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A nation of sheep will beget a government of wolves.

—*Edward R. Murrow*

America. The greatest country ever created. A place where you could come from nothing, and become anything. A country of freedom, but of law and order. A country that other nations around the world aspired to be. A country of great culture, with a history full of struggles and beauty. A country that seemed to always be striving for greater heights despite all the odds against it. A place where great discussions and thinkers abounded who would come to learn and teach to inspire and cultivate the world. A nation of fearless leaders and stalwarts who did the right thing even if it was difficult to do so. A country where your voice and your vote meant something. A country of soldiers who fought every battle with bravery and heroism. A country that saved the world. A country whose innovation and wealth were unmatched, whose exploits and inventions drove the carriage of history forward.

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A country that garnered respect from all corners of the earth. A country its people loved. A country its people were proud of. A country people would die for.

This idea of America is dead, and we have killed her. The remnants of her great past live on in history books and nostalgic conversation, but the soul of America lies in a casket, buried beneath the steps of Washington, D.C. We as a people have allowed our country to be taken over by traitors and tyrants, weak and lazy men, and godless liars and false idols. The people at the very pinnacles of our society have sold us, the American people, out for their own avarice and selfishness whenever it benefited them, and have done it all under the guise of “progress,” or “strength,” or “patriotism.” They put your devotion to our nation under question for battling against their greed, and present you as the sinner for doubting the quality of their intentions. You are deemed as disloyal for not accepting the death of your nation, and thus many turn a blind eye, letting the rot of our elite fester over the United States. The stench of America’s soul decomposing beneath the Capitol is perfume to the people who work there.

The America you grew up in is no longer here. But what is easier: Telling the truth about the reality of our country, or keeping up the lie that everything is okay? Our country is in sharp decline in all of the metrics that truly matter, yet we often fail to truly call out the culprits responsible for it. And who are these corrupters of our great country? Well, they are politicians, they are businessmen, they are celebrities, they are media executives, they are scientists, they are pastors, they are teachers, they are parents. They are the most elite and wealthy people in our society, and they are

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our next-door neighbors. They are of all races, all religions, from all around the world. They are Republicans, they are Democrats. They are the World Economic Forum, they are your second grader's science teacher. They are *everywhere*. America has fallen into decay, not just because of our leaders and the oligarchy controlling us, but because the American people have forgotten what this country, and our humanity, are supposed to look like.

Over the course of history, every great civilization has collapsed at some point or another, and for a variety of reasons. Conquest, internal strife, disease; there are a myriad of reasons always lurking around the corner threatening empires with destruction. Ancient Rome, perhaps the greatest civilization ever to exist, is no different, and its rise, stagnation, and eventual fall are eerily similar to the story of America and the condition our country is in at this very moment, with all of the same apparent warning signs. In the second century, the wealth gap between Rome's rich and the poor grew enormously, creating income inequality between the lower and upper classes.<sup>1</sup> The middle class was being destroyed, and the wealth gap grew. This led to too many poor people, whom the government could not control or provide for. The government decided eventually that it must deal with this crisis, and reforms by Gaius Gracchus, the brother of Tiberius, who was a victim of growing political violence and assassinations in Rome, instituted grain subsidies for the citizens of Rome, turning the empire into a welfare state.<sup>2</sup> The people of Rome became accustomed to their *panem et circenses* (bread and circuses), and politicians who promised more and more free handouts to the citizens were almost always the most popular.<sup>3</sup>

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But this would all come to ruin as the Roman government went bankrupt over welfare programs and massive military spending, steeply devaluing the currency, which led to hyperinflation all across the empire. This meant a further rise in taxes and price controls to pay for all the debt the empire had accumulated, and much of Rome's poor could not afford this increase in taxation, many being sold into slavery when they could no longer pay the state their due.<sup>4</sup> Many of the Roman lower class actually welcomed the invasion of the barbarian hordes in the fifth century, seeing it as a way out from under the thumb of the massive taxes levied by the Roman Empire.

Ancient Rome also imported huge numbers of people from outside the empire into their country and military, many of whom would never assimilate fully into Roman life.<sup>5</sup> This further fractured Rome's culture and demographics, with a "melting pot" of competing tribes and peoples, often with very different customs and ways of culture than the true-born Roman citizens. Then came the decadence of the ancient Roman Empire, and its fall into immorality. Weak leaders and weak men were everywhere, and eventually they were conquered. The Western Empire collapsed, ushering in the so-called dark ages.

How does America stack up? Well, we have a massive welfare state, with the country's welfare spending tripling over the last twenty years.<sup>6</sup> In 2023, the American government is projected to spend \$1.3 trillion on welfare, or 22 percent of our entire national budget.<sup>7</sup> We have created a nation of people who no longer need to rely on any sort of work ethic or merit, but can just count on the state to provide for every need they may have, further exacerbating

the weakening of society. We also spend incredibly heavily, and unnecessarily, on our military budget as ancient Rome did, a massive \$1.1 trillion annually.<sup>8</sup> As Rome expanded, ever increasing its empire in history's first real attempt at globalization, it also struggled to control such a massive landmass. In America's case, we send weapons and military aid all around the world, building up the military-industrial complex and making defense contractors incredibly rich. Does \$50 billion to Ukraine really seem like the most pertinent use of American taxpayer dollars when our country is crumbling from the inside?<sup>9</sup> I don't think so. America, and much of Western Europe, for that matter, also lets in hundreds of thousands of illegal migrants and refugees, often from cultures inferior to our own. Many of these migrants are unskilled single men spreading values antithetical to those of the West.<sup>10</sup> Some commit crimes.<sup>11</sup> Many end up getting handouts from the government.<sup>12</sup> Furthermore, our country is in a crisis of strength and meaning, and some of the abhorrent ancient practices of ancient Rome's decadence are manifest today, such as the sexualization of children. It was quite common in Rome, and even more so in ancient Greece, to partake in pederasty, or the act of sexual activity between men and young boys.<sup>13</sup> Look at the West today, with the downplaying of pedophilia, the sexualization of children with radical gender and sexual orientation ideologies, and the sheer scope of the child sex trafficking industry in America.<sup>14</sup> What the left is doing to children is evil, and as societies become more comfortable with the sexualization of children and the tearing apart of the innocence of youth, the only outcome for that aforementioned society is a complete dissolution of social cohesion and morality.

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Ancient Rome fell for many reasons; some may not be completely akin to ours, and many of the main points of its collapse are still heavily debated today. Our Western world today may not have barbarian invaders, gladiator fights, and polytheistic religions, but when you look at the decay of empires, the signs reflect the same visage as America's now. We live in a society with massive debt, controlled by a selfish oligarchy dictating our speech and actions through soft despotism, with a lack of reverence for cultural heritage and religion, and a fractured and splintered people with little to no purpose, and no binding framework or values to fold them in together. Our middle class is being ravaged and destroyed by a corrupt ruling class that wants to turn us into the next generation of peasants. We live in the individualism monolith, where there is no real sense of community, but we all live nearly identical lives, all according to the design of the world controllers and their lackeys. During the time of the American colonists, roughly 90 percent were self-sufficient farmers, able to provide for themselves and live a life of freedom. Today, 58 percent of Americans have less than \$1,000 in the bank, and almost half don't have a net worth of even \$10,000 by the time they die.<sup>15</sup>

Today, Millennials in America own only 3 percent of the nation's wealth.<sup>16</sup> Compare this to baby boomers at the same age, around the year 1989, who owned 21 percent of the nation's wealth. Millennials also shoulder a disproportionate share of the nation's liabilities, coming in at 16 percent. What would normally define adulthood—marriage, children, and owning a house—is happening less and less for the Millennial generation, due to a variety of factors. The price of education has skyrocketed, way past the

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rate of inflation, and Americans are taking on massive amounts of debt to get their diplomas, if they even finish. Housing has also become much more expensive. Only 39 percent of people aged twenty-five to thirty-four own their home in America. In 2004, 70 percent of Americans owned their home, while today that number is only 63 percent, and dropping fast. Millennials are also getting married and having children later and at lower rates than we have seen in thirty-two years, creating a Peter Pan lifestyle among young people and further eroding the familial and communal values our country was built on.<sup>17</sup> Marriage is also an indicator of wealth, with married people on average making more money than those who are single, which is shown by the fact that Millennials today are earning lower wages and making less money than previous generations. In 1960, 70 percent of American families relied on only one income earner. In 2020 this was down to 30 percent. From 1950 to 2019 the average age of first marriage for men and women rose by seven years. In the 1970s, women had their first child by the age of twenty-one; today that age is twenty-seven. In 2016 there were only 62.5 births per 1,000 women. We are at a tipping point in the West. If we do not pick up the pace on marriages and children, we will be facing a massive population deficit, with not enough children to fuel this nation, pay into Social Security, provide for the elderly, and keep America's dominance on the world stage secure.

Small businesses in this country are also falling behind, as mega-corporations are working hand in hand with government to monopolize our country. Why is it that during the Covid lockdowns small businesses had to close their doors while massive



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corporations were allowed to stay open? By June 2021, over a third of U.S. small businesses had shut their doors.<sup>18</sup> The point is that they don't want you to be self-sufficient. They want you to be dependent on the state and the mega-corporations for all your needs. The government and corporations maliciously work together to dry up any sort of competition that threatens their reign of power and domination, and attack small businesses as much as possible to further their consumer empire. Large corporations lobby the government for regulations and tax increases, paying off the politicians for favors, and these favors, always implemented through fancy phrases such as "saving democracy" or "build back better," stifle small businesses and competition while allowing the mega-companies to thrive.

Our government doesn't work for the people. It works for greed, money, and power, and kicks the American people while they're down any chance it can get. And this is not just a Democrat issue. It is on both sides of the political aisle, and both parties are guilty of selling out the American people. No wonder so many people are apathetic about politics and voting in this country when election integrity seems to be at an all-time low and your country's politicians are nothing more than slaves to the corporations, ready to be bought and sold by the highest bidder. It is also no wonder, then, why nothing ever gets done that actually benefits the American people, and how every new piece of legislation or "progressive" reform is merely a way for the government and lobbyists to line their pockets. Our political system is an absolute joke, and I hate to say it, but if you are holding out hope for your favorite political party to break free from this, or feel your favorite politician is

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infallible and won't succumb to this corruption, you unfortunately are gravely mistaken. Our system works on the premise that everyone plays the same game, and if you choose to rebel, then you don't get to play.

If the French Revolution taught us anything, it is that when the leaders of a citizenry live decadent lifestyles, exploiting the general population, things usually go sour for the society as a whole. When the Parisian peasants walked by the aristocracy's homes and saw their "leaders" getting drunk and partying luxuriously while they were taxed to death to pay for these soirees, an urge for revolution boiled inside them. And that is exactly what happened. The people rose up, the ruling class was chastised, and in a matter of months the monarchy's heads no longer rested on opulent pillows in grand bedrooms but on spikes after being chopped off by the guillotine.

We are controlled by an oligarchy. Your constitutional republic is gone. You have been positively coerced into believing you are free while you are distracted with mindless entertainment, instant communication, welfare, "advanced" medical care, and endless food variety, all sweeping your mind away from the real problems at hand. Economically we are collapsing, and future generations won't be able to sustain the burden we have put on them. Culturally we are vapid and empty, with little to connect one person to the next aside from their love of consumerism and cheap entertainment. Technologically, we are at our apex, yet we are creating tools and inventions that destroy our humanity and exacerbate our vanity, idolizing ourselves as new gods.

I hate to be so cynical. I would love to just tell you about the

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victories and triumphs taking place in America today. But I believe it to be much more important to tell you all about the problems facing our country and world. Because if we don't recognize the problems at hand, can we truly ever fix them? If we choose to ignore the reality of our situation, are we really better off in blind ignorance? In truth, we cannot be. It is time to come to the realization that both of our political parties and our political system are corrupt and broken and need to be completely overhauled. We cannot keep idly pretending as if the difference between a Republican and Democrat in office is all that great, and that a politician is going to miraculously save us. Power lies where people believe it lies, and so as long as we continue to believe it is with these selfish rulers and their diktats, we will forever be oppressed and dominated by their will.

We can't keep acting as if the elites in control of us are stupid. They are smarter than you know and commit evil for their own benefit. We can't continue to think facts and logic are going to save us when those in power laugh at the hypocrisy of their actions and roll over us anyway. We cannot continue to think we are free just because we live in America. We have taken it for granted, and thus we have lost it without even realizing it. We have been taken advantage of and lied to every step of the way, and I am done with the lies. I support an America that was, but not the America that is, because it is no longer recognizable from the country that was fought for on this land all those hundreds of years ago. Until we restore those tenets and those values, we don't live in America. We live in a play-pretend America, with illusions of what the West is

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supposed to look like, which in reality is nothing more than a fun-house mirror.

So what do we do? Am I writing this book just to tell you all how hopeless and futile our struggles and lives are in America today? How we can never live up to our glorious past and our future is destined for darkness? That you are merely a slave and your circumstances are dire and unchangeable no matter what you do about it? No. That is not why I wrote this book. I spent months researching and writing and editing this work to show you the truth about the situation the West has put itself in, and how we, as individuals, can escape from it. The first half of this book declares the ills plaguing us, how we got here, and who is responsible for the state of America and its decline. The second half is the antidote I have found to escape as a society, as families, and as people from the current state of our world and the dystopian future we could very well have in store.

Haldir says in *The Lord of the Rings*, “The world is indeed full of peril, and in it there are many dark places; but still there is much that is fair, and though in all lands love is now mingled with grief, it grows perhaps the greater.” It is easy to despair on the failings of our world, the evil we see around us, and the absence of light. But in all dark places there is beauty too, and we cannot be subdued by sadness and weakness despite the outlook of our troubles. If all seems hopeless and all looks as if it is lost, you can be the fire that brightens the doom that surrounds you. Don’t rely on others to fix the abounding corruption or slay the demons that dwell inside you; instead, wear the armor of God, have hope, and shine as a

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light in dark places, that illuminates ever brighter when all other lights go out.

Your only choice out of this is to not comply with their tyranny. When the people stop living by the tenets of these new self-proclaimed deities and start living by the rules of God and their own individuality, only then can we improve our lot. When the elites realize they can no longer whip us into submission to serve as their conduits for more power and wealth, only then will America return to the place it once was. A place where the greedy and evil and diabolical were afraid to show their faces.