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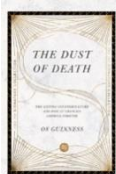
The Magna Carta of Humanity *Sinai's Revolutionary Faith and the Future of Freedom*

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"Two revolutionary faiths are bidding to take the world forward," Guinness writes. "There is no choice facing America and the West that is more urgent and consequential than the choice between Sinai and Paris. Will the coming generation return to faith in God and to humility or continue to trust in the all-sufficiency of reason, punditry, technocracy, and the transformative power of politics? Will its politics be led by principles or by power?"

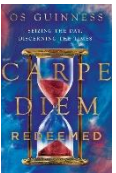
Os Guinness, Prolific Author

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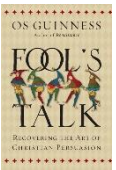
The Dust of Death: The Sixties Counterculture and How It Changed America Forever (2020, first published in 1973)

In this milestone work, Guinness provides a wide-ranging analysis of one of the most pivotal decades in Western history, the 1960s. Examining secular humanism, the technological society, and the counterculture, Guinness argues that Westerners need a Third Way found only in the rediscovery and revival of the historic Christian faith.



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This grand treatment of history, civics, and ethics in the Jewish and Christian traditions represents Guinness's definitive exploration of the prospects for human freedom today. He calls for a national conversation on the nature of freedom and poses key questions for concerned citizens to consider as we face a critical chapter in the American story.



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Os Guinness, Prominent Social Critic

"For decades now, Os Guinness has served readers with excellent cultural analysis that helps us to 'read our times.'"

—Trevin Wax, senior vice president of theology and communications at Lifeway Christian Resources, author of *This Is Our Time*

Os Guinness (DPhil, Oxford) is the author or editor of more than thirty books, including *Last Call for Liberty*, *Impossible People*, *Fool's Talk*, *Renaissance*, *The Global Public Square*, *A Free People's Suicide*, *Unspeakable*, *The Call*, *Time for Truth*, and *The Case for Civility*. A frequent speaker and prominent social critic, he has addressed audiences worldwide from the British House of Commons to the US Congress to the St. Petersburg Parliament. He is a senior fellow at the Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics and was the founder of the Trinity Forum.

Born in China to missionary parents, he is the great-great-great-grandson of Arthur Guinness, the Dublin brewer. After witnessing the climax of the Chinese revolution in 1949, he was expelled with many other foreigners in 1951 and returned to England where he was educated and served as a freelance reporter with the BBC. Since coming to the United States in 1984, he has been a guest scholar at the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Studies and a visiting fellow at the Brookings Institution. He was the lead drafter of the Williamsburg Charter, celebrating the First Amendment, and has also been senior fellow at the EastWest Institute in New York, where he drafted the Charter for Religious Freedom. He also co-authored the public-school curriculum *Living With Our Deepest Differences*.

Guinness has had a lifelong passion to make sense of our extraordinary modern world and to stand between the worlds of scholarship and ordinary life, helping each to understand the other—particularly when advanced modern life touches on the profound issues of faith. He lives with his wife, Jenny, in McLean, Virginia, near Washington, DC.

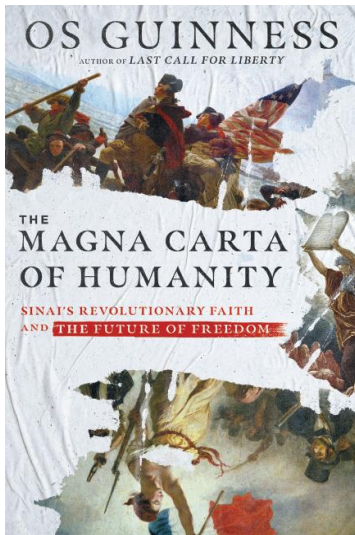


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"The Magna Carta of Humanity cries out like a voice in the desert calling for a bold rediscovery of the vision of freedom that once helped to shape the English-speaking world. The imperative to respond with humility and rediscover the ancient paths rings out on every page."

—Baroness Philippa Stroud, CEO, Legatum Institute, London

New from Os Guinness

This book is a response to America's crisis by a firm and longtime admirer of the American experiment. Three major themes run through my argument. First, the American crisis is a crisis of freedom and must be understood as such. Following Augustine of Hippo's notion that nations must be understood and assessed by what they love supremely rather than by such factors as the size of their population and the strength of their armies, there is no question that America's supreme love is freedom. In particular, America's freedom is a unique concept of ordered freedom that is the legacy of the Hebrew Scriptures and of the Hebrew covenant in particular. The present crisis of freedom therefore goes to the very heart of the American republic and all that the American experiment stands for. It is a crisis whose outcome will prove as decisive as that of the civil war. It is also a global crisis in the sense that its outcome will be crucial for the prospects of freedom in the human future.

Second, the present crisis stems from the fact that over the last fifty years, major spheres of American society have shifted their loyalties and now support ideas that are closer to the French Revolution and its heirs rather than the American Revolution. The two revolutions share the same name, *revolution*, and the same century, the eighteenth, but they are decisively different at almost every point—their sources, their assumptions, their policies, their narratives, and their outcomes. These differences mean that the choice between the two revolutions will prove decisive for America and for freedom. What Lincoln proclaimed in June 1858, when nominated to run as a Republican candidate for the US Senate, is true all over again. He echoed Jesus of Nazareth and applied the point to his time, but it is true again in ours. "A house divided against itself cannot stand." *America cannot endure permanently half "1776" and half "1789."*

Third, the time has come for a new global thrust on behalf of freedom and justice for humanity. The inadequacies and failures of the last several centuries in politics have become plain, especially in terms of the hollowness of much traditional liberalism and the horror of much radical leftism. The best way forward for America and the world must be through rediscovery and a fresh examination of what I will call the Sinai Revolution. Historically, it was the Exodus Revolution, and not the French Revolution, that lay behind the genius of America's ordered freedom or covenantal and constitutional freedom. A rediscovery of the foundational principles of the Exodus Revolution is therefore the once and future secret of true revolutionary faith and a sure path to freedom, justice, equality, and peace.

These ideals are not clichés, and they must once again become solid realities in the coming generations. But while many radical and revolutionary claimants promise them, the urgent need is to deliver them, and the surest way to do so lies in the precedent, the principles, and the practices of the Exodus Revolution. Rightly understood, there is no rival to the Exodus Revolution in its realistic and constructive understanding of freedom. *Sinai*, and not *Paris*, represents such a beacon of freedom that it should be recognized as nothing less than the Magna Carta of humanity.

To anyone not deafened by the incessant noise of the current politicking and culture warring, and not mesmerized by the triple screen gazing of mobile phones, computers, and televisions, we are clearly at a most extraordinary moment in world affairs—for the human future, for the global world, for Western civilization, and for its lead society, the great American republic.

—From the introduction



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