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People often ask me what I do and when I say global history they say, 'It doesn't sound very special.' And I say, 'I only do one planet.' It's quite specific to me — I think expertise is a terrific academic vice president. If you want to understand anything that happens in the world, you need to understand it in the broad possible context. Context always enriches and enhances understand it in the world, you need to understand it in the broad possible context. Context always enriches and enhances understand it in the world, you need to understand it in the broad possible context. about trying to see the whole world, asking the question, 'What What happened so widely throughout the planet — or so much of it — that places where it didn't seem inconsistent? What are those historical events and episodes? When you know what they are, I think you can better understand the detail. Whereas if you start in detail what most people do—you can never fully understand it, because you don't have a sufficiently broad reference to it. The book you edited, The Oxford Illustrated History of the World, covers 200,000 years. How has man changed in that period and how have we been at it? In my opinion, really surprising things are those that have remained the same, because change is a universal law. Overall, humans are typical on this planet in being the most mutable creature around. We have more cultural deviations, more change - in a word, more history than any other animal on the planet. And that means any other animal, as far as we know, in the universe, because we don't know of any species on other planets, or at least we don't know about them yet. So that's a very extraordinary thing. To be a very good historian you must also be a zoologist and especially a primatologist because the other animals that we are most like - and therefore most appropriate to compare with - are other primates against that background, it becomes even more extraordinary that there are ways in which we are not changing. There are constant features of human nature. Perhaps most of them concern our limited wisdom and our limited moral spirit. Our species, as far as we can tell, has not grown in the intelligence or moral sense since it first emerged in the fossil record nearly 200,000 years ago. So you disagree with books like Steven Pinker's On the Decline of Violence and the idea that we've progressed as a species? It's a lot of old crap. His book is really just talking about the 1980s. You can't judge the whole trend of a species on its existence based on a decade of pretty much evidence. And I think what didn't really happen in that decade was that violence is reduced, it's that it's been moved to different types of areas. The state completed a long historical struggle to achieve a near monopoly of violence. But the violence continues and it has found other outlets. If you're a euthanasia or an abortion victim, you're not going to agree that violence has diminished. So you're not optimistic about mankind? Oh my God! I recommend pessimism to everyone as the best way of avoiding disillusionment. Pessimism is the only means of happiness –optimists are unhappy because they are always frustrated. The best thing to do is hope the worst. What we think about as the worst is actually very consolation. I mean, if you're looking at a world by Human attitude, the worst thing you can hope is the extinction of mankind. It would be great for almost every other species on the planet. That's how I console myself: by looking forward to our own extinction. Read let's get on the books you've chosen. The first one is you book a book of the Bible, prophet Daniel, chapters 7 to 12 of the Book of Daniel because they formed, in my opinion, the first truly global history ever written. Although some of the first writers — Herodotus in Greece and Sima Qian in China (who was largely contemporary with Daniel) — have been credited with a global vision, what all previous historians were interested in was actually the history of their own people, their community, its ethnicity, their state. They put in stuff about neighboring people only as far as it was relevant to them. Daniel — or the author or authors who produced the book of Daniel — had two advantages over previous historians. The first is that they were trying to write prophecies. If you want to write prophecy, you have to become a good historian, because the future does not reveal itself in tealeaves or stars. The only way to tell what the future is going to be is to study the past. The only way to tell what the future is going to be like is to study the past most people believe that history is a product of the evolution of mythology. But mythology isn't the same, because it's about presenting the world with a false account of the past. To get a true account of the past, you have a special interest in doing so. That's what the prophets, are uniquely well equipped to become historians. The second advantage Daniel's writers found was that they were Jews. So they regarded themselves as God's chosen ones, but they also regarded him — until the book of Daniel was written, perhaps in the 2nd century BC — as a universal God that mattered to all. So the whole world is known to Daniel's writers that much of the Bible comes to his account of history in the compressed small square. And although it seems very dull because it doesn't care any longer about all these names of great kings, I find it very exciting to read those chapters, because I think I'm at the very beginning of the branch of historical discipline that has ultimately produced oxford illustrated history? They represented it as prophecy because they wanted people to believe in their power to predict the future. Another small trick that the prophets have found The past were as if they were to prophecy and history are often interchangeable. Daniel's book is not the only example. In some Mesoamerican cultures, especially among Maya, history and prophecy are indistinguishable, since every historical writer is a prophet and every prophet is a historical writer. Both styles are very mixed. So if you'd ask one of Daniel's writers whether it was history or prophecy, he'd probably say it was prophetic, but if you asked him in private when he was drunk, he'd probably admit it was history. You mention the leaders we don't care about now. What exactly are Alexander does feature great, It is about the historical context in which the book was written. So it gives you a potted version of global events in a few hundred years preceding the book's writing. Obviously what I'm saying is going to be very offensive of fundamentalists and evangelicals, people who think that every word in the Bible is literally true and who the Bible is literally true and who already happened. And when did you say it was written? The book purports to have been written about in the 7th century BC. The events described don't start until after. So unless you're childish or superstitious enough to believe in prophecy, it's clearly written on the date on which that series of events ends, which is in the second century BC. Read let's move on to the next book on his list, which is Ibn Khaledun's Muqdima. The reason I chose this book is that it is the first work of global history as the future - although Ibn Khaldun is a fatalist: he believes that everything is in God's hands. But he sees God as working in history about what we can call social mechanisms, especially through hatred, conflict, dialectical, if you like, between settled and pastoral people. Get the weekly Five Books newspaper conditions settled he has an idea of developing society through rustic. He sees those who are at different stages in that process of development, and adds to the conflict that makes historic changes, The kind of changes he is interested in are mainly the changes of the dynasty, to a very high level of power structure. But that's an overall vision, a pattern, what we can now call a 'master narrative' of how those changes happened. So he has a very exciting new voice in global history in the 14th century. So is that really the first time someone had approached history in that way? It is. You can go back to Thucydides and say, 'Well, he had a general principle of war, that it was a reaction to fear.' You can go back to the 12th century and see Gerald of Wales, in his historical works about Wales and Ireland, anticipating Ibn Khaldun by suggesting that history is a succession of stages of development in the way society unfolds from nomadic to sedentarism to sedentarism. But Ibn Khaledun is the first person to systematically apply that model to the whole of history. Until then, I don't think you can honestly say that someone has a master narrative that wasn't futuristic or fatalistic. And do you still get this one solid book? It depends what you mean by explaining. Books don't need to be perfect to be great. Greatness is often the result of very creative and intelligent mistakes. I do not support Ibn Khaldun's principle, but I accept my talent and thought about his view as a historical document and of his time it is infinitely precious and priceless. Ibn Khaledun came from Tunis but also lived in some other places. Are those who write global history the ones who have travelled a bit in the world? We do not know of Daniel's writers who they were, or who he was, or anything about them, except that they were very well informed historically. I think the answer is that global historical writers who travel sometimes show it and reveal its benefits. One of the books I've put on my list is Joseph Needham's science and civility in China. This is a book I admire enough, and obviously Needham would not start thinking about that if he had not been on a mission to the British Government in China during the historian's imagination. Books don't need to be perfect to be great. Greatness is often the result of very creative and intelligent mistakes. But especially in modern times, when every part of the world is relatively well informed about every other part, it is possible to write global history without leaving your chair. Gibbon wrote these wonderful, meticulous, vivid details of Constantinople, even though he had never been there, he'd just read about it. I once wrote a book called Millennium — which was my first attempt to write global history—and when the Japanese publisher took me out for lunch to celebrate the launch of japanese translation he asked me what I thought of my trip to Japan. I confess to him that I had never been there and that I wrote it entirely based hours. Maybe it doesn't make sense, but read it, at least. This is a manifesto! It's meant to be easy to understand. The historical analysis of Marx and Engels is breathtaking, brilliantly simple. I think it's wrong, but, again, you've just got to admire your talent. Obviously, without understanding the historical basis of Marx's idea, you cannot understand anything else in Marxism. So I always think that the Communist Manifesto is a great place to launch. Its brevity is one of its great qualities. The theory—that all history is class conflict, that it progresses dialectically, and that the key to the distribution of electricity is the distribution of means of production, the basis of wealth includes surprising elements that cannot affect anyone favorably. And while you take into account Marx's influence since the Communist Declaration, this is just an indispensable important book. If you're talking about global history, it should be part of someone's top five. Is it important in terms of global history because he is taking an international approach? Is it that he's not looking at a particular national history, is he saying these things are true throughout mankind? That's because it's ideological. He's got a theory that really does explain everything, in his opinion and that of Engels and his followers. This protects you from bothering with details because you have a very clever formula that you can apply to anything you're studying. Of course, many Marxist historians did just that, sometimes giving disastrous consequences for their understanding of detail. But I come back to my point that it does not matter whether ultimately the theory fails or is based on false data. Its talent and its impact qualify it to the highest importance. I am surprised, rereading it, to the extent he has it for the bourgeoisie. Yes, especially since he was the one himself and some of the things that he criticizes — especially his shabby morals and his tendency to abuse power for sexual ends — were exactly what he treated his maid. Read let's go on his fourth book. You have selected Arnold Toyambi, a study of history, which is volume twelve. This includes 5,000 years and took 40 years to write. So do quite ambitious work. Yes This is contrary to the Communist Declaration in that respect. But, of course, it has also been criticised for gross oversimrectisation. Toynbee is still not very popular in the historical profession. He was savagely lampooned by another historian I greatly admire, Hugh Trevor-Roper's criticisms really undermined Toynbee's reputation Although I think he is beginning to appreciate more now. There are no traditional reasons why I appreciate them. Most people would say, 'Well, you know, Toynbee's great qualities were the breadth of his vision, his ability to compare between different parts of the world, his sheer command of data, the innovative way in which he pursued his stated agenda of being a historically pragmatic, on the grounds what he said on the facts rather than on principle (though he was not entirely honest about that. He had a lot of theoretical bias that shaped the way he wrote. Books don't need to be perfect to be great. Greatness is often the result of very creative and intelligent mistakes I have to take on Toynbee from a slightly different traditional one. For me, the reason I greatly admire him and love his work is that he felt you can't write any history without seeing it in your environmental framework. People don't generally think of him as pioneers of environmental framework. People don't generally think of him as pioneers of environmental framework. clearly environmental book. But in a study of history, you can see that he always refers to the environmental framework — those conditioning, the effects that determine what never happens in the past, but control the range of what it's possible to achieve for humans. So, for that reason, Toynbee is a bit of a hero of mine because I think he was right about that. You cannot understand what we do as human beings unless you understand what nature has given us to work with. That's why in the Oxford Illustrated history of the world it's divided into five large chronology bands and for a third of the content in each of those bands the way the environment was shaped and shaped in the period concerned and about how that affected events. Yes, because I don't remember which book I was reading — whether it was yours or one of the people you recommended — I was fascinated to read about English/English. I'd never thought about it that way before. This is a great thing, because one of the most controversial debates in US history is why relations between colonists and their victims - if I may use that word - were so different in the regions inhabited by the Spanish people and peopl about whether Spaniards are inherently better than British or vice versa. I can talk with something About this because I am both — my father was British: I have both nationalities. I can fully assure you that there is no moral difference; both men are equally vice-president and wickedly corrupt. But Spain ended up having much more positive relations with the native populations of its regions because the environment demanded that they use the labour of indigenous peoples. While in British-inhabited parts of america, natives were irrelevant and therefore could be eliminated or expelled. In Toynbee's book. I read the chapter where he made the case that you could not understand British history - or the history of any country - by just looking at it as a nation state as a useful entity in which to create prosperity and peace and happiness. What I wanted to ask is why that's the method through which people keeps knowing history at school. That's because they're not learning myths that are nurtured by the state. When the historical profession was founded in the 19th century and all these university history departments were established, it was aimed at promoting national interests and national unity and making nations more efficient in competing and fighting against each other. It wasn't the truth to learn. And certainly all of those universities in Europe - and to a some extent in the UK - were essentially dependent on the state for their funding. Even in the United States, where many of the great universities were not private institutions that depend on state funding, they nevertheless raised the importance of the national agenda. In a way, for the United States in Europe because the United States was not a nation in any traditional sense of overt word. It was a group of migrants, natives, former slaves (or real slaves until the 1860s) and people from all over Europe. In order to try and create those in a coherent mass with a common integrity, historians bought into this work of creating national myths. Thank God we've got to get away from that now, but of course now people are less inclined to take notice of what historians say. They didn't make their list, but I still wanted to ask: Are you a fan of some of the popular global history that's around this time? No They are often very superficial and I find it distressing that books that are so little worth saying should attract such a large public. What interesting things for me people don't know about and haven't thought about. The highlight of the world's Oxford illustrated history is that it's a cooperative job A lot of excellent historians (I myself out of that) who disagree with each other. So when you read it you don't get a simplified version of history that you get from some of these other commercially successful books, but is like a historical scholarship. It is an arena of debate and the pursuit of open questions and unresolved problems are the most interesting problems. And unresolved problems are the most interesting problems are the most interesting problems are the most interesting problems. in China now. Why is this work in your list of global history books? I love this book, I made a personal, emotional investment in it because I read it in my teens and it's just such a revelation to be a book that was so widespread in its realm and so sharp in its vision. And of course it has been written by a biochemist, not by a professional historian. It's rather chastening to think about how discipline coming from outside that can bring the freshness of perspective, that's not gained by innovative insights that have always been easily browatenbe into people who have been through historical treadmill and agree with their teachers. So it was a very fresh and new kind of book for me. Five books produced interviews are expensive. If you are enjoying this interview, please support us by donating a small amount. Although it is called science and civilization in China and is therefore focusing on just one part of the world, it is a truly global historical book for two reasons. The first is that it makes these wonderful, prosperous, life-enhancing comparisons around the world - between China and the West and Islam and america. Secondly, because it asks a globally important question, which is why, given its many centuries of superiority in technological and scientific innovation, did China gain the distinction of that place to scientists from the West? Why were the Renaissance, the scientific revolution and the industrial revolution primarily the work of Western countries? Perhaps not as particular as many people think, but one has to accept that those great movements shaping the world have very much started in Europe. By that time, China had actually been the most influential culture in the world. How did that reversal happen? We are still arguing about the questions Needham asked about global history. And what's the answer, what do you think? I do not want to know the answer because I do not want to spoil the magic of the problem, but there are some possible answers in the World's Oxford Illustrated history. I think the key premise is the so-called scientific revolution, the liberation of Western scientists has to do a lot of new thinking in the 16th The 17th century. Partly that's the result of the empowerment of practitioners of magic, who magically realized that they needed to understand that it really worked to influence it. That at that time was aided by the worldwide explorations of Europeans who were able to bring back Europe's samples of geology, flora and fauna, ethnographic and sky readings from around the world and, finally, social change which freed very rich people from their responsibility for war and gave them the leisure to engage in science and scholarship. I think that the combination of impacts was actually responsible for giving Europeans a great boost to their scientific activities at a moment when they also came into contact with the Chinese. They were able to impress China for the first time with the knowledge and skills, ingenuity and innovation of those whom the Chinese had previously considered moderately relevant barbarians. If you look at the Needham list of technologies the Chinese whom the Chinese were before, they include all the things that we think are the basis of Western domination, with industrialization, there are other effects involved. I see the point of demographics essentially as the benefit of the West. That is my own view and you do not necessarily have many of my colleagues agree with me about it. But I think the remarkable thing about industrialization is that it happened in the history of the world at a very surprising moment, when muscle strength was increasing. At the end of the 18th and 19th centuries, the population explosion was going on with the global population multiplying at unprecedented rates. In addition, the number of drafts and packaged animals was increasing significantly. The total amount of muscle strength was increasing and yet people started transferring and transferring machines from machines to machines to machines. Why would that happen? You have to look at the demographic context to explain it and my theory is that there is a demographic growth stimulates demand for goods more than it stimulates the supply of labour. At that time, people have to shift to mechanical means of production. And I think the thing was reached in Europe and not in China. According to Needham, the Chinese already had ammo in the 9th century and were ahead of us with a whole range of inventions: compass, paper, printing. Why do you think it all happened so quickly in China? If you look at Needham's list of things that were first with Chinese technologies, they include all the things that we think are the basis of Western domination. You think about communication. Both of them were Chinese before they were Europeans. If you think about And naval superiority, all of this depends on firepower, direction-finding mechanisms and different bulkheads -- all things that started in China and spread to the West. When you think about capitalism, it relies on paper money, which was a Chinese invention that absolutely astonished Marco Polo and other travelers from the West to medieval China. They really had trouble understanding it, it was such an innovation for them. When you think of scientific progress in general you think of empiptalism, the principle that knowledge derives from experimentation and observation. The Chinese were practicing that for centuries continuously when people in Europe had forgotten about or ignored it. So really think of almost everything that we think of as basic to western domination we actually got from the Chinese. You ask why this is so, and I think part of the answer is that empirical tradition is very deeply embedded in the Chinese past. I accept Needham's argument that it originates in Daoism and the idea that nature is

divine and that we have to follow nature very closely in order to understand God. It's really the key to understanding why so much work goes into science in China when people in the West just aren't very interested in it. Quite a few of these books we've talked about using the term 'civilization'. Do you think global history is the world. All the other units that we traditionally deploy - including that fierce nation-state unit, in which both you and I shrink from - all of these, right down to family and person, are part of the structure. You can't build a huge building without bricks and stones and mortar. So you build your photo out of details. For me, civilisation is not the best one particular kind of society, but a process of subjecting the natural environment to human priorities. For me, civilisation is not the best one particular kind of society, but a process of subjecting the natural environment to human priorities. For me, civilisation is not the best one particular kind of society, but a process of subjecting the natural environment to human priorities. For me, civilisation is not the best one particular kind of society, but a process of subjecting the natural environment to human priorities. For me, civilisation is not the best one particular kind of society, but a process of subjecting the natural environment to human priorities. For me, civilisation is not the best one particular kind of society, but a process of subjecting the natural environment to human priorities. For me, civilisation is not the best one particular kind of society, but a process of subjecting the natural environment to human priorities. For me, civilisation is not the best one particular kind of society, but a process of subjecting the natural environment to human priorities. For me, civilisation is not the succious and sendent process of subjecting the natural environment to human priorities. For me, civilisation is not the succious and sendent process of subjecting the natural environment to human priorities. For me, civilis

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