Freedom and the Third Hellenization Period

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“Freedom and the Third Hellenization Period enlightens you in a laconic fashion on how Hellenization has been evolving through time and how it has become a global living culture. Undoubtedly, readers, regardless of ethnical origins, will feel empowered and ready to unify for a better future.”
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Freedom and the Third Hellenization Period asserts that today the world experiences the Third Hellenization Period which started with the Renaissance in Europe after the dark ages, mainly instigated by the teachings of St. Thomas Aquinas. (Hellenization is the way of life based on general principles, established or improved by Ancient Greeks.) It is emphasized that the differences between this Hellenization period and the previous two are (a) that the current one is more global in its scope, (b) that the underlying principles are adopted at increasing rates (often times through violent uprising), and (c) that it is facilitated, a great deal, by (and evolves with) technological improvements in communications such as the internet and social media, improved transportation, as well as the spread of commerce, tourism, sport and entertainment.

An attempt is made to offer an explanation as to why the practical and rewarding formulae invented by the Ancient Greeks are everlasting contributions and growing in relevance. It is argued that the Ancient Greeks detonated a freedom explosive, an outburst of ideas and principles which, as we speak, is still in progress, engulfing in its inferno, like an expending fireball, the modern open-minded freedom-valuing world. It is stressed that, remarkably, today’s societies, in large majority, are led more than ever before by freedom to reason, as they experience rising interdependence of their nations in terms of economics, democratic governing, and culture - continually liberated and amalgamated via social media, international sport and entertainment.

The book targets the educated layperson as well as college students, researchers and practitioners in classics, foreign affairs, global studies, history, philosophy, politics, business, economics, engineering, religion, sport, and comparative civilizations.

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