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THE RISING ROMAN EMPIRE

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In the following pages, I offer nothing more than simple facts, plain arguments and common sense; and have no other preliminaries to settle with the reader, other than that he will divest himself of prejudice and prepossession, and suffer his reason and his feelings to determine for themselves; that he will put on, or rather that he will not put off, the true character of a man, and generously enlarge his views beyond the present day.

Thomas Paine (1)

LETTER TO THE READER

The awesome and truly magnificent potential of our planet is a marvel to behold. We are broaching scientific awareness of the universes beyond the known and there appears to be alternatives and ‘possibilities’ galore. The Many Worlds of macro universe still operate by the same precepts or laws and principles that affect our planet. The microcosm of our personal life becomes inundated and seeks to stabilize or limit the reality we could creatively manifest. It is mostly human ego and insecurity that devises these stable structures or hierarchies to keep status quo and other kinds of class structure rather than Brotherhood. But when did this start and will any history we might rightly have, create the ability to change the way people view themselves. What kind of future which could become real? I will not be able to state definitively the only way that these things have developed. At different times and places and even within the elite there have been different agendas. You will get to see the Merovingian family of Jesus and the Stuart Royals of *The Da Vinci Code* are quite real.

You are truly in an enviable position to decide the future for mankind. We have a plethora of artifacts and forensic tools now available to pierce the journalistic ‘spin’ that

has been foisted upon mankind as history. Marcus Aurelius may well have known something later philosopher priest-kings may not have told us about. Who can say how much anyone knows or knew? This is especially difficult when we consider how much outright propaganda and destruction of libraries and other Inquisitions have occurred. But this Aurelius guy (Cynic or questioner) that you see in the movie 'Gladiator' was still talking about cycles of human culture and something not unlike the Hindu ages in their Mahapurana history.

Simone Weil, Joseph Campbell, Bucky Fuller, Barry Fell, Martin Bernal, Flinders-Petrie and a host of other disciplined academics and authors I have laid out in other books form the basis for this evaluation of our macro to micro political analysis of history and Empire in this book. They all knew enough to see that Marcus and other ancients had a closer glimpse of the things time has shrouded; we are now uncovering a great deal due to better scientific tools. Still my opinion changes and remains open as I do this research; which I share with any who might read. In the last five thousand years you will see there have been members of the same core elite families in most Mediterranean and Western Empires or government who ran the show. They are becoming even more centralized and powerful. I am not your usual conspiracy theorist who has some agenda. In fact I am probably willing to support the New World Order if it is honest and good for all life on earth. Perhaps transparent is the vernacular word for honesty in bureaucracy today. And I often ask those who accuse me of being a conspiracy theorist to tell me what the plan or its makers intend. Some people try to tell me there is no plan. If that is the case – we need one. So please suspend judgment and think along with me, as the Inspirational Comment by the Rosicrucian Thomas Paine suggests we should do.

Let me assure you there is nothing 'new' about the New World Order or the New Age philosophies. From the days of the Antonines in the first century BCE the local authority and borders have been established (2) in ever increasing bureaucracy. The Oxford History of the Roman World goes on to say: "More significant is the interference in the financial affairs of cities which became widespread during the second century AD... we find a momentous departure from the traditional *laissez-faire* attitude toward government which had hitherto prevailed."

Perhaps there will be many who might read a little of this and find it far too confronting, or irreligious. There is no doubt I do not accept the kind of structure or religion which has had power for some select people as its main objective. But, please do not jump to the conclusion that I don't believe or have great respect for spiritual pursuits. It may seem that way when I talk about religion and the abuse it levies on mankind – but I really think if you read past the things which you find are against your current belief that you will know I am all for religion; if it is not hypocritical and actually works for all lifeforms in our environment. Here is a quote from the Bible to chew on which clearly is for the benefit of our 'earthly masters': Ephesians 6:5 'Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ.'

There are things in this book which may curdle your spine or make you laugh in disbelief. Please try to get past the immediate visceral reaction caused by the programming of history. Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away! It may help to have a sense of humor. Here is a snippet of history to help in that regard.

‘THE FINGER’: - History is more fun when you know something about it? Before the Battle of Agincourt (A ‘gin’ court) in 1415, the French, anticipated victory over the English; they proposed to cut off the middle finger of all captured English soldiers. Without the middle finger it would be impossible to draw the renowned English longbow and, therefore, be incapable of fighting in the future. This important weapon was made of the native English Yew tree, and the act of drawing the longbow was known as "plucking the yew" (or "pluck yew"). Much to the bewilderment of the French, the English won a major upset and began mocking the French by waving their middle fingers at the defeated French, saying, "See, we can still pluck yew! PLUCK YEW!" Since 'pluck yew' is rather difficult to say for the Cockney and other weird so-called English dialects, the difficult consonant cluster at the beginning has gradually changed to a fricative 'F', and thus the words often used in conjunction with the one-finger-salute are mistakenly thought to have something to do with an intimate encounter. It is also because of the pheasant feathers on the arrows used with the longbow that the symbolic gesture is known as 'giving the bird'.