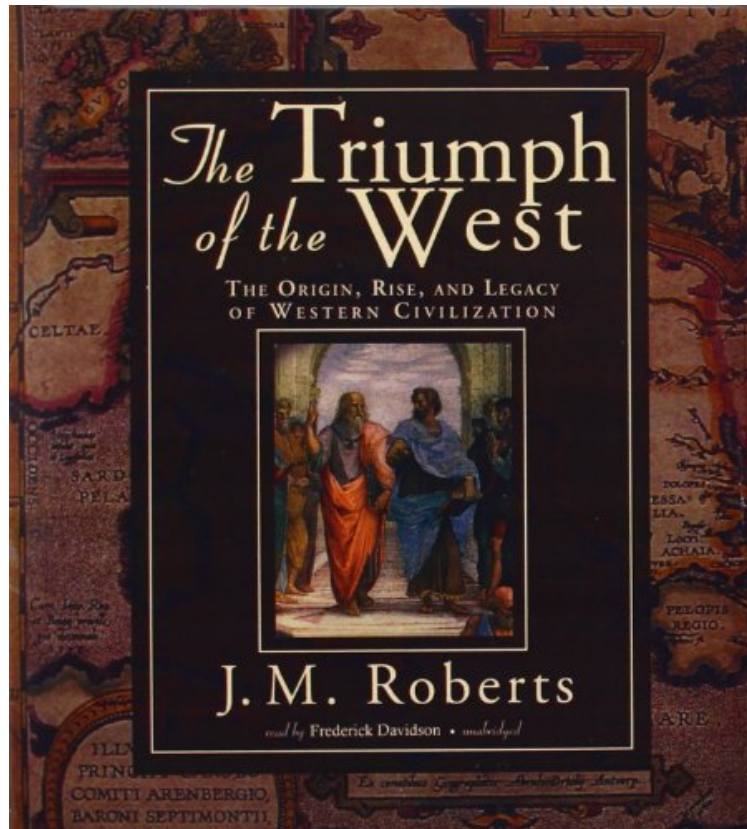


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the demise of the Soviet Union, the rise of China's economy, and the continuing turmoil in the Middle East, but this does little to diminish the relevance of Prof. Robert's story today. It is very comprehensive in treating the roots of W.C., its development and rise, as well as subsequent explorations and aggressive relationships with the rest of the world. It covers subsequent colonization and dominance, along with responses and repercussions. Prof. Roberts gives his take on what some regard the demise of the West and puts that into what I think is a proper perspective. He finishes with some thoughts about what this portends for the future and whether there will be - or is - such a thing as the "Post-Western World". One area I found surprisingly missing in the development of Western thought, is that of The Renaissance which gets only brief mention. His description of WW1 and 2 as the "European Civil War" is an interesting idea. The book is replete with illustrations and color photos - befitting the fact that this book was companion to the BBC series upon which this was based.

Over the centuries, two important beliefs arose in Europe: a faith that man could order his own destiny, and the idea that progress was normal. But by 1900, doubts had arisen concerning traditional Western values. The continuing problems of world poverty, environmental deterioration, the inequality of women, and continued warfare pose real questions about the advancement of the human race. The Triumph of the West is noted historian J. M. Roberts' engrossing, well-reasoned, in-depth essay on the nature of the dominance of Western civilization and its ambiguous "triumph." Roberts' interest is not in judging the West's push toward greater cultural preeminence but in gaining a better understanding of the present by analyzing what got us here and, possibly, indulging in a bit of cautious optimism.

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