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Editorial Review

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The Roman Way is the study and practical application of *"Romanitas"* and the *"mos maiorum"*, the revival of all aspects of Roman life, culture, virtues, ethics and philosophies in our everyday lives.

It is as part of the mos maiorum that citizens are expected to take up Roman names for use within the society. Learning Latin, the language of Roman culture, is also an equally important step towards becoming a modern Roman.

One of the cornerstones of *Romanitas* are the **Roman virtues**; those qualities which define the ideal state of being and behavior of the Roman citizen. These age old precepts guided the Roman Republic for centuries, and after being somewhat forgotten in the technology, hustle, and bustle of the modern age, are finding their way back into the hearts, minds, and homes of many people today. They are the foundation of a good and wholesome society, and should be consistently used to further advance the knowledge, behavior and ethics of our children and succeeding generations.

He believes that we must remember and preserve the good parts of the past in the present, so that others will remember it in the future.

A god upon a great white throne, with cherubim and seraphim bowing before him, may have power and dignity, but for comfort and good-fellowship one must go to the god who sits by the fire, inhales the odor of spice, and the flavor of the bread and the cake and the meat that are cooking in the kitchen. Such a god can understand the tribulations of the cook and the annoyances of the mistress; he knows by experience that fire burns and ginger is hot in the mouth. All other religion is cold and formal beside this intimate religion of the hearth.

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