

**THE PLOYS OF THE WICKED
and the
WANING OF THE RIGHTEOUS**

As a civilization cycles from birth out of a nadir of bondage, there is an upward trend which includes tremendous struggle, bloodshed, sacrifice and loss, both corporately and individually. Positive value systems, morality and excellence in all quarters are developed out of necessity and opportunity. Righteousness (or at least uprightness) rules for the most part, and the nation's denizens enjoy the fruits of sacrifice and effort. This is the picture presented to us by the tales of the old west, from Mountain Man to Pioneer to Settler to Establishment.

As the cycle (as in a frequency curve) continues upward, it reaches a zenith, the opposite of a nadir. The civilization peaks, so to speak. The Mountain Man, Pioneer, and Settler are long gone, more from being misfits to the times than anything else. The Establishment has done a bang-up job, bringing the country to a high level of perfection and excellence. But tops and zeniths are nasty little events, for the words themselves mean there is no longer an "up," only a "down." Citizens of a perfect nation do not care to think about "down," so they switch channels..... Shut yer mouth, Jeremiah!!

The flesh yields to prosperity and complacency breaks out of the Devil's egg. Perfection takes its toll on discipline and other elements of righteousness, and the tomato begins to rot from within. Once this erosion of righteousness begins, there has never been a slowing of decay, much less a stopping of its decline. Men lose their righteous virility and become effeminate castrotti. The struggles, bloodshed, sacrifice and personal losses for the good of the whole become just so much anachronistic history that begs to be rewritten. God is forgotten; *we* are what is important. After all, History began when we were born.

As the cycle heads downward with increasing speed and angle, there appears a peculiar set of innocuous, nearly indiscernible actions upon the populace. The mirror image of the Righteous at the beginning of the civilization now morphs into the domain of the Wicked. "Wicked men rule when good men do nothing." It is these diabolical acts by the Sons of Darkness that appeared on the radar screen a few mornings past. They are, in no particular order, but indeed in concert:

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| -progressive restraint of morality | -diminish thought and analysis |
| -blurred absolutes | -misinform the masses |
| -project positive images | -create resentment between classes |
| -present sensual lures | -concentrate power |
| -exploit ignorant, obligate their vote | -squeeze the middle class. |
| -silencing the detractors; a good, loud accusation camouflages wickedness. | -increase dependency of poor classes |

I could write for days illustrating how each is manifest in our society, but it seems proper to let you fill in the blanks. What is amazing to me is the coordination of all the above! It's as if there were a central Power orchestrating the entire package of actions. Oh, surely you jest-why, that can't be true!

So that we are all on the same page, some definitions are in order. "Wicked" in the Bible bears little resemblance to the meaning we have today. Most of the time in the Hebrew "wicked" is #7563 in Strong's,¹ and is defined as: full of tumult, restless, frothing, disjointed, negative behavior, poorly regulated, turbulent. The definition is the opposite of uprightness and peace. "Righteous" on the other hand, denotes uprightness, honorable, peaceful, agreeable, essentially a lifestyle that is good in all respects.

Back to the sine curve, or downward cycle; just as the above is a morphed mirror image of the righteousness of the Pioneers and Settlers, there is a *mirror image* to the bloodshed at the beginning. On this downward side of the cycle, however, the bloodshed does not serve the purpose of good. It serves the purpose of the Wicked, for they are bloodthirsty for blood's sake. Bloodshed on this side of the cycle results in the onset of the next nadir, the next low place in the civilization. It is characterized by dictators, elimination (physically) of the Godly, the wise man, the learned, the esteemed and the refined. The majority of what is left will be the dependant masses with little other than servitude. There will be no rights, nor privileges other than those given to the obedient and docile. Corruption and lawlessness will be the rule. The Wicked temporarily enjoy the fruits of their labors. They will also reap what they have sown in the final round.

But, but, but! The nations are as a drop in a bucket to the Lord. There will be a remnant, a scarlet thread, a continuance of His Seed.

The questions are:

Will the true Seed hear?

-and will they ask what they are to do?

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¹ See frequently used reference list at end of book.