



INTRODUCTION

I hope that the compilation of essays, historical stories, tales of heroes of the past and present, and biographical articles contributed by academically qualified authors will be seen as a tribute to the richness and depth of Hellenism and its achievements and values, as well as a way for me, millions of descendants of Greek immigrants and countless philhellenes to connect deeply with the Hellenic homeland from within the warm embrace of multicultural, poly-ethnic America. I start the book with

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I start the book with tales on the pre-historical period of Greece, with the genesis of Greek mythology. Greek Mythology has fascinated scholars all over the Globe. After the pre-historic period, I cover the 10 major historic periods starting with the Minoan Civilization in Crete, the Mycenaean Epoch and the Trojan War, the rise of Athens, the Macedonian hegemony, the 11 eons of the Byzantine world hegemony, the medieval Ottoman subjugation, the 1821 Independence War, the Anatolian catastrophe, World War II and the subsequent Civil War, and finally Greece in

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Greece is unique in the world in several ways, but one that is baffling is that of the 12 Olympian Gods; six of the Olympian Gods were women with the right to exercise as they wished their divine powers over men and even other gods. The hero of the earliest epic poem that of the Iliad of Homer, was Helen of Sparta. Yet in real life, Greek women had no public role. Athens, the cradle of Democracy and a center of progressive thinking in the Golden Age of Greece, was not as liberal in the treatment of women as was Sparta; Sparta was associated with militarism, the way we thought of communist Soviet Union.

Women progressed in the arts, science, engineering, and politics under the Communist system earlier than American women did. Valentina V Tereshkova, the first Russian woman astronaut, spent 3 days in space in 1963, 24 times more than the 3 hours John Glenn spent circling the Earth; she was 20 years ahead of her American male astronauts. While Colonel Glenn took advantage of his fame to testify in congressional hearings against the participation of women in the astronaut training programs, Valentina entered politics and worked to enhance the role of women in society; two decades later, by now a politician, Senator Glenn

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Europeans flocked into their colonies for centuries without asking permission from the indigenous habitants to establish profitable business using autochonus as cheap labor. They sent their profits back to their own countries to build homes and start new business. Now Europeans demand their governments to prevent poor people from their former colonies seeking jobs of minimum wage to enter their wealthy countries. As New York Times headlined, there is a river of refugees flowing inexorably from former colonies and third world countries toward Europe and North America seeking peace an

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A brave, new, humane, just world is now on the horizon, thanks to America, rising from the chaotic and medieval mid 20th century in comparison to what we and our children are going to experience in the 21st century in terms of technology innovations and social policies to guard human rights, the same greatness that Europe inherited from the Golden Ages of Greece.

The military and the economic hegemonies are now in the hands of Europeans and Asians but what is satisfying for us Greeks, who no longer wield imperial power, is that the new hegemon will all be educated in the principles of Greek Periclean Democracy. Although we may no longer be the global hegemon our ancestors were, we have in us what was embedded by our progenitors: the Greek ETHOS and PHILOTIMO!

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