

THE AMERICAN WAY

“For some time now our whole European culture has been moving as toward a catastrophe, with a tortured tension that is growing from decade to decade: restlessly, violently, headlong, like a river that wants to reach the end...” –Friedrich Nietzsche, Will to Power (1901)

*“Everybody feels the evil, but no one has courage or energy enough to seek the cure.”
— Alexis de Tocqueville, Democracy in America (1835)*

What every good churchman knows is that Tocqueville said, *“America is great because America is good. If America ever ceases to be good America will cease to be great”*... The problem is . [he never said that](#)

In reality, Tocqueville was rather suspicious about democracy (the ‘tyranny of the majority’) and offered more of a critique of the two principal dangers he saw deriving from it—materialism (which he called, “Individualism”) and religious fanaticism. But among notable others, he came here as a character in a Simon & Garfunkel song, *“who all came to look for America”*. When he found it, he left more of an admonishment to her posterity than praise of what he saw.



"The County Election" (1852)

America was a very different place in those days. But the oracles knew that something evil was brewing beneath, and she had been set upon a precarious path with the overthrow of the Confederation of Colonies by the Constitutional Coup which subsumed it in 1789. Democracies have a tendency towards Egalitarianism, and Tocqueville further warned:

"But one also finds in the human heart a depraved taste for equality, which impels the weak to want to bring the strong down to their level, and which reduces men to preferring equality in servitude to inequality in freedom".

'Equality', so envisioned, came to mean that all *beliefs systems* were also equal. If all ideology, moral opinion, and [epistemologies](#) are equally valid, than Truth itself loses objective meaning. America has certainly arrived at this juncture.

And so it was that I happened across [this piece](#) by Theodore Robert Beale, (aka, Vox Day) who was highlighting [a very interesting article](#) entitled ***The Triumph and Terror of Wang Huning***. The piece begins with a fascinating story about China's most famous actress today (whom you never heard of) *literally disappearing from the universe...* Including every mention of her name in any publication, every film she was in, every internet reference on the world wide web, and ALL social media accounts (to the amazement of her *86 million* 'followers'). She, and a number of similar Chinese celebrities, were simply *erased* one day last August. And you also did not hear of that. But the discussion really wasn't about her, rather the character in the title who was likewise unknown to me—old Wang himself...

"Yet Wang Huning is arguably the single most influential "public intellectual" alive today."

What is most interesting about this is indeed WHY he is influential, and WHAT it was that made him such.

As it turns out, Wang was a modern, Chinese Alexis de Tocqueville, who in 1988, at the age of 30, spent six months in America as a visiting scholar in which he travelled the nation visiting over 30 cities and 20 universities. He later wrote his own version of "Democracy in America" entitled *America Against America*. What he wrote about deeply disturbed him, and is indeed deeply disturbing.

What evil fruit on the vine he saw thirty years ago, we see now ripening before our eyes. We are living it. The corporate takeover of 'government' in oligarchic power, the massive wealth disparity, egalitarianism and all of its horrors, race problems leading to cultural destruction, all of which he called an "unstoppable undercurrent of crisis" would lead to our dissolution. As Tocqueville himself saw, "individualism" would lead to a death spiral into materialism in which everything and everyone could be bought or sold (*commoditized*). Quoting the article:

“The real cell of society in the United States is the **individual**,” he finds. This is so because the cell most foundational...to society, **“the family, has disintegrated.”** Meanwhile, in the American system, “everything has a dual nature, and the glamour of high commodification abounds. Human flesh, sex, knowledge, politics, power, and law can all become the target of commodification.” ... In the end, **“the American economic system has created human loneliness”** as its foremost product, along with spectacular inequality. As a result, “nihilism has become the American way, which is a fatal shock to cultural development and the American spirit.”

This is a remarkable insight. He further sees a “younger generation [that] is ignorant of traditional Western values” and actively rejects its cultural inheritance. “If the value system collapses,” he wonders, “how can the social system be sustained?”

“America’s atomized, deracinated, and dispirited society has found itself with “an insurmountable problem” because it no longer has any coherent conceptual grounds from which to mount any resistance.... from the smug point of view of millions who now inhabit the Chinese internet, Wang’s dark vision of American dissolution was nothing less than prophetic. When they look to the U.S., they no longer see a beacon of liberal democracy standing as an admired symbol of a better future...Instead, they see Wang’s America: deindustrialization, rural decay, over-financialization,... immense economic inequality, chronic unemployment, addiction, homelessness, and crime; cultural chaos, historical nihilism, family breakdown, and plunging fertility rates; societal despair, spiritual malaise, social isolation, and skyrocketing rates of mental health issues; a loss of national unity and purpose in the face of decadence and barely concealed self-loathing; vast internal divisions, racial tensions, riots, political violence, and a country that increasingly seems close to coming apart.

And, can you imagine?—he doesn’t want to see his own nation come to this same fate! As a result, China’s “most powerful intellectual” has instigated the purge of decadents in their own society. But here we come to the heart of the matter. If you blinked, you may have missed it. Let me repeat what he said:

“Nihilism has become the American way.”

All of those miserable consequences in that wretched list come down to a philosophy we’ve adapted wholeheartedly now. In a certain way, the prophet Isaiah connects us with ancient Jerusalem and alludes to this psychology as a “[covenant with death](#)”. And not unlike the Children of Israel who crossed the wilderness to find the Promised Land, the way of the early Americans—across vast seas in wooden boats, and wide plains in open carriages—was an arduous and dangerous journey. But it was the latent faith in the God of their fathers which

carried them there, and it was surely His providence and favor which saw them to their destiny. But what false ideology has replaced theirs, and why? Receiving the “promise”, they did exactly as the Children of Israel had done—as it seems man always does—and quickly abandoned the way of righteousness and godliness. As Paul warned,

“Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.” (Romans 1)

Fools who would soon follow the way of their European brothers into “Enlightenment,” now collapsing into postmodernism; “historical nihilism...the loss of national unity...and a country coming apart.” Underneath, the American Way is more than just the way of materialism and hedonism—it is a *national psychology of truthlessness*. The foundational mythology of the American Revolution has now run its full course as the fall of the Empire is well underway. Nobody really believes the story now, because nobody really believes anything.

What Is Nihilism?

Because I think it is imperative to grasp what is happening to the collective American mind in order to find our way out, let us take a little foray into the soul of an accidental seer.

From the Internet [Encyclopedia of Philosophy](#) , we learn the following:

Nihilism is the belief that all values are baseless and that nothing can be known or communicated. It is often associated with extreme pessimism and a radical skepticism that condemns existence. A true nihilist would believe in nothing, have no loyalties, and no purpose other than, perhaps, an impulse to destroy. While few philosophers would claim to be nihilists, nihilism is most often associated with Friedrich Nietzsche *who argued that its corrosive effects would eventually destroy all moral, religious, and metaphysical convictions and precipitate the greatest crisis in human history.*

I don’t know exactly what he saw, or how he saw it, but the crisis is upon us, friends.

Continuing:

Undeniably, in the 20th century, nihilistic themes, the failure of knowledge (replaced with ‘scientism’), value destruction, and cosmic purposelessness—have preoccupied artists, social critics, and philosophers.

The caustic strength of nihilism is absolute, Nietzsche argues... “Inevitably, nihilism will expose all cherished beliefs and sacrosanct truths as symptoms of a defective Western mythos. This collapse of meaning, relevance, and purpose will be the most destructive

force in history, constituting a total assault on reality and nothing less than the greatest crisis of humanity: What I relate is the history of the next two centuries. I describe what is coming, what can no longer come differently: *the advent of nihilism*". (*Will to Power*)

What we are witnessing in our days is how that proverbial man enters bankruptcy: "slowly at first—and then all at once." That man is America, and all of the West.

A contemporary of Nietzsche, Oswald Spengler, convinced his analysis was accurate, catalogued a number of collapsing civilizations in his book, *The Decline of the West* (1926). In his studies of failed cultures he confirmed the well-trod path of destruction in three forms of nihilism in which the "religious, artistic, and political traditions were weakened and finally toppled"... In his time, he concluded that Western civilization was already in the advanced stages of decay. As a sort of secular Moses and Aaron, these two pronounced judgement on the Egypt of their day; Spengler even prophesying the modern man of our Age—the transhumanist, the gender fluid, masked, double-vaxxed comrade and Citizen—which he characterized as:

"a dehumanized conformist, alienated, indifferent, and baffled, directing psychological energy into hedonistic narcissism or into a deep resentment that often explodes in violence. This perspective is derived from the existentialists' reflections on nihilism stripped of any hopeful expectations, leaving only the experience of sickness, decay, and disintegration."

What a terrible (and accurate) description of the urban masses!

It is the result of an ongoing acceptance of meaninglessness, in our Mcjobs, our "churches", our families, and a base culture. "All perspectives are equally non-binding"—yet ideas may be forced by those wielding raw power...You WILL believe our perspective. You WILL assent to it. Moral justifications may be subjective but are irrelevant, as they grow out of Nietzsche's *Will to Power*.

If we ever hope to escape from this riptide, it is this we must conclude—and it is paramount that we get this... *All opinions are not equal*. It seems reasonable enough, yet convincing the average person of this has become maddeningly difficult. The world has told us we can—and must—believe in a multitude of opposite things at the same time. Even worse, the churchmen have by and large led us along the same path, teaching that most of God's deeds, and His character, and even a proper understanding of His Gospel are practically unknowable. Therefore, we are left to grope along in this mental blindness, forced into taking an agnostic approach to EVERY claim of science, history, and religion—accepting the validity of all contradictory possibilities... It is psychological warfare. It's a Jedi mind trick. It leads to perpetual hopelessness and is intended to, as slaves without hope make compliant ones.

If the truth cannot be known, then God has indeed played a very mean trick on us. Consider that carefully.

Thus it is incumbent upon us, as His followers, to discern truth from error. The entire book of Proverbs is devoted to that...

Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.

We must be diligent in studying the scriptures. We must consider all of the physical and circumstantial evidence of Creation. We must be students of history. We must know what we know and why we know it... Intellectual laziness is *killing* our people.

The American Way has finally ended with a Great Divide of the people within our nation, and particularly amongst those people calling themselves Christians. The churchmen—following suit with the nihilists and the statist—in a false effort at “uniting” us under some umbrella of a Christianized egalitarianism are telling us that our troubles derive not from *their* fundamental misunderstanding of the scriptures, but from *our* lack of obedience to their majority opinion... that, and from ‘Satan’s’ aspersions and constant plotting. However, the father of lies no longer rules this Age—*he has been cast out!*

No, it is we ourselves who have made this false world, and it is we who must tear it down. Reality is *knowable*. Biblical truth is *determinable*. And if a thing is not known by a preponderance of the evidence, then we must *reject it...* until it is. Until we can be reasonably sure it is true, it is not in some purgatory of reality—it is FALSE, until proven otherwise. Reject dubious claims. Do not comply with orders lacking logic and authority. Deny the enemy your assent. This is how we strike at the root. To do otherwise, to take a ‘wait and see’ attitude, is to succumb to the nihilism of our age. It is perhaps idolatry of the worst kind as it is a faith in faithlessness.

This has become the American Way and it will assuredly drag us all out to sea and drown us if we don’t fight the current now. Awash in disinformation—piles upon piles of conflicting lies—we’ve become overwhelmed at the thought of discerning them. But God has made express promises to His people—*resistance is not futile*. Jesus told us we CAN KNOW the truth, and the truth will set us free.

No, I don’t believe we can now stop the End Game. Our present kingdom of men is falling headlong into ruin, as they all must. But as believers, we can get a head start upon rebuilding by seeking out the proper meaning in the things which are occurring and finding again God’s

true will for His people. And His will is to *seek first the Kingdom of God*... Eventually, new foundations *will* arise by families, by communities, by nations once again.

“Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the Lord thy God, and hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree, and ye have not obeyed my voice, saith the Lord. Turn, O backsliding children, saith the Lord; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion: And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding”.
(Jeremiah 3:13-15)

Take heart! It’s happened before, and it will happen again—and keep happening, until we arrive.