

“Sunrise or Sunset in America”

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Our Sun is Setting

The book “The 5000 Year Leap”, by Skousen should be mandatory reading for every single American of high school age and older. It embodies the Founders’ Basic Principles, in the context of “28 Great Ideas that Changed the World”. It also serves as a warning that America’s sun may be setting. The warning is clear. The great ideas of our Founders cannot continue to bless this country unless we, as Americans, stand up and take responsibility for what we have been given.

Why is our sun setting in America?

Skousen lays out a compelling set of reasons that America’s best days may well be behind us (unless we awaken), and why this has happened.

1. “We have not followed the admonition of our Founding Fathers”

“A people must from time to time, refresh themselves at the well-spring of their origin, lest they perish.” (An adage)

2. “We have not assigned the maintaining of our Freedom a high priority.”

“A frequent recurrence to the fundamental principles of the constitution, and a constant adherence to those of piety, justice, moderation, temperance, industry, and frugality are absolutely necessary to preserve the advantage of liberty, and to maintain a free government.” (Massachusetts Bill of Rights – 1780)

3. “We have allowed the mortal enemies of freedom to dominate the debate.”

“Though, when a people shall have become incapable of governing themselves and fit for a master, it is of little consequence from what quarter he comes.” (George Washington, Letter to Lafayette, 1788)

4. “We have elected some of the most undesirable persons.”

“Effective resistance to usurpers is possible only provided the citizens understand their rights and are disposed to defend them.” (The Federalist, No. 28, Alexander Hamilton)

5. “We have evicted “Providence” from our counsels, schools, courts, and assemblies.”

“From the day of the Declaration...they (the American people) were bound by the laws of God, which they all, and by the laws of the gospel, which they nearly

all acknowledged as the rules of their conduct.” (John Quincy Adams, Secretary of State, Oration celebrating July 4th 1821)

The Founders Principles: 28 Great Ideas that Changed the World

(Skousen – “The 5000 Year Leap”)

1. The only reliable basis for sound government and just human relations is Natural Law
2. A free people cannot survive under a Republican Constitution unless they remain virtuous and morally strong.
3. The most promising method of securing a virtuous and morally stable people is to elect virtuous leaders.
4. Without religion the government of a free people cannot be maintained
5. All things were created by God, therefore upon Him all mankind are equally dependent, and to Him they are equally responsible.
6. All men are created equal
7. The proper role of government is to protect equal rights, NOT provide equal things.
8. Men are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights.
9. To protect man’s rights, God has revealed certain principles of Divine Law.
10. The God-given right to govern is vested in the sovereign authority of the whole people.
11. The majority of the people may alter or abolish a government which has become tyrannical.
12. The United States of America shall be a Republic.
13. A Constitution should be structured to permanently protect the people from the human frailties of their rulers.
14. Life and Liberty are secure only so long as the right to property is secure.
15. The highest level of prosperity occurs when there is a free-market economy and a minimum of government regulations.

16. The government should be separated into three branches – Legislative, Executive and Judicial.
17. A system of checks and balances should be adopted to prevent the abuse of power.
18. The unalienable rights of the people are most likely to be preserved if the principles of government are set forth in a written Constitution.
19. Only limited and carefully defined powers should be delegated to government, all others being retained by the people.
20. Efficiency and dispatch require government to operate according to the will of the majority, but Constitutional provisions must be made to protect the rights of the minority.
21. Strong local self-government is the keystone to preserving human freedom.
22. A free people should be governed by law and not by the whims of men.
23. A free society cannot survive as a Republic without a broad program of general education.
24. A free people will not survive unless they stay strong.
25. “Peace, commerce, and honest friendship with all nations – entangling alliances with none.” (Thomas Jefferson’s first inaugural address)
26. The core unit which determines strength of any society is the family; therefore, the government should foster and protect its integrity.
27. The burden of debt is as destructive to freedom as subjugation by conquest.
28. The United States has a manifest destiny to be an example and a blessing to the entire human race.

Our call to action

The key to a rebirth of freedom in America is the full realization by each of us, that we have allowed our country to be high jacked by Progressives, Marxists, socialists and communists. They have systematically eroded our rights, revised our history, and polluted our education system with lies, distortions and immorality. They are a clear and present danger to the very existence of the America we were given by our Founders.

Read the book. Understand the gift we have been given. Act upon that knowledge in ways that force Progressives from power and restore America to her God-given roots.