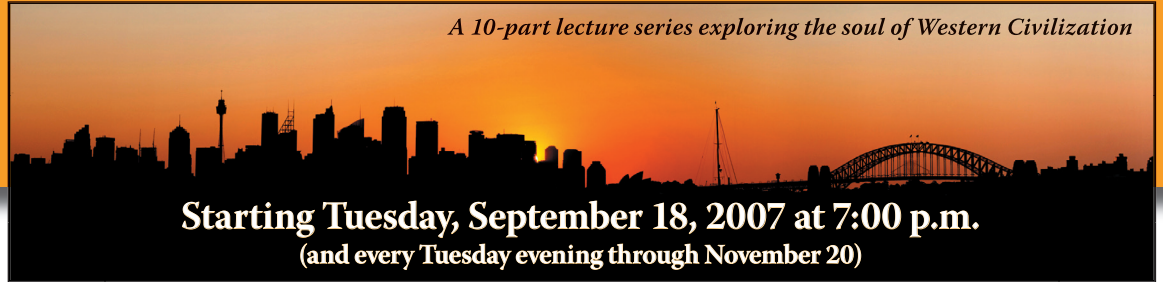




# Must the Sun Set on the West?

## An Indian Explores the Soul of Western Civilization

*A 10-part lecture series exploring the soul of Western Civilization*



**Starting Tuesday, September 18, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.**  
(and every Tuesday evening through November 20)

As early as 1100 AD, Muslim civilization had outstripped Christian Europe in most intellectual, political and military endeavors. Then came a remarkable change around 1500: Modern Europe arose rapidly from its tribalism and surged ahead of Islam on practically every front—educational, technical, economic, and political: inventing freedom and human rights, emancipating women and slaves, opposing cruelty to animals, and fighting disease.

As an Indian trying to understand the poverty and oppression around him, Dr. Vishal Mangalwadi asked, “What in the world happened around 1500 that accelerated progress in the Christian nations and, later, the rest of the world?” This is an uncomfortable question for many Western historians. Faced with Western wars, slavery and the Holocaust, they bend over backwards to avoid implying that the West is in any way superior to any other culture. But Vishal was unafraid of

examining the bottom-up biblical Reformation that became the pregnant disturbance that formed the radically new modern West with all of its rare and genuine virtues, including its tolerance even of hostile rejections of the divine.

Vishal discovered that the DNA of the modern Western civilization was forged in medieval monasteries and Cathedral schools that grew into modern universities. Tragically, for a century now the western university has been engaged in what George Orwell called the “amputation of the soul.” As a result, Asia is already marginalizing aging Europe and America seems headed towards twilight. “But I am not a prophet of doom” says Dr. Mangalwadi, “In these lectures I intend to examine the intellectual and spiritual secret of the West’s success. My prayer is for a renewal of the soul of Western civilization.”

*These lectures are a prelude to a multi-part Reality TV series exploring THE SOUL OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION. The producers plan to select three participants from Minnesota for this series. For more information, application, and appointment with the Casting Director please contact Mahoney Media Group at 952-915-9502 or mahoney@mahoneymedia.com.*

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#### **Weisman Art Museum Garage**

333 East River Parkway, Mpls., MN 55455

### **Directions**

#### **From the South/West**

Take I-35N to Minneapolis, and then I-94 east to Huron Blvd (exit 235B). Follow the exit to the third stop light (Washington Av SE). Take a left on Washington and go two blocks to Harvard St SE, and take a right. Follow Harvard to its intersection with Union St SE. Take a left on Union, and then another left into the Washington Av Ramp.

#### **From the North/East**

Take Hwy 280 to I-94 west. At Huron Blvd (Exit 235B) go right and follow the exit to the third stop light (Washington Av SE). Take a left on Washington and go two blocks to Harvard St SE, and take a right. Follow Harvard to its intersection with Union St SE. Take a left on Union, and then another left into the Washington Av Ramp.

*Directions courtesy of mapquest.com.*