**END OF AN EMPIRE – Future Title Work**

Empires have come and empires have gone ever since the formation of civilization. Every culture, every land, and every continent had its shares of empirical dominance, oppression, and tyranny. “What went wrong,” one could ask, trying to explain the reasons for failure. The answer is not a simple one. There were multitudes of causes for a country and a civilization to falter. To get a factual picture, one had to scale back in time into the distant past where it all began, ancient Mesopotamia, mankind’s recorded history. It does not stop there.

The historical timeline can be followed all the way through world’s major Empires, Dynasties, Kingdoms, Monarchies, Dominions, and significant Settlements. Each ruling power had its time slice to develop, reign, and decline with ancient Egypt, India, China, Israel, Greece, Rome, Mayan, Japanese, Feudal Asia, Medieval Europe, Islam, Africa, Mongolia, Ottoman, and finally Western Civilization, respectively from 4300 BC, to the present, all in all, greater than 6000 years.

Every empire, every civilization has failed after some determined period. Every form of governing has been tried, tested, and experimented with but determined unsuccessful over the long term. Where some only lasted months and years, very few have prevailed for hundreds, or even a thousand years, the result always ended the same, failure. Considering historical factors, humankind was destined for failure. The individual eventually dies, and so do empires. It did not matter how small or how large a settlement was, whether confined by manmade borders and naturally restricted boundaries, or extended into the open wilderness, human contentment only lasted a limited time before demanding change.

Notes:

Explain why the ‘West will fail…’

People become complacent

People’s dreams become reality

Affluence becomes the norm

The rich become richer

The wealthy become powerful

Middle class is gradually dismantled

Morals and ethics are torn apart at the social seams

Entertainers are setting immoral trends

Nobody trusts anybody anymore

Cultural values are almost none existing

Language is losing its morals standards

Entertainment has deteriorated already decades

Comedy is reflecting the demoralization of the nation

Swearing, cussing, and dregs of society have become standards in entertainment

The rich will direct government and industry

Greed, deception, and fraud become the norm

Checks and balances are removed from government obligations

People begin to revolt for equality and justice

An incidence ultimately will trigger the revolution

The nation is torn to pieces by the ravages of war

Others are waiting to take the reign for dominance

And so, a new empire will rise

Where are the guilty that caused it all?

They are all among us waiting for the next opportunity

But why?

Because mankind is destined for war

When it comes to living, we are not much different than the animal

It takes a leader to manage his/her pride, flock, or herd

The stronger one will emerge. A new lifecycle begins.