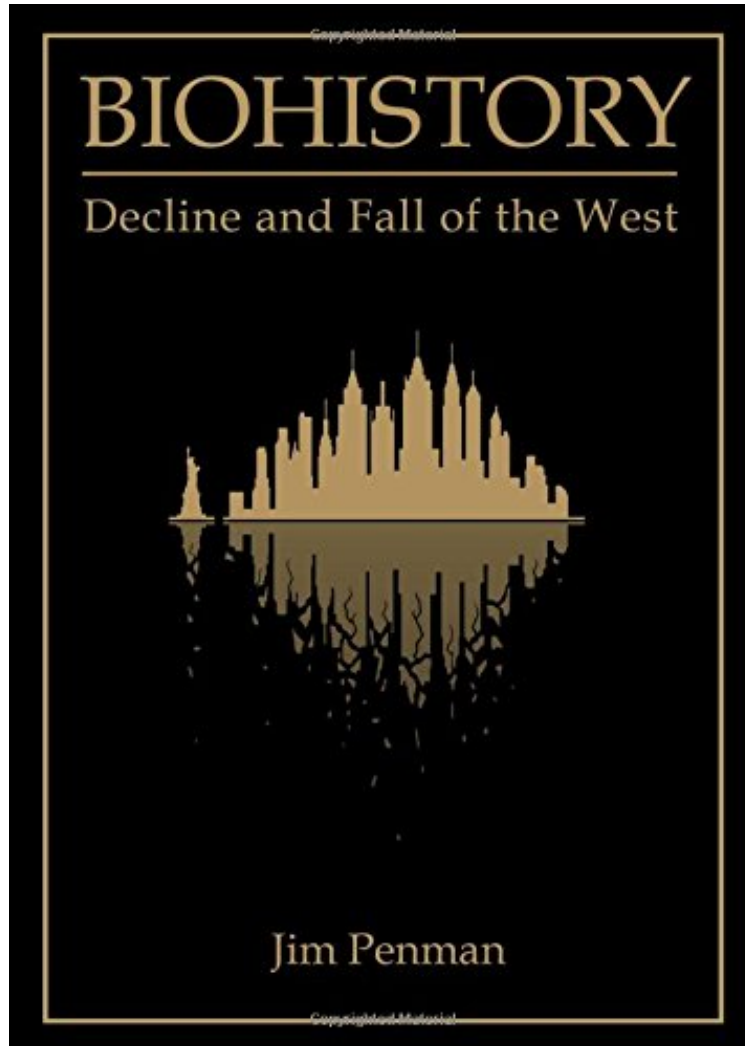


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Western civilisation is on a path to destruction. In coming decades, economies will shrink, democracy will retreat and nations crumble. The long-term result will be grinding poverty, superstition and disease. This isn't scaremongering it is science. In *Biohistory: The Decline and Fall of the West*, Dr Jim Penman, PhD, details a revolutionary new theory about why civilizations collapse. For the first time, Penman directly links human biology with the rise and fall of civilisations a cataclysmic relationship that brought the Romans, the ancient Greeks and all other Empires to their knees. Based on pioneering scientific research, Penman reveals the deadly, invisible forces at play across human and animal history and why the West will be the next victim. Biohistory makes use of the latest findings in epigenetics, the study of how the environment affects our genes. Presented in easy-to-digest language, it draws on history, biology, anthropology and economics to explain the real drivers of social change and how evolutionary mechanisms designed to adapt animal social behaviour to changing food conditions determine the fate of civilisation. The West's only hope of avoiding catastrophe lies with the biological sciences, but is it already too late to change the course of history?

A thought-provoking work. --Dr Steven A. Peterson, author of *Darwinism, Dominance, and Democracy*A theory which only the unwise will ignore. --Dr Michael T. McGuire, MD, author of *Darwinian Psychiatry*Penman discerns [...] a grim twilight for the West, though with hope for an enlightened dawn. --Dr Frank Salter, author of *On Genetic Interests: Family, Ethnicity, and Humanity in an Age of Mass Migration*About the AuthorDr Jim Penman has devoted his life to the scientific understanding of social change. Having obtained a PhD in History from Australia's La Trobe University in 1983, he is now an Honorary Fellow and Guest Lecturer at RMIT University in Melbourne. Dr Penman's theory of biohistory the study of history informed by biology is as radical as it is pioneering. For the first time, he has discovered a tangible link between the fortunes of society and mechanisms that adapt animal social behaviour to changing food conditions. His startling conclusion is that major societal changes, such as the collapse of mighty civilisations, can be explained in terms of biology. He suggests that harnessing the power of this complex relationship might possibly prevent the West from sharing the fate of Rome. Dr Penman is also a successful businessman and the founder of Jim's Group, Australia's largest franchise network with 3,400 franchisees in four countries. In 2007, he created a scientific research program which has done valuable work in the field of animal behavior, biochemistry and epigenetics. To date, he has co-authored ten peer-reviewed papers in high-ranking journals. Dr Penman lives in Melbourne, Australia, is married, and has ten children.