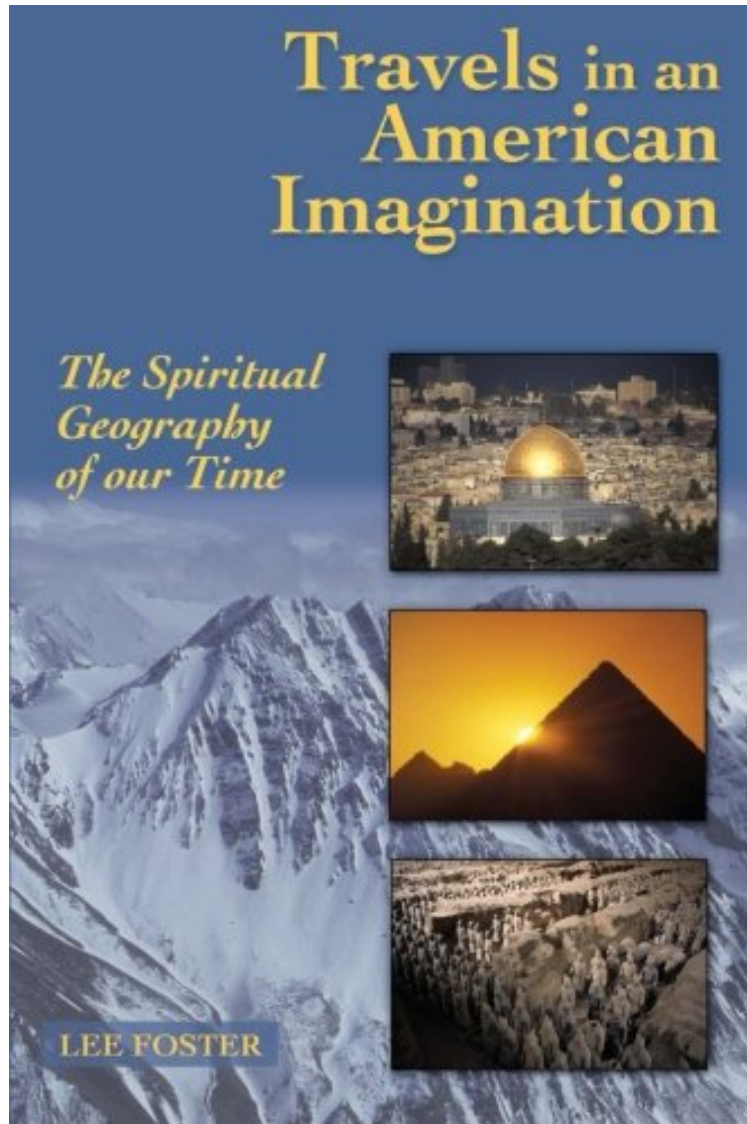


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Geography of our Time

By Sheila W. I have read Lee Foster's "Travels in an American Imagination: The Spiritual Geography of our Time" twice because each chapter has a new variation on the state of the world we live in and the attitudes we have or could develop. Foster is a very talented writer. Many years ago he completed a Master's degree in Creative Writing and just went on from there to write prolifically. One matter that I particularly like is that Foster is capable of succinctly presenting his varied writing in a most literate way. Foster has traveled the world. He has years of experience perfecting his photography skills; and, his photo presentations are really fabulous. I like to stay up-to-date with his work by visiting his web site [...]. Here I can review his past work as well as the present. This is an author to watch.

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By California Travel Insider What a pleasure! Insightful and with an open heart. A mix of travel and personal reflection. Life past, present and future. Especially liked Minneapolis: A Sense of Place. Enjoyed the humor about love in the 21st century and simple pleasures of good food and wine. Written in a voice that is clear and pure Lee Foster. More than once I found myself smiling and nodding in agreement. I will definitely read this again.

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Iconic World Sites

By Lavidal I found this to be a poignant book. The book is written by a travel writer and photographer sharing his perspectives on human life through stories told from travels to world sites such as the Terracotta warriors in China or the pyramids of Egypt. I really enjoyed this book, it was a fast and thought-provoking read.

Is our era both the most wondrous and the most horrific time ever to be alive in the history of the human race? Award-winning travel journalist Lee Foster thinks so. His book, *Travels in an American Imagination: The Spiritual Geography of Our Time*, consists of 25 essays, each with a photo illustration, in which Foster evokes a place in his worldwide travels and then raises a question about the spiritual geography of our era. Foster's work has won eight Lowell Thomas Awards, the highest awards in travel writing, including him being named Travel Journalist of the Year (Silver Winner). More than 200 of his worldwide coverages can be seen at [fostertravel.com](http://fostertravel.com). The book is Foster's answer to the question, "How does the typical modern person balance what is wondrous and what is horrific about life in our time?" Foster suggests that a balanced perception of modern life, with sufficient imagination, can enable a modern person to live in a healthy, constructive manner and not be overwhelmed by pessimism or despair. Foster believes that modern life is defined by the constant barrage of polar positive and negative experiences on the average person. He feels that people today can find an inner peace if they can balance these assaults on their sensibilities. Balance occurs when a person achieves a deeper understanding of the current human drama. Each chapter advances the book's premise. For example, the chapter "Bali: The Search for Community" starts with Foster's observation of some close-knit village dancers in Bali and then meditates on the quality of community, or lack of community, in his life as a modern man in Berkeley, California. Foster views modern life with an unflinching clarity. In his chapter "Brazil: The Decline of the Environment," he describes the experience of walking in a perishing rain forest with its irreversible loss of species. Yet Foster feels that today's person must also acknowledge many positive aspects of life in this era. His chapter "Canaveral: The Adventure of Space Flight," for instance, describes being in Florida at the space launch site, celebrating one of the major achievements of mankind in our time. The book is a highly personal memoir about something in which Foster is truly an expert; his own life, thought, and feelings. He finds much that is wondrous in the details of everyday life. Yet he is not interested in anything eccentric or accidental about his life. What interests him is how his life and thoughts parallel those of the Everyman and Everywoman of our time. The book stimulates and challenges a reader to make a similar assessment of his or her life.

Ebook/Bookstore Category--Travel Essays/Travel Literature: An award-winning travel writer explores what is wondrous and what is horrific about life in our times.

About the Author: Lee Foster began his publishing career with a novel about the Vietnam era, *The Message of April Fools*, and a literary memoir about growing up in a Minnesota America at mid 20th century, *Just 25 Cents and Three Wheaties Boxtops*. He was part of the energy-efficient-living/organic gardening movement in California, which he described in his book *Backyard Farming*. He has been known in recent decades for his award-winning travel writing/photography. He was the first travel writer ever to publish profitably in the new electronic online scene, starting in 1983 with CompuServe, a contract that continued until 2001. He has won eight Lowell Thomas Awards, including being named Lowell Thomas Travel Journalist of the Year (Silver Winner). His Foster Travel Publishing website ([fostertravel.com](http://fostertravel.com)) presents more than 200 destination articles, with photos, on his worldwide travels, plus his books and apps. As a travel photographer, he has had images in more than 225 Lonely Planet books. His latest Lowell Thomas Award was for his travel guidebook *Northern California History Weekends (Globe Pequot)*. His recent books include *The Photographer's Guide to San Francisco*.

From the Author Lee Foster's book won the Best Travel Commentary award in the annual BAIPA Awards (Bay Area Independent Publishers Association). The book is *Travels in an American Imagination: The Spiritual Geography of Our Time*.

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