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The Decline of the West
(Abridged Edition) -

Oswald Spengler
2013-06-26

This is a newly abridged edition of Spengler's classic on the history of western civilization and its decline, The Decline of the West.

The Decline of the West
- Oswald Spengler 1928

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The Decline of the West

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flowers at eventide as,
one after the other,
they close in the

setting sun. Strange is the feeling that then presses in upon you--a feeling of enigmatic fear in the presence of this blind dreamlike earth-bound existence. The dumb forest, the silent meadows, this bush, that twig, do not stir themselves, it is the wind that plays with them. Only the little gnat is free--he dances still in the evening light, he moves whither he will. A plant is nothing on its own account. It forms a part of the landscape in which a chance made it take root. The twilight, the chill, the closing of every flower--these are not cause and effect, not danger and willed answer to danger. They are a single process of nature, which is accomplishing itself near, with, and in the plant. The individual is not free to look out for itself, will for itself, or choose for itself. An animal, on the contrary, can choose. It is emancipated from the servitude of all the rest of the world. This

midget swarm that dances on and on, that solitary bird still flying through the evening, the fox approaching furtively the nest-- these are little worlds of their own within another great world. An animalcule in a drop of water, too tiny to be perceived by the human eye, though it lasts but a second and has but a corner of this drop as its field--nevertheless is free and independent in the face of the universe. The giant oak, upon one of whose leaves the droplet hangs, is not. Servitude and freedom--this is in last and deepest analysis the differentia by which we distinguish vegetable and animal existence. Yet only the plant is wholly and entirely what it is; in the being of the animal there is something dual. A vegetable is only a vegetable; an animal is a vegetable and something more besides. A herd that huddles together trembling... --

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The Decline of the West

- Oswald Spengler

2021-07

The first volume of
Oswald Spengler's *The
Decline of the West* is a
classic milestone in the
annals of
historiography. However,
it is not a history book
in the traditional sense
of recounting events in
chronological order.
Instead, it tries to
explain the mechanisms
that make different
cultures tick. While
classical culture had no
concept of the past or
future and was only
fixated on the present,
Western culture is
focused on both the past
as memory and the future
as unconquered
territory. Like

organisms that are born, mature and eventually die, cultures are the blossoming youth while civilizations usher in senility, decay and demise. When a culture becomes a civilization, decadence sets in and the ensuing downward spiral becomes a Faustian whirlwind of self-destruction. This is inevitable as we can see that each culture's evolution has its parallels in other periods of human history. The endgame for the West has already begun. It is in terminal decline, desperately trying to revive the dead forms and buried traditions that animated its Promethean spirit in its youthful heyday of exuberance. But in old age, it all seems preposterous, and hence in vain as the West has become tired of itself and unable to innovate in either the arts or philosophy. The West is on its way to the grave and what will see the light next must necessarily be something completely new and not

just a corpse reanimated.

Form and actuality -
Oswald Spengler 1926

The Decline of the West
- Oswald Spengler 2010

The Decline of the West
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The Decline of the West
- Volume 2 - Oswald
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" ...the World-War was no longer a momentary constellation of casual facts due to national sentiments, personal influences, or economic tendencies, ...but the

type of a historical change of phase occurring within a great historical organism of definable compass at the point preordained for it hundreds of years ago."

--Oswald Spengler, Decline of the West Vol. I, 1914 The Decline of the West, Volume I: Form and Actuality, by German historian Oswald Spengler, originally published in German as Der Untergang des Abendlandes (Vol. I in 1918), became an instant success in Germany after its defeat in World War I. Spengler's description of the end of the Western world and the implication that Germany was part of this larger historical process resonated with the German readers. He described great cultures following a cycle from inception to expansion followed by death. By understanding this cycle, one could reconstruct the past and predict the future. He specifically predicted that in the final stage of Western civilization, in the 20th century,

Caesarism, a new and overpowering leadership would arise, replacing individualism, liberalism and democracy. Even though this book was criticized by scholars, it became a bestseller in the 1920s and laid the foundation for the social cycle theory, which states that stages of history generally repeat themselves in cycles.

The Decline of the West
- Oswald Spengler 1926

The Decline of the West,
Vol. I - Scholar's
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The Decline of the West
- Oswald Spengler 1932

The Decline of the West
- Oswald Spengler
2021-07

In the second and more controversial, albeit optimistic, volume of *The Decline of the West*, Oswald Spengler deals with the world historical perspectives of his comparative cultural morphology. The periodical calm surrounding the constant and eternally recurring movements, described in the first volume, is over. Spengler develops his theory of "Caesarism" - a tendency towards dictatorship peculiar to mass democracy. According to Spengler, today we live in the decadent stage of civilization. Previously, the people of culture used money for buying and selling while their main thoughts and occupations lay elsewhere. The people of civilization, however, exclusively think in terms of money and nothing else. That is why our period is also marked by rapacious oligarchs, cunning stock market manipulation, a flourishing art trade and boundless corruption. Only the

return of the eternal values of blood and race, through the coming of the Caesars, can destroy the tyranny of the financial mind. Thus Caesarism will bring the victory of strength politics over capital, breaking the pecuniary power and promoting national welfare. The scene is set for the final battle between the forces of plutocracy and chaos and the political will and order of the Caesars.

Decline of the West -
Spengler Oswald 1901

The Decline of the West;
Volume I - Oswald
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The Decline of the West: Perspectives of world-history - Oswald Spengler

Decline of the West - Spengler Oswald 1901

The Decline of the West
- Oswald Spengler 1950

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- Oswald Spengler 1947

The Decline of the West
- Oswald Spengler 1936

The Decline of the West Volume 2 - Oswald Spengler 2015-11-07

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The Decline of the West

- Oswald Spengler 1918

Spengler's work describes how we have entered into a centuries-long "world-historical" phase comparable to late antiquity, and his controversial ideas spark debate over the meaning of historiography.

The Decline of the West...: Perspectives of world-history

- Oswald Spengler 1922

Contains Spengler's well-known work on the history of and the rise and fall of various civilizations.

The Decline of the West

- Oswald Spengler 1965

Since its first publication in two volumes between 1918-1923, *The Decline of the West* has ranked as one of the most widely read and most talked about books of our time. In all its various editions, it has sold nearly 100,000 copies. A twentieth-century Cassandra, Oswald Spengler thoroughly probed the

origin and "fate" of our civilization, and the result can be (and has been) read as a prophecy of the Nazi regime. His challenging views have led to harsh criticism over the years, but the knowledge and eloquence that went into his sweeping study of Western culture have kept *The Decline of the West* alive. As the face of Germany and Europe as a whole continues to change each day, *The Decline of the West* cannot be ignored. The abridgment, prepared by the German scholar Helmut Werner, with the blessing of the Spengler estate, consists of selections from the original (translated into English by Charles Francis Atkinson) linked by explanatory passages which have been put into English by Arthur Helps. H. Stuart Hughes has written a new introduction for this edition. In this engrossing and highly controversial philosophy of history, Spengler describes how we have entered into a

centuries-long "world-historical" phase comparable to late antiquity. Guided by the philosophies of Goethe and Nietzsche, he rejects linear progression, and instead presents a world view based on the cyclical rise and decline of civilizations. He argues that a culture blossoms from the soil of a definable landscape and dies when it has exhausted all of its possibilities. Despite Spengler's reputation today as an extreme pessimist, *The Decline of the West* remains essential reading for anyone interested in the history of civilization.

The Decline of the West, Two Volumes in One -

Oswald Spengler
2020-12-09

The Decline of the West by German historian Oswald Spengler, originally published in German as *Der Untergang des Abendlandes* (Vols. I and II in resp. 1918 and 1922), became an instant success in Germany after its defeat in World War I.

The Decline of the West
- Oswald Spengler
1945-01-01

The German historian considers all forms and movements of human affairs as he predicts the inevitable eclipse of Western civilization.

The Idea of Decline in Western History - Arthur

Herman 1997

Enth.: "Historical and Cultural Pessimism.

Jacob Burckhardt and Friedrich Nietzsche" (S. 76-108).

The Decline of the West;

Volume I - Oswald Spengler 2022-10-26

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Knowledge Introduction

In this book is

attempted for the first

time the venture of

predetermining history,

of following the still

untraveller stages in

the destiny of a

Culture, and

specifically of the only

Culture of our time and

on our planet which is

actually in the phase of

fulfilment--the West-

European-American.

Hitherto the possibility

of solving a problem so

far-reaching has

evidently never been

envisaged, and even if

it had been so, the

means of dealing with it

were either altogether

unsuspected or, at best,

inadequately used. Is

there a logic of

history? Is there,

beyond all the casual

and incalculable

elements of the separate

events, something that

we may call a

metaphysical structure

of historic humanity,

something that is

essentially independent

of the outward forms--

social, spiritual and political--which we see so clearly? Are not these actualities indeed secondary or derived from that something? Does world-history present to the seeing eye certain grand traits, again and again, with sufficient constancy to justify certain conclusions? And if so, what are the limits to which reasoning from such premisses may be pushed? Is it possible to find in life itself--for human history is the sum of mighty life-courses which already have had to be endowed with ego and personality, in customary thought and expression, by predicating entities of a higher order like "the Classical" or "the Chinese Culture," "Modern Civilization"--a series of stages which must be traversed, and traversed moreover in an ordered and obligatory sequence? For everything organic the notions of birth, death, youth, age, lifetime are fundamentals--may not

these notions, in this sphere also, possess a rigorous meaning which no one has as yet extracted? In short, is all history founded upon general biographic archetypes? The decline of the West, which at first sight may appear, like the corresponding decline of the Classical Culture, a phenomenon limited in time and space, we now perceive to be a philosophical problem that, when comprehended... -----

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The decline of the West : Volume 1, Form and actuality - Oswald Spengler 2024-04-23
Explore the Profound Insights of Oswald Spengler's 'The Decline of the West: Volume 1, Form and Actuality'
Embark on a journey of

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scholarship and keen observation, Spengler traces the rise and fall of civilizations across time and space, identifying recurring themes and motifs that transcend individual cultures and epochs. From the ancient civilizations of Egypt and Mesopotamia to the modern empires of Europe and America, Spengler's analysis offers a compelling framework for understanding the cyclical nature of history and the inexorable forces that drive the ebb and flow of human civilization. Contemplate the Fate of Western Civilization At the heart of 'The Decline of the West' lies Spengler's sobering examination of the fate of Western civilization in the modern age. With penetrating insight and prophetic vision, Spengler warns of the existential crises facing Western society, from the erosion of traditional values to the rise of mass culture and the specter of political and economic

decline. As readers grapple with Spengler's provocative arguments and unsettling predictions, they are forced to confront uncomfortable truths about the nature of modernity and the fragility of Western civilization. Yet amid the gloom and pessimism, Spengler offers a glimmer of hope, urging readers to transcend the limitations of their historical moment and embrace the eternal truths that lie at the heart of human existence. Why 'The Decline of the West' Is a Timeless Masterpiece: Intellectual Provocation: Challenge your preconceptions and expand your horizons with Oswald Spengler's thought-provoking analysis of human civilization and the fate of the West. Philosophical Depth: Dive into the depths of Spengler's philosophical insights as he grapples with the fundamental questions of existence, meaning, and the human condition. Historical

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The Decline of the West, Vol. 2 - Oswald Spengler
2016-11-18

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Prophet of Decline -

John Farrenkopf

2001-06-01

Oswald Spengler (1880-1936) is best known for *The Decline of the West*, in which he propounded his pathbreaking philosophy of world history and penetrating diagnosis of the crisis of modernity. This monumental work launched a seminal attack on the idea of progress and supplanted the outmoded Eurocentric understanding of history. His provocative pessimism seems to be

confirmed in retrospect by the twentieth-century horrors of economic depression, totalitarianism, genocide, the dawn of the nuclear age, and the emerging global environmental crisis. In *Prophet of Decline*, John Farrenkopf takes advantage of the historical perspective the end of the millennium provides to reassess this visionary thinker and his challenging ideas on world history and politics and modern civilization.

Farrenkopf's assessment ranges widely, placing Spengler's philosophy in its intellectual historical context and covering Spengler's ideas on democracy, capitalism, science and technology, cities, Western art, social change, and human exploitation of the environment. He also illuminates the implications of Spengler's thought for contemplating from a fresh perspective the future of the United

States, the leading power of the West. Prophet of Decline is highly relevant today as many take the opportunity at the turn of the century to ponder again the direction in which humankind and our global community are moving and approach with concern the uncertain future amid globalization, hypercomplexity, and accelerating change. An interdisciplinary book about an interdisciplinary thinker, it is a substantial contribution to the literature of historical philosophy, political science, international relations, and German studies.

The Collapse of Western Civilization - Naomi Oreskes 2014-07-01

The year is 2393, and the world is almost unrecognizable. Clear warnings of climate catastrophe went ignored for decades, leading to soaring temperatures, rising sea levels, widespread drought and—finally—the disaster now known as the Great

Collapse of 2093, when the disintegration of the West Antarctica Ice Sheet led to mass migration and a complete reshuffling of the global order. Writing from the Second People's Republic of China on the 300th anniversary of the Great Collapse, a senior scholar presents a gripping and deeply disturbing account of how the children of the Enlightenment—the political and economic elites of the so-called advanced industrial societies—failed to act, and so brought about the collapse of Western civilization. In this haunting, provocative work of science-based fiction, Naomi Oreskes and Eric M. Conway imagine a world devastated by climate change. Dramatizing the science in ways traditional nonfiction cannot, the book reasserts the importance of scientists and the work they do and reveals the self-serving interests of the so called "carbon combustion complex" that

have turned the practice
of science into
political fodder. Based
on sound scholarship and
yet unafraid to speak

boldly, this book
provides a welcome
moment of clarity amid
the cacophony of climate
change literature.