

I've tried to understand the course of history diagnostically. My model being medical rather than academic, the diagnosis must imply a therapy. But the first implication of diagnosis as an aim is that there is an illness present. What is the illness that history presents to us? Many millions of human beings have suffered and now suffer grievously, through no fault of their own, at the hands of other human beings. That is the illness, and we must cure it.

My first effort to frame a diagnostic/therapeutic history is found in five articles for the journal *Semiotica* under the heading, "Elements of Symbolic History." Two small books, *A Western Analects* and *The Recovery of the West* are subsequent efforts, and a long book, *Humanity*, will be finished soon. I've lectured on historical diagnosis and cure for the Association of American Colleges and Universities, the Association for General and Liberal Studies, and the Woodrow Wilson Foundation.