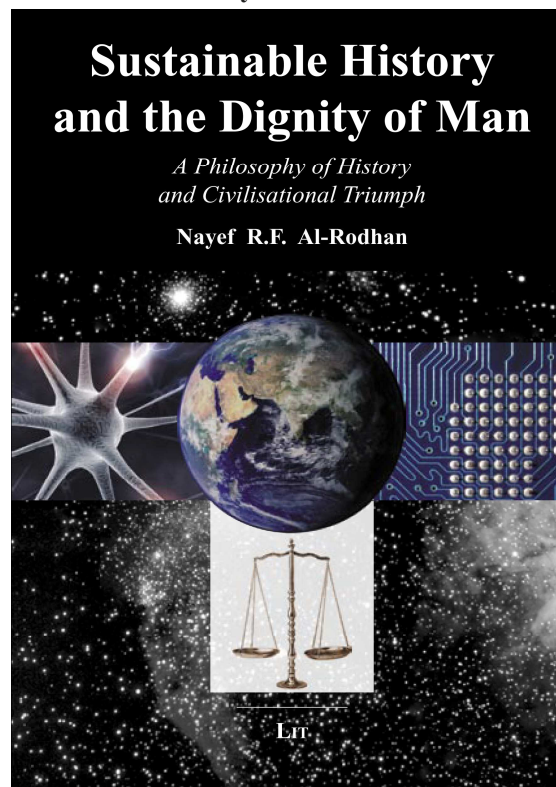


# Sustainable History and the Dignity of Man:

## *A Philosophy of History and Civilisational Triumph*

by **Nayef Al-Rodhan**

**SUSTAINABLE HISTORY AND THE DIGNITY OF MAN** is a new **philosophy of history**. This volume outlines how sustainable history is **propelled by good governance**, which balances the tension between the attributes of human nature – emotionality, amorality and egoisms – and human dignity needs, such as reason, security, human rights, accountability, transparency, justice, opportunity, innovation and inclusiveness. The author proposes minimum criteria for good governance that are **sensitive to local cultures and histories** but meet certain common global values to ensure maximum and sustainable moral and political cooperation. Using an **ocean model of a single collective human civilisation**, the author argues that we should think in terms of a common human story that is comprised of **multiple geo-cultural domains and sub-cultures** with a history of **mutual borrowing and synergies**. The author argues that, today, **all geo-cultural domains must succeed if humanity as a whole is to triumph**. This collective triumph will also depend on **reason** and a recognition that a great deal of knowledge is indeterminate and may be temporally, spatially and perhaps culturally constrained, as is outlined in the author's new **theory of knowledge: "Neuro-rational Physicalism"**.



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"Dr. Nayef R.F. Al-Rodhan challenges us to grapple with the meaning of history and how it could lead to the improvement of the human condition. This book presents his views on how a sustainable history based on human dignity could be achieved. In his opinion, this requires good governance, based on "reason, security, human rights, accountability, transparency, justice, opportunity, innovation and inclusiveness." I agree, and I hope that the path laid out in this book attracts many followers."

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**House of Lords**

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