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The Phases of an Empire

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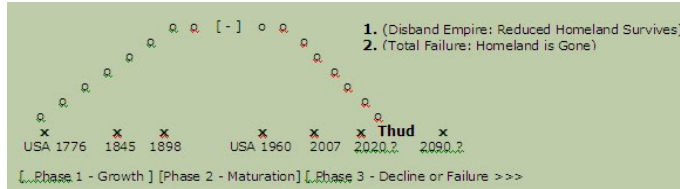
The analysis below explains why all empires and "Imperial Style" governments have failed throughout history, and why our Empire-USA faces the same fate. The only question is whether the people and government of the USA have the wisdom and will to engage in a "Managed Decline" by terminating the empire and imperial conduct on their own schedule, rather than by chaotic crash of the US Dollar, economy, and lifestyle. Take notice of the "Solutions" section in Part C below.



Part A: Key Points

- **An Empire is a nation that:** 1) Owns colonies, and/or 2) Controls, or has great influence over, other nations. Empires require economic and military strength to start and maintain, and this is expensive.
- **All Empires fail, and for the same reasons:** 1) Expense of military abroad, and subsidies at home. 2) Decline in domestic productivity (spoiled, parasitic citizens). 3) Corruption (illegal conduct) and decadence (unethical and immoral conduct) by leaders and citizens.
- **Empire-USA:** Our deal to other nations is: we will be the world's policeman and protect you, but you must accept our fake money and "influence." The USA is far into Phase 3-Failure. Look around you for the symptoms shown in Part B-3 and Part C below.

Chart Height Shows Combined Military and Economic Strength (Power and Wealth)



Part B: Events/Symptoms in each Phase

Phase 1 -- Growth

- **Land:** Gain territory by "discovery" (too bad for the natives), or conquest.
- **Strength:** Start growth of economic and military strength. Sound currency (precious metal, or convertible paper and convertible base-metal coins).
- **Government:** Local and central government acts as a servant to protect the rights of citizens. No entangling alliances with other nations. New land is governed as a colony or part of homeland nation (becoming a sovereign republic may require a revolution). The army consists of volunteers protecting their homes and families, with no professional or standing army.
- **Ethics:** Most government people and citizens are hard working and honest. Government is a servant.

Phase 2 -- Maturation

- **Land:** Add contiguous land, or remote colonies, by conquest or negotiation.
- **Strength:** Become a world leader in both economic and military strength. Homeland receives cheap imports from colonies. Currency is debased to allow more government spending, without raising taxes.
- **Government:** Grows stronger, more corrupt, and acts as boss, manager, nanny, owner, etc. Elected officials will do almost anything to retain their jobs. Power is used to manage other nations to impose/protect the Empire's interests. The central government increases control (superiority) over local (city and state) functions, often based on its power to create money to fund local projects. A standing army is created and consists of mostly conscripts, and professional careerists. Wars become more oriented to building and defending the Empire.
- **Ethics:** Corruption and decadence grow due to decline in personal responsibility caused by nanny state.

Phase 3 -- Decline and/or Failure

- **Land:** Lose colonies, or control of other nations, by revolution or voluntary release (due to expense and unrest).
- **Strength:** No longer a world leader. Power declines by 50% or more, especially in foreign matters. Value of fake currency crashes in purchasing power by 50% or more. Default on debt (or pay off with low value paper money).
- **Government:** Becomes weak, more corrupt, and desperate. Leaders try to gain power (decrees, martial law, etc.) to survive citizen discontent. "Bread and Circuses" grow, now called grants, subsidies, stimulus, and entitlements. The

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army consists of mostly professional careerists, and volunteers, many of whom join because they can't find work elsewhere. Standards are lowered (criminal records, non-citizens, health issues) to aid recruiting for wars of empire (non-defense). Use of mercenaries and contractors grows toward 50% or more of total staff, and their loyalty is to their Generals (or Corporate officials), and original homeland, not the country that pays them.

- **Ethics:** Corruption and decadence are rampant in both social and government conduct. Failure occurs as either: A) Nation survives, but at a reduced level of strength and standard of living (England, France, Italy, Spain, and Russia are examples; see list in Part D), or B) Ceases to exist due to takeover by other nations or groups.

Part C: Empire-USA is in Phase 3: Decline and/or Failure

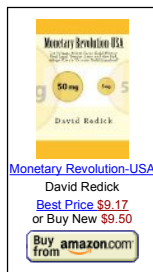
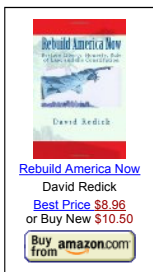
Problems:

- **High Expenses:** The expense to maintain bases, and fight wars, worldwide exceeds the monetary and political benefits. The US has over **850 military bases**, with troops (not counting embassies), in over 130 countries, and the US acts as the world's policeman to protect its interests, and impose influence. Resistance by our "subjects" is building. Military expenses are a drag on the economy, and the troops get less than ideal equipment due to cost problems. Host nations are unhappy having our occupying troops.
- **High Debt:** The US is a bankrupt Empire by any measure. It cannot hope to pay back over \$13 trillion in national debt, or the about \$50 trillion unfunded future obligations of domestic programs (Medicare, Social Security, etc.). Interest payments are huge. The US Dollar (USD) is still the world's reserve currency (held as if gold by other nations; it can be viewed as a share in USA Inc.), despite the fact that the US is also the world's biggest debtor, but doubts are rising in other countries who use and own dollars for trade. This combination has never occurred before in history! Thus, since all US government debt is denominated in USD, the government can create new low-value dollars out of thin air to pay its debts! A new form of default! The USD is in a precarious position due to excessive expansion of the money supply (inflation) and the USD could crash in value at any time. The extreme is hyperinflation, when the money becomes almost worthless. As with heroin, lots of fake money (the Federal Reserve Bank calls it liquidity) feels good at first, but has withdrawal pain called recession or depression. Since the Federal government never runs out of money, it often becomes the funder for state projects (with strings attached), and states' rights wither. This gives vote-getting power to Congressmen, and acquiescent State officials suck it up to avoid taxing to raise state funds.
- **Enemies:** The US claims to be a world leader, but this is often a cover to be a bully to control other countries with an occupying force to gain land and resources. This started in 1812 with the failed invasion of Canada, then 1845 with the Mexican-American War, and 1898 with the Spanish-American war (which led to occupation/acquisition of the Philippines and Hawaii). The World Wars, Korea, Vietnam and others followed. The recent Balkans, Afghan, and Iraq wars are primarily about: 1. Control of oil (The US wants it all; no easy-cheap Mideast oil for India and China), 2. Defense of Israel, 3. Land for bases to control the Mideast, and 4. Continuation of oil sales in US Dollars by Iraq and Iran. The US entered/started all of these wars based on lies by leaders. What a disgrace and ripoff of the people! Trust and respect for the US has declined in the eyes of its citizens and other nations. This meddling foreign policy contributed to 9-11 and terror. The Federal government grasps for new, unconstitutional power.
- **Corruption and Bad Ethics:** Ethics and social conduct are on the decline in the US. Corruption is rampant in both the government and business. Shady conduct is considered normal (gang theft by vote, "earmark" pork handouts, lying, etc.). Primetime TV is now riddled with sexual content, cursing, glorification of misconduct (*The Sopranos*, *Desperate Housewives*, etc.), and violence (NASCAR, cop shows). Sports are riddled with violence (the fans like it!) and cheating, condoned by coaches and team owners that want to sell more tickets. Little or none of the above occurred in the '50s.

SOLUTIONS

Of the two ways to end the inevitable Phase 3 of an Empire (Decline or Failure), it is far less painful to engage in a "managed decline," or "nation restoration," compared to a massive depression. England and France are examples. A managed process would entail prompt action to:

1. Invoke a major **change in foreign policy** by: A. Terminating Empire-USA, and its role as policeman and bully of the world, and focus on homeland defense. B. Reducing spending and conflict by closing most, or all, overseas bases, and keeping only a minimal standing army (primarily State-controlled National Guard). C. Stop meddling in the affairs of other nations by force, sanctions, or bribery (no preemptive wars or occupations). D. Promote free trade.
2. Invoke a similar **change in domestic policy** where: A. Federal spending is reduced by 50% or more. B. Creation of new fake money is ended. C. Sound money is introduced (paper is convertible to precious metal), and the Federal Reserve System is abolished. D. The Constitution and law are adhered to (with repeal of recent bad laws). E. Market intervention (favours to firms, unions, people) is ended, and free enterprise capitalism is used.



These steps would help bring the government back to its proper role to, "**Protect the personal and property rights of citizens, as individuals, from threat or violation by others.**" With this approach, the USA and its citizens would enjoy a future of peace, prosperity, justice and good ethics. It always works! I cite W. Germany in 1948, and later Ireland, Prov. of Alberta, Canada, and New Zealand.

Part D: The History of Empire Phases

Name	Start (Phase 1)	End (Phase 3)	Years	Status
Babylonian	1900 bc	1600 bc	300	gone
Assyrian	900 bc	612 bc	288	gone
Carthage	800 bc	100 bc	700	gone
Persian	648 bc	330 bc	318	gone
Athenian-Greek	500 bc	300 bc	200	gone
Macedonian	338 bc	309 bc	29	gone
Chinese	221 bc	1912	233	gone
Roman	27 bc	476-1453	503	gone, split to Byz. & Holy Roman
Byzantine	1054	1453	399	gone
Arabian	630	1258	628	gone

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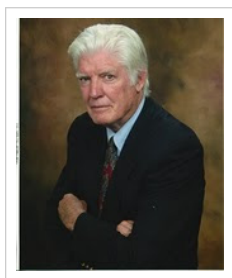
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Holy Roman	800	1806	1006	gone
Portuguese	1495	1975	480	Homeland survived
Mongol	1206	1920	714	gone, Mongolia survived
Abyssinian	1270	1974	704	gone
Ottoman	1281	1923	642	gone, Turkey survived
Spanish	1492	1975	483	Homeland survived
British	1500	1950	450	Homeland survived
French	1600	1965	365	Homeland survived
Dutch	1627	1944	317	Homeland survived
Austro-Hung.	1804	1918	114	Austria and Hung. surv'd
USA	1845	(active)	162+	In Ph. 3; #1 world power
German	1884	1918	34	Homeand survived
Japanese	1871	1945	76	Homeland survived

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geo1671 said...

David, I got bad news for you--9/11 attacks were self inflicted and with the daughter Israel's help. America was never attacked on Sept 11 2001. Next time call it--self rape :^(

August 20, 2010 2:33 PM

PAHALIK said...

I believe the 9/11 attacks are in the same vein as the Kennedy assassination. We will never know the true story. Who can truly say?

August 20, 2010 8:54 PM



Activist said...

I agree that we might never know, but there are a whole lot of questions. And we DO know that the government is not happy with any questions about that particular day. I suggest that we keep asking questions, and continue to demand logical answers. -- M.E.

August 20, 2010 9:07 PM

Tariq said...

As you suggested, here's a question: Why did 9/11 Commission not mention WTC 7 in its report? Was it because it was not a part of the caveman Osama Bin Laden's plan?

August 21, 2010 12:57 AM

arpdjp said...

WTC7!!!! Yes a major thorn in their side which one day we will force them to address!! They can't talk their way around it so they don't say ANYTHING!!!! It's time to take our country back!!!!

August 21, 2010 4:21 AM



Ancient One said...

A very interesting piece indeed but I find the lack of the power projection indicated as to be an indication too of just how much power they have.

For much of the US's imperial history there has always been a counter nation or empire whether its Soviet, Chinese or those growing in influence and power as the previous influences wane in various regions.

This didn't apply however to the British empire which projected a massive amount of power globally, far far more than America has at its peak, with 4/5th's of the worlds population under the British rule, the empire became ungainly, hard to manage and began to implode in on itself around the turn of the 19th/20th century.

Germany and the UK don't quite fit the formula anyway, Germany has evolved yet again into an industrial powerhouse and the UK has managed through control of the commonwealth to retain some world dominance even though it is a very minor world power in terms of military projection but its economic power is far higher than other nations, certainly Britain speaks for its commonwealth with its block vote in the UN thus gaining far more control than other nations in that arena but Britain is also a shirt tail clinger in that it would likely have not survived if for the protection of NATO as Britain as a land base militarily is supremely positioned for control over Europe and pre invasion points into the US and lusted over by the Soviets and Nazi's too n their time.

August 21, 2010 4:23 AM



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August 21, 2010 10:27 PM



Bill Mcdonald said...

I agree with Mr. Redick's article with one caveat.

The rest of the world knows we have nuclear weapons and that we are not afraid to use them.

Great article, sir!

August 22, 2010 5:36 PM

arius said...

This site seems to have the usual assortment of know nothing Jew haters that are ripe for conversion to Islam.

August 30, 2010 12:41 PM

Activist said...

arius:

No one mentioned anything about hating Jews on this thread except for you. The first comment referred to the state of Israel from a geopolitical standpoint. Although we don't control the comments of our readers, this site promotes peace, liberty, justice and tolerance.

If anyone, no matter their race, religion, or nationality violates these principles they deserve to be called out -- and no group is immune to criticism.

These principles are far more important than defending the "name" of one religion while trashing another.

Please do your religion a favor and spread peace and love, and refrain from theological insults on Activist Post.

Thanks for taking the time to get involved.

August 30, 2010 8:39 PM

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