A STUDY OF HISTORY

BY

ARNOLD J. TOYNBEE

Doloris
Sopitam recreant volnera viva animam.
Anon.

ABRIDGEMENT
OF VOLUMES VII-X

BY

D. C. SOMERVELL

OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS
New York  Oxford
CONTENTS

Preface by Arnold Toynbee v
Note by the Maker of this Abridgement vii

VI. UNIVERSAL STATES

xxiii. Ends or Means? 1
xxiv. The Mirage of Immortality 4
xxv. Sic vos non vobis
   (1) The Conductivity of Universal States 11
   (2) The Psychology of Peace 15
   (3) The Serviceability of Imperial Institutions
       Communications 21
       Garrisons and Colonies 21
       Provinces 27
       Capital Cities 33
       Official Languages and Scripts 37
       Law 44
       Calendars; Weights and Measures; Money 50
       Standing Armies 54
       Civil Services 64
       Citizenships 67

VII. UNIVERSAL CHURCHES

xxvi. Alternative Conceptions of the Relation of Universal Churches to Civilizations 76
   (1) Churches as Cancers 76
   (2) Churches as Chrysalises 81
   (3) Churches as a Higher Species of Society 87
       (a) A New Classification 87
       (b) The Significance of the Churches' Past 93
       (c) The Conflict between Heart and Head 94
       (d) The Promise of the Churches' Future 103

xxvii. The Role of Civilizations in the Lives of Churches 109
   (1) Civilizations as Overtures 109
   (2) Civilizations as Regressions 111

xxviii. The Challenge of Militancy on Earth 114
CONTENTS

VIII. HEROIC AGES

xxix. THE COURSE OF THE TRAGEDY

(1) A Social Barrage 120
(2) The Accumulation of Pressure 123
(3) The Cataclysm and its Consequences 130
(4) Fancy and Fact 136

Note: ‘The Monstrous Regiment of Women’ 142

IX. CONTACTS BETWEEN CIVILIZATIONS IN SPACE

xxx. AN EXPANSION OF THE FIELD OF STUDY 144

xxxi. A SURVEY OF ENCOUNTERS BETWEEN CONTEMPORARY CIVILIZATIONS 147

(1) A Plan of Operations 147
(2) Operations according to Plan 151

(a) Encounters with the Modern Western Civilization 151
   (i) The Modern West and Russia 151
   (ii) The Modern West and the Main Body of Orthodox Christendom 153
   (iii) The Modern West and the Hindu World 159
   (iv) The Modern West and the Islamic World 167
   (v) The Modern West and the Jews 171
   (vi) The Modern West and the Far Eastern and Indigenous American Civilizations 179
   (vii) Characteristics of the Encounters between the Modern West and its Contemporaries 185

(b) Encounters with Medieval Western Christendom 188
   (i) The Flow and Ebb of the Crusades 188
   (ii) The Medieval West and the Syriac World 191
   (iii) The Medieval West and Greek Orthodox Christendom 193

(c) Encounters between Civilizations of the First Two Generations 200
   (i) Encounters with the Post-Alexandrine Hellenic Civilization 200
   (ii) Encounters with the Pre-Alexandrine Hellenic Civilization 203
   (iii) Tares and Wheat 209
CONTENTS

xxxii. The Drama of Encounters between Contemporaries 212
   (1) Concatenations of Encounters 212
   (2) Diversities of Response 214

xxxiii. The Consequences of Encounters between Contemporaries 219
   (1) Aftermaths of Unsuccessful Assaults 219
   (2) Aftermaths of Successful Assaults 220
      (a) Effects on the Body Social 220
      (b) Responses of the Soul 227
          (i) Dehumanization 227
          (ii) Zealotism and Herodianism 231
          (iii) Evangelism 236
   Note: ‘Asia’ and ‘Europe’: Facts and Fantasies 238

X. Contacts between Civilizations in Time

xxxiv. A Survey of Renaissances 241
   (1) Introduction—‘The Renaissance’ 241
   (2) Renaissances of Political Ideas and Institutions 242
   (3) Renaissances of Systems of Law 244
   (4) Renaissances of Philosophies 247
   (5) Renaissances of Languages and Literatures 250
   (6) Renaissances of Visual Arts 255
   (7) Renaissances of Religious Ideals and Institutions 257

XI. Law and Freedom in History

xxxv. The Problem 261
   (1) The Meaning of ‘Law’ 261
   (2) The Antinomianism of Modern Western Historians 262

xxxvi. The Amenability of Human Affairs to ‘Laws of Nature’ 268
   (1) A Survey of the Evidence 268
      (a) The Private Affairs of Individuals 268
      (b) The Industrial Affairs of a Modern Western Society 269
      (c) The Rivalries of Parochial States: the Balance of Power 270
      (d) The Disintegrations of Civilizations 271
      (e) The Growths of Civilizations 274
      (f) ‘There is no armour against Fate’ 276
CONTENTS

(2) Possible Explanations of the Currency of ‘Laws of Nature’ in History 279
(3) Are Laws of Nature current in History inexorable or controllable? 288

XXXVII. THE RECALCITRANCE OF HUMAN NATURE TO LAWS OF NATURE 293
XXXVIII. THE LAW OF GOD 299

XII. THE PROSPECTS OF THE WESTERN CIVILIZATION

XXXIX. THE NEED FOR THIS INQUIRY 302

XL. THE INCONCLUSIVENESS OF A PRIORI ANSWERS 307

XLI. THE TESTIMONY OF THE HISTORIES OF THE CIVILIZATIONS 312
(1) Western Experiences with Non-Western Precedents 312
(2) Unprecedented Western Experiences 319

XLII. TECHNOLOGY, WAR, AND GOVERNMENT 321
(1) Prospects of a Third World War 321
(2) Towards a Future World Order 326

XLIII. TECHNOLOGY, CLASS CONFLICT, AND EMPLOYMENT 332
(1) The Nature of the Problem 332
(2) Mechanization and Private Enterprise 334
(3) Alternative Approaches to Social Harmony 338
(4) Possible Costs of Social Justice 340
(5) Living happy ever after? 345

XIII. CONCLUSION

XLIV. HOW THIS BOOK CAME TO BE WRITTEN 350

Argument 355

Index 395