

A thesis for a book of about 120 pages to be written in French and English.....Conceived 2 April 1987.....

Thesis: France has had a number of opportunities from its beginnings with the barbarian invasions to be the world leader, perhaps fifteen major ones, and it (that is, its elite) has always been obstructed or defeated by its own decisions and policies and other inadequacies. Even now near the end of the 20th century it finds itself in a position to lead the world. Query: is there any reason to believe that the new mobilization is possible; or, if attempted, it will be successful; and in any event what would the correct decisions and policies be?

1. It is true that geographically France does compose an entity; but there were strong cultural-political historical reasons why the country's first indigenous opportunities had to follow the barbarian invasions.
2. Charles Martel and the Saracen repulse from the North Mediterranean littoral.
3. Charlemagne and the Holy Roman Empire.
4. The struggle to rule England
5. Bringing the Pope to Avignon.
6. The Protestant Reformation rejected unassimilated.
7. The Occupation of North America and withdrawal therefrom.
8. India and the South Seas.
9. North and Central Africa.
10. The Mediterranean and the Near East.
11. The Infolding of the French Revolution.
12. The Conquest of Czarist Russia.
13. Collapse of the Napoleonic System. (Including Napoleon III)
14. The Absolute Victory of World War I and its Defeat.
15. Indo-China.
16. North Africa.
17. The Atlantic Alliance and the European Community
18. Current policies: USSR, USA, EEC, Arabs, extremists, economy, arms, education, hi-tech, etc. No base, no fundamentals, no execution.
19. Unliklihood of world Leadership, and the Compulsion to Try.