the Russian one. On the other side it has to hang together with its best daughter, America.

Refuse moral relativism and political correctness and sustain the effort to expand western values



Policy recommendations

- EU should not lift the arms embargo on China
- US should clearly treat Russia as a strategic partner of the West. Closer coordination with Russia in all Western institutions
- EU and the US should improve trade with India in order to support the development of the biggest democracy in the world
- EU and US should support Human Rights and democratization in China

Questions?



Play it again, Dario!

