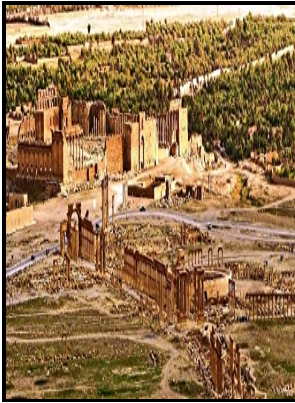


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## Volney's Ruins

Biased by these into false ideas of happiness, he has mistaken or broken the laws of nature in his own relation with external objects; and injuring his own existence, has violated individual morality; shutting through these his heart to compassion, and his mind to justice, he has injured and afflicted his equal, and violated social morality. The cupidity of man and his ignorance,—these are the evil genii which have wasted the earth! When, to render these arid fields productive, their industry constructed aqueducts, dug canals, and led the distant waters across the desert, should he have dried up their sources in the mountains? At present the contending parties, wearied with discord, feel the want of laws, and sigh for the age of order and of peace. Lest those essays, of the utility of which he was persuaded, should be interrupted by his death, with the clay-cold hand that corrected his last work, he drew up a will which institutes a premium for the prosecution of his labors.

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Meanwhile, at the cry of the flying Tartars, the Mussulman empire was in commotion. In proportion as civilization spreads, the manners become milder, and the condition of the women improves, till, by a contrary excess, they arrive at dominion, and then a nation becomes effeminate and corrupt.

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## Les ruines ou Méditation sur les révolutions des empires

After a while, turning to me with a look which pierced my soul, he said: Thou art silent, and thy heart is agitated with thoughts which it dares not utter.

**From Thomas Jefferson to Volney, 17 March 1801**

Hence result an unconcern and apathy, the most powerful impediments to instruction and civilization.

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