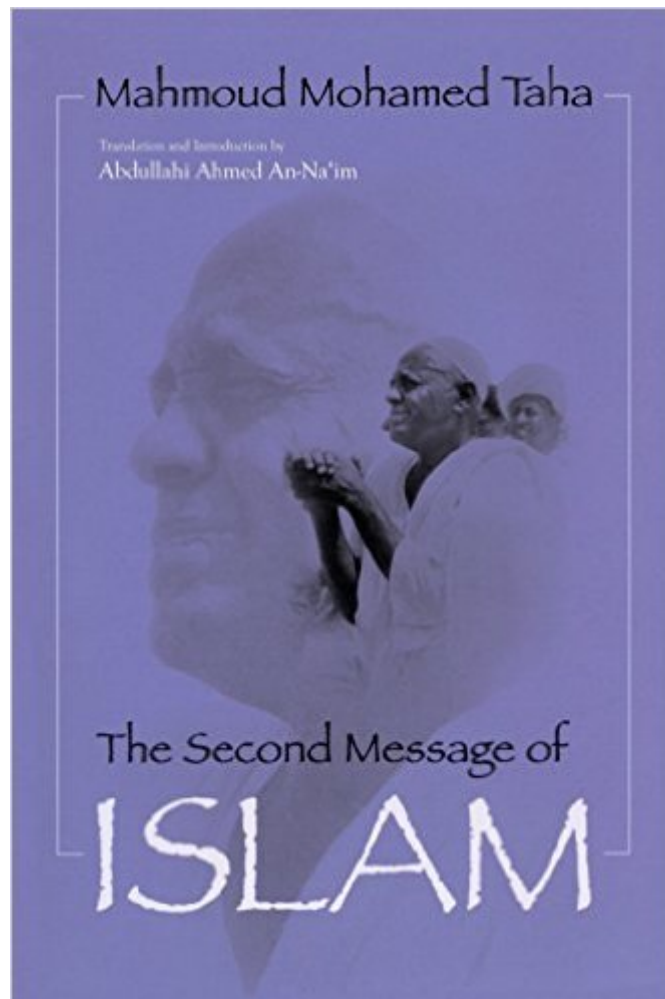


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A translation from the Sudanese of Taha's major work in which he outlines the main features of his teachings. Mahmoud Mohamed Taha had long been known for his radical reinterpretation of Islam. His reputation, along with his vigorous opposition to the Islamization program, ultimately led to his demise.

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This is by far the best book for non-Arabic readers. While Ustazh Taha had written over 30 books detailing his thought about Islam and proposing solutions for mankind problems, only two of these books were ever translated to foreign languages. The fact that the translator, Dr. Abdullahi An-Na'em was himself a follower of the teachings of Ustadh Taha, and a renowned international law professor and human rights activist, makes this work readable to westerners, while sticking to the original meaning of the Arabic text. No man has been so misunderstood and his thoughts and deeds unappreciated as Ustadh Taha, both at the local and global levels...

You got to read this book because it is different in its concept of religion in general. This book is not about Islam (as everybody understands), the writer is coming from a unique stance. This book is valuable to individuals, academics and politicians as it raises fundamental issues for bringing peace to the Thinking, Behaviour and Life of humans.

Ustadh Mahmoud Mohamed Taha's book is an in depth analysis of the Qur'an, and resolves the "contradictions" within it. It releases the laws of Shari'a from their rigid adherence by giving clear interpretations and meanings relative to the time when they were written and the present day. Abdullahi Ahmed An-Na'im had been asked by Taha to interpret his Arab text into English as a trusted follower of his in his lifetime, troubles, and right up to his execution by the government of Sudan. "The second Message of Islam" should be read together with An-Na'im's own book recently published: "Islam and the secular state: Negotiating the future of Shari'a". Ustadh Taha's book is an excellent introduction to Islam and the interpretation of Shari'a for both Muslims and others alike.

Mahmoud Taha had issued this book at earlier days and it seems that as if he was knowing what the world will be after a short period of time. He was killed because he call for peace [peace with yourself, with others and with God]. But those who do not want to listen made the conspiracy and killed him. Today's situation is what he told [If we left them they will destroy the image of Islam]. Terror has com out because right understanding of Islam is not welcomed by most of Muslims.

Mahmoud Mohamed Taha is one of the most original and daring of modern Islamic thinkers. This book of his, undeservedly ignored in the so-called liberated West, is a proclamation of reform and tolerance, against the oppression and despotisms that currently enmesh the Muslim world. He was a man who refused to recant, regardless of the hostility of public opinion during the dictatorial regime of Ja'ffar Nimerei, and chose instead to suffer the martyrdom of the hangman's rope. Nowadays, his followers dare not declare themselves, nor breathe a word of his teachings publicly, for fear of being persecuted and stigmatised. Admittedly, his doctrine may seem unrealistic today, in the world of multinational companies and mass consumerism. Much of it is riddled by logical contradictions. For example, it is nonsensical to talk of reforming Islam, a religion which is doctrinally irreformable. But even if one doesn't agree with him, one is still moved to admire his courage...

This particular work was well written/tranlated in the tradition of Sufi mystics! Mr. Mahmoud Taha paid a very high price for what he came to say, i would go so far as to say he was the MLK Jr. of Sudan.

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