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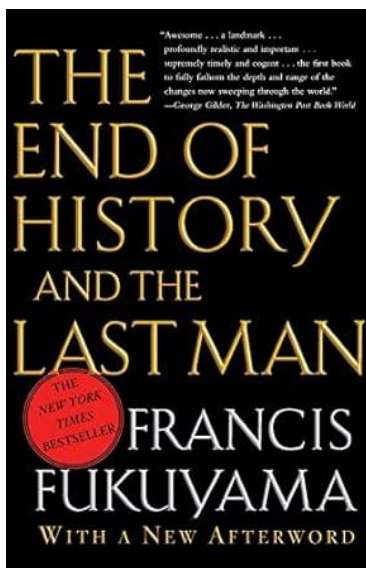
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The USSR were gradually driven into a corner and finally withdrew from Afghanistan in 1988. The Arab-Muslim countries won the religious war against atheism and the United States won the ideological war against socialism. The Afghan war brought about the collapse of the USSR. In the United States, religious sociologist Professor Francis Fukuyama wrote "The end of History and the Last Man". The era of America First emerged and the illusion has been created as if an eternal world peace would be realized.

However, Afghan War also had a negative aspect. Many problems hidden underwater appeared to the surface. The United States forced Middle East countries to liberalize and democratize politics. It was an enforcement of Western ideology. Evangelicalism of Christianity and Neo-Conservatism have consisted in the background of US politics.

In other Islamic countries, the Iranian revolution has broken out in 1979. Theocracy by Shiite leader Ayatollah Khomeini generated a conflict with the Sunni Arab countries resulting in the Iran-Iraq war. In addition to sectarian conflict between Shiite and Sunni, secularism and fundamentalism crashed inside the Sunni Arab countries. Fundamentalism became the mother of terrorism by extremist. Chaotic confusion had spread in Middle East.

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