

The imperial, autonomous self cannot stay soft when, as the court suggests, the heart of liberty is neither the truth nor law (divine, natural, or civil). As we have seen in recent years, the imperial, autonomous becomes the imperious, combative self; the battle is not won by those with the most reasonable stance but by the most powerful.

Often the rise of a new hegemon is a result of the vacuum of power that an old empire leaves behind after entering a period of political and cultural decline. The Turks, or the future Ottomans, had become hegemons in the Middle East and South Eastern Europe not only because of their extraordinary political and military organization, but also because of the exhaustion of the older empires Byzantium and the Abbasids. In the eleventh century, the Turkish tribes living in Iran and western Anatolia were a constant source of mercenary soldiers for the Abbasid caliphs. Their influence was constantly growing and in the middle of the eleventh century they gradually formed a confederation in the region of modern Iran, called the Seljuk confederation. The Bagdad caliph proclaimed the Turkish leader as sultan or a temporal ruler. Spanning more than a century of conflict, the book considers challenges the Ottoman government faced from both neighbouring Catholic Habsburg Austria and Orthodox Romanov Russia, as well as - arguably more importantly - from military, intellectual and religious groups within the empire. The Turkish military power and energy were enough strong to dominate from north-western Iran to the Arab lands. The Seljuk confederation became an open door for migration of more Turkish tribes from east the Turks were nomads originating from the region of Mongolia to Caucasus region and Anatolia. Anatolia traditionally was a land with Greek Christian population. Slowly this territory was covered with enclaves of Turkish communities professing Sunni Islam. The Mongols sacked the city and killed the Caliph. But their expansion to Africa and Arabia was checked in a battle near Jerusalem by another successful Turkish sultanate formed in Egypt - the Egyptian Mamluks, based in Cairo. With this victory, the Mamluk Turks had assured power and influence over Syria and Egypt for a long time, well until As it was said earlier, the real Ottoman expansion started from Anatolia, when the Turkish warlike communities in the region became more and more hostile to Byzantium -- their successful raids against the old Christian empire were inspired by religious zeal and passion for enrichment. Osman bey is the founder of the Ottoman dynasty and state. His son, Orhan , continued the Turkish expansion deep in the north-western Christian lands and in he captured the town of Bursa, located on the north western slopes of Mount Uludag bordering with the coast of Sea of Marmara. Orhan made Bursa capital of his new state. Bursa was some 57 miles 92 km from Constantinople and it was only a matter of time for the Ottoman Turks to conquer the capital of Byzantium. Constantinople had already been experiencing decline when in , after a short siege, Sultan Mehmed II The Conqueror captured the city. Ottomans built a fleet that was competing with Venice and the Portuguese, they conquered the Mediterranean Sea and the coasts of North Africa. How can the swift rise of the Ottoman power be explained? The most basic reason is perhaps the weakness of the old political formations in the Middle East. During the initial Ottoman expansion the Middle East and South Eastern Europe were an "old soil" exhausted of civilizational cultivation and barbaric wars. Greeks, Persians, Romans, and Arabs succeeded each other destroying and building great civilizations there as every new period of great achievements was preceded by intermediate periods of decline. The Ottomans, as many others before them, used the opportunity to expand in the favourable for them moment of hegemonic decline. The character of the new empire was absolutist, militaristic, bureaucratic, agrarian, universal, and very pragmatic. The Ottoman Empire rested on the following principles: Expansionism - ghaza or holy war against the non-Muslims in the frontiers Absolutism - imperial dynasty and sophisticated court system Muslim law system - shariah all embracing sacred law, based on Quran and sunnah and independence of the ulamas who are the Islamic teachers, scholars, learned men, knowing the Islamic doctrine Efficient system of taxation - very specific system of taxation, pragmatic and flexible, duties were different according the traditions and specifics of each province and community. Division of the society - ruled raya and rulers askeris The Ottoman sultan had a group of high rank advisers, imperial council or divan. On the top of the bureaucratic hierarchy stayed the vizier. Succession of the Sultans was a bloody process. The young princes were educated and trained in the

provinces, but only one of them had the right to rule. The need for political stability required the brothers of the new sultan to be assassinated. One of the most distinctive features of Ottoman state system was slave collection, or Devshirme. The sultan harvested young boys from the Christian families living in European provinces, converted them in Islam, educated and trained them, and eventually put them in service of the state. After the training, the slaves received top military and civilian posts. The Ottoman administration was run by slaves. From mid-fifteen to mid-seventeen century nearly all viziers were converted Christian slaves. The goal behind this odd system was creation of elite class of warriors loyal only to the Sultan. The most popular representatives of Devshirme system were the Janissaries, the infantry of slave soldiers. The janissaries were the most efficient military unit in Europe in fifteen and sixteen century. The janissaries were the most disciplined corps in the world in this time; they not married, they were well paid and equipped and lived in barracks, always ready for the next war expedition. The soldiers with Turkish origin were in the cavalry, they were called sipahi, and the sultan used them as tax collectors as well. They received land from the sultan, called timar. In timar they had their own piece of land called chiflik, but this fief was not their property as it was in the feudal states in West. In any time, the sultan could take over the land and send them to another province. Why did the Ottoman Empire enter in a period of decline in 17th century? The most obvious reason is the fact that every expansion has an end, and every empire has a life span. In the recent years, the thesis of Ottoman decline is disputed. There are historians, such as Jonathan Grant, who contest the popular understanding that the Ottomans experienced a decline, arguing that this view is just a negative Eurocentric judgement that does not help our understanding of the events that happened in the late Ottoman history. Grant is probably right about the existence and dominance of an Eurocentric simplistic view among the old historians in Europe, yet it is undisputable that the Ottomans experienced more decline and less transformation after the 17th century onward. The decline was in terms of loss of territories, loss of military power, economic and political stagnation. The transformation was in terms of consecutive unsuccessful attempts of the sultans and high bureaucrats to adapt the Ottoman state to the realities of Modernity. In a popular article, written in the end of the s, Bernard Lewis argues that while in the beginning of their expansion the Ottomans had ten very able sultans, later the quality of their rulers degenerated. The Ottoman political system and army organization was superior in comparison with the capabilities of the corroded feudal Christian-Orthodox societies in the 13th and 14th centuries. People in Byzantium and Southeastern Europe, living in feudal chaos, were easy to defeat. The centralized war machine of the early sultans, the religious zeal of the ghazi warriors, and Ottoman tolerance toward religion and customs of the defeated nations was a winning combination. Once politically subdued the population was safe and loyal to the new Islamic rulers, and this fact applies either to the Muslim and non-Muslim subjects. Generally, there was no ambition among the conquered people to organize against the power of sultan. The decline started when the expansion stopped. The expansion was in the character of the early Ottoman state, it was in the heart of Ottoman culture, and it was also the source of its energy. The early Turks had a frontier psyche. When the sultan retired at his palace in Istanbul, the Ottoman Empire changed its initial character; the Turks had to change their worldview. Cemal Kafadar offers a much more subtle and complex interpretation of the early Ottoman period than that provided by other historians. The decline affected the basics of Ottoman state structure. It coincided with the rise of Europe. In the 17th century, the Ottoman army start losing its power. The Europeans took the monopole with the trade with India, China and penetrated in the Ottoman markets. A number of unfavourable for the Ottomans trade agreements, called Capitulations, gave to the Europeans a footstep for aggressive trade policy. The Europeans started to sell their goods in the empire in a very high price. The empire soon became short of gold and silver. Silver-based monetary system of Ottomans was shaken with the discovery of the New World; the inflation became a serious problem. The Ottoman army, artisans and producers suffered under the new economic conditions. The specific timar system was another source of problems. It became an obstacle to development of long-term agrarian practices. In cultivation of the land, the Ottomans remained well behind the Europeans. The millet system, the autonomy of the communities in the frames of the empire, the inability to integrate conquered people into one Ottoman nation with Ottoman self-consciousness, was something that also played a critical role in disintegration of the empire and in formation of national feelings among the peoples in Ottoman

provinces in 19th century. There is another important factor explaining the reasons of Ottoman decline. It is the lack of receptivity. Islamic civilization was profoundly convinced of its superiority. This was a brake against the innovation and implementation of new practices. When in the end of the 18th and 19th centuries the modernization of Ottoman state started, the so-called Tanzimat or "Reconstruction" , it was already late. The reforms were slow, facing strong resistance by warlords, janissaries and conservative population. In the 19th century, the Ottomans fell in the net of the Metternich system of balance of power. They became a play card in the hands of the European great powers and their imperial politics. The empire collapsed completely in the end of the First World War giving the rise of the modern secular state Turkey.

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Fallen Fool "I want to make it clear that I am not taking the title Emperor," he continued. It will be my duty to protect my adopted homeland, and I pledge to work tirelessly at this task until someone more worthy takes the burden from me. As my first act, I declare that in commemoration of this historical moment, beginning on the first of Morning Star, we will enter year one of the Second Era as time will be reckoned. Thus, we mourn the loss of our Imperial family, and look forward to the future. Protection of the Empire of Reman, the Empire known also as the Second Empire of men, was in the end too great a burden for the Tsaesci Potentate. Within three centuries the Potentate was dead, and by the end of the following century so too were all of his heirs. The end of the Potentates line resulted in the creation of a great power vacuum out of which grew a terrible anarchy that drenched the soil of Tamriel in the blood of its residents for a further four centuries. Out of this anarchy came a man of disputed origins who would over the course of his hundred and eight long year life gather the shattered remnants of the Second Empire and forge them together anew into the Third Empire of men. This mans name was Tiber Septim. They were as follows: Unknown, though it is assumed that there is little if any unified authority with real political power likely in the hands of the many different tribes. A patchwork of bickering minor kingdoms whose rulers A Brief History of the Empire described as "a petty lot of grasping tyrants. Dominated by a government which changed based on the phases of Masser and Secunda; this government was, according to the Pocket Guide to the Empire 1st Edition, in turn, "overseen by the thinly-veiled dictatorship of the Mane himself. The Pocket Guide to the Empire 1st Edition describes High Rock as being "divided into multiple antagonistic factions", mainly an assortment of Kingdoms, Duchies and Baronies. The book On Morrowind, the Imperial Province describes Morrowind as under weak central authority of the Tribunal and their instrument, the Temple, with a bickering Grand Council of the Great Houses preventing any semblance of effective centralized government. Also given the reawakening of the devil Dagoth Ur and his kin, it can logically be assumed that this further undermined the authority of the Tribunal and Temple. The Pocket Guide to the Empire 1st Edition describes Skyrim as broken into nine different Holds, some of which are governed by hereditary leaders, and others that are ruled by elected moots. These Holds, however, are not unified as the Pocket Guide to the Empire 3rd Edition describes Nordic "character is one essentially of conflict, and the confederacies never last. A relatively recent combination of the two lands of Valenwood and the Summerset Isles, the Dominion, as described by the Pocket Guide to the Empire 3rd Edition, is controlled by the "Thalmor, a congress of Bosmeri chieftains and Altmeri diplomats. The conquest of Cyrodiil was started not by Tiber Septim, however, but instead by a man known as Cuhlecain. One of the petty kings of the Colovian Estates, possibly Falkreath if the Arcturian Heresy is to be believed, Cuhelcain is said to have had the support of a man known as Chevalier Renald. Renald, according to Remanada, was one of the loyal knights descended from the bodyguards of old Reman kings. Such was Cuhelcains powerbase when he appointed as his general a man known as Hjalti Early-Beard in the Arcturian Heresy but known in most sources simply as Talos. Talos, according to most sources, had one of his first brilliant moments at the Battle of Sancre Tor. The battle began when a combined army of Bretons and Nords invaded northwestern Cyrodiil and made winter quarters at Sancre Tor. Much to the Allied forces delight, Talos mustered Cuhlecains army and marched on their well fortified position. Outmaneuvering the enemy, Talos, with the possible aid of a turncoat sorcerer, attacked the rear of the Allied army, systematically destroying their leadership, and gaining a great victory. At this point sources differ on what occurred. His much astonished Nord opponents at once deserted their Breton allies, for they had realized that Talos was the true heir to the throne of men. During the battle it is said that a storm rose up, destroying the town walls and protecting Hjalti against arrows. It is said that it is because of this storm that Hjatli later became known as Talos, or Stormcrown. It was most likely during these campaigns that the Imperial City was added into the growing Empire. It was at the Imperial City that the fate of Tamriel for the coming centuries was sealed, for it

was in the Imperial City that the reign of Cuhlecains was ended. Accounts of Cuhlecains assassination differ greatly. The Pocket Guide to the Empire, 1st Edition offers the more commonly believe version. It states that a Breton nightblade murdered Cuhelcain before making an attempt on the life of the great general himself. The Arcturian Heresy offers another version of that fateful night. Successful in his campaign Hjalti is said to have come to the conclusion that Cuhlecain had lived past his usefulness. It was thus that, on that fateful night, men loyal to the general Hjalti fell upon Cuhlecain and slew him. Whatever the truth, after that night Talos took up the Cyrodiilic name Tiber Septim and was crowned, possibly by Zurin Arctus, as the new Emperor of Cyrodiil. It can be assumed that after his coronation Tiber set about to finishing the work that he, in his service to Cuhelcain, had started. His first task would have been consolidating his control over Cuhlecains former dominions, a task which it is likely he completed with little difficulty. Next he probably began massive recruitment drives within Skyrim as Tiber probably wanted to, as the Pocket Guide to the Empire, 3rd Edition states, "recruit the warlike Nords to their side before they became a force of the opposition. With Nordic aid, Tiber likely swept west against High Rock and conquered what the Pocket Guide, 3rd Edition calls a "multitude of fractious kingdoms [that] were easily conquered. Following the conquest of High Rock and assimilation of Skyrim, Tiber turned his attention to the conquest of Hammerfell, home of the Redguards, the last resistant human race. With Thassads death, however, the Crowns, those Redguards descended from the ancient Yokudan nobility, and the Forebears, the Redguards descended from the ancient warrior wave, split. The Crowns favored continued independence. The rival Forebears began to warm to the idea of Imperial rule, most likely seeking a return to the republic that ruled Hammerfell during the Second Empire, a brief period in Hammerfell history where the Crowns were not the dominate power in the land. One of the Forebear leaders was a certain Baron Volag, who it is said wished become High King himself. Wildly successful, the Crowns drove the Forebears into Tibers open arms. This defeat led to the beginning of Imperial rule. It is not, however, the end of the pacification of Hammerfell. After watching the Imperials place a series of provisional governors across Hammerfell, a disappointed Baron Volag disappeared. Meanwhile a resistance group known as the Restless League began to harass the Imperial occupiers. As she put it, "We [Redguards] have a unique relationship with the Empire in Hammerfell. The Heresy offers another, Underking included, version of events. According to the Heresy "[The] Underking wants a complete invasion, a chance to battle their foreign wind spirits himself, but Tiber Septim refutes him. He has already made a better plan, one that will seem to legitimize his rule. Cyrodiil supports the losing side of a civil war and are invited in. Black Marsh, also called Argonia, was most likely added after the pacification of Hammerfell. One day they will come to Black Marsh. When also compared to the book On Morrowind, the Imperial Province, which gives the impression of Imperial control over Black Marsh, this testimony leads to the logical assumption that Black Marsh was thus added before the conquest of Morrowind, but after the pacification of Hammerfell. Truly unconquerable, the swamps of Black Marsh possessed a vile reputation long before Tiber Septim even contemplated adding them to his young empire. Indeed, the swamps of Black Marsh had such a dark reputation that the Pocket Guide, 3rd Edition states that "Tiber Septim, it was said, thought twice before conquering Black Marsh for his new Empire. About Tibers campaigns in Black Marsh the Pocket Guide states "The borders of the province fell easily to his forces, but he wisely decided to avoid strategically unimportant inner swamps, and thus met with little resistance. This assumption bases its merit on two sources: At one point the author of the Pocket Guide claims "[that] there is talk that the Elsweyr Confederacy has recently struck treaty with the Aldmeri Dominion," thus leaving the impression of a strained, if not openly hostile, relationship between Tiber and the Mane of Elsweyr. Given the lack of available information about a conflict with Elsweyr, and the preservation of Khajiit traditions, a logical assumption can be made that a treaty similar to the Armistice of Morrowind brought Elsweyr into the Empire, traditions intact, in exchange for Rimmen, where the Halls of Colossus could be created away from the centers of men but also close to the Aldmeri Dominion. After the conquest of Hammerfell, and most likely the assimilations of Black Marsh and Elsweyr, Tiber began to make the preparations necessary for an invasion of Morrowind. Tiber, however, opened secret negotiations with one of the god-kings of Morrowind, Vivec. The treaty that resulted from these meetings became known as the Armistice. In addition to making many guarantees and concessions of extensive rights of self-governance to

the Dunmer, the Armistice also gave to Tiber the Numidium, a powerful Dwarven golem that would be so imperative in his later conquests. It should be noted that in the Arcturian Heresy it is said that once this Armistice becomes common knowledge, the Underking became angry at Tiber for breaking a promise to destroy the Tribunal and quickly halted his support of the would-be Emperor. After annexing Rimmen Tiber probably ordered the construction of the Halls of Colossus. When the Halls were finally completed Tiber had the pieces of the Numidium smuggled from Morrowind to the Halls, or possibly the College of the Imperial Battlemages, where the Imperial Battlemage, Zurin Arctus, attempted to find a way to make the Dwarven golem operate. These attempts resulted in the creation of the Totem, a device that could be used to control the Numidium. The only problem that remained was to find a power source strong enough to bring the Numidium to life. The resulting creation was the Mantella, a gem of immense power that could be used to power the Numidium. There are at least three different versions of the tale of how the Mantella came to exist. The first is that Tiber took the not yet powered Mantella from Zurin. According to this version of events Tiber covered up his betrayal of Zurin by claiming that Zurin had attempted to assassinate him, forcing the Imperial Guard to kill him. A second version states that Zurin willingly gave his life force to power the Mantella, and thus power the Numidium. The third version, this one from off the Arcturian Heresy, states that Tiber tricked the Underking into coming to a meeting. At this meeting the Imperial Guard and Zurin ambush the Underking, forcing his life force into the Mantella. During the ambush, however, Zurin and multiple guards fell. Tiber then made the claim that the Underking was one of the Guards who fell. The only thing that would seem to prevent Tiber from invading the Dominion at this early time was most likely the knowledge that Valenwood could be as inhospitable as Black Marsh at times, and chances of a successful invasion of the Summerset Isles across the Altmer controlled seas were microscopic. So instead of invading Tiber bided his time and waited for a trump card. The trump card that Tiber had been waiting for finally arrived in the form of the Numidium, Totem and Mantella. How exactly Tiber used the Numidium is unknown, but what is known is that he used it well, as soon the Aldmeri Dominions fell under his complete control. At this point history once again blurs. According to the story that states that Tiber betrayed Zurin states that Zurin, forced into an undead form, took upon himself the guise of the Underking. As the Underking, Zurin launched a devastating attacking on the Numidium. The story that claims that Zurin willingly gave up his life force claims that Tiber, after successfully demolishing the Dominion, turned the Numidium upon noble families whose loyalties he was uncertain of in an attempt to further solidify his control. Furious at the use of the great golem, Zurin, donning the guise of the Underking, turned on Tiber and engaged the golem in a great battle. The story, as told in the Arcturian Heresy, states that after his betrayal by Tiber the Underking did not die as Tiber thought, but instead retreated. Biding his time, the Underking finally strikes after the subjugation of the Dominion, and unleashes his wrath upon the Numidium. All of the stories, however, have the same ending. The battle between the Underking and the Numidium is long, and brutal; in the end, however, the Underking prevails and succeeds in shattering the once great golem, its pieces spread by the final blow across the surface of Tamriel.

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During the last half of the nineteenth century, the Western imperialist powers of England, France, and Germany established the model for acquisition of colonies in Asia and for the partition of China into spheres of influence. Near the end of the century, about the same time Japan began to capture colonial territory, the United States and Russia also initiated their imperialistic expansion in Asia. Section 1 of this essay reviews the key points of the four theories of imperialism. The final section provides conclusions. Theories of Imperialism

Imperialism can be defined as direct or indirect domination of an industrialized country over a colonial territory or another country. These three theories and the theory of nationalism have been subjected to various criticisms, but proponents still exist for each one. Hobson [1], identified the taproot of imperialism to be surplus capital in the home country in search of profitable investments in foreign markets. The profits earned by the small number of rich capitalists in the home market resulted in chronic oversaving, since they had a lower marginal propensity to consume than poor workers with wages based upon the cost of living rather than the efficiency of their labor. Although imperialism does not make sense as a business policy for a nation as a whole due to its enormous military and administrative expense, "strong organized industrial and financial interests" that stand to gain from imperialism find ways to put this expense on the general public [46]. Hobson argued that if purchasing power were reapportioned from the rich to the poor, then the home market would provide full employment of capital and labor with no overproduction, and there would be no need for the imperialistic fight for foreign markets.

Lenin [1], 14, 88 expressed the Marxist view of imperialism as the "monopoly stage of capitalism," the highest and final stage of capitalism prior to the proletarian social revolution. Essential features of imperialism include the concentration of production and capital into monopolies large-scale firms, the merging of bank and industrial capital, the export of capital, the apportionment of the world among the large-scale firms, and the division of territories of the world among the great capitalist powers. Lenin also emphasized that the need for raw materials drove capitalists to acquire colonies. Like Hobson, Lenin argues that surplus capital will be exported abroad for the purpose of increasing profits.

Joseph Schumpeter [1], 6 considered imperialism to be "the objectless disposition on the part of the state to unlimited forcible expansion. The bellicosity of an autocratic state derives from "the necessities of its social structure, from the inherited dispositions of its ruling class, rather than from the immediate advantages to be derived from the conquest." As a country becomes more capitalistic, the energy for war decreases as the "competitive system absorbs the full energies of most of the people at all economic levels." Schumpeter viewed imperialism as an atavism in the social structure of capitalist states, an element from prior history that affects emotional reactions.

Nationalism as a theory of imperialism goes under several other names, such as "power politics" Cohen, ; Mommsen, 74 and "mercantilism" Brown, 26; Gilpin, The theory of nationalism emphasizes the essential role of the state in imperialistic behavior as a nation seeks to maximize its power, prestige, and wealth relative to other countries. Nationalists consider economic relations between nations to be conflictual, a zero-sum game where the gain of one nation is the loss of another nation. This theory views capitalists as willing to invest wherever profits are expected to be greatest, either in the home country, overseas colonies, or other countries, so sometimes the interests of state leaders and business capitalists may coincide in plans for imperialist expansion. However, according to nationalism, ultimately politics determines economic relations and organization. Nationalists stress national security and national sentiment in international political and economic dynamics.

Gilpin, Japan Joins the Imperialist Club Japan forcefully acquired three major foreign territories between and Korea occupied a strategically important geographic position just to the west of the southern part of Japan. Japan went to war with China over proposed administrative and financial reforms in Korea. Japan also received a large indemnity; acquired Taiwan and the Liaodong Peninsula in southern Manchuria; and obtained several other concessions from China. Only six days

after signing the treaty, Germany, Russia, and France forced Japan to surrender its claims on the Liaodong Peninsula, which became a bitter diplomatic defeat for Japan. In 1895, only three years later, Russia pushed into Manchuria and obtained a leasehold from China for the same peninsula Japan had been forced to relinquish. During the same year, the United States, which embarked on its overseas imperialistic expansion about the same time as Japan, annexed Hawaii and the Philippines. From 1895 to 1911, the imperialist powers of France, Germany, Russia, and England divided up China into spheres of influence, which included special railway and mining concessions, leased territory, and promises from China that comparable privileges would not be granted to other countries in a specified area. Between 1895 and 1911, Japan became a full-fledged member in the club of imperialist powers. In 1900, Japan showed its military prowess when 20,000 of its troops joined 20,000 soldiers from the Western powers to fight side by side to defeat the Boxer Rebellion in China. In 1904 and 1905, Japan and Russia went to war over their territorial and political disputes in Korea and southern Manchuria. However, during this period Japan had no excess capital and had to borrow large amounts from Britain and the United States to finance its rapid industrial expansion and its wars with China and Russia. Although imports from the colonies as a share of total trade with other countries increased from 1.5% to 10% between 1895 and 1911, Lenin considered the existence of large-scale firms with great economic power monopolists and the merging of bank and industrial capital to be key characteristics of imperialism. In Japan between 1895 and 1911, a handful of huge privately-owned conglomerates called zaibatsu increased their economic power. Although some of the zaibatsu such as Mitsui and Sumitomo had histories of more than 200 years, they strengthened their economic position as the government, starting in the early 1880s, sold to them several industrial plants and mines that become very profitable. Likewise, the economic power of the zaibatsu companies from 1895 to 1911 did not approach anywhere near their domination just prior to and during World War II. Although Japan had made rapid progress in industrialization and modernization up to 1911, it could still be considered a developing country. In addition to surplus capital in search of higher profits overseas, Lenin stressed the acquisition of raw materials as a major reason for capitalists to acquire colonies. Very little evidence exists to support that Japan acquired its colonies between 1895 and 1911 for raw materials. Korea and Taiwan had no significant known mineral resources except for a small amount of iron ore in Korea, so the only substantial natural resources were agricultural products, mainly rice but also sugarcane in Taiwan. After acquiring Taiwan as a colony in 1895, Japan encouraged the planting of sugarcane to supply domestic needs. Japan had a feudalistic social structure with a warrior class samurai until the downfall of the Shogunate in 1868 and the implementation of numerous reforms over the next five years under the new Meiji government. Members of the former military aristocracy took leadership positions in the new government, and the military bent of some of these leaders became quickly evident, as they strongly pressed for military action in the early 1890s to conquer Korea. But the Meiji government, once isolationism had been abandoned, resumed the imperialistic practices of the earlier era. Schumpeter argued that capitalists have no economic incentives for imperialism, and Hobson also considered that imperialism is not profitable for a nation due its huge military and administrative costs. But it is certain that colonial enterprise occupied a subordinate place in Japanese economic development during the first three decades of the twentieth century. The United States forcibly opened Japan to the outside world in 1854. Soon thereafter, Japan was pressured by the imperialist powers to sign "unequal treaties," which granted foreigners in Japan extraterritoriality in legal cases and which imposed on Japan low tariff rates for which the imperialist countries did not grant corresponding concessions in their rates. The leaders of the Meiji government, formed in 1868 after the downfall of the Tokugawa Shogunate, considered national security and defense to be the top priority in order to prevent subjugation by the Western powers. Japan emulated the imperialistic behaviors of the Western powers. When Japan emerged from its isolation and took steps to industrialize and modernize, the international environment was one of intense competition between powers that tried to maximize their political and economic positions relative to other powers and less developed countries. The Western concept of Social Darwinism, with the ultimate domination of the world by the strongest nations, fit well with belief of many Japanese that they were the chosen people of Asia and a divinely favored race. Allen, 1963, 15 explains, "Throughout their history they have shown a gift for rapidly assimilating new ideas and practices, a boldness in executing large projects and, above all, a trained and frequently exercised capacity for organization. Imperialists in Japan and elsewhere are like drunken men,

intoxicated by patriotism and militarism, which are nothing but expressions of their animal instincts. They bleed people white with taxes, expand armaments, divert productive capital for unproductive ends, cause prices to rise, and invite excessive imports. These are all for the sake of the state. Government, education, commerce, and industry are sacrificed to patriotism, which is the root of militarism and imperialism. The Strange Case of Japan. Boulding and Tapan Mukerjee, eds. A Book of Readings, pp. University of Michigan Press. The Economics of Imperialism. The Question of Imperialism: The Political Economy of Dominance and Dependence. The Case of Korea, Power and the Multinational Corporation: Korea, Taiwan, and Kwantung. Reprint, with an introduction by Philip Siegelman, Ann Arbor: Japanese and American Expansion, The Highest Stage of Capitalism. The Economic Development of Japan: Growth and Structural Change, Economic Growth in Prewar Japan. Translated by Robert A. Power across the Pacific: New York University Press. Its Historical Validity and Contemporary Relevance.

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Share via Email Detail of an Indian miniature painting c of the Mughal emperor Jahangir with his court. Men everywhere, it seems, were threatened by the rise and reign of women, their racism and misogyny tied together in knots. It is the disentanglement of some of these that Ruby Lal attempts in *Empress*, a luminous biography of a woman dabbed out of history, first by vengeful successors to her husband, the emperor Jahangir, then by colonialist historians and ultimately by nationalists who wanted to write their own history of the empire. What Lal presents is the story of a woman from the imperial harem without the usual obsession with the harem as a realm of cheap erotic associations. It is a captivating account, its depth of detail recreating a world whose constraints of lineage would seem to preclude the advance of an unknown, self-made, widowed queen. It was a hurried exit; the two and their retinue had to join a commercial caravan despite the fact that Asmat was visibly pregnant. Propelled by the optimism and ambition that is such a part of migration, then and now, Ghias and Asmat managed to make good in their new home. Their noble Persian lineage and the connection of a cousin led them, in just a few years, into courtly circles. The Mughal monarch at the time was Akbar, the second of the Four Great Mughals; a man deeply committed to exemplifying a religious and cultural cosmopolitanism unparalleled in the era. Lal translates what this meant for those raising daughters within the ambit of the court. Girls of nobility were not educated in the traditional sense, but were well taught in lore and legend, ritual and tradition, not to mention the management of relationships that could translate to social mobility. In a seeming instant, the year-old Nur was sent off in with her new husband to the far-flung province of Bihar, where he filled an imperial post. For the next 12 years, Mihr-un-Nisa languished in Bengal with only her wet-nurse Dai Dilaram for company and her husband away on military campaigns. None were enough, apparently, to make him forget his childhood sweetheart. On 11 May, Mihr-un-Nisa, whose husband had conveniently perished, married Jehangir. Her ascent up the ranks of the harem had been rapid. Amid the women, she set about winning over the Persian matriarchs with know-how and respect for her lineage. Before her new husband, she was witty and audacious, displaying the grit of a huntress and not failing to massage his ego. Paintings from the time show a pair taking a moonlit walk in the Palace Gardens, engaged in the hushed and secret *tete-a-tete* of lovers. The two accompanied by servants, horses, elephants, tents and carpets went everywhere, from overnight trips to melon fields to months-long excursions to the gardens of Kashmir on the edge of the Himalayas.

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Originally a vassal of the Ming emperors, Nurhaci embarked on an intertribal feud in that escalated into a campaign to unify the nearby tribes. By 1616, he had sufficiently consolidated Jianzhou so as to be able to proclaim himself Khan of the Great Jin in reference to the previous Jurchen dynasty. After a series of successful battles, he relocated his capital from Hetu Ala to successively bigger captured Ming cities in Liaodong: Although by this time the once-united Mongol nation had long since fragmented into individual and hostile tribes, these tribes still presented a serious security threat to the Ming borders. To guarantee this new alliance, Nurhaci initiated a policy of inter-marriages between the Jurchen and Khorchin nobilities, while those who resisted were met with military action. During most of the Qing period, the Mongols gave military assistance to the Manchus. Nurhaci also created the civil and military administrative system that eventually evolved into the Eight Banners, the defining element of Manchu identity and the foundation for transforming the loosely knitted Jurchen tribes into a nation. The Manchu cavalry charging Ming infantry in the battle of Sarhu in 1619. There were too few ethnic Manchus to conquer China proper, so they gained strength by defeating and absorbing Mongols. More importantly, they added Han Chinese to the Eight Banners. Ming artillery was responsible for many victories against the Manchus, so the Manchus established an artillery corps made out of Han Chinese soldiers in 1626, and the swelling of Han Chinese numbers in the Eight Banners led in 1642 to all Eight Han Banners being created. Han Chinese Generals who defected to the Manchu were often given women from the Imperial Aisin Gioro family in marriage while the ordinary soldiers who defected were often given non-royal Manchu women as wives. He died a few months later and was succeeded by his eighth son, Hong Taiji, who emerged after a short political struggle amongst other potential contenders as the new Khan. Although Hong Taiji was an experienced leader and the commander of two Banners at the time of his succession, his reign did not start well on the military front. The Jurchens suffered yet another defeat in 1627 at the hands of Yuan Chonghuan. The Mukden Palace To redress the technological and numerical disparity, Hong Taiji in 1627 created his own artillery corps, the *ujen cooha* Chinese: Hong Taiji then proceeded in 1627 to invade Korea again. Together these military reforms enabled Hong Taiji to resoundingly defeat Ming forces in a series of battles from 1627 to 1644 for the territories of Songshan and Jinzhou. Meanwhile, Hong Taiji set up a rudimentary bureaucratic system based on the Ming model. He established six boards or executive level ministries in 1627 to oversee finance, personnel, rites, military, punishments, and public works. However, these administrative organs had very little role initially, and it was not until the eve of completing the conquest ten years later that they fulfilled their government roles. Nurhaci had treated Han in Liaodong differently according to how much grain they had: Due to a revolt by Han in Liaodong in 1619, Nurhaci, who previously gave concessions to conquered Han subjects in Liaodong, turned against them and ordered that they no longer be trusted. He enacted discriminatory policies and killings against them, while ordering that Han who assimilated to the Jurchen in Jilin before be treated equally, as Jurchens were, and not like the conquered Han in Liaodong. Hong Taiji recognized that Han defectors were needed by the Manchus to assist in the conquest of the Ming, explaining to other Manchus why he needed to treat the Ming defector General Hong Chengchou leniently. By 1626, less than one-sixth of the bannermen were of Manchu ancestry. Through these and other measures Hong Taiji was able to centralize power unto the office of the Khan, which in the long run prevented the Jurchen federation from fragmenting after his death. Hanging scroll, ink and colour on silk. The Palace Museum, Beijing. Hong Taiji died suddenly in September 1626 without a designated heir. As the Jurchens had traditionally "elected" their leader through a council of nobles, the Qing state did not have in place a clear succession system until the reign of the Kangxi Emperor. Ming government officials fought against each other, against fiscal collapse, and against a series of peasant rebellions. They were unable to capitalise on the Manchu succession dispute and installation of a minor as emperor. In April 1644, the capital at Beijing was sacked by a coalition of rebel forces led by Li Zicheng, a former minor Ming official, who established a short-lived Shun

dynasty. The last Ming ruler, the Chongzhen Emperor , committed suicide when the city fell, marking the official end of the dynasty. Li Zicheng then led a coalition of rebel forces numbering , [c] to confront Wu Sangui , the general commanding the Ming garrison at Shanhai Pass. Shanhai Pass is a pivotal pass of the Great Wall , located fifty miles northeast of Beijing, and for years its defenses kept the Manchus from directly raiding the Ming capital. Wu Sangui, caught between a rebel army twice his size and a foreign enemy he had fought for years, decided to cast his lot with the Manchus, with whom he was familiar. Wu and Dorgon allied in the name of avenging the death of the Chongzhen Emperor. The Manchus, who had positioned themselves as political heir to the Ming emperor by defeating the rebel Li Zicheng, completed the symbolic transition by holding a formal funeral for the Chongzhen Emperor. However the process of conquering the rest of China took another seventeen years of battling Ming loyalists, pretenders and rebels. The last Ming pretender, Prince Gui , sought refuge with the King of Burma , Pindale Min , but was turned over to a Qing expeditionary army commanded by Wu Sangui, who had him brought back to Yunnan province and executed in early Han Chinese Banners were made up of Han Chinese who defected to the Qing up to and joined the Eight Banners, giving them social and legal privileges in addition to being acculturated to Manchu culture. Although the period of his regency was relatively short, Dorgon cast a long shadow over the Qing dynasty. Then, after capturing Beijing, instead of sacking the city as the rebels had done, Dorgon insisted, over the protests of other Manchu princes, on making it the dynastic capital and reappointing most Ming officials. Keeping the Ming capital and bureaucracy intact helped quickly stabilize the regime and sped up the conquest of the rest of the country. Dorgon drastically reduced the influence of the eunuchs, a major force in the Ming bureaucracy, and directed Manchu women not to bind their feet in the Chinese style. The controversial July edict the "haircutting order" forced adult Han Chinese men to shave the front of their heads and comb the remaining hair into the queue hairstyle which was worn by Manchu men, on pain of death. For the Han Chinese, however, it was a humiliating reminder of Qing authority that challenged traditional Confucian values. It was Han Chinese defectors who carried out massacres against people refusing to wear the queue. Li Chengdong, a Han Chinese general who had served the Ming but surrendered to the Qing, [49] ordered his Han troops to carry out three separate massacres in the city of Jiading within a month, resulting in tens of thousands of deaths. At the end of the third massacre, there was hardly a living person left in this city.

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Since then, the trend has been reversed. All this represents a remarkable reversal of even longer-standing trends. For decades, imperial history was seen as fusty, hidebound, backward-looking – and it appeared to many that studying empires necessarily meant being in favour of or nostalgic for them. The turning of that tide, and the new atmosphere of optimism and dynamism in imperial history, are surely good news to anyone interested in the field. Meanwhile the number of those who are interested has obviously also shot up, as ideas and arguments about empire, especially the notion of American empire, have been driven into ever greater prominence by contemporary world events. Maybe above all, the current scene is both more fully transnational and more transdisciplinary than ever before. Yet not everything is quite so cheering – even apart from the gravity and the menace of some of the contemporary world events which have helped to give the field its current salience. The renewed, polymorphous vigour has been accompanied by new kinds of tension and schism, often ones where interpretative disputes are shot through with intense political or ethical differences. In the remainder of this short article I wish to focus on some of these – necessarily only a small and perhaps idiosyncratic selection from among them, and on the whole without attempting some would-be authoritative adjudication of them, though naturally many of my own prejudices will be on display. The very core terminology of the subject is deeply contested. But a kind of permanent vigilance and self-questioning about the very nature, even the validity, of the titular subject seems to me utterly necessary. What – if anything – is generically colonial about all the various situations labeled thus? What if anything do empires have in common across history? Behind these arguments lie others, which revolve around radically divergent evaluations of the strength or weakness of imperial and colonial states, their relationships with cultural formations and identity-claims, and – most sweepingly – the historical significance or otherwise of systems of alien rule. Much colonial and postcolonial theory has exhibited a tendency to see colonial power as an all-embracing, transhistorical force, controlling and transforming every aspect of colonised societies. The writings and attitudes of those involved with empire are seen as constituting a system, a network, a discourse in the sense made famous by Michel Foucault. It inextricably combines the production of knowledge with the exercise of power. It deals in stereotypes and polar antitheses. It has both justificatory and repressive functions. Some current writing in this vein thus treats colonialism as homogeneous and all-powerful, and also often uses the term to denote patterns of domination, or even merely of transregional contact, which preceded, succeeded or indeed were substantially disengaged from periods of actual conquest, possession and rule. It has proved extraordinarily difficult to formulate such criteria and set limits, despite the mass of recent historical work in the field, and despite the seemingly elaborately organised, sometimes officially sponsored nature of the putatively relevant British cultural production. Assessment of the historical place of empire in British life is still marked by stark polarity between silent assumptions about its utter marginality and vociferous ones about its centrality or ubiquity. In some quarters there is a danger of overcompensating for previous neglect of the interpenetration of domestic and imperial, failing to recognise that in many spheres of British life and thought, there really were powerful kinds of insulation between them. To a somewhat lesser but rapidly increasing extent, similar questions are being posed – and sometimes similarly polarised positions taken – by historians and historical geographers of France, Germany, Belgium and other European former imperial powers – and indeed those of Russia and America. The kind of vigilance I am preaching – though no doubt often fail to practice – requires of course a considerable degree of explicit conceptual or indeed theoretical self-consciousness. Yet the role of such things in imperial history and colonial studies has also been notably contentious. In the study of empire, there have been comparatively few big ideas and, by comparison with many other spheres both of historical and of social scientific research, relatively little theory-building. One need only think of how much debate still revolves around the century-old theories of J. Hobson, or the year-old ones of Ronald Robinson and Jack Gallagher. Yet this relative dearth of theoretical

case in the Anglophone world would be Niall Ferguson – see those who resist imperial power, past and present, as typically doing so in the name of deeply unattractive, inward- or backward-looking ideologies, and the postcolonial states they created a disaster for most poor countries. The continuation or renewal of some form of imperial governance might be better than independence for many. This is the role of violence, repression and atrocity in empire, and in its representations and memories. Countering this, critics press for renewed attention to past British colonial atrocities, drawing above all just now on important books about s Kenya which reveal patterns of abuse and massacre far wider than previously acknowledged. Repeatedly and inescapably, the historical arguments are linked with images of Guantanamo Bay and Abu Ghraib. Some historians suggest that most episodes of genocide and mass murder in world history have been associated with empire-building: Nicholas Dirks, *Castes of Mind: Explaining Ethnic Cleansing* Cambridge, Suggested further reading David Anderson, *Histories of the Hanged: Theory, Knowledge, History* Berkeley, Calif. *Melancholia or Convivial Culture?* London, *At Home with the Empire: Metropolitan Culture and the Imperial World*, ed. American Ascendancy and its Predecessors Cambridge, Mass. Themes and Perspectives, ed.

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However, his own family tree was quite mixed up and would be a lifelong source of embarrassment and concern to him. His father, Alois, was born in He was the illegitimate son of Maria Anna Schicklgruber and her unknown mate, which may have been someone from the neighborhood or a poor millworker named Johann Georg Hiedler. Maria Schicklgruber was said to have been employed as a cook in the household of a wealthy Jewish family named Frankenberger. There is some speculation their 19 year old son got her pregnant and regularly sent her money after the birth of Alois. Adolf Hitler would never know for sure just who his grandfather was. The marriage lasted five years until her death of natural causes, at which time Alois went to live on a small farm with his uncle. At age thirteen, young Alois had enough of farm life and set out for the city of Vienna to make something of himself. He worked hard as a civil servant and eventually became a supervisor. By he achieved the rank of Senior Assistant Inspector, a big accomplishment for the former poor farm boy with little formal education. At this time an event occurred that would have big implications for the future. Alois had always used the last name of his mother, Schicklgruber, and thus was always called Alois Schicklgruber. He made no attempt to hide the fact he was illegitimate since it was common in rural Austria. But after his success in the civil service, his proud uncle from the small farm convinced him to change his last name to match his own, Hiedler, and continue the family name. However, when it came time to write the name down in the record book it was spelled as Hitler. And so in at age 39, Alois Schicklgruber became Alois Hitler. Technically, because of the name change, she was his own niece and so he had to get special permission from the Catholic church. The children from his previous marriage, Alois Hitler, Jr. On April 20, , her fourth child, Adolf was born healthy and was baptized a Roman Catholic. His father was busy working most of the time and also spent a lot of time on his main hobby, keeping bees. Baby Adolf had the nickname, Adi. When he was almost five, in , his mother gave birth to a brother, Edmund. In came a sister, Paula. In May of at age six, young Adolf Hitler entered first grade in the public school in the village of Fischlham, near Linz Austria. First, the unrestrained, carefree days he had enjoyed up to now came to an end as he entered primary school. Secondly, his father retired on a pension from the Austrian civil service. This meant a double dose of supervision, discipline and regimentation under the watchful eyes of teachers at school and his strict father at home. His father, now 58, had spent most of his life working his way up through the civil service ranks. He was used to giving orders and having them obeyed and also expected this from his children. The Hitler family lived on a small farm outside of Linz, Austria. The children had farm chores to perform along with their school work. In she gave birth to a girl, Paula. The oldest boy, Alois Jr. A year later, at age 14, young Alois had enough of this treatment and ran away from home, never to see his father again. This put young Adolf, age 7, next in line for the same treatment. Also at this time, the family moved off the farm to the town of Lambach, Austria, halfway between Linz and Salzburg. For young Adolf, the move to Lambach meant an end to farm chores and more time to play. There was an old Catholic Benedictine monastery in the town. The ancient monastery was decorated with carved stones and woodwork that included several swastikas. Adolf attended school there and saw them every day. His name essentially sounded like the German word for swastika, Hakenkreuz. He was said to have had a fine singing voice. Years later Hitler would say the solemn pageantry of the high mass and other Catholic ceremonies was quite intoxicating and left a very deep impression. As a young boy he idolized the priests and for two years seriously considered becoming a priest himself. He especially admired the Abbot in charge, who ruled his black-robed monks with supreme authority. At home Hitler sometimes played priest and even included long sermons. At age nine, he got into schoolboy mischief. He was caught smoking a cigarette by one of the priests, but was forgiven and not punished. His favorite game to play outside was cowboys and Indians. Tales of the American West were very popular among boys in Austria and Germany. May, who had never been to America, invented a hero named Old Shatterhand, a white man who always won his battles with Native Americans, defeating his enemies

through sheer will power and bravery. His half brother Alois later described him as quick to anger and spoiled by his indulgent mother. In , the Hitler family moved once again, to the village of Leonding, close to Linz. They settled into a small house with a garden next to a cemetery. This meant another change of schools for Adolf. He found school easy and got good grades with little effort. He also discovered he had considerable talent for drawing, especially sketching buildings. He had the ability to look at a building, memorize the architectural details, and accurately reproduce it on paper, entirely from memory. He read it over and over, becoming convinced it had been a glorious event. From then on, I became more and more enthusiastic about everything that was in any way connected with war or, for that matter, with soldering. Cowboys and Indians gave way to battle re-enactments, especially after the Boer War broke out in Africa. Hitler, now eleven years old, took the side of the Boers against the English and never tired of playing war. Sometimes, he even wore out the boys he was playing with and then simply went and found other boys to continue. But now at home, tragedy struck. It seems to have shaken him badly. To make matters worse, the little boy was buried in the cemetery next to their house. From his bedroom window, Adolf could see the cemetery. Years later, neighbors recalled that young Adolf was sometimes seen at night sitting on the wall of the cemetery gazing up at the stars. And there were now more problems for Adolf. His grade school years were coming to an end and he had to choose which type of secondary school to attend, classical or technical. By now, young Hitler had dreams of one day becoming an artist. He wanted to go to the classical school. But his father wanted him to follow in his footsteps and become a civil servant and sent him to the technical high school in the city of Linz, in September, Hitler, the country boy, was lost in the city and its big school. City kids also looked down on country kids who went to the school. He was very lonely and extremely unhappy. He did quite poorly his first year, getting kept back. He would later claim he wanted to show his father he was unsuited for technical education with its emphasis on mathematics and science and thus should have been allowed to become an artist. There were frequent arguments at home between young Hitler and his father over his career choice. To the traditional minded, authoritarian father, the idea of his son becoming an artist seemed utterly ridiculous. But in the grand scheme of things, as young Adolf saw it, the idea of a career spent sitting in an office all day long doing the boring paper work of a civil servant was utterly horrible. The dream of becoming an artist seemed to be the answer to all his present day problems. But his stubborn father refused to listen. And so a bitter struggle began between father and son. Hitler began his second year at the high school as the oldest boy in his class since he had been kept back. This gave him the advantage over the other boys. Once again he became a little ringleader and even led the boys in afterschool games of cowboys and Indians, becoming Old Shatterhand. He managed to get better grades in his second year, but still failed mathematics. Another interest of great importance surfaced at this time, German nationalism. The area of Austria where Hitler grew up is close to the German border. Many Austrians along the border considered themselves to be German-Austrians. Although they were subjects of the Austrian Hapsburg Monarchy and its multicultural empire, they expressed loyalty to the German Imperial House of Hohenzollern and its Kaiser. There was also a history teacher at school, Dr. For young Hitler, German Nationalism quickly became an obsession. Adding to all this, was another new interest, the operas of German composer Richard Wagner. Hitler saw his first opera at age twelve and was immediately captivated by its Germanic music, pagan myths, tales of ancient Kings and Knights and their glorious struggles against hated enemies. But now, for young Hitler, the struggle with his father was about to come to a sudden end. He was caught up in the patriotism of the time, and submitted a petition to enlist in the Bavarian army. Hitler narrowly escaped death in battle several times, and was eventually awarded two Iron Crosses for bravery.

8: Hitler's Rise to Power

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