

Kipling's "The Battle of East & West"; Pivot Power Trumps Islam; US Is in Decline Due to Lack of Virtue among Men; Fuller's "The True Gentleman"

Kipling, Rudyard. "The Battle of East and West." In *Complete Verse: Definitive Edition*. (New York: Doubleday, 1940), 233:

*Oh, East is East, and West is West, and never the twain shall meet,
Till Earth and Sky stand presently at God's great Judgment Seat;
But there is neither East nor West, Border, nor Breed, nor Birth,
When two strong men stand face to face, though they come from the ends of the earth!*

71. The first two lines state the conclusion to the matter while the last two describe the events in the interim. The only way to silence the guns prior to the Second Advent is to have one strong man overwhelm the other by all necessary force and without remorse.
72. The current battle with Islam is a power play by Lucifer's emissaries. They are driven by the kind of evil hatred that has historically been sponsored by satanic influence upon those whom his demons possess.
73. Anti-Semitism knows no bounds but it is crystallized in the souls of Moslems whose religious fervor goes beyond cultic devotion to that of fanatical hatred.
74. There can be no assimilation of the East by the West. They stand apart and the two cannot find common ground. Neither may compromise and remain East or West. Should one or the other do so it would provide victory for the one who stood fast.
75. By prophecy, the West will prevail. Lucifer will not win the Invisible War. Truth will prevail. The Qu'ran will not triumph over the Bible. The time will come when Lucifer's forces, however they may be described, will gain a temporary advantage, but that will occur in the Tribulation and will not affect the Church.
76. In the interim, the rise and fall of nations will continue and the United States is not immune to the latter. Islam may prevail in parts of the West and it has made significant inroads into Western Europe.
77. But Christianity by means of the Pivot will remain a viable force until the Rapture. The only defense against the potential threats from Islam or any other surrogate of satanic strategy is by advancing to spiritual maturity and holding fast to what you have.

Hebrews 3:6 – Christ, as an adult Son over His house [the Church]—whose house we are, if we hold fast our confidence [in doctrine: spiritual maturity] and the object of our confident expectation until the end [the eternal state].

78. This is not a time to be blasé about doctrine. We still possess a façade of safety and prosperity. But the mosques and their madrassas are training a Fifth Column that will soon expose the error of multiculturalism and the failure to assimilate non-European cultures.
79. But all these things would be of no consequence if the men of America were men of virtue. When there is a loss of thought in the souls of men there will follow a loss of virtue.
80. Absence of integrity is reflected in the kind of people who are granted power by a free people. When weak men and arrogant women are granted the power to make decisions for the people then they will always submit to the notions of evil people who propagandize, intimidate, and manipulate them.

81. It begins in the home where men, no longer capable of being leaders from a character based on integrity, fail in the responsibilities God delegated to them. What is needed is a generation of gentlemen whose souls are fortified with doctrine.
82. In the seventeenth century, English clergyman, Thomas Fuller, wrote *The Holy and Profane States* in which he presented essays on various virtues and vices. On the “good” his work contained chapters that described “The Good Wife,” “... Husband,” “...Parent,” “... Child,” “... Judge,” “... Schoolmaster,” “... Merchant,” “... Yeoman,” and “... Soldier.” Among these was also included “The True Gentleman.”
83. These are difficult to read in the English parlance of the seventeenth century but they have been rewritten in a modern vocabulary that brings out the impact of the reverend’s thought. Here is an edited version of Thomas Fuller’s

“The True Gentleman”

(Thomas Fuller, 1648)

The English gentleman, first of all, was a man of good breeding—that is, of courteous and graceful manners. He was a man of honor, who would not lie or cheat; he was a man of valor, who would not flee before enemies; a man of duty, who would serve the king and country as magistrate or member of a representative assembly; a man of practical charity, a steward under God of what wealth he might have inherited or acquired, for the common good. The gentleman is not puffed up with pride at his inheritance; he is a diligent university student; he acquires a knowledge of the laws; he rides his horse well; he accepts public office if it is given him; he is severe but just; he judges of any matter meditatively, but acts swiftly when the right of the matter is clear.* He furnishes and prepares himself in peace against time of war. He will be known by his openhandedness, his dress, his companions. He is courteous and affable to his neighbors. As the sword of the best tempered metal is most flexible, so the truly generous are the most pliant and courteous in their behavior to their inferiors.

*** Romans 11:22 - Behold the benevolence of God and the severity of God. On the one hand, severity to those who fell, but, on the other hand, to you the benevolence of God, if you continue to persist in the sphere of the benevolence of God; otherwise you also will be cut off [a shift from the blessings of benevolence to the discipline of severity].**

84. Solomon had the training to be a gentleman and presented himself as such for a time, but once in the reversionistic spiral he abandoned its virtues for the behavior of a rake, a scoundrel, and a libertine.
85. His conduct became so transparent that, when wooing the Shulammite, she read right through his every effort, her wisdom being the product of a soul decorated with the virtues of a lady.