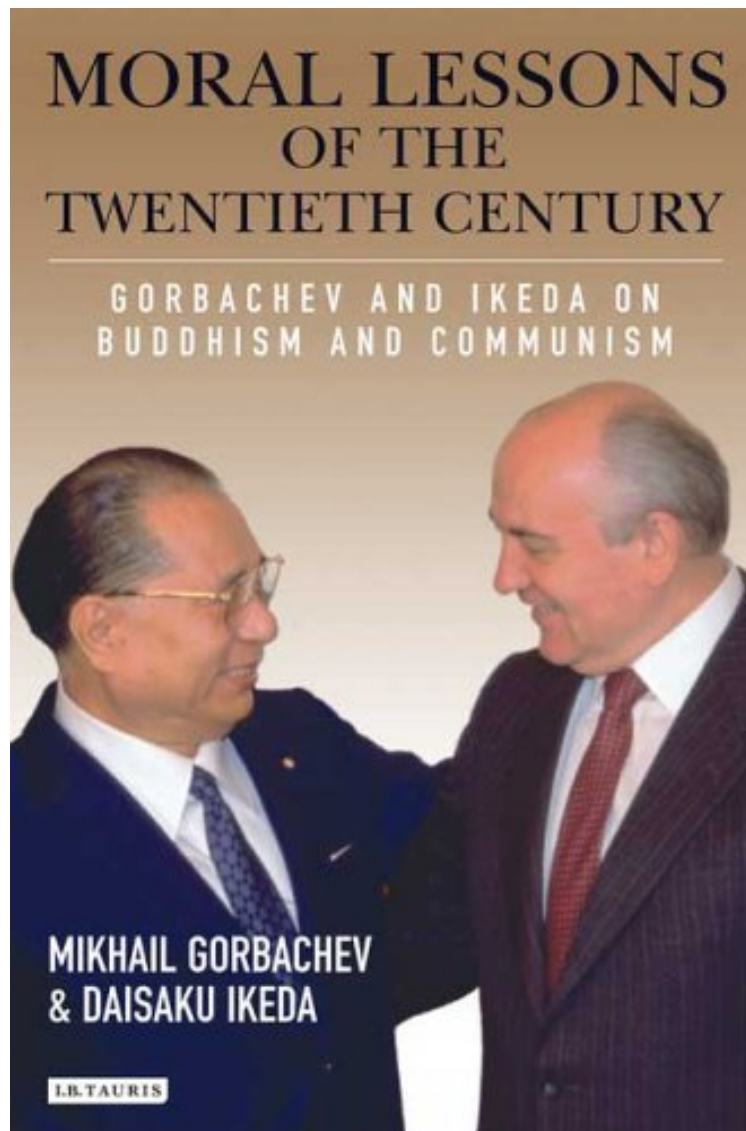


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Mikhail Gorbachev, the former General Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party and the last President of the Soviet Union, was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1990 for his diplomacy leading to the end of the Cold War. Daisaku Ikeda is the spiritual leader of Soka Gakkai International, and the author of over 80 books on Buddhist themes.