

Cries of grief, yet still hoping

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Suzette Sandoz. (Photo <https://blogs.letemps.ch/suzette-sandoz/>)

Were the Egyptians, the Greeks and the Romans aware of the end of their civilisation? And did all the peoples who perished, whose ruins remind us of their former greatness, consciously accept their destruction?

This is the question that haunts me when I witness the planned demise of the West. Firstly, the downfall of Europe, which was achieved thanks to its submission to the USA and its blindness in the Ukraine war, while the many European mini-heads of state and, unfortunately, the neutrality peddlers in Switzerland are playing at being ingenious paragons of virtue; then the downfall of the USA, which is incap-

able of presenting its voters with presidential candidates who are more than just two puppets in the hands of a few powerful donors: a frightening degeneration of democracy.

After the fall of the Roman Empire, a force emerged that made the construction of the West possible: Christianity. In the meantime, Western humans increasingly believe themselves to be their own creator: They create their own climate, their own reproduction and new genders, they even create their own God, who is man and woman – now they only see him in binary terms, but this will probably not remain the case for long.

Which value, which creative power will secure the future? We do not have the right to plunge future generations into despair. The future does exist. It depends on our ability to realise and pass on a concept of life, hope and peace, but it will also require a few centuries of humility. May it not inevitably lead through a carnage!

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