Chapter 30: The West at the Dawn of the 21st Century

1. The 21st Century Movement of Peoples
   * 1. Forced displacements
   1. Displacement through War
      1. Changes in political borders
      2. *“war, violence, and massive social dislocation…”*
   2. External and Internal Migration
      1. Decolonization
      2. Racial tensions
         1. **National Front and Le Pen**
      3. Ethnic and political tensions
   3. The New Muslim Population
      1. Ottoman Empire
      2. Christian missionaries
      3. “guest workers”
      4. Muslim immigrant communities
      5. Radical Islamic groups
   4. European Population Trends
      1. Decline of European birthrate
      2. Aging population
2. Towards a Welfare State Society
   * 1. Vast constitutional changes and dictatorships
   1. Christian Democratic Parties
      1. New feature of postwar politics
      2. Roman Catholic parties
      3. Christian parties
      4. Exclusion of Communists
   2. The Creation of Welfare States
      1. Social welfare
      2. German and British
      3. Social rights
      4. Great Britain
         1. **Labour Party** of Attlee
         2. Welfare legislation
   3. Resistance to the Expansion of the Welfare State
      1. Keynesian economics
      2. **Margaret Thatcher**
         1. British Conservative Party
      3. Tony Blair
      4. resistance
3. New Patterns in Work and Expectations of Women
   1. Feminism
      1. **Simone de Beauvoir**
         1. *The Second Sex*
      2. Distinct social and economic disadvantages
      3. Social movement
         1. Courage, Emma, Spare Rib
   2. More Married Women in the Workforce
      1. Part-time employment
   3. New Work Patterns
      1. Increasing life expectancy
   4. Women in the New Eastern Europe
      1. paradoxes
4. Transformation in Knowledge and Culture
   1. Communism and Western Europe
      1. Independent democratic socialist parties
      2. Soviet dominated communist parties
      3. The intellectuals
         1. Disillusinment with Communism
            1. *The God that Failed*

Great Purges

Spanish Civil War

Nazi Soviet Pact

Soviet invasion of Hungary

Koestler’s *Darkness at Noon*

Orwell’s *Homage to Catalonia*

Sartre

* + - 1. Alternative Communist governments
         1. Gramsci’s *Letters from Prison*
      2. Redefine Marxism
         1. Philosophic Manuscripts and German Ideology
  1. **Existentialism**
     1. “*philosophy of Europe in the 20th century”*
     2. Roots in Nietzsche and Kierkegaard
        1. Kierkegaard
           1. Danish writer
           2. Rebel against Hegelian philosophy and Danish Lutheranism

*Fear and Trembling, Either/Or*,..

* + 1. Questioning of Rationalism
       1. Heidegger, Jaspers, Sartre, Camus
          1. Questioned primacy of reason and scientific understanding as ways to come to grips with the human situation.
          2. Death, fear and anxiety
          3. Protesting a world in which reason, technology, and politics produced war and genocide
  1. Expansion of the University Population and Student Rebellion
     1. University education
     2. Student rebellions of the ‘60’s
  2. The Americanization of Europe
     1. *Marshall Plan, NATO, military bases, student exchanges, pop culture, tourism*
     2. **Americanization:**
  3. A Consumer Society
     1. Eastern Europe vs.
     2. Western Europe
  4. Environmentalism
     1. Concerns about pollution
        1. German Greens
        2. Arab oil embargo of 1973
        3. 1986 Chernobyl disaster

1. Art Since WWII
   1. Cultural Divisions and the Cold War
      1. Yablonskaya’s Bread
      2. Jackson Pollock’s One
         1. Pure visual energy
         2. **Abstract art**
      3. New York City
   2. Memory of the Holocaust
      1. Rachel Whitereada
      2. **Minimalist art**
      3. House
      4. Nameless Library
2. The Christian Heritage
   1. Neo-Orthodoxy
      1. Horror of WW1
         1. Karl Barth’s Commentary on the Epistle to the Romans
            1. Transcendence of God and the dependence of humankind on the divine
   2. Liberal Theology
      1. Paul Tillich
         1. Religion as a human phenomenon.
   3. Roman Catholic Reform
      1. Pope John XXIII
         1. 21st Ecumenical Council
            1. Vatican II
      2. Pope Paul VI
         1. Vernacular mass
         2. Celibacy, prohibition on contraception and abortion, no priesthood to women
      3. Pope John Paul II (Poland)
         1. Traditionalist doctrine, authority of papacy, and limit doctrinal experimentation
         2. Major Goals (3)
      4. Pope Benedict XVI (Germany)
3. Late 20th century Technology: The Arrival of the Computer
   1. The Demand for Calculating Machines
   2. Early Computer Technology
   3. The Development of Desktop Computers
      1. “have’s vs have nots”
4. The Challenges of European Unification
   1. Postwar Cooperation
      1. Poltically, militarily, and economically
         1. ECSC
   2. The European Economic Community
      1. EEC
      2. Common Market
      3. European Free Trade Area
   3. The European Union
      1. Treaty of Maastricht
         1. Euro, strong central bank
         2. =**European Union**
   4. Discord over the Union
      1. European Constitution
         1. Discord
            1. 2005
            2. 2008 in Ireland
            3. Turkey and the “Islamic factor”
5. New American Leadership and Financial Crisis
   1. Russian invasion of Georgia in 2008
   2. Obama’s election
   3. International crisis of 2008
6. THAT’S ALL FOLKS!!