



BECOMING A BARBARIAN

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Overview

This book is an anti-establishment manifesto for letting go of The Empire of Nothing (Western civilization) with its dysfunctional over-focus on universal moralism. Humans are tribal creatures, and to try to see 7 billion people as "your tribe" is irrational, and is only cultivated to serve global commerce. Secede spiritually and create your own tribe with other like-minded men. Become a barbarian or lose your soul.

*"To say you care about one group of people more than others is a **moral sin** in the modern world."*

The Fate of Men

Masculinity is about overcoming fear, gaining confidence in abilities, and garnering the respect and admiration of other men. Therapists talk about how the modern male needs to be "secure in his masculinity", yet this is a "bourgeois fantasy". We reach our potential through conflict and competition, as strength is only truly tested against risk and resistance. Loving all as your brother is a lie that resigns you to impotence. "Universalism destroys masculinity"; to have honor within your group, you need an "us" and a "them".

*"Avoiding the struggle is an acceptance of **defeat** and a demonstration of **spiritual cowardice**."*

Identity is Everything

Within any group of humans, people will forge alliances, the weak will seek protection, and the strong will seek fellow guardians. The brooding loner with a collective identity is an anomaly who isn't fully embracing the social half of his identity. When a man earns his place in a group of men, he doesn't need to "find himself" and meditate on how he is a special snowflake; his social identity is his meaning. Yet companies exploit this need to feel included by making people feel connected to others with similar entertainment preferences or purchasing patterns.

Universal Impotence

Without a tribal identity, men feel disorientation and chaos. Modern governments and corporations have an "Empire of Nothing", facilitating global trade at all costs. They encourage "moral universalism" because making everyone feel like part of the same in-group is good for commerce. They discourage individual identity (and even nationalism). Men are supposed to open their arms wider. To deny this and have any identity (racial, religious, or sexual) is taboo, as we are meant to be "interchangeable consumers, voters, employees."

A billion people is an incomprehensible number. It would take you 200 years to write a billion names. At such scales, people see the population in terms of trends and percentages. If you only cared about the people with whom you *actually interacted* in your life, and not the global population, you are an enemy to The Empire and considered immoral. You are supposed to care about oppression in a country thousands of miles away because that makes you morally superior. But the truth is that it only makes you "weak, vulnerable, and stupid."

"Good, modern, civilized men are expected to care about all of humanity."

Humans can only maintain approximately 150-200 relationships at a given time. Religious garb is worn specifically to identify an in-group versus out-group. Someone screaming "Fuck the police" should not be coddled as someone who had some "unfair racial profiling". It's completely rational to assume that someone dressed like a thug has a higher probability of being a thug. This "humanism" is really "spiritual surrender", and anyone who says otherwise is a heretic who must be destroyed and shamed as immoral. Globalism stands against any form of separate identity.

*"Moral universalism is a **poisonous, emasculating philosophy**."*

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