

***Commander of the Faithful:
The Life and Times of Emir Abd el-Kader***

John Kiser's novel-like biography weaves the religious, political, military and historical elements organically to provide a highly readable and informative experience—for Muslim and non Muslim alike.

Leadership/Duty

The French

The Arabs

Faith-based leadership

Adaptation and endurance

Use of native troops

Cultural/Historical

Islamic values

Tribal/ Bedouin life and culture

Colonialism and legacies

Ethics (Christian and Muslim) on and off the battlefield

Prejudices that endure

Spiritual Upbringing

Endurance, intellect, resilience, compassion, self mastery

Relevance & Lessons for Today

Alexis de Tocqueville, Déjà vu.

A counter narrative

Role model

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“If you think God is what the different communities believe – the Muslims, Christians, Jews, polytheists and others – He is that, but also more. None of His creatures worship Him in His entirety...Each of his creatures worships and knows Him in a certain way and is ignorant of Him in others.”

– The spiritual writings of Emir Abdelkader



Christians get lost too easily in dogma and theology. Every conception imposes a limit. Dogma limits. Doctrine limits. God is one. The monks forced me to stretch my understanding of Jesus...to create a place for Islam. We have many gods in the West – money, power, physical beauty, democracy. But all these things flow from God.

*– Philippe Hémon, Trappist monk,
visiting the monastery at Tibhirine*

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