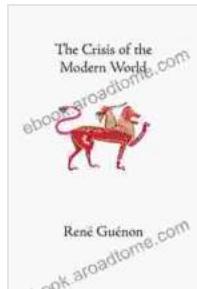


# The Crisis of the Modern World: The Collected Works of René Guénon

In an era marked by profound upheaval and uncertainty, the collected works of René Guénon offer a beacon of clarity and insight, shedding light on the crisis facing the modern world. As a leading figure in the field of traditional studies, Guénon's writings delve into the realms of metaphysics, symbolism, and tradition, providing a comprehensive framework for understanding our current predicament.



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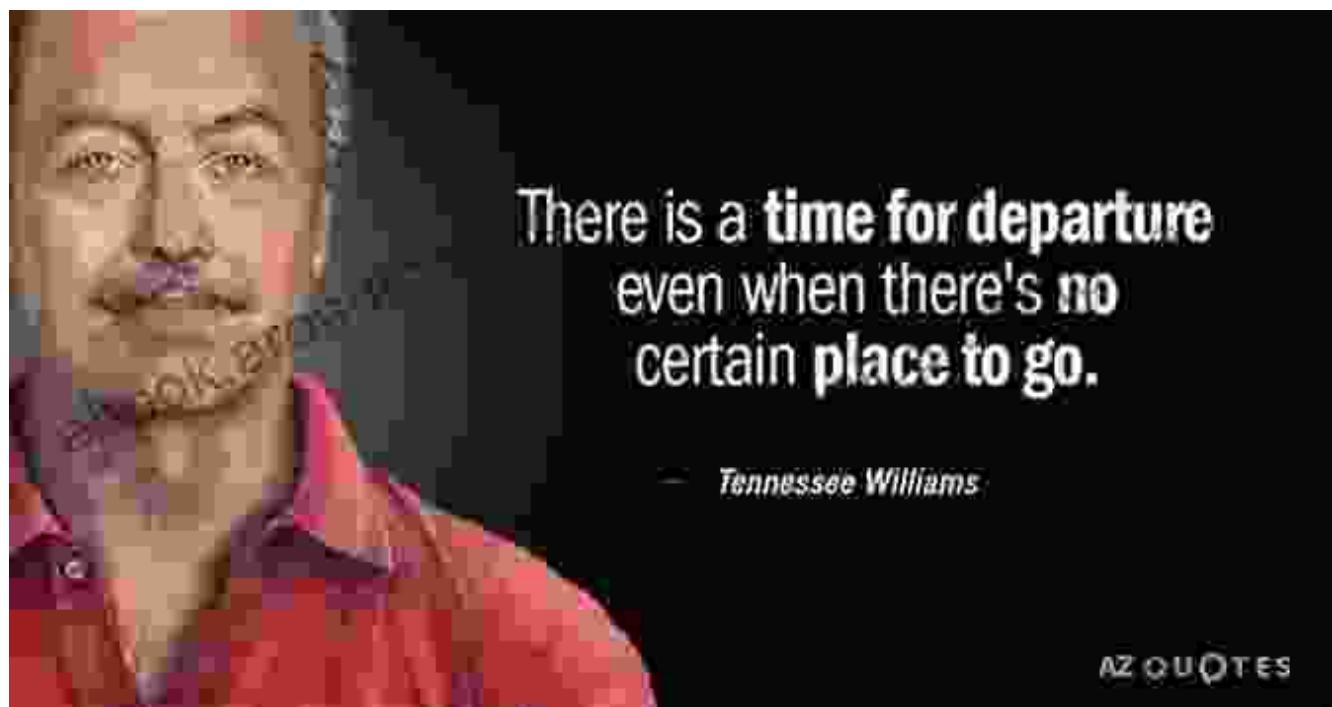
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## The Metaphysical Crisis

Guénon's analysis of the modern crisis begins with the metaphysical sphere. He argues that the West has abandoned the traditional understanding of reality as a hierarchical manifestation of the Divine. Instead, it has embraced a mechanistic and materialistic worldview that reduces existence to matter and energy. This fragmentation of reality has

led to a profound loss of meaning and purpose, leaving individuals adrift in a meaningless void.



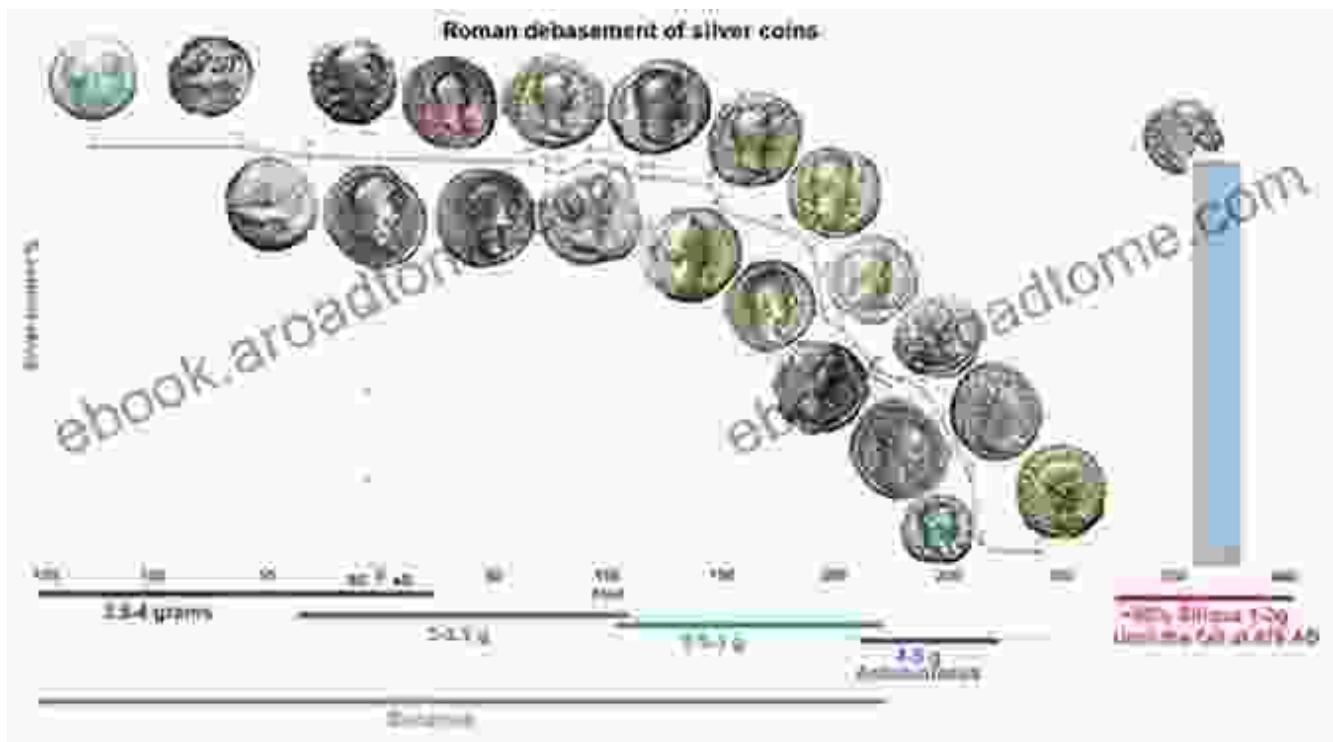
There is a **time for departure**  
even when there's **no**  
**certain place to go.**

— Tennessee Williams

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## The Symbolism Crisis

Closely intertwined with the metaphysical crisis is the crisis of symbolism. Guénon demonstrates that traditional symbols, once revered as sacred gateways to higher truth, have been trivialized and debased in the modern world. They have been reduced to mere decorative elements or symbols of commercialism, losing their profound spiritual significance.



## The Traditional Crisis

Underlying the metaphysical and symbolism crises is a crisis of tradition. Guénon argues that the modern world has severed its ties with the traditional sources of wisdom and guidance that have sustained humanity for millennia. This loss has left individuals adrift in a sea of superficiality and consumerism, devoid of the grounding and direction that genuine tradition provides.



## The Perennial Philosophy

In the face of this crisis, Guénon proposes a return to the "perennial philosophy," a timeless body of wisdom that underlies all genuine religious and spiritual traditions. He argues that this philosophy offers a universal framework for understanding the nature of reality, the human condition, and the path to spiritual realization.

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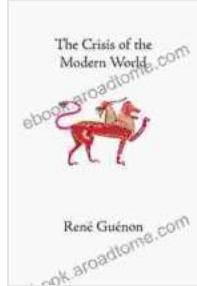
While Guénon's writings paint a sobering picture of the modern crisis, they also offer hope. He emphasizes that the path to renewal lies in a return to traditional values, a recovery of lost symbols, and a profound understanding of the metaphysical dimension. By embracing the timeless wisdom of the past, we can navigate the challenges of the present and create a more fulfilling future for humanity.

The collected works of René Guénon are an invaluable resource for anyone seeking to understand the crisis of the modern world and find a path forward. His writings provide a profound exploration of the metaphysical, symbolism, and traditional dimensions of our existence,

offering a unique and transformative perspective on our current predicament. Whether you are a seasoned seeker, a scholar, or simply someone interested in the essential questions of life, Guénon's works will challenge your assumptions, expand your understanding, and empower you to make meaningful choices in a world that is rapidly losing its way.

To delve deeper into the profound insights of René Guénon, we recommend acquiring a copy of his collected works. This comprehensive edition includes all of his major writings, offering a priceless treasury of knowledge and wisdom for navigating the challenges of the modern world.

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