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Lessons from Fallen Civilizations
Volumes 1 & 2
Author, Larry Kelley

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About Larry Kelley

Larry Kelley’s life was utterly changed by 9/11. On the day after the attacks, on his way to work, he was struck by the sudden realization that World War III had commenced. Like most Americans he desperately wanted to find out who were these people who attacked us, what could ordinary citizens do to join the battle and how can those plotting to kill us in future attacks be defeated. Mr. Kelley has written scores of columns on the dangers of western complacency.

In his tenure as a political commentary writer, he has made a significant impact. His feature articles have appeared in the Piedmont Post, the San Francisco Chronicle, Human Events, and Townhall Magazine. Two of his articles were featured on the cover of Townhall Magazine. He wrote an Op-ed which appeared in the liberal San Francisco Chronicle a month before Obama was inaugurated entitled, A Second New Deal is a Recipe for Disaster. Two and half years later, on August 6, 2011, the Chronicle ran the front-page headline—S&P Downgrades U.S. Credit Rating.

The result of ten years of research, his book, Lessons from Fallen Civilizations, contains the answers the above questions he asked in the wake of 9/11. His book has already received critical praise as a saga which begins on the plane of Marathon in 490 BC and whose main character is Western Civilization.

Larry Kelley is currently a marketing consultant to technology companies, a freelance writer, and one who’d whimsically be self-described as a former adventurer, not to mention an early developer of the modern skateboard.

In the late 70s, he attended the University of California at Santa Barbara and earned a B.A. in English Literature. In between readings of Milton, Keats, Wordsworth, and Jack Kerouac, he took up surfing and adopted the resident neo beat-generation surfing subculture of Isla Vista, that off-campus “youth ghetto” overlooking the Pacific.

Kelley has climbed the five tallest peaks in the lower 48 states including the Grand Tetons.

Today Kelley’s interest (some would say obsession) is in commenting on how our creeping collectivization threatens Western Civilization.
Lessons from Fallen Civilizations
Volume One: Can a Bankrupt America Survive the Current Islamic Threat?

Volume One goes deep into history to examine the fall of great civilizations like Greece, Carthage and Rome. Through this, Larry Kelley outlines 10 factors, or Immutable Laws, that have repeatedly led to the destruction of these civilizations. Learn how they relate to the modern Islamic threat. The volume covers:

- The Fall of the Greek Polis, 323 BC
- The Fall of Carthage, 146 BC
- The Fall of Rome, AD 476
- The Fall of the Christian Middle East, AD 632-732
- The Fall of the Ottoman Empire, 1918
- The Modern Islamic Threat & Our 44th President
- Reigniting American Resolve to Defeat Those Plotting Our Destruction
- Empowering Allies in Our Way for Survival

Lessons from Fallen Civilizations
Volume Two: The Way Forward

Volume Two dives into modern day losses the West has suffered at the hands of resurgent militant Islam, the consequent dangers America faces due to the failures of the Obama presidency, and what future American presidents and the US allies must do about it. Larry Kelley offers an additional Immutable Law and and a 12 step agenda necessary to defeat the new “Axis of Evil”, which is resurgent militant Islam, Iran, North Korea, Russia, and China.

- Can A Bankrupt America Survive the Current Islamic Threat?
- Published Essays
- Understand We Are Losing the War & Losing the Country
- To Win Any War is to Know Thy Enemy
- Winning the War with Hard Power & Smarter Power
- The Desperate Need for a Reformation of Islam
- A Winning Agenda - The List

Available for purchase on Amazon.com.
In developing his unique list of immutable principles that govern the fall of great Western Civilizations, Kelley makes a compelling contribution in the effort to reverse America’s decline. His prescriptions for counter the Islamic threat generally and the Iranian theocracy specifically are dead on. If I were President next November, I would order each of my cabinet secretaries to read Lessons From Fallen Civilizations by inauguration day.”

Jerome Corsi — Best selling co-author of Unfit for Command

In Lessons From Fallen Civilizations Larry Kelley reminds us how important history is in informing and instructing the future. As the book suggests, history is written by the winners. To this point, though it has lost battles, Western Civilization has been winning the war. That may change. As Kelley documents, loss will be catastrophic.

That said, Kelley is no defeatist. The book is solidly written, rich in useful detail, and a must read for those who want to keep the writing of history in our hands.”

Jack Cashill — Best selling author of Deconstructing Obama

Lessons from Fallen Civilizations is a sweeping tour de force that reminds us that civilizations as we know it is a fragile miracle that modern day barbarians could easily sweep away with the help of a complacent polity if we fail to protect and defend it.”

Kenneth R. Timmerman — Best-Selling Author of Countdown to Crisis: the Coming Nuclear Showdown with Iran

AMAZON REVIEWS

5 Stars — “Highly Recommend”

5 Stars — “Should be Required Reading”

5 Stars — “A Tour Through the Failures of Great Civilizations and A Call to Women of Islam”

5 Stars — “A Knock-out!”
Lessons from Fallen Civilizations is ideal for:

- History buffs
- Political Science aficionados
- People concerned with militant Islam
- Military professionals
- Educators

Lessons from Fallen Civilizations, a two volume set, not only outlines the immutable laws that contributed to the demise of great civilizations, it connects them to modern times and offers viable solutions for avoiding the fall of the United States of America.

Discover the 11 factors that have repeatedly led to the destruction of great civilizations...

...AND the 12 step agenda to win the war against militant Islam and its allies in the “Axis of Evil,” Iran, North Korea, Russia, and China.
What Are the Immutable Principles Governing the Fall of Great Civilizations?

On the morning of September 12, 2001, the day after the attacks which killed more people than were lost at Pearl Harbor, I was on my rather long commute to my job in California’s “Silicon Valley” when it suddenly dawned on me - we’re at war! (By that time, albeit only 24 hours after the first aircraft struck the Tower 1 of the World Trade Center, it was already known that the attackers were alien Muslims and that they had, in all probability, been commissioned by Osama bin Laden.) I next wondered how many other bands of Muslim terrorists there were in our midst poised to launch even more dramatic attacks. How many follow-on attacks would there be and how rapidly would they follow? How many millions of radical Muslims might be plotting our demise and could they use WMD’s to do so?

Like many Americans, I presume, I took the 9/11 attacks personally. Seeing my fellow American men and women leap from those 100-story burning buildings caused me to begin a decade-long journey to find out why Muslims attacked us, danced in the streets at seeing the coverage, and what were the underpinnings of their rage. More specifically, because all great civilizations one-day fail, I wanted to find out if, and how, they might destroy us.

This began a ten-year odyssey writing *Lessons from Fallen Civilizations*, where I attempted to discover causation in history, more specifically, the subset of causes which contribute to the fall of civilizations. I studied and chronicled the fall of five great civilizations, the Greek Polis, Carthage, Rome (in the West), Byzantium (which I refer to as the fall of the Christian Middle East) and the Ottoman Empire. This portion of Lessons from Fallen Civilizations begins at the battle of Marathon in 490 BC and ends in 1918 at the end of World War II. The main character, or protagonist, is Western Civilization. With the fall of Byzantium/the Christian Middle East, I chronicle also the rise of militant Islam. And with the Ottomans, I give you the fall of the last great Islamic caliphate. In the final third of the book, I chronicle the rise of what I call Resurgent Militant Islam, culminating with 9/11, the war in Afghanistan and what we must do to avoid defeat by the Islamists.

In my research, I emphasized original sources including two men, both ancient Greeks, who are credited with having invented the craft of modern history writing, Herodotus and Thucydides. With respect to Herodotus, he is the first westerner to seek to find causation in human events. From Thucydides, we get the admonition - those who don’t know history are doomed to repeat it. While I don’t disagree with the substance of this bit of conventional wisdom, it is not exactly what Thucydides held. Instead he wrote that history does repeat because human nature changes little, generation over generation. And to demonstrate this phenomenon, he developed a set of Immutable principles which govern the affairs of men. For example, from him we get the indisputable notions:

*Weakness invites the domination of the stronger*
*Power always seeks to increase itself*
*Necessity is the engine of history*

As Thucydides was my mentor, I developed the following set of Immutables which from my research both govern the fall of great civilizations and can be seen to repeat over the millennia. Please note that for each of the following Immutables there is a reference to my original book and a modern corollary.¹

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¹ The following descriptions of my Immutables appear in the Introduction of *Lessons from Fallen Civilizations*. I am adding them here for the benefit of the reader who has not yet read the first book.
Q. What fallen civilization is the United States most like, and why?

European Rome disappeared in 476 AD. The parallels between Rome and the US are many.

Q. What is the significance of President Trump’s election?

President Trump is an unknown political entity and that is an important advantage in countering our adversaries.

Q. How is America in decline?

70% of Americans tell pollsters they believe the country is headed in the wrong direction, a euphemism for decline.

Q. What are your Immutables and which are in play in the US now?

They are undermining factors and bad decisions which can be seen to repeat over time in the fall of great civilizations. Immutable #7: With the loss of fiscal solvency comes the loss of sovereignty is at play. The US is now encumbered by $200 trillion in unfunded liabilities.

Q. Should all Immigrants from predominately Muslim countries be banned from coming to the U.S.?

Certainly not. There are many Muslims living in Iraq and Afghanistan who, for example, have acted as interpreters during those theaters of war. If they are now afraid for their safety, they should be allowed entry to the U.S. We should welcome Christians and minorities who fear for their safety as well.

Q. What countries comprise the “New Axis of Evil” and what threat do they present?

Iran, North Korea, Russia and China. The threat is existential.

Q. How might Iran destroy the US?

Iran is close to acquiring an EMP (electromagnetic pulse) weapon, capable of crippling our electric grid and rendering our entire infrastructure inoperable.

Q. What are the solutions we can implement now to reverse American decline, before it’s too late?

In Lessons from Fallen Civilizations, Volume 2, I outline the “Winning Agenda” which is 12 things we can do right now to change the decline of the West and begin to defeat the Axis of Evil.

Q. Why should America offer sanctuary to female Islamic apostates?

Doing so would accelerate the much-needed Islamic reformation, which has already begun.