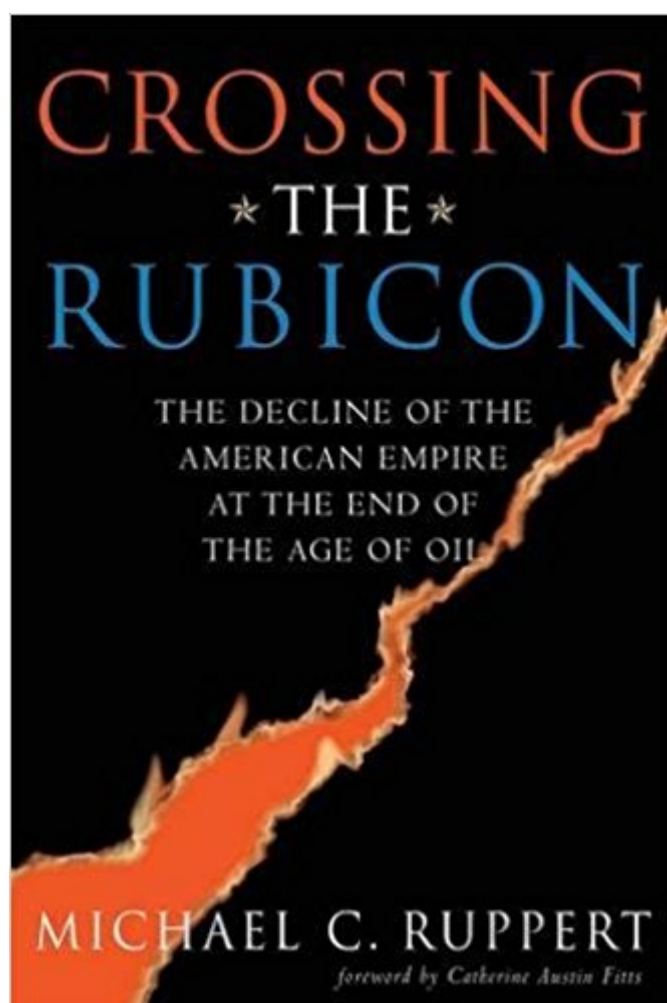


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# Crossing The Rubicon: The Decline Of The American Empire At The End Of The Age Of Oil



## Synopsis

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Fantastic. I am a researcher of 9-11 and other American Govt. wrong-doing. Michael's analysis is excellent and extremely detailed and thorough. Too bad he will not be with us and we hoist the criminals' necks onto the gallows!

The powers that be suicided this wonderful man. The book is excellent. Watch Michael C. Ruppert on Youtube. He was a true patriot...RIP

Ruppert is always at his best when showing how Peak Oil is influencing events. He is not at his best when explaining how Dick Cheney planned 9/11. Dwindling oil resources as the reason we invaded Iraq. Sounds plausible and likely to me. Ruppert doesn't do well with minutia and the book bogs down after a very good start. That Pakistan is running US Intelligence asset Osama bin Laden is something I find believable but "So what?". The bigger and scarier truth is that we are running out of oil and the US is plotting to take over the world's remaining resources. For those who want an amazing presentation of Peak Oil check out Michael Ruppert in "Collapse". This is not the author's best work but it does offer some very startling facts.

Mr. Ruppert went to great lengths to present the evidence, thoroughly footnoted, that the 'official' story regarding the horrendous events of 9/11 was just that, a story or more accurately a self serving fable. He presents the evidence in the same way it would be presented to a court of law and doesn't meander into the what ifs or other claims for which there is either no evidence or what was evidence was quickly removed and/or contaminated making pursuit and documentation of both chain of custody as well as a legal investigation literally impossible. So he sticks to what can be proven and for that reason alone this book should be considered required reading. I gave the book five stars for this very reason. As a former law enforcement officer Mr. Ruppert is well versed in the trade craft of putting together a case that will withstand the scrutiny of a court proceeding. We are now approaching a full twelve years since the horrible day in September 2001. Contaminated or missing evidence, over a decade of wars unrelated in the extreme to the events of 9/11, the deaths of victims of that day, the first responders who, if still alive, are suffering from horrible illnesses due directly to their role in the rescue efforts for which compensation is still being refused (unforgivable), deaths of witnesses, deaths and/or horrible injuries as a direct result of the two unrelated wars (to 9/11), the brushing aside of professional fire and explosive experts along with their governing document NFPA 921 while replacing these experts with people with zero experience in such investigations (ie NIST/FEMA) and a multitude of other crimes makes it, in my humble opinion, a must to read the accounting of the event document in Crossing the Rubicon. I know there will be those that disagree but quite frankly my dear, I don't give a damn.

Michael Rubbert has done his homework! I am not finished with his book but find it filled with

information. Some of which you don't want to read or more appropriately believe. A lot I have read elsewhere however he puts it all together. I didn't know until I researched his name that I found he had died last year. Suicide or so it seems. Sort of reminiscent of Philip Marshall's death, no? I have also heard Michael being interviewed on radio and I am familiar with Catherine Austin Fitts who wrote the Forward. She in her own right is quite informative.

Michael C. Ruppert really deserves six stars for his books content and for his dogged bravery. The writing is a bit flawed and long but not the content. If one twentieth of what Ruppert claims is true then the people all over the world have been hoodwinked by the Bush Cheney empire and their sinister politicization of 9/11. Ruppert shows convincingly that some in our government had prior knowledge of the 9/11 attacks and let them happen anyway so that more Oil could be gleaned for our consumption. (Not that this even worked!) He demonstrates insider trading that allowed profiteering from the attacks. He shows FAA and NORAD evidence and timelines that conflict the "official" story. He is exhaustive in what he shows. It's really easier not to believe any of this and that's the problem many will and do have with books like this. But when Senator Max Cleland tells us the 9/11 Kean report is a sham combined with all the other upsetting things you really do have to wonder where is the outcry and why this has not been righted. I went on line to check some things because I was so jaw droopingly amazed. They checked out. The travesty is huge and easier not to believe. I took me years to shift my thinking about 9/11 but this tome has helped. If more than one twentieth is true; lord help us all.

If you have never heard the term "Peak Oil" or "ZPG", this is a book for your education of why the US insists on invading countries with oil beneath their feet. The book breaks these topics down by "following the money" and leads into the attacks on 11/9/01 and what to expect next. I wish Mr. Ruppert would do an updated version of this book as many other facts have come to light since its 2004 publication that he speculated upon and have since been proven true.

It's a big read and a lot to digest but man Mike is a hero.

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