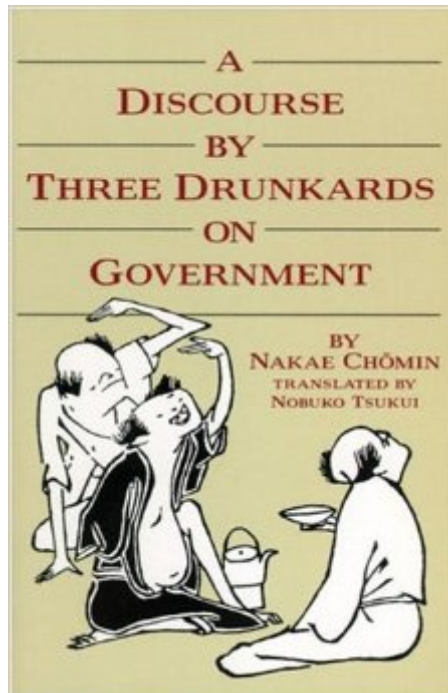


The book was found

# A Discourse By Three Drunkards On Government



## Synopsis

A Discourse by Three Drunkards on Government takes the form of a debate between a spokesman for Western ideals of democracy and progress, and an advocate for adherence to traditional samurai values. Their discussion is moderated by the imperturbable Master Nankai, who loves nothing more than to drink and argue politics. The fiction of the drinking bout allowed Chomin to debate freely topical political issues, in a discussion that offers an astute analysis of contemporary European politics and a prophetic vision of Japan's direction. This lucid and precise translation of a delightful work has been designated one of the UNESCO series of classics of world literature.

## Book Information

Paperback: 144 pages

Publisher: Weatherhill; Reprint edition (October 1, 1992)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0834801922

ISBN-13: 978-0834801929

Product Dimensions: 5.3 x 0.4 x 8.2 inches

Shipping Weight: 6.4 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.4 out of 5 stars Â Â See all reviews Â (7 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #132,335 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #62 in Â Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Social Sciences > Specific Demographics > Asian American Studies #68 in Â Books > Literature & Fiction > Mythology & Folk Tales > Mythology #240 in Â Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Politics & Government > International & World Politics > Asian

## Customer Reviews

This short work, from the end of the 19th century, taught me a lot about Japan's course since then. Two disputants, under blanket amnesty granted by brandy, present supposedly opposing views. The first, in Western clothes, orates at length on democracy, personal freedom, education, world relations, and (of course) national wealth. The second, representing Japanese tradition, argues for military expansionism in order to attain a secure place in international politics and (of course) to attain national wealth. I say supposed opposition - it seemed to me that the two were really discussing different aspects of the cultural identity. The master, in the end, advises modernization within reason and defensive armament within reason. Although his house set the stage for the other two and his point made the most sense, I found it the least interesting part of the text. The two extremes held my attention much more closely. In retrospect, we can see that Japan has followed both courses. It

armed heavily up to mid 20th century, and has since participated on an even footing with the major Western powers. This book seems have predicted both. I don't know whether to file this little book closer to Confucius or Johnathan Swift - no matter, I welcome it to my library.

The Discourse here is an excellent pre-war subversive missive which will give significant insight to those who wish to understand the underlying internal soul-searching going on in Japan during the period between the arrival of Perry and the Black Ships until the modern soul-searching debate surrounding the essential illegality and absurdity of Article IX in the Japanese Constitution. The title itself should clue in the reader that this is definitely one of those books which like Voltaire and Machiavelli, got the author in quite a bit of trouble with the secret police for being too close to the truth for thier liking. The debate takes on a similar form to the traditional greek diatribes in that it is in the form of a conversation between master and seekers. However, the Discourse here is a conversation between the Master Power Drinker and two drinking buddies; The Lover of the Old and the Lover of the New. After the boys have had a few bottles of sake a piece, and are "full of thier cups" as it were, they are allowed to speak thier minds freely in the Japanese tradition as a Jester is with his cap. Hence, the drinking becomes a token of the true face of each of the debaters and the heated philosophical arguments that always insue after one has had enough to drink as to become loquacious, but not yet enough to slur one's words, yet what is said cannot be held against the speakers the next day as they try to sleep off thier hangovers. Anyone interested in the essential debate for the Japanese soul as Japan moved from a fuedal isolationist society to dreams of empire in complete immitation of the British and United States empires should certainly read this book.

This is a beautifully simple discussion of the pros and cons of different forms of government. Despite being a couple of hundred years old, it makes a lot of sense and seems highly pertinent in the current world crisis of governance.

This work was a required read for a course on Japanese history course, and it is a refreshing way to study notions of governing and being governed.

Bought this book for history class. Okay read.

Aka fox news BADUM TSS

Quick and Easy!

[Download to continue reading...](#)

A Discourse by Three Drunkards on Government Rousseau: The Basic Political Writings: Discourse on the Sciences and the Arts, Discourse on the Origin of Inequality, Discourse on Political Economy, ... Contract, The State of War (Hackett Classics) Barron's AP U.S. Government and Politics, 9th Edition (Barron's AP United States Government & Politics) American Government : Test Prep Workbook for Government Government Jobs Insider: Cashing in on the US Government Job Hiring Boom Government is Killing the Economy: The Economic Impact of Regulation and Government Mismanagement on the U.S. Economy ? Common Sense Thoughts on Finding A Cure Science for Sale: How the US Government Uses Powerful Corporations and Leading Universities to Support Government Policies, Silence Top Scientists, Jeopardize Our Health, and Protect Corporate Profits How to Get Free Government Grant Money for Almost Anything: How to Get Free Government Grants and Money Cost Management and Control in Government: A Proven, Practical Leadership Driven Management Approach to Fighting the Cost War in Government (Managerial Accounting Collection) Amusing Ourselves to Death: Public Discourse in the Age of Show Business A Charitable Discourse: Talking About the Things That Divide Us Methods of Critical Discourse Analysis (Introducing Qualitative Methods series) Representing the South Pacific: Colonial Discourse from Cook to Gauguin Heidegger's Analytic: Interpretation, Discourse and Authenticity in Being and Time (Modern European Philosophy) The Heart Treasure of the Enlightened Ones: The Practice of View, Meditation, and Action: A Discourse Virtuous in the Beginning, Middle, and End Discourse on the Origin of Inequality (Dover Thrift Editions) Montaigne: Selected Essays: with La Boëtie's Discourse on Voluntary Servitude (Hackett Classics) Discourse on Leadership: A Critical Appraisal Discourse on the Origin of Inequality (Hackett Classics) Discourse on Metaphysics and Other Essays (Hackett Classics)

[Dmca](#)