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The gradual changes in culture, especially the impact of the Church, are a bit marginalized. However, by 634 the Empire was in a depleted situation. Oh, and he thinks we're actually living in the 18th century.

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The latter doesn't prove too big an obstacle to following his argument, however.

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The economy collapsed, feudalism took hold, gold coin was no longer minted and Latin fragmented into the score of languages we see today, retained in a pure form only by the clergy. To bolster his thesis he turns our attention to intellectual life in the west.

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What replaced it were local dialects which later gave rise to the various national languages. A reasonable familiarity with the broad strokes of the 6th-9th centuries is probably required; I would have been lost without having read Goldsworthy and Heather a few months earlier. More importantly production continued at virtually the same rates not appreciably lessening the wealth of the empire.

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Pretty much everyone now accepts that Christianity took the lead in preserving classical literature, encouraging literacy, and creating a more general humane environment. He points out that the Byzantine empire and Rome had no fears of an attack from the south. There his fundamental

thesis concerned the Medieval world and centered around his contention that the control of water ways, the rivers and the Mediterranean Sea, shaped the nature of the cities.

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J'ai lu tous les livres d'Emmet. The quality of the porcelain was something that would not be attained in the west for another millennium, while the sheer numbers attest to the factory-scale production that prevailed in Tang China.

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The key to the thesis is not that the Germanic tribes were fully absorbed, but that there was no essential change in the structure and culture of the empire, nor any significant decline of economy. The Roman world was centered on the Mediterranean, its easily traversable waters connecting the empires disparate parts through trade, administration, and shared cultural foundations. Luxury products imported from the east disappeared, as did literacy.

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To view it, Roma imparatorluğunun Barbar Germenler tarafından değil de müslümanların hızlı büyümesi sebebiyle dağılmaya başladığı tezi savunulmaktadır.

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