

PROMETHEUS LEAGUE

HUMANITY NEEDS A WORLD GOVERNMENT

In 2019 there were 38 wars big and small, 158 violent crises and 71 disputes worldwide. During that same year the world spent \$72.9 billion on nuclear weapons. This world is a violent place. Can we really believe that we can continue divided as we are, decade after decade, century after century, without experiencing at some time catastrophe caused by our division?

Additionally, we have global warming, global pandemics and global financial crises that can only have global solutions. There are world disparities worsened by the exploitive and glutinous policies of industrial nations combined with the self-fixated outlook of developing countries. The result is environmental damage on a global scale, best approached from a global perspective.

At the same time during our modern age, technological advances in communication and travel have made the world accessible to its citizens. Trading blocs have made distant nations economically dependent on each other. The result is a psychological “shrinking” of the planet with the realization that we are all part of a global “village”.

The needs and trends are clear: humanity is headed for world government. Nationalists who think that world government is impossible or that it would be a terrible imposition, are both right and wrong. They are wrong because there is nothing new about world government. The Roman Empire was exactly that for the ancient Mediterranean world. It gave international peace, free trade, a world system of roads and shipping lanes free from pirates, standardized weights and measures, an international language, international laws, produced an age of unrivalled prosperity where aqueducts, public baths, amphitheatres, constructed sewers, elevators, lighthouses, etc. could be found in very land. Much the same was evident in the Persian Empire over the Middle East before Islam, and even the Inca Empire over the Andean world. Their only difference from a world government of the modern age was their extent, they were not global as a modern world government would be. But be assured, the global state is coming, again in the form of empire which we will have by default without an alternative. It will probably be American or Chinese.

That means the nationalist opposition to the inevitable is also correct: world government will mean world dictatorship, exploitation, injustice and the rule of elites over masses of impoverished. Knowing the trend of history, we must ask: is there an alternative?

There is already an embryonic alternative in the European Union, fortunately in a part of the world where the spirit of national sovereignty is strong, exhibited most successfully in Brexit but also seen forcefully in populist movements throughout Europe. That spirit began with the fall of the Roman Empire when Western Europe was left with no overriding ruler. Kingdoms were left to develop their own ideas of national sovereignty. Individual rights and freedoms were enthroned in Magna Carta and further advanced by the French Revolution, English Parliament, Laissez Faire and Rule of Law. These were unique developments. By continuing this tradition Europe is today the only part of the world in a position to develop a true *federation* of nations in place of the empire model of world government.

If world government is inevitable, shown by the great civilizations of the past and by the course of our Western Civilization to date, let us work to ensure we do not fall into the same trap as former civilizations. That means supporting the populist movements of Europe, without a return in Europe to the old, destructive nationalisms. Federalism is not the enemy of nationalism. To have both is entirely possible. This is the position of the Prometheus League. And by promoting a freedom inspired world government we can advance the cause of an enlightened humanity.

First we must realize that the most egregious faults of the imperial state - its dictatorship, its rule of elites and money, its corruption and exploitation of multitudes, its disregard for national diversity - are not so much the result of internationalism, they are due to the rot of civilization. The very appearance of what historians have termed the "Universal Empire" is a tell-tale sign of decline, applicable in all but one case, that of China. To arrest this decline we must realize that the first duty of world government is not to end war, it is to establish the continuance of civilization, in which war is only one factor causing its decline and disappearance. Central to that decline has been the loss of social ideology; in every case civilizations have arisen in religious periods and declined with loss of their central religions. Our present West is an example. It is not by coincidence that empty church pews accompany Western demographic loss. The reason is clear: human beings are a social species, we need a sense of community to thrive, and nothing gives a sense of community more than common belief. Civilizations therefore decline when their social ideologies are based on mythology, because with the progress in knowledge and wealth that all civilizations have brought, the old beliefs become suspect. People then become individualized, leading to the loss of social collectivity and atomization of society with its eventual disappearance. The answer, therefore, is *secular* ideology based on real knowledge, not mythology. Only one civilization in history has had a secular ideology, a civilization that for centuries tested its leaders' knowledge of that ideology in state examinations. That ideology is Confucianism, and the country that has practiced it for centuries before Communism is China - the longest lasting civilization on the planet.

The first and foremost objective of the Prometheus League, therefore, is to acquaint prospective members with the ideas of *Cosmos Theology* - a secular belief. These ideas are available in the PDF: [Cosmos Theology](#), which gives the text of that secular belief derived from common sense, a basic view of Nature and a little science. Readers who agree with that theology may want to share it with family and friends, and for that a small booklet featuring the same is: [booklet](#). This booklet is *book formatted* for easy distribution, but must be printed with pages back-to-back to be read. For extended distribution in Europe this booklet text, in English, will have to be translated into the various languages of Europe. After downloading a master copy, every member of the Prometheus League will be able to make his/her own copies for distribution. Like that a movement can snowball rapidly.

It is suggested that readers of *Cosmos Theology* who agree with its thesis meet for discussion. When a sufficient coterie of Cosmostheists in a country is built, it can serve as the guiding body for organizing a political party in that country. But for that, more than a philosophical understanding is needed, especially in a time of economic crisis that Western countries are likely to have in the near future, due to exorbitant debt accumulated in all sectors over the past decade. Also Western Europe, as mentioned above, has a tradition of national freedom that has produced populist discontent against the imperial imposition of its European Union. A response to elitist EU directives, plus an expose of our Western banking system are given in: [destiny](#), which consists of two major political

arguments for a diverse Europe. These two essays will also need translation into each national language. The arguments are to be included in the platforms of the various Prometheus parties of all nations, in addition to particular national themes included during elections. With a sufficient number of European nations guided by the same philosophy, its Union can become a genuinely democratic federation and be an example for for a non-imperial world government, perhaps even its prototype.

Europe is the most likely area of the world where a true federation form of international union can mature, in contrast to the default imperial model now pursued most notably in America and China, but also in Russia, Turkey, India and minor countries. Liberal thinkers have always thought that democracy is the default setting of future world development, but an examination of the past shows that power concentration is the rule. To have democracy people have always had to struggle to attain and preserve it, and that is no less true in the case of an international order.