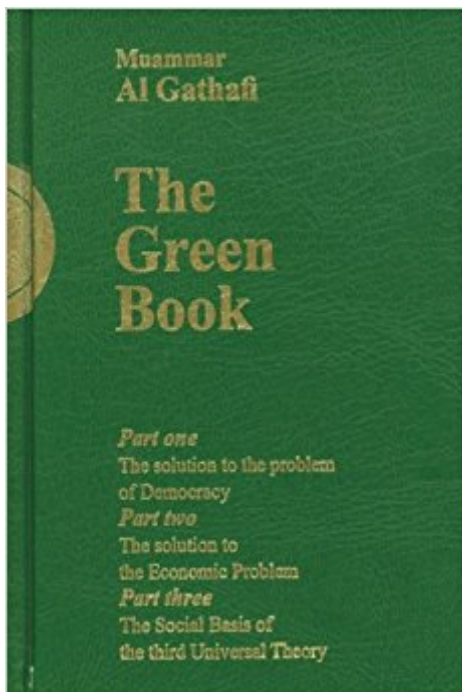


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Gaddafi's "The Green Book"



Synopsis

The Green Book is a short book setting out the political philosophy of Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi. The book was first published in 1975. It is said to have been inspired in part by The Little Red Book (Quotations from Chairman Mao). Both were widely distributed both inside and outside their country of origin, and "written in a simple, understandable style with many memorable slogans." During the Libyan Civil War, copies of the book were burned by anti-Gaddafi demonstrators.

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Muammar Gaddafi (1942 – 20 October 2011), commonly known as Colonel Gaddafi, was a Libyan revolutionary, politician, and political theorist. He governed Libya as Revolutionary Chairman of the Libyan Arab Republic from 1969 to 1977 and then as the "Brotherly Leader" of the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya from 1977 to 2011. He was initially ideologically committed to Arab nationalism and Arab socialism, but he came to rule according to his own Third International Theory. Gaddafi was born near Sirte to an impoverished Bedouin family. He became an Arab nationalist while at school in Sabha, later enrolling in the Royal Military Academy, Benghazi. Within the military he founded a revolutionary cell which, in a 1969 coup, deposed the Western-backed Senussi monarchy of Idris. Now in power, Gaddafi converted Libya into a republic governed by his Revolutionary Command Council. Ruling by decree, he ejected both Italian colonists and Western military bases from Libya while strengthening ties to Arab nationalist governments—particularly Gamal Abdel Nasser's Egypt—and unsuccessfully advocating Pan-Arab political union. An Islamic modernist, he introduced sharia as the basis for the

rights of minorities, natural rights of women and children, including the need for children to be with their mothers. That contrasts with the Islamic standard that Fathers have total right and control. He assumes that in time people will choose this utopia, and so makes no proposal for enforcing it. There is no impetus for putting this utopia into place by force, but lacks a clear statement condemning force. I chose this book because I am trying, as a Christian and political conservative, to understand Muslim Thinking. This book is an example of Muslim thinking, but far from and much in contrast to much of Mid-East ideology. It seems great foolishness for Western nations to deal with Mid-East threats while making little effort to understand how leaders and people in these nations think about life and social and political issues. The result is bad actions that backfire and increase the problems. Great leaders in Islam who had the good of the people in mind rather than ideologies of self-promotion and stolen riches include Ataturk, Mossadech, Sadat, and Gaddafi. The later three were killed for their goodness. Gaddafi had his bad years, but had been turning Westward. He discarded Libya's nuclear program. The Green Book shows thinking that could only be repulsive to Islamists. The result was a rebel movement in Libya, which was foolishly supported by the American government. To support a rebel movement in Muslim countries can only result in prolonging the conflict and causing great suffering and killing. Even the worst of dictators serve the country better by quickly putting down rebellions rather than making the country into a Syria. So, the U.S. killed Gaddafi, killed the best peace movement in Africa and the Mid-East, promoting the "Arabic Spring" and conflict and destruction that can only ultimately benefit the Muslim Brotherhood, as they take advantage of the chaos. Is the Obama administration the best friend the Muslim Brotherhood ever had? Deliberately or foolishly? They killed Gaddafi. Possibly the worst crime of the century.

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