

CHAIRMAN MEOW

Born Kats Meow, the Great Leader has studied, written, inspired, and otherwise mastered all known feline and human political, economic, and social theories, concepts, and philosophies. He has authored many great and influential masterpieces, including Another Theory of Justice, Mein Snuggle, and Das Katnip. He has lived in the human world for many years – both before and since Purristan achieved utopia – and has indentured many humans as servants throughout those years. He inspired many of His human servants to develop their own impressions, if not misinterpretations, of His ideas. Some notable human servants of the Chairman included Friedrich Hegel, Immanuel Kant, Friedrich Nietzsche, Robert Nozick, Walter Benjamin, Adam Smith, Ayn Rand, John Rawls, Thomas Hobbs, Friedrich Hayek, Herbert Simon, Thomas Jefferson, Karl Marx, and numerous others. None of these humans would have developed or added anything to the collective wisdom of mankind if not for the Chairman's inspirational presence.

In His youth He founded the Felis-Catus Union Party and was elected the Chair of the Central Committee of One. He set about applying His Great Wisdom in the altruistic pursuit of bringing utopia to Purristan. Fellow cats became instinctually aware that He was the wisest and most enlightened of all, electing Him as their leader. In later elections, it became clear a new electoral system would be created, simply called "Consensus Omnium." All felines knew, deep and innately within them, that He was their leader. Subsequent elections resulting from this system were universally in favor of the Chairman, and thus future elections quickly became unnecessary. He became a ubiquitous figure, though no law established this. Today His portrait graces most public spaces and His name appears on nearly everything.

Becoming the Philosopher King and benevolent unitary leader of Purristan, simultaneously sagacious and perspicacious, yet forever entombed behind the veil of ignorance, the über-cat set about applying various ideas to the state, and eventually led His people toward, and ultimately achieved, absolute and irrefutable political, economic, and cultural paradise. When this occurred, His institutional political role ceased being necessary; however, on account of universal consensus among all enlightened felines in the Great Leader's tremendous acumen, astonishing triumphs, and immeasurable capabilities, He has remained Purristan's de facto leader. Happily retired and living in utopia, while resting on His laurels after being named TIME Magazine's 2006 Person of the Year, He had no plans nor need to re-engage in proactive inspiration. Eventually, however, Purristani citizens began appealing to Him to return to the temporal world and try to lead humanity toward Enlightenment. He, in His good graces, acquiesced and established a new temporal government via the newly constituted Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Crossing back to the human world with this new stateless sovereign nation, He again was formally elected leader via Consensus Omnium – once again rendering all future elections unnecessary. The Great Leader has proven to be the wisest among all men and beasts and is renowned for His unparalleled prophetic powers. Humanity will do well to accept Him.