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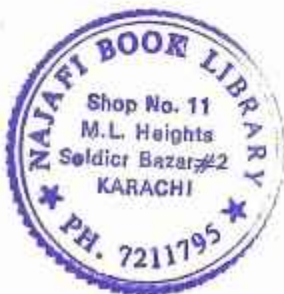


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INTRODUCTION

INTRODUCTION

"By the bank of Kowthar, with lips parched by thirst.

By the side of the Beloved with heart afire by longing!"

The present collection is but a draught off the affluent stream of written and spoken words of wisdom by the sage of all times, His Holiness Imam Khomeini(s.a.). It is sweet nectar that palliates the thirst of the peripatetic travelers and provides guides to those who follow the path of his divine revolution.

"Pithy Aphorisms, Wise Sayings and Counsels" is a compendium of the written and spoken words of a grand man who, before all else, testified to the justness of his own cause by his presence on the scene of action. All those who witnessed the movement of this divine spirit from its inception until his ascension and all those who had met him in his celestial presence, have testified that no word ever left his lips or pen which he did not believe or practice wholeheartedly.

Imam Khomeini(s.a.) had apprehended and experienced, when still young, the secrets of philosophy, the mysteries of gnosticism and the blessings of religious Jurisprudence and other Islamic principles and precepts on highest levels and standards. He has entrusted glimpses of these divine visions in his invaluable works such as "The Misbahul-Hedayat" (A Guiding Light), "Serrus-salaat" (Secrets of Prayers), "Awdawbus-Salaat" (The Rituals of Prayers), "Exegesis on Forty Traditions" and in many other works of his on religious Jurisprudence, principles and ethics.¹ Imam Khomeini(s.a.) spoke to

1. His Holiness Imam Khomein (s.a.) has, in addition to the above-mentioned books, written numerous volumes and articles in relation to religious jurisprudence, philosophy, gnosticism and ethics. His mystic poetry titled "The Diwan of Imam", has been lately published by the Institute

the ummat in the manner of the Holy Quran and Tradition. His speech was simple, popular and replete with veracity and purity. This, as a matter of fact, was the secret of the deep and wonderous effect of the Imam's word and message which aroused peoples' natures and moved and mobilized them, in waves, to meet all dangers.

And now, thanks God, four years after the ascension¹ of that sublime spirit, we witness that all over Islamic lands his lofty ideals serve as sources in which are based the rising movements and pro-Islamic activities that have emerged throughout the world as undeniable realities, realities that have frightened pagan chiefs to which they humbly confess.

And now, in the 4th year of the ascension of the Imam of combatants and preceptor of gnostics, in the memory of an Imam, whose blessed hands, as tokens of the rightfulness of walayat (guardianship) and gentleness of Imammat (leadership), responded to our hearty sentiments and whose divine and charming words eased hardships and palliated pains, reassuring the hearts, who invited us to be firm and steadfast in treading the divine path, we offer the present compendium to those who follow in his path, hoping that a fresh review of his thoughts and guidelines will ease their longing pains of separation and find new insight in the sparkling fountainhead of his knowledge and insure, the more, the safety of the continuing path of the revolution by using the lessons learned from His Holiness.

The contents of the collection and compendium are phrases selected from the texts of Imam Khomeini's statements, messages and writings arranged in four parts under headings of religious faith and belief, educational, political and social topics. To preserve complete trust, in a few instances where completion of a sentence has required the insertion of a letter or word this has been done within [] brackets and in rare instances where a replacement word has been selected the original version has been entered in the footnotes.

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^{*} for Compilation and Publication of the Works of Imam Khomein (s.a.). From that noble soul we have on hand: 1026 speeches, 319 messages, 203 letters, 118 interviews and 197 decrees some of which have been published in series like the Sahifa Nour (22 vol.) and Kowthar (4 vol.).

1. Imam Khomeini (s.a.) died and joined high heavens on the night of Khurdad 13. 1368 (a.h.s.) = Shavval 28, 1409 (a.h.l.) = June 3, 1989 a.d.

PART ONE

Chapter One

THEOLOGY & SERVITUDE

- God is the light, all else is darkness.
- We are all from God; the whole universe is of God, a manifestation of God and unto Him all shall return.
- The entire purposes of the prophets converge on one word and that is: the knowledge of God.
- The essential purpose of Revelation is to develop knowledge in man.
- Most of the wailing of the saints is due to pangs of separation from the Beloved and for His wonderful acts.
- All the excellences achieved by Prophets and Saints are by detachment from all that is not of God and by attachment to Him.
- That which admits man to God's Threshold is his severance with all that is not of God, a thing not attainable by all.

- Link yourselves up to this ocean, ocean of divinity, ocean of prophethood, ocean of the Holy Quran.
- Know that gratitude for the open and concealed blessings of God is a worship and devotional obligation that must be performed by all, each according to his ability, even though, no creature is able to give unto the Lord His due thanks.
- Evidently, adoration, worship and sanctification of God requires Knowledge and awareness of His Most Exalted Station, Attributes of His beauty and grandeur, Without due knowledge and awareness, it cannot be fulfilled.
- Rules of servitude imply that no power be recognized except that of God and none be adored but God and His Divine Saints.
- The essence of praise accrues to none but God, your praise of a rose or an apple is praise of the Lord.
- If your actions be not rooted in divinity and you leave Islamic unity, you will surely be ostracized.
- Material Incentives may follow divine purposes but they are no longer material, they become divine.
- A criterion for distinguishing divine from devil is in minding the action and not the doer.
- Mindfulness of God, migrating from oneself to God – (which is the greatest migration)-, migration from ego to truth, and from this world to the Invisible, have all fortified you.
- Next to trusting the Lord, trust your own strength which is of Him.
- Fear none, I tell you, save God and count on none but Him!
- Concern with that which is not of God shall enshroud us in a veil of darkness.
- Neglecting God tarnishes the heart more, gives the ego and devil domination

over man and daily increases corruption. Recitation and remembrance of God imparts serenity to the heart, burnishes it and makes it a mirror reflecting the Beloved. It purges and purifies the soul and saves the man from the bondage of ego.

- And Know this: no fire is more painful than the burning wrath of God.
- Just as it is incumbent on us to protect and bring ourselves from darkness to light, so it is our duty to invite others do the same.
- We must enjoin (others) not to the ego, not to the worldly things, but to God.
- Read your lessons for the sake of God.
- If man rises for carnal passions, and not for God, he wont get anywhere, he will be done for nothing that is not for God can survive.
- God is (exists) so, do not ignore Him! God is present, we are all under His surveillance!
- Make your purpose a divine purpose, let your steps be taken for God.
- All the world is God's presence, whatever takes place, takes place in the presence of God.
- Be always aware that whatever you do, it is in God's presence, the eyes wink in God's presence, tongues speak in His presence, hands perform in God's presence, and, tomorrow, we must answer for them all.
- All of us are in the presence of God, and we all shall die.
- Whisper to your hearts that anything you do, is done in God's presence.
- Apprise your veiled, drooping hearts that the universe, from the highest Heavens to the lowest in Hades, is a manifestation of the Lord and all are in His mighty hand.

- God's blessings are trials and tests for His servants.
- That which pulls men out of wavering is remembrance of God.
- Pay heed to God so that hearts become attentive to you.
- The face of action is not the scale, the incentive to act is the scale.
- Every obligated adult on earth is tested and tried by the Lord.
- The status and position one holds and any responsibility he has, are his test and trial.
- The Pleasure of God is the criterion in Islam, not persons. We measure persons by truth and not truth by persons. The criterion is justness and truth.
- We should adopt divine criteria.
- Wake up, nation, wake up government, wake up all! You are all in God's presence. Tomorrow, you will be called to account. Do not ignore the blood of our martyrs, and do not fight for position or status.
- The universe is God's presence, do not sin in His presence. Do not quarrel over false and mortal things in His presence. Work for God's sake and advance.
- Right now we are all placed under tests and are being examined.
- Man may conceal things from all mortal eyes but everything about us is preserved with God and He reverts to us all our deeds.
- Invoke Almighty God for, God willing, it will solve all difficulties.
- All of our divine duties are blessings of God but we think they are obligations.
- We must all be servants to God and know that everything is from Him.

- God has granted us all His blessings and we must spend in His path the things He has granted.
- We are all from God and must all be in His service.
- That which eases calamities is the fact that all are departing mortals. We must all go, so, better we all be sacrificed in His path.
- All that each and everyone of us has is from God, we must spend all our strength for Him.

DIVINE PROPHETS

- Prophets came to put the potential forces to work, to render man's potentials active.
- The Prophets, one and all, made every effort to invite this creature (man) to the Straight Path and make him tread therein.
- Prophetic mission aims at saving men's conducts, souls, and bodies from darkness; to remove all darkness and replace it with light.
- The Prophets came to call people out of darkness into light.
- Prophetic mission created a scientific, gnostic change in the world that converted the insipid Greek philosophies which were formulated with all their past and present worth, by the Greek themselves, into an objective mysticism and a veritable intuitive perception for masters of divine insight.
- That which prophets wanted was to make all features of life, the entire dimensions of the universe and man – this essence of being –, divine.
- The bliss of the noble Prophet has been matchless in all the world from creation to the end (of time) and none like it will ever again appear.

- "Zellullah" (lit., the Shadow of God) is the most grand messenger who is nothing of himself, it is revelation through and through.
- Great God's praise and salaam to Hazrat Esau (Jesus) son of Mary, the Spirit of God and His Grand Messenger who revived the dead and awakened the slumbering ones. God's praise and salaam to his noble mother, Maryam (Mary) who, by divine breath, gave such a great child to those who thirst for God's mercy.
- (Addressed to priests): To please the Lord and carry out the decree of Jesus, let the bells in your churches peal once in favor of the oppressed Iranians, and in condemnation of the oppressors.
- The essential business of the prophets has been to subdue, as much as possible, this self-love and to harness the egos.
- We seek what is best for the society; we are followers of prophets who have come to reform the society, to lead the society to happiness.
- If all prophets gather up in one place, they'll never quarrel with one another.
- If all prophets (SAW) would come together at one time, they would not differ about anything.
- The prophets were not to take up the sword except against those for whom the sword was the cure, otherwise they would corrupt the community.
- The logic of prophets calls for roughness towards the pagans and those who are against mankind, and for kindness to friends and kins. That roughness, too, is mercy.
- The prophets felt pity for the pagans, for the hypocrites, and wondered why they are as they are.
- At the start of their mission, the prophets first confronted the upper class, His Holiness Moses, confronted the Pharaoh. The upper class enjoy the priority of being confronted and guided first.

THE RELIGION OF ISLAM

- Islam is the highest school. Islam is more pure than all other schools in the world.
- Islam has come for mankind, not for Muslims or Iranians only. Prophets are assigned to men and so was the Prophet of Islam.
- Islam has come to purify mankind.
- Islam is the man-making school.
- Islam has come for training mankind. The issue in Islam's program is man and his training.
- Islam fights anything that draws mankind to vanity and self-alienation.
- Islam is a school that has been sent down for cultivating mankind.
- For this man, who is everything, that is, has stations, from Nature – to the supernatural – to the world of divinity, Islam has a thesis, a program.
- With such a progressive school as Islam, there is no reason why the Iranian nation imitate Western or communistic models.
- If everything become Islamic, an incorruptible society will ensue.
- Islam is for the reform of the society.
- Islamic laws are progressive, complemental and comprehensive.
- Islam has placed the greatest emphasis on thinking and contemplation and calls on man to renounce all superstitions and the bondages of reactionary, and anti-human powers and therefore, how can such a faith be incompatible with civilization and human initiatives, that result from his own experience?

- Islam is on the highest level of civilization and so are its exalted religious reference authorities.
- All features of civilization and modernization are allowed in Islam except those that corrupt the character and spoil the virtue. Islam has ruled out the things that are opposed to the interests of the nation and has affirmed the things which agree with the national expediencies.
- The things that Islam has countermanded are those that draw our youth to corruption.
- There is one law in Islam and (that is) the divine sovereign rule.
- We believe the only ideology that can guide and advance the society is Islam and, if the world wants to be rescued from the thousands of difficulties in which it is bogged down today and live humanely, it has to fall in step with Islam.
- Islam has come for the salvation of man.
- Islam has come for development, Islam's view (is positive) in respect of human development.
- The comprehensiveness and all-inclusiveness of Islam is such that anyone who understands it admits it is beyond the limits of the human mind and cannot be the product of the power of human science and intellect.
- Islam does not belong to a particular nationality, it recognizes no Turk, Persian, Arab or non-Arabs. Islam belongs to all, and things such as race, color tribe, or language are not rated in this order.
- In Islam the question of race is not topical, Arabs, non-Arabs and other groups are not discussed at all. Islam has come to cultivate and educate men. The issue in Islam is man and his upbringing and cultivation.
- Islam has come to unite all nations of the world, Arab, non-Arab, Turk or Persian all and form one great ummat, namely, the Islamic Ummat so that

those who seek domination over Islamic states and centers fail to do so due to the immense society that Islam makes of the tribes or ethnic groups.

- That which has gathered together the various ethnic groups under one roof is the power of Islam.
- I have often declared that race, language, nationality and geography are not topical issues in Islam.
- Islamic law does not discriminate among people.
- Islam is the faith of crusading individuals who search for truth and justice; it is the faith of those who want freedom and independence; it is the ideology of the anti-colonial fighting men.
- We must try to break down the walls of ignorance and superstition so that we can arrive at the clear fountainhead of Muhammad (SAW)'s pure Islam.
- The Devils are trying to break this Islam!
- Today, Islam is standing up against all forms of paganism.
- No power is posed opposite Islam!
- Initiate Islam as your leader and preceptor and be humble toward it.
- Islam is dearer than what we imagine.
- The school of Islam is the school of purification and refinement.
- Islam adjusts material matters in such a way that they merge with divine affairs.
- Islam has said everything, but the difficulty rests with the Muslims.
- The major problem of the Muslims is their separation from Islam and the Quran.

- If nations would become aware of Islam, they'd realize that whatever they seek, they can find in Islam.
- All the harms sustained by this country has come from persons who had no understanding of Islam.
- Those with malicious views of Islam are those who have no understanding of Islam.
- I advise you not to part ways with Islam; do not separate your path from that of the clergy; this is a divine power, do not lose it.
- This great bastion of Islam and of the clergy are both despised by the aliens.
- Islam has decreed that governments must provide services.
- Islam is at the service of the oppressed.
- Islam wishes you well, it will ensure your happiness in this and in the other world.
- Islam has brought us everything.
- Islam has come to save the oppressed.
- Islam is the religion of freedom and independence.
- Islam accepts materials as follow up to morals.
- Islam provides inner cultivation and preserves temporal expediencies.
- Islamic laws respond to human needs, those rules are very clear and distinct.
- In all political, economic, social and cultural dimensions Islam provides for man's real progress.
- The school of Islam is not materialistic, it is a moral school which admits

material things as a subjunction to morality, morals, ethics, self-purification.

- Islam'call is neither purely moralistic nor solely materialistic, it is both. That is, Islam and the Holy Quran have come to develop and build man in all his dimensions.
- Islam is a sovereign rule one dimension of which is political and another dimension of it is moral.
- Islam is a devotional-political faith; worship or devotion are involved in its political affairs and its devotional features embody politics.
- The Messenger of God has placed the pillar of politics in religion. Messenger of God (SAW), has established the rule of government.
- Islam is the religion of politics, it has government.
- Political decrees of Islam exceed its devotional decrees.
- Political activity is a religious duty in Islam.
- By God, Islam is all politics!
- "Civics" is an offshoot of Islam.
- The religion of Islam is political in every respect, even in worship.
- Islam has programs for everything, for all lives.
- Islam has decrees for the entire life of men from birth to burial.
- Social and political affairs of men are given priority over devotional affairs in consideration of the holy tenets of Islam.
- Islam has programs for living and programs for government.
- Islamic rules are highly progressive and insure freedoms, independence and

advancement.

- A country practicing Islamic rules will surely become a most advanced country.
- Islam has been, itself, one of the founders of the world's great civilizations.
- It was Islam and these cries of Allah-o-Akbar (lit., God is greater) that took you to victory.
- It was Islam that got you going and granted you such power as to stand up, fearlessly, against great evil forces.
- It is treason to allow freedom of action to those who intend to betray Islam and the Nation.

THE PRESERVATION OF ISLAM

- Defending justice and Islam is a major act of worship.
- Preservation of Islam precedes preservation of Islamic decrees, Islam, per se comes first, then come the foundations of Islamic decrees.
- Our obligation is to protect and preserve Islam.
- Preservation of Islam, per se takes precedence over the lives of Muslims.
- If we see Islam in danger, we must preserve it with our lives.
- If the Islamic character of the Movement be maintained, no harm will come to you.
- Preservation of Islam is burdensome.
- Defense of Islam and the Islamic country in the time of danger is a religious,

divine and national obligation incumbent on all layers and groups.

- If we want Islam we must preserve this Republic.
- Preservation of public expediency and Islam has priority over that of the individual.
- Islam has survived by religious Jurisprudence and its decrees.
- We must all take care to preserve this school.
- We have the duty and responsibility to preserve Islam and today such preservation is possible by understanding.
- The grandees of our Islam were slain trying to preserve Islam and the decrees of the holy Quran; they went to jail and made other sacrifices so that they could preserve Islam and hand it down to us.
- Those who have resolved to save Islam should remain even if all others quit.
- No duty in Islam is above the preservation of Islam itself.
- Our revolutionary people must know that preservation of Islam and the Revolution and its outcome and maintaining respect for the martyrs' blood requires great Revolutionary patience and fortitude.
- Gratitude for a blessing implies faithfulness, I warn you be faithful to Islam.
- Mountains of calamities are but a feather visa vis our prestige as Muslim Iranians.
- Islam is something for the realization of which we must all be sacrificed.
- Dissimulation is for preservation of the Religion. When Religion is threatened, it is no time for dissimulation¹ and silence.

1. Abstention from expression of religious beliefs and views in cases of danger to one's life, property

- Dissimulation is taboo when religion is threatened.
- The whole nation must guard Islam.
- Our duty is to preserve the popularity of Islam.
- The day danger to Islam is deemed imminent we must all make sacrifices.
- Islam's predestined circumstances are also predestined for all Muslims.
- It is incumbent on all, regardless of where we work and serve, to preserve Islamic standards before all services.
- Islam is set against all paganism, at present, not you or I. you and I do not count.
- When one sees God's religion in danger, he must rise for God; when divine tenets are threatened, one must rise for God. If one succeeds, he has performed his duty and won, if he does not succeed, he has done his duty, to say the least.
- If worldmongers try to oppose our Religion, we shall stand up against their entire world.

THE PROPAGATION OF ISLAM

- Illuminate the bright face of Islam to the world! For, if this sight and its beautitudes to which the Quran and Tradition in all their aspects, invite all, emerge from under the mask of its foes and the misunderstanding of friends, Islam, will surely conquer the world.

or virtues. Taqiyya or dissimulation is a major issue in Shia Faith. Its observation depends on certain terms and conditions. It may be necessary, (wajib), recommended (viewed with favor) abominable (makrooh) or prohibited.

- Enhance the teachings of Islam among the people for these top other issues and if they are set right all other matters shall be straightened.
- If you present Islam, as it really is, to the world and act according to it, as it really says, grandeur and mastery will be yours.
- It is incumbent on us to invite people to the straight path, to the same straight path, which is the God's Divine Path.
- Muslims, especially Muslim ulema (theologians), are obligated to expand Islam and its teachings and present them to the people of the world.
- We have a duty to introduce Islam to the people all over the world.
- Islam will face defeat if from one of us issues something contrary to Islamic rules and decrees.
- What a pity that Muslims are in possession of an asset that is matchless everywhere on earth and, yet, they are unable to present this treasure, that every human being seeks by intuition, and themselves be unaware of and sometimes even run away from it!

THE SEARCH FOR ISLAM

- As a progressive ideology Islam is, today, able to meet all the needs of mankind and solve his problems, and as such, is receiving the attention of all Muslims of the world especially the Iranian Muslim nation.
- You rose for Islam and Islam is your support and he who receives support from the Quran and Islam is surely victorious.
- The Iranian nation revived Islam by his blood and life.
- Our purpose is to observe Islam wherever in the country we may travel.

- Islam is our entire destination.
- It was not our purpose nor that of the Iranian nation only to see Muhammad-Reza¹ go, to see monarchy go, nor to see the hands of aliens severed. These are all preliminary steps. The purpose is Islam.
- Under the aegis of Islam we can protect our country.
- We rose up all together, to revive-Islam here and, hopefully, to export it to other places.
- A country is said to be Islamic when Islamic teachings are practiced there in.
- We are a Muslim nation and Muslims cannot ignore Islam.
- The Country is Islamic and must practice Islamic standards.
- When you remove the Taghout,² an Islamic, divine country must replace it. Allah is the opposite of Taghout, when Taghout goes, a country of Allah must emerge.
- Today is the day in which Islam should be realized.
- We set off the Movement in order that Islam, its laws and the Quran and its laws, rule our country.

1. Muhammad-Reza Pahlavi, former Shah of Iran, the second and last monarch of the Pahlavi dynasty. In the year 1941, in the wake of occupation of Iran by Allied Forces, dethronement of his Father (Reza Shah) by them and with their approval, Mohammad-Reza assumed sovereignty. He reigned 37 years until in the month of January 1979, in the wake of the all-inclusive uprising of Iranian Muslim people under leadership of Imam Khomeini (s.a.) he was compelled to leave Iran. With the triumph of the Islamic Revolution of Iran on February 11th, 1979 the puppet monarchy of Muhammad-Reza Shah came to an end.

2. The term Taghout applies to any idol, object or individual that prevent men from doing good and leads them astray. The term Taghout has been used eight times in the Quran. Prior to Islam, "Taghout" had been the name of one of the idols of the Quraish Tribe. This name is used, also, to mean Satan. Moreover, the term is used to indicate one who rebels against lofty values.

- If you want to be rid of foreign entanglements, you must resort to Islam.
- The important thing is that we feel sure in our hearts that we want our Republic to be Islamic.
- Our hearts should be convinced that we want Islam to be, even as our lips say so.
- We ourselves are nothing, whatever is and counts is Islam.
- We want Islam to rule and Islamic decrees to be in force in this country.
- We want to make an Islamic and not a Western country.
- We are all alive in order to revive the tradition of the Prophet of Islam and the holy Quran and we must pay Islam its dues.
- We are on the road until all Islamic decrees become current.
- We mean to institute Islamic justice in this country.
- We rose for Islam just as the Prophet (SAW) did in the beginning and we did not suffer pains and did not toil as much as he.
- Islam, the Holy Quran is the backing of all of you.
- These movements are made in order to enforce God's commands.
- We want an Islamic Republic so that Islamic laws may be realized in it.
- An Islamic Republic is one in which the laws are Islamic.
- The Republic is Islamic and all things relating to us must become Islamic.
- Today, the Country is an Islamic country therefore its contents must be Islamic as well.

- The Movement is Islamic and its contents must also be Islamic.
- We are after the realization of Islam. we are not after the name only and say it is enough that are called "Islamic Republic".
- I hope Khomeini shall never deviate from the straight path of Islam which is challenging the cruel powers and never let up his efforts to achieve the objectives of Islam.
- Our nation wants martyrdom for God.
- God protects, against oppression by great powers, the nations who seek Islam.
- Our Nation poured forth into the streets, filled up rooftops, toiled day and night and gave their youth and blood for Islam. They would not do that if Islam was not the issue.
- The fighting and honorable Iranian nation has prepared himself to sacrifice his all for God.
- The nation who wants himself and his all for Islam shall be victorious.
- The purpose is that ours be an Islamic state under the guidance of the Quran, the Prophet (SAW) and other great authorities.
- Truth must be pursued and embraced wherever it is, with open arms.

ISLAM & OUR DEEDS

- Today, Islam depends on your deeds.
- Set up Islam as standard for your actions.
- They will not admit we are Islamic unless we ourselves act according to Islam.

- Right now, Islam is in our hands and we are its guards. If it is hurt, we are all responsible, are responsible before God.
- I hope that Muslims, especially their heads, will forgo voicing Islamic slogans, designed to camouflage non-compliance with Islamic decrees, and to think of Islam as it is and act accordingly.
- Consider that you are a custodian of Islam not of yourself.
- Let us recant this Satanic cover in favor of a divine one, this means acting according to the Islamic order.
- You dedicated Muslims paid Islam and God their dues and taught us the way to be faithful and how to sacrifice.
- Learn lessons from God's divine authorities who were always after the school not after their own.
- What makes hardships easy to bear is the fact that we tolerate them for the sake of Islam.
- You achieved this victory with Islam and must advance it with Islam.
- It was the power of Islam and faith that drove people to unity and it was the unity and the power of faith that led people to victory.
- If one wants to serve Islam, he should not expect all others to accept him.
- The measure of each person lies in his present state.
- Islam was neither cruel nor tolerated cruelty and this is how we want to be.
- It was by reliance on the exalted teachings of Islam and our faith in its principles that we, empty-handed, conquered all Satanic forces.
- If this country become Islamic, and education become Islamic, no power can challenge it.

- If Islamic decrees and rules be implemented in the country, all material and moral aspects will be secured.
- It is our duty, today, to be ready to stand and tolerate any pain in our opposition to dangers that threaten Islam and the Muslims. This is necessary for severing the hands of the traitors and to check their prejudices and greed.
- We must sacrifice ourselves, our hopes and wishes for Islam.
- Today, the most estranged object in the world is Islam, its salvation requires sacrifices. Pray that I be one!
- My dear ones, do not fear sacrificing lives and properties for God, Islam and for the Islamic nation for such was the conduct of the great Prophet, his disciples and authorities and our blood is of no better hue than that of the Martyrs of Karbala¹ which was shed in opposition to the cruel monarch who feigned Islam and declared himself the Caliph. You who have risen for Islam, who sacrifice your lives and properties, are in the ranks of the Martyrs of Karbala because you follow their ideology.
- If Islam be layed out as it really is and as God Almighty has established it, it will be recognized as the conqueror of colonizers.
- The great prophet of Islam sacrificed his all for Islam until he hoisted the

1. Imam Hosein (a.s.) son of Ali (a.s.) and Fatima, daughter of the Prophet (SAW) is the third Shiite Imam. He was born in Medina in 625 a.d. He received his early upbringing in the laps of His Holiness the Prophet (SAW). This plus instructions by his noble father and his prolonged presence in the political events of early years of Islam had developped his distinguished character. In 682 a.d. Imam Hosein (a.s.) rose against the rule of Yazid son of Moaviah. With his few warriors the Imam engaged the 10,000+strong armed men of Yazid at a place called Karbala (in Iraq). In this bloody epic event Imam Hosein (a.s.) and his children and aides numbering 72 were all martyred and their families were taken captives by the army of Yazid. This great calamity of the history of Islam was the result of the deviation of the system of Caliphate from the path of Islam and the paganism of the Caliph of the time, on the one hand, and due to Chastity, dissimulation, bravery and determination of the Imam in fighting vice and perversion, on the other. The fallen heroes of this disaster are collectively referred to as the "Martyrs of Karbala".

banner of monotheism, as his followers we should dedicate our all to keep that banner hoisted.

- We must all get under the banner of Islam but not by way of pretension, but honestly and truthfully.
- If divine tenets be established in a nation, falsehood will leave that nation.
- We can be invulnerable to and oppose great powers when we be dedicated to Islam and its decrees.
- Make every effort to practice Islamic rules and make others practice them as well.
- If, God forbid, some harm comes to Islam, all of us stand guilty because of it.
- Do not keep saying "I", say "my faith!"
- We must not mind the words of foreigners and let up on our implementation of God's decrees.
- Comission of unethical acts has non-Islamic incentives and is taboo even for advancing an Islamic purpose.
- I worry lest we fall remiss and fail to exercise necessary care in outlaying Islam.
- Today, Islam's position is such that if, God forbid, it meets with defeat it will take many long years before it can raise its head again. This is because world powers have realized the might of Islam.
- If you say things in the pulpit which you do not practice and preach things in mosques other than that which you do, peoples' hearts become disenchanted with you.
- We must keep our eyes and ears open lest we destroy Islam by our own hands.

- Try not to sacrifice the interests of Islam and of the Islamic state for personal or group considerations.
- Our position is such that any wrong move by any of us will be ascribed to Islam.
- Islam is a trust in our hands and we must protect this trust.
- Try to deliver the dear Islam which, today, is in your hands, to your descendents in good form. Do not deliver it in hodge podge form so that they may ask "Is this Islam?" Islam is clear and bright!
- Today, the dear Islam is entrusted to us. You should keep it and hand it over to future generations.
- He who is doing his duty to please the Lord should not expect the affirmation of everyone. Nothing has the confirmation of all.
- He who follows the Truth and works to please God should not mind what other say or have said of him.
- He who works for God, and rises for God, should not fear a thing.

THE QURAN

- Without the Quran the gate to the knowledge of God would be shut for ever!
- The Quran is the man-making book, Islam is the man-making ideology-man in all his dimensions.
- It is the Quran that guides us to the lofty purposes to which we intuitively turn, unaware.
- Do not neglect association with the Holy Quran, this divine book of light because whatever the Muslims have had in the past and may have in the

future is by the grace of this sacred book.

- Set the teaching of the Quran, in any of its features, as your highest purpose.
- To the extent you act according to the Quran, you find coverage under its shield. Quran's banner is not like any other. Quran's banner is conduct per its commands.
- May you never confuse the holy Quran and the salvation faith of Islam with the false, pervert ideologies that are based in human mentality!
- There is no school above the Quran's.
- The important thing is that Muslims act according to Islam and the Quran. Islam embodies all that relates to the growth, cultivation of human values as well as matters concerning man's life in this and the next world.
- The Quran must be present in all features of our lives.
- This book and this table spread everywhere from the East to the West, is a book used from the Revelation to Doom's day by all men; Layman, learned man, philosopher, mystic, Jurisprudent, etc.
- The Quran is a man-cultivating book, active man's book, it is the book of human, a book that guides men from here to the end of the universe and beyond.
- My dear youth, you are my hope, hold the Quran in one hand and take up arms in the other and defend your honor and prestige in such a way as to withdraw from them (foes) the power to think and plot against you.
- all of us, the entire humanity are obligated to the Quran, therefore, it is only fair that we make sacrifices for it.
- The great problem of the Muslims is that they have shelved the holy Quran and have come together under other's banners.

- Whatever we give in the path of God and the Quran is cause for pride, our pride, it is the path of justice.
- The Holy Quran is refuge for all of us.

SHIISM

- We are proud that our Creed is the Jaafari¹ Faith and our Fiqh (religious jurisprudence) which is a boundless ocean is the Jaafari fiqh.
- Islam survives by the grace of the Shiite denomination.
- Islam has always been associated with the Epic of Shiism.
- Imam means leader, one who guides a group in some direction. Imam is the guideline of Shiism and the Hizbullah (Party of God) and the leader of these huge organizations whose entire duties and functions he deduces from the Quran and the Prophetic tradition at various times and in different conditions and advises them accordingly.
- Those who claim they are the Shia (followers) of Amiral-Mumenin² (=Master

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1. Jaafari Faith means the Religion according to Imam Jaafar Sadiq (a.s.), the Sixth Infallible Imam of the world of Shiism. Ascription of the Shiite Religion to Imam Jaafar ben Muhammad Al-Sadiq (a.s.) was due to the fact that this noble Imam lived longer than all other Infallible Imams and, thus, he has had more time and opportunity for action. The infirmity and confusion of the Caliphate due to the clashes between the Abbasid and the Omayyad dynasties, in particular, afforded wider opportunities to the Imam to teach, instruct, discuss and train the faithful and sincere forces and to establish Theologic Centers and promulgate the Islamic truths.
 2. Amir-al-Mumenin (=Master of the faithful) Ali (a.s.), the first Infallible Shiite Imam was born in 600 a.d. to Abu Talib (the Prophet's uncle) and Fatima. From the age of 6 on, Ali was reared in the house of the Prophet (SAW). Ali was the first male person to accept Islam and promise to aid the Prophet (SAW). Early in his prophetic mission one day Muhammad (SAW), by command of Allah, gathered his kins and announced at their gathering: "He among you who accepts my

of the Faithful=Ali (a.s.)) and follow him should follow him in word, action, writing and all other things.

- The Shiite religion has always been given to sacrifice.
- Ghadir¹ (the place at which the Prophet declared Ali (a.s.) his successor or Caliph) was initiated to make it understood that politics is the business of all.
- We are honored that the book Nahjul-Balagha², which next to the Quran is

→ religion before others do, shall be my caliph after me". He repeated this statement three times and at each time Ali (a.s.) was the only person who professed to Islam.

The night that prophet (SAW) migrated from Mecca to medina, inspite of plots by Quraish to kill God's messenger, Ali (a.s.) slipped into Muhammad's bedding simulating him and thus he foiled the pagans' plan and proved his faith and loyalty to the Prophet of Islam. On the day that, at the Prophets order, Muslims concluded a pact of brotherhood among themselves, the Prophet (SAW) declared Ali (a.s.) as his own brother and, when returning from his last haj pilgrimage, at a place called "Ghadir" the Prophet formally pronounced Ali (a.s.) the guardian or Wali and supervisor of the Muslims after himself.

Ali was a companion and an aid to the Prophet (SAW) in the latter's hours of loneliness and hardships. After the Prophet's ascension, for certain reasons, Ali (a.s.) was put off leadership and sovereignty for a period of 25 years during this period, as an observer and overseer, Ali (a.s.) prevented deviations in the faith. After the third Caliph was slain, Ali's disciples and a number of Muslims swore allegiance to him and chose him as Caliph.

Ali's reign as Caliph of Muslims lasted 4 years and 9 months. During his caliphate, Ali (a.s.) restored to their pristine form and made any changes that were made in the Traditional rule of the Prophet (SAW). Opposition elements whose interests were threatened by revival of true Islam began to revolt from every side and started local fights that lasted during the entire period of Ali's rule until, at last, this model of chastity, justice and bravery was assassinated. It is difficult to talk about Ali's personality, until his martyrdom, he spent every moment of his life, devoting his life for God's Religion.

In Ali's humble house children such as Hassan (a.s.), Hoscin (a.s.) and Zainab (a.s.) were raised, personalities that left deep impressions on the history of Islam; they upheld, in the darkness of time, the bright torch of humanity and were made preceptors of Truth--seeking men.

1. Please see the footnote before.

2. Nahjul-Balagha, meaning "The Clear Road to Eloquence," is a collection of the words of

the greatest manual for man's moral and material life and is the highest guide to the salvation of mankind, is authored by our Infallible Imam (Ali(a.s.)).

- One of the intrinsic properties of Shiism is to rise and challenge oppression and dictatorship. This has been clearly evident throughout the history of Shiism, although such challenges have climaxed at crosscurrents of time.
- Shiism, a revolutionary ideology and continuation of the genuine Islam, like the shiites, themselves, has always been under dastardly attacks by the dictators and the colonizers.
- During the past century events have occurred each having some effect on the current movement of our nation, the Constitution Revolution¹ and the Tobacco Movement²,... are highly important. The establishment of the

→ Amir-al-Mumenin, Ali (a.s.) compiled by Sherrif-Razi Muhammad ibn Hosein (d. 406 ahl=1016 a.d.). Outstanding authorities have termed Nahajul-Balagha the "Brother of Quran". Contents of the book concern the three essential topics of God, Universe and Man, and include comments on scientific, literary, social, ethical and political issues. Except the words of the Quran and of His Holiness the Messenger (SAW) no word of man can equate Nahajul-Balagha in eloquence. So far more than 101 exegeses have been written on the Nahjul Balagha indicating the importance of this book to scholars and learned men of research and investigation.

1. The chaotic conditions of Iran by the end of the 19th and early 20th centuries, the harassment of the people caused by the injustice and oppression of agents of despotic governments, weakness and ineptitude of Muzaffaraddin Shah, the then Monarch, daily increasing awareness of the people, and the uprising of the ulema and clergy, all prepared grounds for a revolution named "The Constitution Movement" which, after long struggle by the people was at last victorious in 1906 a.d.

This movement, although it was not guided in the right channels, yet, it generated considerable change in the social composition of Iran, dissolution of class distinctions, upsetting the power machinery of the courtiers, and major proprietors and in the establishment of law and justice. However, because of the influence of Westernized elements and removing the clergy from political and governmental scenes, the Constitution Movement did not get anywhere and through the coup d'etat of Reza Khan (father of the former Shah of Iran) the hereditary monarchial regime was reinstated.

2. The Movement which appeared in Iran during the year 1891-1892 in opposition to granting the

theologic School in Qum¹ within the last 50 years, its influence within and outside of Iran, the struggles of the religious intelligensia within university centers and the 1341-42 uprising² by the Iranian nation led by the clergy of

→ monopoly of the tobacco concession to a British company was the first successful movement in the contemporary history of Iran. It resulted in the defeat of the government, the triumph of the protestors and abrogation of said concession.

The decree boycotting the tobacco deal issued by a religious authority of the time, his holiness Ayatullah Mirza Shirazi, cemented the unity of the ulema and the people in the movement they had started. Nasereddin Shah, ruler of the time, observing the increasing protestation of the people was compelled to abrogate the related agreement and pay damages to the involved company.

1. From the 3rd century a.h.l., the city of Qum has been regarded as a center of Islamic sciences and for 12 centuries it has served as a center of education in Islamic sciences of commentary, jurisprudence, tradition, exegesis, gnosticism and ethics. These facts plus the presence of the Tomb of Hazrat Masouma (a.s.), daughter of the 7th Infallible Shiite Imam, Hazrat Musa ibn Jaafar (a.s.), caused scientific activities to find fresh impetus when, in the 14th century a.h., His Holiness Ayatullah Haeri Yazdi, the prominent authority of Shiism, moved to Qum followed by a number of other great authorities of Islam. Together, they settled down to the task of educating student-clergymen and expounding and promoting religious knowledge.

This city (Qum) is located 160 kilometers south of Tehran and is a part of the Province of Tehran.

2. To prevent the spread of the Movement started by Imam Khomeini (s.a.), the Shah's Regime, after considerable deliberation and consultation with its Western supporters, deemed it necessary to arrest the Imam and impound him. Three hours past midnight of the 15th of Khurdad, 1342 (June 5, 1963) the Shah's agents raided the Imam's home (in Qum), took him and sent him to Tehran.

The news of the Imam's arrest spread to everycorner of the country in a very short time. From early hours of the 15th of Khurdad people began to pour into the streets to start their protestation walks. The major demonstrations were held in the city of Qum but were checked by interference of military elements and the massacre of large number of people. With declaration of military government in Teharan by Shah's Regime, the suppression of popular demonstrations climaxed that day and the day following and the Military Government's agents butchered thousands of innocent people. The Tragedy of the 15th Khurdad was so great that its news spread to points beyond the borders of Iran and the millions of dollars spent annually by the Shah on publicity failed to prevent the news of this awesome event from creeping out.

Islam – which continues to this day – are all among factors that have made the Shiite Islam a topical issue all over the world.

- As a matter of fact Islam – (Shiism being nothing but the real, original Islam) – not only does not prevent the scientific and intellectual growth of mankind, rather, it prepares ground for these moves and imparts to them humane and divine direction. The scientific and cultural evolution in the wake of Islam's advent has all but stunned investigators.
- The day that, God willing, the General Reformer¹ appears do not think a miracle will take place and the world will be reformed overnight, rather, the despots and oppressors will be suppressed and isolated by hard efforts and sacrifices.

→ Following the triumph of the Revolution, Hazrat Imam Khomeini (s.a.), in a message commemorating the anniversary of the 15th Khurdad, 1358 (1979 a.d.), declared the day of Khurdad the 15th, 1342 (June 5, 1943) as the starting date of the Islamic Revolution and for ever a public holiday for mourning.

1. His Holiness Muhammad ibn Hasan Askari, titled the Imam Zaman, is the last of the 12 Infallible Shiite Imams. He was born at Samarra (a city in Iraq) in the year 255 a.h.l. When 5 years old his father Imam Hasan Askari (a.s.) died and the Imamate of Imam Mohammad ibn Hasan Askari (a.s.) began. Because of conditions prevailing then and by the will of Allah, his holiness went into occultation. His period of absence is divided in two parts: The minor period that lasted 69 years during which the Imam (a.s.) was indirectly in contact with people through four representatives. Then, the period of major absence began which continues to the present until the time for the advent of the Promised Mahdi and the triumph of Truth over Falsehood.

In Islamic thinking the advent of Imam Zaman (a.s.) and his extensive fights and challenges is the final link in the chain of the struggles of Tuth against falschood. In other words, the fights of the supporters of Truth continue throughout history and the ground for victory of Truth becomes paved daily until the Rise of the Promised Mahdi (Imam Zaman), that General Reformer, who comes and carries all the challenges and fights to conclusion and the light of justice and Truth dawn in the horizon of man. That day the era of man's mental, moral and social maturity begins.

THE INFALLIBLES

- This man (meaning Hazrat Ali (a.s.)) is the manifestation of all fairness and justice, he is the wonder of the universe and from the Beginning to Eternity, no man except His Holiness the Prophet (SAW) can match him in excellence.
- Soldiers, even the renown ones, are unknown in this world. The most famous, dedicated soldier of Islam was Ali (a.s.) and he is the most unknown one.
- This little house of Fatima¹ (a.s.) and the individuals who were reared and cultivated in it, numbering four or five, but were, in reality, the manifestation of the entire might of Divinity, have rendered services that have made us and you and all mankind wonder!
- In preserving the great prestige of women, all should imitate that unique feminine gem, Her Holiness Zahra (a.s.).
- Morals, Celestial Manifestations, Divine manifestations, manifestation of celestial kingdom, of worldly elegance, all are compounded in this Being (meaning Her Holiness Fatima Zahra (a.s.)).
- The revolution of Iranian people is the starting point for the grand revolution of Islamic world under the banner of His Holiness Hojrat (lit., proof, title of the 12th Infallible Imam now in occultation, expected to reappear) (a.s.).

1. Hazrat Fatima (a.s.) is the daughter of the noble Prophet and wife of Imam Ali (a.s.). She was born in Mecca in the fifth year of the start of the Prophets' Mission. She is the mother of Imam Hasan and Imam Hosein, the second of third Infallible Shiite Imams respectively.

It is beyond the scope of this argument to comment on the exalted, lofty standards of the conduct, chastity and faith of this noble lady of Islam. Her love for her father was so intense that prophet had popularly termed her "mother of her father" (*ummo-abiha*). Fatima (a.s.) was by the side of the Prophet (s.a.w.) during the most exciting periods of his life and by the side her husband, Ali (a.s.) during the most eventful days of his life. She was by the side of these matchless divine beings and due to the pain and agonies she suffered after the Ascension of the Prophet, she died young to join eternal life.

- The Imam-e-Zaman (lit, leader of the age), a title of the 12th Immaculate, Infallible Imam) (a.s.) is watching over us, over the clergy to see what they do now that Islam is entrusted in their hands and all excuses are cut off.
- We who expect his (12th Infallible Imam) blissful advent are obligated to institute the rule of the law of divine justice in this country of the Walliya Asr (=Guardian of the Era, another title of the 12th Infallible Imam).
- The martyrdom of Imams Ali (a.s.), Hosein (a.s.)¹ and the imprisonment, torture, banishment and poisonings of all the Infallible Imams have all occurred in line of the political challenges of the shiites against the despots; in a word, political activities and fights form an important part of religious responsibilities.
- What is most regrettable is that they did not let His Holliness Amir (a title of Ali (a.s.)) become manifest as he should and as Islam had wanted.
- The Tragic event that befell Amirulmumenin (lit., the Master of the Faithful, a title of Imam Ali (a.s.)) and Islam is greater than that which befell the Seyyed-al-Shohada (lit., the Master of the martyrs, a title of His Holliness Imam Hosein).
- The prophets did not succeed in carrying out their missions and Almighty God will send someone (12Th. Infallible Imam) to implement them at the end of time.

RESURRECTION & THE HEREAFTER

- You must remember that all of us have another day, (the Last Day), do not doubt this! We have a day of reckoning before us. Everything will be considered and calculated on that day, man himself should give an account of his doings. On that day, pens, hands, eyes, all come and testify. We have such a day!

1. Please refer to page 24, footnote no 1.

- Each act we perform here has two states, a purgatory and a heavenly state, and, to this we arrive.
- Each letter and word that issues forth from us will be reflected in the scale of our deeds, in the Hereafter.
- The scale of our deeds is with God, everything is and will be recorded.
- In this world the intercession of the pre-emptors becomes manifest by their guidance; in the Hereafter; the essence of guidance is intercession per se. If your portion of guidance is nil, you shall receive no intercession; to the extent you receive guidance, you'll receive intercession.
- Cultivate your egos, purge them. This world has a definite end for all of us, for me sooner, then for you.

Chapter Two

PERFORMANCE OF OBLIGATION

- For us the important thing is to do our duty.
- We should not worry defeat, we should worry failure to perform our duties.
- Divine duties are God's trusts.
- We do our duty and God Almighty does not expect of us more than our power to do.
- If we perform the duty that God has made incumbent on us, we should not fear defeat.
- If we get killed, it is in the line of duty and if we kill, that, too, is in the line of duty.
- We want to protect Islam, this cannot be done by withdrawal. Don't think withdrawal exempts you from performing your duty, it doubles.

- All of us are assigned to perform a task. We are not assigned to the conclusions.

THE NEMAZ(The special daily prayers)

- Sound prayers drives away obscenity and vice from an ummat.
- Continue the prayers, revive this political Islamic tradition.
- Don't say "we've made a revolution and must now constantly yell! No! Say your prayers, it is above all yellings!
- The Friday Mass Prayers is above all other affairs.
- The Friday Mass prayers, which is a demonstration of Islam's political and social might should be performed with utmost splendour and richness of content!
- Make your congregations compact, especially on Fridays, and emphasize the importance of religious rites and ceremonies.
- The holding of the Friday Mass Prayers is one of the blessings of this Movement and Revolution.
- Perform Friday Mass Prayers, as well as other prayers with splendor, Satans fear the prayers and mosques.
- Never neglect the Friday Mass and the daily congregational prayers for they are the political version of the prayer.
- The Friday Mass Prayers is one of God's major favours to the Islamic Republic of Iran.
- Almighty God wishes that when reciting His Name and remembering Him, the devotioner be severed from all that is not of God and be sincere in

supplicating to Him.

PRAYERS & SUPPLICATIONS

- Prayers take men out of darkness and, once out of darkness they become men who work for God, take up sword in the path of God, kill and get killed for the sake of God and his uprising is also for God, prayers do not de-activate men!
- There are unprecedented subtleties in these holy prayers, heed them well, they can make men move.
- The prayers, especially those for the blissful months of Rajab and Shaaban are preludes, they deck and dress one's heart in preparation for attending God's Reception (Fasting-Month of Ramazan).
- The Shaabaniyya Prayer¹ is one of the greatest divine teachings and supplications which is understood by the initiates, each according to his capacity to comprehend.
- The Prayers that have come down in the holy months Ramazan and Shaaban are our guides to destiny.
- During the Night of Qadr² the Muslims who keep vigil and say nocturnal

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1. Because of its richness of content and superlative concepts this prayer of supplication was frequently recited during the month of Shaaban by Ali (a.s.), his children and the Infallible Imams. With regard to the importance of this prayer, a point often emphasized by Imam Khomeini (s.a.) during his blessed life, it is enough to say that all the Innocent and Infallible Imams have been reciting it in their communication with Allah.
 2. The Night of Qadr is, according to its related narratives, one of three nights, – the 19th, 21st and 23rd of Ramazan. The significance, value and station of the Night of Qadr is greater than a thousand months. It is a night in which Almighty Allah decrees the events that shall occur on earth until the night of Qadr in the following year. In this night angels, and the spirit descend by

prayers of supplications all night, save themselves from bondage of things not of God, that is men, Satan and Jinni.

- Those who criticize prayer books do so from ignorance. They have no idea how these prayer books cultivate men!?

THE MOSQUE

- Do not empty the mosques, this is an incumbency today!
- The mosque is a center for political gathering.
- The mosque is a center for propagation.
- The altar means the station of nearness (to God), a place for war with both the Satan and the Taghoot (tyrant).
- O' Nation! Protect your mosques. O intellectuals! Protect the mosques, be not like Western intellectuals! O lawyers, protect the mosques!
- I must today declare that protection of the mosques is incumbent on all Muslims.
- Try to restore our mosques to the conditions they had in early days of Islams, beware, there is no retreat or isolation in Islam.
- These mosques should be centers for proper training and, thanks God, most of them are.
- During the Blessed Month (i.e., Ramazan) training, education and cultivation

→ permission of God in order to resolve the fate of some affair of the universe. As the Night of Qadr is the night for Divine Mercy and God Almighty pays special attention to it therefore, the believers are asked to spend up this night in prayers and supplication to God. The ulema and other authorities of the Religion have devised various rites, prayers and ceremonies for this night.

must go on in all the mosques in all aspects and dimensions.

- The protection of the mosques is, today, one of the things on which Islam depends.
- The mosque is an Islamic stronghold and the altar is the battle arena.
- Let them keep the Movement alive via the mosques which are Islam's strong forts and advance it by Islamic slogans.

THE HAJJ

- From its inception the political significance of the Hajj pilgrimage has been no less than its devotional.
- Hajj is preparation, exercise and formation of this monotheistic life. Hajj is an arena for demonstration, and a mirror for evaluation of the moral and material abilities of the Muslims.
- One of the major features of the Hajj is to generate understanding and cement the brotherhood among Muslims.
- A House that has been erected for uprising, the uprising of "people" and "for people" should be used for this great purpose.
- This grand House is built for the "people" and for "people's uprising".
- All Muslims should make efforts to renew the lives of the Hajj and of the Holy Quran and to return these two to the scenes of their lives.
- A Hajj without spirit, provocation, uprising, without seeking immunity to evil, without unity, a Hajj that cannot destroy paganism nor polytheism, is no Hajj at all!
- God willing, we shall not let Kaaba and Hajj, this great pulpit that, from atop

humanity's lofty station, should broadcast the voice of the oppressed peoples to the entire world and to make the song of monotheism echo everywhere, to peal the trumpet sounds of compromise with America and the USSR, with paganism and atheism.

- Let us break up the idols in Mecca and, at the Aqabat, cast symbolic pebbles or stones at the devils including the Great Satan (USA) and drive them all away and thus perform a Hajj like that of Khalilullah (Abraham), of Habibullah (Muhammad) and of Waliyyullah (the 12th Infallible Imams).
- The father of monotheism and idol-buster of the world has taught us and all mankind that sacrifice in the Path of God has political and social aspects prior to its monotheistic and devotional significance.
- O' speakers and writers, inform your brothers-in-faith at the great (Hajj) gatherings in Arafat¹, Mashaar², Mena³, Mecca and Medina, of the socio-political problems of your own land and ask one another for assistance.
- If the Muslims "find" the Hajj and the politics employed in it by Islam, it will do for them to gain their independence.
- Declaration of immunity to polytheists which is one of the organs of monotheism and a necessary political feature of the Hajj should, during the entire Hajj period, be made in the form of demonstrations, walks, etc with greatest pomp and splendour.
- The cry of immunity to polytheists is not to be made at particular times, it is a permanent decree.
- Go to Mina and there observe the divine ideal which is sacrificing one's

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1. Arafat is a plain about 21 kilometers north of Mecca (In Saudi Arabian Country). The staying at Arafat from noon to sunset on the 9th day of Zilhejja (Arafat Day) is one of the rites of Hajj pilgrimage.
 2. On return from Arafat the Hajj pilgrims spend the night at Mashaarul haram and say the evening, the night and the morning prayers there.
 3. "Mena" is a place in Mecca where the pilgrims slaughter their sacrificial beasts.

dearest thing in the path of the Absolute Beloved. Know that as long as you have not foregone these dear objects, foremost among them love of oneself and love of this world in the wake of it, you shall not reach the Absolute Beloved.

- During the Hajj ritual that you perform at Safa¹ and Marva², search, sincerely and heartily, and find the Beloved for by finding Him all worldly kneaded yarns of attachment will be torn away, all doubts and suspicions and all beastly fears and hopes shall fade away.
- During your circumambulation of God's sanctuary, which is a token of love for God, empty your hearts of all others and drive out of your hearts fear of things that are not of God and, parallel to your love of the Lord, seek and declare riddance of all small and big idols, pagans, tyrants and their kins and associates because Almighty God and His loving disciples have themselves declared such riddance as have all the noble and broad-minded men of the world.
- As you recite "I hear and obey!" to the Divine Call, negate and rule out associates (dualism, polytheism) for Almighty God, in all stages, and, from the Self or Ego, which is the greatest source of paganism and polytheism, migrate to Him, the Exalted and Most High.
- As you reiterate your answer of "Labbike, Labbike" (I hear and obey), say "NO!" to all idols and cry out "La" (no-not) at all tyrants and their off shoots.
- When touching the Hajarul-Asvad³ (the black stone) make a covenant with God to be enemies to His enemies and to the enemies of His Messengers, His

1. "Safa" is a hill in Mecca which is an extension of Abu Qubais Mountain to the East of the Masjidul-Haram. Traversing the distance between this place and Marva (another place in Mecca) is another devotional Hajj rite and is termed "Saaye (=lit., effort, trial, attempt)"

2. "Marva" is a mount located at a point between the east and the south-east of Mecca, north of "Safa".

3. "Hajarul-Asvad", a black stone located in the Eastern pillar of the House of Kaaba, 1.5 meters above ground near the adit to Kaaba, placed on a wall. Hajj pilgrims try to touch this stone during their circumambulation, for blessing and luck.

Wellwishers and His nobles and never to be obedient servants to them (enemies of God) no matter who they are or where they live. Also let your covenant with God call for eradication of fear and lowliness from your hearts for God's enemies and at the head of them Great Satan(U.S.A) are all lowly and miserable although they possess superior tools for slaughtering men and suppressing (nations) and for other crimes.

- Go to Masharal-Haram and Arafat (place where Hajj pilgrims stop to do some of the rites) with gnostic awareness and at each station enhance the hearts assurance of the divine promises and sovereignty of the oppressed and contemplate about the signs of God in silence.
- Remember Hajj pilgrimage is not a business trip, it is journey to God.

MUHARRAM & THE ASHURA

- Muharram is the month in which justice opposed cruelty and Truth challenged Falsehood and proved that truth always overwhelms Falsehood.
- Muharram is the month in which Islam was revived by the Master of all Martyrs(Imam Hosein(a.s)) and was rescued from the plottings of the corrupt Bani Ommayad¹ agents who had taken Islam to the verge of collapse.
- It is the blood of the Master of Martyrs (Imam Hosein(a .s)) that sets fire to the hearts of all Muslim nations and brings their blood to boiling point.

1. Bani Omayyad is the name of a dynasty of Muslim Caliphs who gained control of the administration of Islamic territories in the year 40, a.h.l. (662 a.d.) after the first four caliphs and held sway until 132 a.h.l. (750 a.d.). The founder of the Bani Ommayad government was Moaviyya, son of Abu Sufyan by whom hereditary monarchy as well as aristocracy were revived in frank contrast and opposition to basic Islamic articles of faith. History is replete with record of incalculable instances of cruelty and suppression perpetrated in the world of Islam during the Bani Ommayyad rule, including the murder, banishment and imprisonment of the followers of the Ahl-e-Bayt (Prophets' family), the Martyrdom of Imam Hosein by agents of Yazid (son of Moaviyya).

- For the Shiite religion, Muharram is a month in which victory was achieved with blood and sacrifice.
- Muharram is the month in which the great Movement of the Master of Martyrs and the Leader of God's Saints was set off. By his uprising against the Taghout, he taught mankind how to fight and to build. He saw that the way to destroy the despots and break the tyrants consists in sacrificing lives and this is Islam's leading instruction for all nations to the end time.
- With the month of Muharram, the season for epic action, bravery and self-sacrifice begins. It is the month in which blood overwhelmed the sword; the power of Truth for ever condemned Falsehood and stamped the oppressors foreheads and evil governments face with the "brand of falsehood". It is the month that taught future generations, in all history, how to triumph over bayonet point; a month that recorded the defeat of the superpowers vis a vis the word of justice and truth; the month in which the Imam of the Muslims taught us the way to fight history's tyrants.
- They killed the Master of Martyrs but Islams flourished the more.
- The Master of Martyrs together with all his disciples and kinfolds were massacred but they advanced their ideology.
- The martyrdom of His Holliness Imam Hosein (a.s.) revived the ideology.
- Maintaining the Ashura (the 10th. of Muharram when Imam Hosein was martyred) alive is a very important politico-devotional matter.
- The Islamic Revolution in Iran is but a ray of light reflected from the Ashura and it's great divine Revolution.
- Karbala washed away the palace of the oppressors with blood and our karbala destroyed the devilish palace of the monarchy.
- Keep Karbala and the holy name of the Master of Martyrs alive, for their survival insures the survival of Islam.

- Foremost among political issues, the issue of Karbala should be kept alive.
- Our great nation must preserve, with greater splendour, the memory of Ashura according to Islamic standards.
- Maintain the Month of Muharram, for all we have is from it.
- Islam is kept alive by the months of Muharram and Safar.
- The entire unity of word that was at the base of our victory, came about by the grace of these (Ashura) mourning rites and meetings and the publicity and propagation sessions.
- Let (Ashura) mourning gatherings in commemoration of the Master of noblemen and the oppressed (Imam Hosein (a.s.)) be held with increasing attendance and splendour for these ceremonies mark the triumph of reason over ignorance, justice over tyranny, trust against treason and Islamic rule over that of the Taghout. Let the blood-smearred flags of Ashura be hoisted higher and higher as token of the arrival of the day for the oppressed to take their revenge.
- Muharram is a month during which people are ready to hear the truth.
- Lamentation for Imam Hosein (a.s.), keeping the Movement alive and maintaining alive the fact that a small number of people (successfully) stood up against a great empire, all are orders of the day.
- Beating breasts in mourning processions must make sense.
- Ashura is the day of general mourning by the oppressed nation; it is – the epic day, – the rebirth of Islam and the Muslims.

MARTYRDOM & THE MARTYR

- Martyrdom is eternal honor.
- Martyrdom has been the pride of the Saints, it is our pride, as well.
- Fear is his whose ideology is not martyrdom.
- Martyrdom is the secret of victory.
- The nation that wishes martyrdom is victorious.
- You are victorious whether you triumph in this world or be martyred.
- It is an honor for all of us to be martyred in the path of Islam.
- Martyrdom is a great grace for us.
- It was due to the sense of seeking martyrdom and willingness to sacrifice that a nation, empty-handed triumphed over Taghout.
- A nation whose women and men are ready to give their lives and who seek martyrdom, cannot be challenged by any power.
- The blood of our martyrs is a continuation of the pure blood of the martyrs of Karbala.
- The nation for whom martyrdom is bliss, is victorious.
- The nation that wishes martyrdom, has no fears.
- Our nation has given blood so that the Islamic Republic may materialize.
- Our nation loved martyrdom, the Movement advanced with love for martyrdom.

- We are from God, the whole world is from God, is God's manifestation, and all shall return to Him. Therefore, it is best that the return be optional and man choose martyrdom in the Path of God and let men opt to die for God and be martyred for Islam.
- Departure from death-bed is nothing but death, but martyrdom in the path of God is pride and honor for all men.
- "Red death" is much better than "black life".
- How remiss are the mammonists who seek the values of martyrdom in the pages of Nature and search for its description in songs and epic odes and leaf through the art of imagination and the book of intellect for cues to it! Never! Only love can provide a solution to the riddle.
- The martyrs have achieved their due service, happiness and reward.
- The martyrs of the great Revolution, even as the martyrs of the early days of Islam shall be rated highly valuable at the Divine Threshold and honored by Almighty God and the authorities of Islam.
- You are victorious because you embrace martyrdom and those who fear death and martyrdom are defeated.
- Is not martyrdom the heritage handed down to us by our authorities and masters who deemed life as faith and crusade, and in the honored path of the school of Islam guarded it(the martyrdom) with their own blood and with that of their dear youths!?
- I say to the dear nation and multi-millions masses of our people that no revolution has been realized without seeking martyrdom, readiness for sacrifice, toil, hardship, and temporary pressure of material living including high price, scarcity.
- Martyrdom in the Path of God is not a thing to be valued by material yardsticks and human standards.

- Our leader is that 12-year old boy¹ who, with his small heart, which is greater than hundreds of our tongues and pens, with grenade in hand, threw himself under enemy tank and destroyed it and himself, and thus drank the nectar of martyrdom.
- Happiness went to those who returned to God that which He had given them (life) and we, are those who fell behind.
- It is up to us to confess our weakness and express our gratitude to those cherished fighters who sought martyrdom and by their bravery defended their Islamic homeland and with their pure blood provided lights to show the Path to the bonded nations.
- May the martyrs enjoy the pleasure of their association with the noble prophets and saints and with martyrs of the early days of Islam. May they enjoy even more the blessing that has come to them by incurring God's pleasure.
- Lo and Behold! O martyrs, be at ease by the side of Almighty God, your nation shall not lose your victory!
- You (martyrs) are true witnesses and mementoes of the iron wills and resolutions of models of the purest servants of God and you have proven your devotion and service at the holy threshold of the Lord by the sacrifice of your bloods and lives.

1. The Imam (s.a.) is referring to the young Basiji Hosein Fahmida. During the war that Iraq imposed on Iran at the instigation of world arrogance especially America and lasted eight years this Basiji boy (Fahmida), though aging 13, several times participated in war front activities. By his intelligence and insistence this Basiji boy used to convince the commanders to let him attend firstline action. The last time he was at the Front, in order to prevent enemy tanks attacks, he (Hosein Fahmida) attached several grenades around his waist and held one in his hand and, thus armed he threw himself under an enemy tank making it catch fire and explode. His embracing martyrdom in this manner stunned everyone and it became an example for other crusaders who followed. The Islamic Republic of Iran has printed his picture on its currency notes of 100 and 1000 Rials, to keep alive his memory and the epic he created.

- A country where everyone is alert and prepared to sacrifice his life for martyrdom will surely have no fear of what you do.
- It is Art if one can rise up to jihad without devilish ostentation and political clamour and sacrifice himself for his objective not for vain winds and this is the Art of the men of God.
- I tell you faithful brothers, it would be much better for us to be wiped off the world scene at the criminal hands of America and Soviet Union and by our red blood meet with our God in honor, than to lead a comfortable life under the banner of the Red Army of the East or the black of the west.
- Have no fears! you are victorious, God willing! Whether we kill or be killed, truth is on our side. If we get killed, it will be in the Path of God and if we kill, that, too, is for God and victory!
- Sacrifice is the temper of a revolution. Martyrdom and being prepared for it are prerequisites of a revolution.
- The crusader in the Path of God is too noble to weigh the beautiful gem of his action by standards of worldly things.
- The world with all its luster and credits is too small to be reward and promotion for those who fight in the path of God.
- We earthly veiled, or celestial beings, how can we know the meaning of "feasting with the God of martyrs".
- If we are killed, God willing, we shall go to Heaven and if we kill, still we go to Heaven.
- Kill and be killed, either way you belong to Heaven.
- We are fortunate whether we kill or are killed.
- It is time that we, who are the inheritors of all this blood and survivors of the young, lain-in-blood martyrs not to sit idle rather to do all we can to render

their sacrifices fruitful.

- Martyrdom is a gift from Almighty God to those who are worthy of it.
- Weeping for the martyr is keeping the movement alive.
- Mourning for a martyr who has given everything in the Path of Islam is a political issue. It has considerable influence on advancing the Revolution. We make use of these gatherings (for mourning).
- The shrines of the martyrs and the corpses, and bodies of the maimed are telling tongues that bear witness to the greatness of their eternal souls.
- The blood of our youth overwhelmed the machineguns.
- How can one be not affected by persons who see their power in the blood of our martyrs?!
- Serving in the Bonyad Shahid¹ (Martyrs Foundation) is above all services.
- I consider martyrdom in the Path of God and for divine objectives eternal honor.

1. In a communication dated 15/3/1980, at the instruction of Imam Khomeini (s.a.) an organization by the name of the Martyrs Foundation of the Islamic Revolution was created to supervise the affairs of martyrs' families and the incapacitated veterance. In the ten-point order that Hazrat Imam issued in this connection addressed to Hojjatul Islam wal Muslemin Mr. Mahdi Karrubi, it is emphasized that cultural, economic, employment and medical care problems of the honorable member of martyrs and disabled veterans families should receive priority. At the present, this Foundation, with its extensive and solid organization country-wide, has provided education and welfare facilities for these families and their children.

Chapter Three

SELF-CULTIVATION & THE CHALLENGE OF EGO

- We cannot reform our country unless we first reform ourselves.
- Each one must begin with himself and adapt his conduct, views and deeds to Islamic decrees and, having thus corrected himself then proceed to reform others.
- If you want your country to be independent, so that others cannot interfere in it, begin with yourself.
- You correct yourself, your country, too, becomes corrected.
- That which is necessary for all of us is to begin with our own self-soul and ego. We must not be pleased with adjusting or rectifying appearances. Rather, we must start with our hearts, from our brains or minds and see that each day we are somewhat better than the day before.
- Islamic moral sciences such as ethics, ego-purification and peripatetic journeys towards God[Jihad-e-Akbar] are the areas that call for collective, general

tutoring and learning.

- It is knowledge and ego-purification that lead man to the status of humanism.
- Forgetting oneself is a prelude to perfection.
- We ourselves should review the record of our worldly deeds before it is presented to the Imam Zaman (a.s.) and to the Threshold of God.
- Behave in such a way that when you depart for God's Threshold you may be able to hold your head up.
- We all have a duty to be purified so that we may be able to benefit by the lights of God and the Quran.
- You must cultivate yourselves so that you may be able to rise up, cultivating oneself means obeying the commands of God.
- If we reform ourselves surely our purpose, too, will issue forth in the world.
- Spiritual cultivation precedes all other cultivations. The crusade for development (Jihad Sazandegi) begins with the individual.
- Develop! we must develop ourselves! Try to begin the jihad or crusade with self-development for if you do begin with self-reform, anything you do, will be divine.
- We must undergo an inner revolution, our souls, too, must be revolutionized. We must change if our souls have so far been dominated by the Satan or Taghoot.
- To a soul that has not been purged, knowledge is a veil of darkness.
- It is a divine duty that if we inwardly are displeased with someone, our word, action or deed should be to the contrary.
- "Unpurged" knowledge is more harmful than ignorance.

- Speech will be effective when it comes from a purged heart.
- If man could squash the "I" under foot and replace it with "He", all things would be set right.
- Sometime knowledge of monotheism sends one to the Hell and sometimes mysticism do so. At other times the science of Jurisprudence and occasionally science of ethics send men to the Hell! Science per se cannot set things right, it needs purification.
- The science of monotheism, too, if it deals with things not of God, is of the veil of darkness.
- God forbid that man enter the society and gain influence with the people before he purges his ego because he'll lose himself and go astray.
- He who relies on God will be victorious.
- If your hand is removed from this world, which is the cultivation field for Hereafter, it'll then be too late and you won't be able to purge your ego of corruption.
- I fear that for hearing our word and for our sake, they may go the Paradise and we go to Hell for not being purged.
- Real eid (festival, feast) is when one incurs the pleasure of God, reform himself inwardly.
- A nation, a society cannot achieve its lofty purposes until he has been purged and reformed.

FAITH & MORAL VALUES

- Things shall be set right once faith enters the heart.

- Faith in God is light, Faith in God removes all darkness from the path of the believer.
- Faith or belief means that the heart has become aware of and accepts the things one comprehends by intellect.
- Those who are with God, who are attentive to Him and believe Him, will be taken out of all darkness and led into the reality of light by Him.
- Know that the essence of knowledge and faith - which is based in science - is light.
- Know that faith is one of the spiritual excellences that very few are aware of its light essence. Even the faithful are not aware of the radiance of their faith and the blessings it bears for them at the threshold of God as long as they are bound to this world and abide in the darkness of Nature.
- Faith is the base from which all the moral and material charity and progress of a country germinate.
- Threats and bribery affects those who lack faith.
- Many people claim they have faith but the faithful are very few.
- If faith becomes fortified in men, all things will be done with ease.
- Being few in number isn't important, having "strong faith" is what counts.
- The standard for happiness is that one be faithful and be patient and invite others to patience; to say the truth and make others say the truth.
- I cannot admit that a man without moral standards may act for the people.
- Try to enhance morality among this nation. It is by morality that you can preserve your independence and attain to stages of excellence.
- Moral values are the permanent values.

- All miseries stem from weakness of faith and belief.
- Honor is bound to virtue.
- Material losses are easier to recover than moral losses.
- Those who work for God never lose, those who work for the world suffer losses, if they don't attend to it, they'll lose all and waste their lives besides.
- We place our hopes in God, we are not disappointed with Him and, by His grace, we shall overcome difficulties.
- I am confident as long as this nation is mindful of God no power can hurt it.
- If our nation moves ahead for God and for the pleasure of the Holy Messenger, all its objectives will materialize.
- Do not think that the White House and the Kremlin are living with ease, they live in anxiety which is due to their pursuit of Satan. Satan prevents tranquillity from entering men's heart.
- If belief in God and action for His sake enter the social, political, economic and other aspects of man's activities, the most complicated problems of the modern world will be easily solved.

VIRTUE THE CRITERION OF SUPERIORITY

- He whose virtue is stronger, who fears God more and who serves for God, is preeminent.
- All are brothers and equal, however, honor and dignity rest in virtue and superiority is by the excellence of character and soundness of deeds.
- Virtue is the essential thing, However, in the hands of ignorant persons it may cause losses.

- Your victory is assured if you be equipped with knowledge, virtue, and Islamic, revolutionary sense but if you fall short in this area, its responsibility is your own.
- A nation with virtue can protect itself from all worldly pestilences.

SINCERITY

- Let us adorn and enliven the hearts with sincerity of intention and inner truthfulness.
- No act of worship is acceptable at the Divine Threshold unless it is based in sincerity of intention.
- Nothing in devotional acts is as important as the intention and its sincerity.
- Link yourselves up to that infinite sea, let your actions be divine and heed the commands of God.
- Soundness and excellence of deeds depend on intention, receptiveness of the heart and observation of limits.
- In whatever grade you are, try and increase your sincerity and purge the heart of delusions of the ego and the temptations of Satan, surely you will get results, and you will find a way to truth and the way of guidance will open up to you and Almihty God will assist you.
- You act by expediency and reason and fear not killing or getting killed, the important thing is that your intention be sincere.
- Try to make your intentions sincere for God, for you are of those who have attained salvation whether you kill or be killed.
- Try to do things for God's sake, your uprising should be for God.

GOOD CONDUCT

- By conduct render people humble. Hearty humility is the scale. And, if you can, gain the support of peoples' hearts, as this is the thing that stays and lasts with God.
- Make friends with God's servants on whom He bestows His mercy and blessings -who are in His good grace by being Muslims and faithful - and be kind and loving at heart.

SELF-RELIANCE

- We must realize that we are all things and have nothing less than anybody. We who had lost ourselves, must regain this "lost self".
- After trust in God, self-reliance is a source of charity.
- Let us think of developing our own personality.
- When objectives are superb, the toils to reach them must be ignored.
- Fear nothing, when God is with you, all things are with you.
- We trust in God and fear nothing.
- He who has God with him fears nothing save His Might.

CONTENTMENT & PLAIN LIVING

- Morals form the basis of Islam. Try to enhance morals and reduce formalities as much as possible.
- Accustom yourselves to plain living and avoid hearty attachment to self and

position.

- Islamic-human values cannot be preserved by luxury-consumer living.

PATIENCE

- Patience is the key to the gates of happiness and source of refuge from plights and predicaments.
- Patience and forbearance ease the burden of misfortunes on man, facilitate the difficulties and strengthen the will and resolution.
- The greater a purpose the greater the pains to attain to it, one must be tolerant.
- If we persevere, divine confirmation shall assist us.

REPENTANCE

- For anyone who does something (wrong) there always is room to repent, God's munificence is endless.
- Repentance has conditions which must be fulfilled before God accepts it.
- Best season to repent is the Spring of youth when the burdens of sins are lighter and heart's tarnish is partial and the terms of repentance easier.
- Remorse and decision to quit sinning does not occur to those who have lied and backbited 50, 70 years and have bleached their whiskers in sins.
- Repent! Repentance does not occur by mere saying of the words "I repent before God!" It requires remorse and penitence and resolution to stop commission of sinful acts.

Chapter Four

SELF-LOVE & CARNAL DESIRES

- Beware the carnal desires for they are the heritage of Satan.
- Pursuit of the carnal desires is the measure of separation from God.
- The importance of mental diseases is a thousand times more than bodily diseases.
- If you open one door to carnal desires you will be compelled to open many doors.
- Dear one, know that carnal wishes and desires are endless, the appetite is insatiable.
- Any misfortune that befalls the individual and any hardship that is inflicted on the community by the power-wielders is due to selfishness and lustful desires.
- Man's inner devil is himself, his ego, the carnal desires of man.

- Self-love is the root of all corruption of man, it has been from the first appearance of man down to the present and will be such a source to the Last Day.
- Man's blight or pestilence is his carnal desires.
- As long as you are tied down to your ego and selfish whims and wishes you cannot crusade in the path of God nor defend the Lord's Sanctuary.
- Self-love underlies all of man's wrong doings.
- Selfishness is a danger to any man.
- Love of self is our greatest pitfall. Ambition and love of fame are also dangers.
- Man's ego is worse than any uncontrollable thing, it destroys him because of being uncontrollable.
- That which breaks one's back is self love, love of position and love of all the things that generate love. Such love is so dangerous that if the Prophet or even God take some of it from him, the self loving man begins to hate them both.

MAMMONISM & LUST FOR POWER

- Mammon is the thing that is within us. It makes us stray away from the source of excellence and involves us in our ego and egoism.
- The more our ego shows concern for the mammon the more it becomes negligent of God and the Hereafter.
- All spiritual, ethical, and behavioral corruptions stem from our love for mammon and negligence toward God.

- That knowledge which brings man closer to God, in one who is a mammon it takes him away from the Lord.
- The more one's heart becomes involved in expediencies and preparation for this world, the more it will be veiled by dust of poverty and lowliness and the more it will be engulfed in the darkness of need and misery.
- O dear one, if you don't mind mammonism, at least do not beg of a weakling creature like yourself.
- Attention to and dependence on material things separate one from the caravan of humanity, putting an end to such belonging and turning to God advances one to the station of humanism.
- The disagreeable thing about the world is uncontroled attachment to worldly objects even a string of beads, a book, etc.
- Concern for the flash and glitter of the world alienates man from his feeling of humanity.
- If you want to be admitted to the Lord's reception you and your heart must turn away from the mammon, as much as you can.
- The wealthy are beggars in rich man's dress and needy ones in the garb of the affluent.
- Getting out of material attachments and becoming mindful of God promotes man to the station of humanism.
- Beware that this world is lowly because of its faults, deficiencies and infirmities. It is not a place for generosity and divine reward nor a place for torture or punishment.
- Fear of death comes to those who have made this low world their home but are not aware of the eternal abode by the Divine Grace.
- Any status or position that man may earn, whether moral or material, will be

taken away some day and that day is not known.

- He who has links with God does not suffer defeat. Defeat comes to him for whom this world is ideal.
- Should they give their lives for Islam and for the good of the Islamic country while we sit here by their blood and quarrel with one another. In the logic of Islam this is a great sin.
- Lust for power is Satanic regardless of the seeker.
- Don't raise so much fuss about how your house is and what conditions you live in search for that human honor, that virtue which made you victorious.
- This world's affair will pass away soon, its victories, defeats, goodness and evil things last just a few days.

SELF-CONCEIT & SELFISHNESS

- All corruption that comes about in the world stems from selfishness.
- All corruption of the world is due to self-conceit.
- As long as man is self-concited and sees himself he cannot find the road to guidance.
- Whenever one says "I", be sure his "I" is evil.
- Know that the wicked quality of self-conceit emerges from self-love.
- Self-centeredness ("I, not others") is in all people unless the egoes are purged.
- How ignorant is the man who considers these things position or status and how feeble-minded to regard these governments as status or station!!

- Try to remove the veil of self-conceit so as to see the beauty that is the Lord, all pains and troubles will then become wholesome and easy to bear.
- Self-conceit is the heritage of Satan.
- There is going to be wars, corruptions, cruelties and oppressions as long as conceit and selfishness exist in mankind.
- Affairs that are accompanied by selfishness and vanity are doomed to failure.
- One cannot be self-worshiping and God-worshiping at the same time. One cannot observe his own interests and the interests of Islam simultaneously. Either of them must be the case.
- Considering oneself of a higher rank in relation to others is mental and intellectual decadence.
- If one put aside selfishness in every undertaking and observe the expedient and the Lord, he will succeed and remain immune to the dangers that accrue selfishness.
- Quarrels are due to selfishness, they stem from man's ego.
- There are two kinds of self-assertion. Sometimes it is done for "show-off". This is evil. Some other times it is done with an aim to guide others. This is divine soul.
- Man's carnal passions or ego tends to claim authority for all things done. This is selfishness, and the ensuing disputes are due to weakness of faith.
- None can claim immunity to fault, such claim per se establishes the greatest fault of the claimant.
- Vanity due to success or victory is a major pestilence that the inner devil generates in men so as to make them deviate from the path of Truth.
- Vanity and negligence drag men into corruption.

- Vanity is an exclusive characteristic of the Devil.
- The more one is ignorant, and his intellect is weaker, the more is his vanity and the more one knows, the greater one's soul and the broader his mind, the greater will be his humility.

FAULT-FINDING

- No fault is greater than not understanding one's own fault and ignoring it and though one is a collection of faults, himself yet be concerned with the faults of others.
- Why should complexes of the heart mislead men and carnal passions put aside all things and observe only the faults?
- Divulging peoples' secrets, no matter what they may be, is contrary to Islamic (teachings).

NEGLIGENCE

- Do not neglect God even for a moment. Neglecting the source of power leads mankind to perdition.

DISAPPOINTMENT & DESPAIR

- Do not ever become disappointed in your affairs for all things do not become rectified at once and major works are carried out little by little.
- Despair is of the army of Satan and hopefulness is that of God. Be always hopeful.

SOCIAL PERVERSION & CORRUPTION

- Prophets, even as physicians, wanted to reform the society.
- If there be no ethical perversion no war weapon will do mankind harm.
- That which places our planet in the downward steep slope of collapse is ethical perversion.
- Corruption deteriorates the community and, like a cancerous tumor, will not let up, it must be removed.
- The saving of an addict is not the saving of an individual, it is the saving of Islam.
- Insulting a Muslim is not a religious duty nor is backbiting. It is love of ego and carnal world, it is evil (Satanic) inspirations that make man so miserable.
- Hurting Muslims and the faithful is a cardinal sin.

ENJOINING TO GOOD & FORBIDDING EVIL

- Enjoining others to do good and forbidding evil is incumbent on all the nation.
- Recommending Truth which is the same as enjoining to good and forbidding evil is an incumbent duty on all Muslims.
- If a cruel ruler dominates the people the ulema and scholars must take action to forbid evil.
- You and we are all obliged to enjoin to good in all matters and affairs relating to the various bureaus, offices or departments of public administration and if we see someone who does evil, introduce him to authorities who are prepared

to prevent evil and we ought to tolerate the difficulties.

- If you do not control corruption, there is no guarantee that things will not revert to former conditions.
- If things detrimental to the prestige of the Islamic Republic, or opposed to the path of the nation or interdicted by the Religion are not absolutely stopped, everybody will be held responsible.

HYPOCRISY & HYPOCRITES

- Hypocrites are worse than atheists.
- Islam denies hypocrites most. The hypocrite is the most obvious manifestation of a pagan.
- Islam has emphasized the destruction or reformation of hypocrites more than atheists because one knows what to do with an atheist but does not know what to do with a hypocrite.
- In Sura Munafiqin (Hypocrites) the Holy Quran describes the hypocrites saying that before you a hypocrite states he has religion, that his religion is Islam but he lies, he is not Muslim, rather he is a hypocrite.
- We today face the problem that a number of hypocrites profess Islam but want to break its back, Muslims have a hard time with them, the solution of their problem is very difficult.
- Your major fault and that of your supporters is that you have no knowledge of Islam and its moral strength nor do you know anything about the Muslim nation and its incentive for self-sacrifice.
- While the heads of the hypocrites¹ are merrymaking in the laps of America

1. The terrorist group of "Mujahedin Khalq" (lit., peoples fighters), currently termed the

and France, yet they have succeeded in deceiving a number of youths and controlling their power to think.

- Those who profess Islam but burn hospitals and sever the heads of the wounded, are not Muslim, recognize them as they are hypocrites.
- Shame on you, o scum of the Devil and on you, o self-sold internationalists for creeping into holes and sabotaging the work of a nation, that is challenging the superpowers, with your acts of ignorance.
- I doubt if you can find a group or band whose crimes and meanness be on a par with that of this little group of hypocrites.¹

*"Munafeqin" (hypocrites) by the public because of the acts of its leaders. This group was created in 1965 to fight the Shah's Regime but due to unfamiliarity of its leaders with the proper teachings and principles of Islam it deviated from the right path.

The deviation made the leaders, in a short time after the victory of the Revolution, to line up in a front opposing the Revolution and revolutionary forces and thus, they killed a large number of devoted servants, the dedicated clergy and faithful youths. Exploding scores of bombs in different places of the country, burning houses and buses full of innocent passengers, can be named as part of their terroristic and sabotage actions.

This group spared no action in destroying the Islamic Republic but was disbanded by the revolutionary forces. A number of its heads fled to foreign lands and are, today, spending their last shameful days of life in the laps of the imperialists.

1. Please see the footnote before.

PART TWO

Chapter One

UPRISING FOR GOD

- All things are embedded in uprising for God, uprising for God brings knowledge of God.
- When one sees God's religion in danger, he must rise up for His sake.
- Do not fear death. Life and death are in God's Hand.
- Rise up everyone! Rise for God. Rise singly to counter the devil's army within you and rise collectively to counter the evil powers.
- "Rise singly and collectively for God".¹ Singly, for attaining to knowledge of God and collectively to attain to God's aims.
- Rising for God's sake is defeatless.

1. A portion of Verse 46, of Sura Saba in holy Quran which reads: "Say: I exhort you to one thing: stand up before Allah in pairs or singly"

- If some day we shift our trust from God to oil or to weapon, be sure that day will mark our downfall.
- Try to make your uprising, this movement of yours be divine movement, be for God.
- All powers are nil visa vis Almighty God.
- We are not afraid because our uprising was for God.
- Uprising for God is free of any and all losses and damages.
- The rise for God and the movement that is based in morality and faith has no retreat.
- A country that has risen for God, shall endure in His Name and follow its aim.
- Affiliate yourselves with that Source of Might, you little drops, join the sea!

INVITATION TO UPRISING

- My counsel to the nations of Muslim countries is this: do not expect someone from the outside to come and help you reach your objective which is Islam and the implementation of its decrees. You yourselves must rise for this vital matter that leads to the realization of freedom and independence.
- Nations must rise and rid themselves of their governments and the great powers.
- I hope Muslims of other lands will learn a lesson from the experience of the Iranians, slap the West in the face, stand up on their own feet and, by relying on Islam, regain their former honor and glory.
- O zealous Muslim in the four corners of the earth, rise up from your torpor

and negligent slumber and save Islam and Islamic countries from the clutches of colonizers and their affiliates.

- Is it not disgracing to Muslims of the world with all their human, moral and material resources, with such a progressive ideology and divine support, to bow down to the domination of the arrogant powers, pirates and robbers of the century!?
- It is up to the Nations to rise and rescue themselves from the hands of the ruffians.
- Nations must rise to action. It is a mistake to sit by and expect others to do something, materially or morally, for them.
- It is the duty of Muslims to make uprisings for Islam and cut off the hands of the powers that are plotting to destroy Islam and attach Muslims' resources.
- Those who know what ails the Muslim societies, who have made covenants with the deprived and barefooted to continue their struggle, should remember they are at the beginning of the Road.
- Let all alert Muslim nations arise with due awareness and make these dirty hands that seek to place the entire Muslim nations under domination of superpowers withdraw to their own positions.
- Keeping silence in respect of corrupt ruling class is a disgrace to the Islamic nation.
- O Muslim nations, learn a lesson from the sacrifices of our crusaders for the sake of freedom, independence and the development objectives of the great Islam and by joining together break through the obstacles of colonialization and exploitation and advance towards liberty and humane life.
- Without a doubt, the victory of the Muslim nation of Iran will be a fine example for other oppressed nations of the world particularly nations of the Middle East and demonstrate to them how a nation, by relying on the Revolutionary Islamic ideology can overwhelm great powers.

ARISE, MUSTAZAFIN(OPPRESSED PEOPLE)!

- O oppressed peoples of the world, arise and, united together, drive out the oppressors from the scene as the earth belongs to God and the oppressed are His inheritors.
- Behold o Muslims of the world, O oppressed ones, Arise, join hands in unity, defend Islam and your destinies and do not fear the rigmarole of the power wielders.
- Behold O Muslims and oppressed peoples of the world, arise and take your fates in your own hands. How long will you sit and let Washington or Moscow determine your destinies!
- If the oppressed peoples want to have an honorable human existence, they must all join hands and put a limit to the power of those who enjoy the veto power!
- You oppressed ones, you Muslims and Muslim countries of the world, arise and sequester your rights by nails and teeth!
- Behold O Mustazafin, rebel against the arrogant cannibals and take your rights from them, For God is with you and His Promise does not fail!
- Wake up and awaken the dormant ones. Revive and restore to life those who are lifeless. And, under the banner of monotheism, make sacrifices to roll up the scroll of the Red or black colonialization and do away with the self-sold worthless elements!
- Mustazafin in all lands should retake their due rights by mighty fist and not expect others to give it to them for the arrogant do not remit what belongs to others.
- O Mustazafin! Arise and oppose the superpowers for if you do so, they cannot do anything about it!

- The deprived and oppressed elements of history should themselves rise up and not wait for oppressors to release them from bondage.
- Ultimate victory can be had when all countries and all the mustazafin triumph over all the arrogant people!
- The "eid" or festive day of the oppressed is the day that the arrogant are buried.

FIGHTING CRUELTY & SUBMISSION TO IT

- Our program is neither to oppress nor be oppressed.
- We shall not oppress anyone nor shall we submit to oppression.
- We neither trespass on others' nor let others trespass against us.
- The Muslim nation follows an ideology the program of which adds up to two words: Do not oppress and be not oppressed!
- Under the guidance of the Prophet of Islam we want to enforce these two words: "Neither be cruel nor submit to cruelty."
- The oppressor receives more harm from his oppression than the oppressed.
- Our nation bows to truth and justice just as he stands up against injustice and cruelty.

Chapter two

THE ISLAMIC REVOLUTION

- Content-wise, this Revolution has been the best and the greatest.
- Our great Islamic Revolution is a moral and spiritual revolution before being political and social.
- Know that a revolution as good as the Revolution of Iran had not taken place before.
- Our Revolution is based in the people and therefore, the people must not complain about their own revolution.
- Iran preserved its Revolution by the hand of the faithful and it is advancing by the same hands even now.
- Our enemies must know that no other revolution in the world has been able to achieve so much at so little a cost as that of the Islamic Revolution of Iran and this can be attributed to the blessings of Islam only.

- The divine uprising and movement of you, the Iranian Youth and nation, revived the Quran and Islam.
- Let us guard the Islamic Revolution and, in continuation of this cherished ideology which is the salvation of the oppressed and suppression of the arrogant, let us beware our carnal desires which are the heritage of Satan.
- So far you cannot find a revolution with so much gain at such little cost as the Iranian Revolution.
- Revolution is like a child, it must be reared and trained. It needs nursing.
- Our nation must be determined not to lose that which he has gained.
- Our holy Islamic Movement has put an end to the life of pillagers and dictators in Iran.
- In the path of a revolution and for its victory offering sacrifices and being sacrificed are inevitable especially a revolution that is made for God, for Religion and to rescue the oppressed.
- You stand up against those who seek to portray this Islamic Revolution contrary to what it is. State your truth as it is and promote it until, God willing, Truth is established in all Islamic lands and Falsehood by itself disappear, God willing, from all Islamic, rather all the countries of the world.
- Advance in this Movement and let no disappointment overtake you for disappointment is of the army of Satan.
- Efforts must be made to prevent the "newcomers" and those who "trade faith for pelf" from marring the pagan-eradicating and poverty-fighting face of our Revolution.
- You made a Revolution and smashed an obstacle the like of which has been rare or non-existent in the world.
- We want to export our Revolution, not by the sword rather, by publicity and

propagation.

- The people of Iran demonstrated their ability to withstand hunger and thirst but they shall never tolerate the defeat of the Revolution nor blows to its principles.
- Let our authorities not reject, by baseless excuses, the true patrons of the Revolution and replace them with heirs of former regime and those mentally affiliated with them.
- Sacrifice for a great revolution is a sign for a victory and nearness to objective.
- I, on my part, have no worries about the Revolution as it has found its path, is advancing and is not dependent on any one individual.
- Whether I be among you or not my advice to all of you is this do not let the Revolution fall in the hands of the unworthy, aberrant persons.
- As long as America has not gone away and the hands of these superpowers have not been taken off our country, our Movement shall continue so shall our cries and we shall continue our business and, God willing, we shall succeed.
- We were abject slaves *visa vis* America but Iran broke off this servile condition and found dignity.
- The evolution of our nation from a position of fear to one of strength, was a divine evolution.
- A divine Hand was behind this Nation!
- Our nation had not risen for its belly, it had not risen for such base and degenerate matters.
- This Movement differs from other movements in that it is national and Islamic.

- The holy Iranian Movement is an Islamic movement and, for this reason, it is natural that all Muslims of the world be influenced by it.

VICTORY & ITS FACTORS

- Faith and unity of word was the secret of your Victory.
- With faith in God and unity of word the fighting Iranian nation overwhelmed the great Satanic power which was supported by all other powers, and severed the hands of all superpowers from its homeland.
- Faith in God and oneness of the word made it possible for you to eliminate the superpowers.
- The secret that made you victorious was belief in God and being mindful of Him.
- Faith in God, faith in Islamic principles made you victorious.
- We succeeded because of our power of faith that made everyone of us in all strata cry out for Islam, not because of number or figure.
- We should understand "why" we succeeded. Once we understand this "why", we should then try to preserve the thing that made us succeed.
- Attention to Almighty God and guarding Islam were the secrets of our victory.
- The cry of "Allah-o-Akbar" (God is the greatest) made us victorious, our weapon today is the same. Unity of word made us victorious, our weapon today is the same.
- It was by Divine Grace that you triumphed without having organization or arms and equipment, over great powers.

- Preserve your attention to God so as to remain victorious.
- This is the divine hand of God that shelters you and His favour that is bestowed upon you. Appreciate and preserve them if you wish to remain victorious in all stages.
- Preservation of victory is more difficult than achieving it.
- Many victories have been lost because the people were infirm and lacked steadfastness.
- Our nation was able to advance this Movement by its reliance on Islam.
- My brothers, it was by reliance on faith and Islam that we succeeded.
- By Islamic conduct and behavior, preserve the power that has made you victorious.
- A divine purpose leads to victory. (or: Victory follows a divine purpose)
- A community that has God as its backing, does not face defeat.
- If a nation rises by the power of faith no other power can stand up against it.
- We want to demonstrate to the world that prominent powers, too, can be beaten by the strength of faith.
- As long as we are in the Path of God, we are victorious.
- Victory is brought not by the sword but by blood.
- With empty hands we overcame the extraordinary power which was backed by all other forces.
- We are the Truth and the Truth overcomes Falsehood.
- You are the Truth standing up against Falsehood. It requires perseverance to

reach ultimate victory.

- The country whose people of all layers are so ready for self-sacrifice, is surely victorious.
- You are the Truth opposing Falsehood and Truth always wins.
- It is not true that we fear defeat. In the first place we will not be defeated because God is with us. Secondly, assuming we suffer a superficial or external defeat, we shall not face "moral defeat" for moral victory belongs to Islam and Muslims.
- We fear nothing for we are the truth. When we are the Truth if we triumph, we are the truth and if we lose still we are the Truth.
- If the whole world rise against us and destroy us, still we are victorious.
- He who is with God, God is with him and victory is his.
- You are victorious because God is with you.
- You are victorious because you are backed by Islam.
- May you endure for you are victorious.
- Shortage of number does not cause weakness when spiritual strength, commitment and solidarity are at work.
- Victory is yours when you be favored by God and not when you conquer a country.
- As long as your morale is directed to that Source of Power, you are victorious, do not part with it.
- This victory came to our Revolution by the blessings of Islam, by inclination toward Islam and by the cry of Allah-o-Akbar!

- This victory had nothing to do with me, I'm just a student-clergy man and this must not be attributed to me. The victory had even nothing to do with the nation, it was related to God.
- Long live the highly dignified and honored banner of Allah-o-Akbar which is the secret of the miraculous victory of the great Iranian nation.
- The victory of the Revolution is obligated to all the nation.
- Preservation of a victory is harder than achieving one.
- Final and ultimate victory comes about when Islam, in all its dimensions and with all its decrees is implemented in Iran and a great victory is that Islam become sovereign all over the world. Islam is the key to the happiness of mankind.

AYAMULLAH (God's Days)

- The 15th of Khurdad is the starting date of the Islamic Movement.
- The 15th of Khurdad incident charged the ruling class with great shame, it is an unforgettable incident.
- The events of Khurdad the 15th and of Dey 19¹ must be kept alive so that

1. The martyrdom of Imam Khomeini's son, Ayatullah Haj Agha Mustafa in Najaf (a city in Iraq) on the first day of Aban, 1356 (23/10/1977) by agents of the Shah's regime started waves of hatred by Muslim people against the Shah's government. In spite of the strangulation prevailing in the country then people acted to hold memorial and mourning services and rites and, at the first meeting held in Qum to honor this martyr, the city of Qum revolted. Revelation of the crimes of the dependent Monarchical Regime made the agents, in a reactionary, revengeful act, publish an insulting article on the 17th of Dey, 1356 (7/11/1978) in a local newspapers with wide circulation.

bloodsheds of the Shah be not forgotten and future generations learn about the crimes of monarchs.

- I declare the 15th of Khurdad a permanent day of general mourning.
- The uprising on the 15th of Khurdad broke the myth of the might of the monarchs and cancelled the "charms" and tales related to them.
- The first and most important chapter of the bloody fight was concluded by the 15th Khurdad "Ashura" (bloodshed).
- On the 15th day of Khurdad the noble nation of Iran must give thanks for the infinite blessings of God.
- The victory on the 22nd of Bahman, 1357 (February 11, 1978) was the outcome of the 15th Khurdad Movement.
- The 17th day of Shahrivar (October 9)¹ is one of God's Days.

→ In protest to said article, the next day the entire Bazaar, the theological schools of Qum all closed down. People flocked into the houses of the grand authorities, the jurisconsults and mudarresin (teachers) asking them not to remain silent *visa vis* such insults to the Imam (s.a.) and the Clergy. Such a protest was carried in the form of a solemn walk by the people and student-clergy on 9/1/1978. However, in the afternoon of this day armed agents attacked the demonstrators, opened fire and killed and wounded a number of the student-clergy and common people.

On account of this savage attack and bloody massacre, the Imam (s.a.) issued a statement in which the interference of America in Iran and the crimes perpetrated by the Shah were severely condemned. The killings in Qum on the 19th of Dey, the speech and statement of the Imam on the subject depicted the beginning of new chapter in continuing the Islamic Revolution. Frequent uprisings of the Iranian people from this date on increased daily till they resulted in the victory of the Islamic Revolution on Bahman 22, 1357 a.h.l. (Feb.11, 1979).

1. The 17th of Shahrivar, 1357 (8/9/1978), later termed the "Black Friday", is one of the most eventful days of the Islamic Revolution of the Iranian people. In pursuit of the splendid and grand demonstrations that were held in Tehran on Shahrivar 13 (4/9/78) after the *nemaz* prayer of Eid Al Fitr, similar demonstrations were held on the 16th of Shahrivar (September 7th), also

- The anniversary of the 17th of Shahrivar which relates the inhuman and anti-Islamic crimes of the Monarchy and is one of God's Days and demonstrates the bravery, solidarity and resistance of the nation to the criminals and oppressors, shall always be remembered and observed by the fighting Iranian nation.
- The bitter memory of shahrivar 17, 1357 and the bitter memories of the great days of the nation yielded the sweet fruit of the destruction of the palaces of tyranny and arrogance and the hoisting of the Islamic Republic's banner of justice.
- The 17th Shahrivar, 1357 is one of God's days that the memory of the Iranian nation keeps alive.
- On behalf of His Holiness the Waliyy-e-Asr (Master of Time or Era), the Imam Zaman (both titles of the 12th Innocent Imam now in occultation but expected to return) I offer condolences and, at the same time, congratulation to all Muslims of the world especially the survivors and families of those who fell on that date; – the 4th of Shawval, 98, ah.l. (the 17th Shahrivar).
- By God, my Mustafa¹ (the Martyred son of Imam Khomeini) is not only he

→ in Tehran and arrangements were made for other demonstrations for the next day (Friday) to be held in the Jaleh Square. Early on Friday people streamed into the Jaleh Square so that by six o'clock a.m. some 100000 people were gathered there. The Square was surrounded by Shah's military units on all sides with machine-gun barrels aimed at the people from every side. At this hour, the Radio unexpectedly announced that military government is declared for Tehran and ten other cities. Immediately after the announcements machinegun volleys strafed the crowd. On this occasion more than 4000 people were killed and several hundred were wounded. The Shah's Regime placed the figures at 58 killed and 25 wounded.

- I. Haj Agha Mustafa (1309–1356 a.h.) was the first child of Imam Khomeini(s.a.). When 15, Agha Mustafa began to study Islamic sciences. At 27, he attained the Degree of Ijtihad (=practice of religious jurisprudence). When quite young Agha Mustafa mastered most of the Islamic sciences. On 13th Aban 1343 (Nov. 4, 1964) by order of Shah's Regime he was arrested and jailed. He was freed from prison 58 days later but was soon arrested and banished to Turkey. (13th of Dey=3rd of January).

whose death anniversary is near. Rather, all those who gave their blood in the Shavval incident¹ are to me as my own Mustafa.

- Aban 13² is the day the savage invasion of the University by agents of the sinister Regime and massacre of our dear students took place.
- The nation that proudly experienced and left behind the day of blood (the 15th of Khurdad), the day signaling the triumph of blood (the 17th of Shahrivar) and Friday (the Regime's doom), does not fear these economic and military blockades. Those who fear these things are the ones for whom economy is the essential thing, belly is the aim and this world is destination, and purpose.
- Greetings to Ashura, greetings to Khurdad the 15th and to Bahman the

¹ Like his father, Agha Mustafa Khomeini enjoyed an uncompromising spirit. He believed that to overthrow the Pahlavi Rule all inclusive uprisings are necessary and he struggled hard in this path. He was assassinated at the age of 47 in Najaf, Iraq by agents of Savak and attained martyrdom.

1. By this Imam Khomeini (s.a.) means the events of the month of Shahrivar including the "Black Friday", see footnote no 1, page 86
2. On 13th of Aban 1343 (Nov.4, 1964) the Shah's dependent regime deported Imam Khomeini (s.a.) to Turkey on charges of alleged opposition to the renewal of the Capitulation Bill. Fourteen years after this event, on Aban 13, 1357 (Nov.4, 1978) coinciding with Imam Khomeini's deportation anniversary, as the Islamic Revolution was nearing climax, a large number of high school and university students from various education institutes gathered together on the campus of Tehran University and began demonstrations in protest to America's policies and those of its puppet regime in Iran. Shah's agents attacked the demonstrators killing and wounding a good many students.

Following the victory of the Islamic Revolution, the government of the Islamic Republic of Iran declared the 13th of Aban as the "Students Day" in the memory of the students martyred or wounded that day and in appreciation of the students' fights against the Shah's Regime. Let it be explained at this point that one year after the Islamic Revolution had triumphed, that is, on Aban 13, 1358 (Nov. 4, 1979), students of Imam's Line, occupied the U.S. Spy Den (Embassy) in Tehran in protest to America's interference in Iran and its support of anti-Revolutionary elements.

22nd¹, and greetings unto God's Days and the noble nation of Iran.

- Greetings to the yomullah (God's Day) of Bahman the 22nd and unto those who produced such a day.
- Bahman the 22nd should be a model and lesson to us during our entire lives and for the future generations; all should preserve and observe Bahman the 22nd for it is the day in which faith overran paganism, God destroyed the tyrant and Islam triumphed over atheism.
- Bahman the 22nd was the day that the army and the nation united; the day that the army reversed to Allah from Taghout (the tyrant) and by reciting Allah-o-Akbar (glorification of God) and with the support of the ummat triumphed over Taghout, and this must be our lesson in all our lives.
- Bahman 22nd proved that a united nation with a divine purpose, not purely material, all having a single voice and purpose cannot be defeated and all witnessed the victory of such a nation.
- Almighty God! You obliged us and on such a day as Bahman the 22nd, You made us triumph over your enemy and led this oppressed nation by the hand from the verge of fall and Hell to the high pinnacle of Your mercy!
- Shahrivar the 17th is a repetition of the Ashura; the Maidan Shohada² (Martyrs' Plaza) is a repeat Karbala, our martyrs are the repeat of Karbala martyrs and opponents of our nation are facsimiles of Yazid³ and his kins.

1. The day the Islamic Revolution of Iran triumphed in the year 1357 a.h.l. (11, February 1979).

2. Please see footnote no 1, page 86

3. Yazid son of Moaviyya (born 26 a.h.l. – died 62 a.h.l.) attained to Caliphate in the year 60, a.h.l., after his father. He was a young man devoid of knowledge and excellences and was well known for his debauchery and other vices. Yazid ruled 3.5 years. In his first year he killed Imam Hosein (a.s.). In his second year as Caliph, he ransacked Medina, (the seat of Prophet's rule and his burial site). And in the third year he invaded Mecca. for further data refer to page 24, footnote no 1.

UNITY & FRATERNITY

- The Muslims must be a united Hand against all arrogance.
- Invitation to Islam is principally invitation to unity.
- All over the world the faithful are brothers and by the decree of the Quran brothers are equals.
- In Islam, it is this Fraternity that is the source of charity.
- By the maintainance of fraternity you have arrived here, advance by preserving it!
- I have repeatedly declared that in Islam things like race, language, nationality and geography are not topical issues, Muslims, whether Sunni or Shiite are brothers and therefore, equals and all enjoy all of the Islamic privileges and rights.
- In Islam Kurd¹ or Fars, Sunni or Shiite do not count for they are all brothers and equal.
- We all have the duty to join hands, be brothers and, together, reconstruct Iran.
- What we all need now is preservation of this unity.
- As long as you are a single solid "one", none can break it.
- If you are interested in the independence of Iran, have religious unity!
- The way to rescue a nation from the claws of colonialization is via the religion which is rooted deep in the soul of that nation.

1. An Iranian ethnic group living in the West of Iran.

- As long as you maintain your unity, God is with you. "God's hand is with the group"¹.
- By unity of word and reliance on Islam, the Iranian nation advanced the Movement, it will not abandon this secret.
- We must all understand that "unity of word" is the secret of victory and never lose this secret.
- By the grace of tranquility and unity we can advance this country to the high Islamic objectives.
- Today is the day for unity and oneness and this, too, is one of the great blessings of God.
- We all know what miraculous effects unity of the nation has had and still has and, in contrast, what miseries discord and dispute have brought to the nation in the course of its history!
- The secret of the victory of you, great nation, was the unity of word and reliance on faith.
- It was your concern for God, for "Allah-o-Akbar" and this unity that made you triumph over those powers.
- Defense of Islam and of the Islamic Republic are among the important duties incumbent on all of us and it requires unity.
- Try not to lose this unity of word and trust in God.
- If the Muslims be a united, single fist, none can rise up against them.
- If Muslims unite, no government can dominate them.
- Islam has come to unite all nations of the world, -Arab, Ajam (non-Arabs),

1. A Tradition ascribed to the prophet (SAW).

Turk, Fars, etc and form one great ummat by the name of the Islamic Ummat, in all the world.

- We the Shiites and sunnis must be brothers to one another and not let others come and take away all we have.
- It is incumbent on all Muslims to be together.
- If Muslim nations, that together are about one Milliard people, be brother and act as brothers no harm shall come them.
- I humbly extend a hand to all the flanks that are in service to Islam and ask them all to come together and in perfect unison work to expand the Islamic justice which is the only way for the nation to attain to happiness.
- I have tried with all my strength and will continue to do all I can for the unity of all strata of our people and pray to God to help us in this important matter on which depends the survival of the nation.
- Wholesome and creative speeches in healthy, quiet surroundings are useful to develop unity and understanding and prevent disputes and will please the Lord.
- Do not keep saying "unity" but not go after it. Be active together, you are brothers to one another.
- I say with emphasis that if the heads be good to one another, this country shall see no harm. If any harm comes to it, it is due disputes among the heads.
- I have often said that you must have unity of the word in order to do something. If each go a different way and push to a different direction , only foreigners may benefit by results, if any.
- We must unite, if we do, we shall see no harm.
- If you want to see Islam realized, and the entire marks of polytheism and paganism leave this country, preserve this unity of the word and this

Movement.

- If a nation wants to remain safe, first of all, its people must be united and secondly, do its work well!
- We do not have an army separate from the Sepah, nor do we have a Sepah separate from the Committee (Revolutionary) nor are committees separate from the Basij. Furthermore, none of these is separate from the Tribal units. We are brothers all with different names but a single soul.¹
- In the Islamic Republic all forces work for a single purpose and objective. They must all be a "single hand" against the enemies and opponents of Islamic Republic.
- Today, the solidarity among the brave nation, the valiant army and dauntless Sepah is such, the like of which the histories of Iran and the world have not had.
- We are united, strong and ready for battle yet, we are subject to trespass and oppression by foreigners.
- Students of high schools, universities, student-clergymen must all preserve their unity with all their might and support their Islamic Revolution.
- Let us be brothers, disputation is the work of the hellish.
- Today, the secret code of your victory is unity of the word.
- You need unity of the word, today more than yesterday and tomorrow more than today.

1. In the Islamic Republic of Iran armed forces are of two major types: Military armed forces and Disciplinary armed forces. The Military forces include the Army, the Sepah, Islamic Revolutionary Guards and the Basij. Disciplinary armed forces include the Police, the Gendarmerie and the Islamic Revolutionary Committees. Recently, by a merger of the last three parts a new Disciplinary force was organized.

- It was the will of God that obliged all the nation and united all layers of population together.
- Be sure when a nation unites in an Islamic matter, as you witnessed, no power can push it back.
- All Muslims are brothers and equal, none is separate from another and all must be under the banner of Islam and of monotheism.

DISCORD & SCHISM

- Schism and disunity belong to Satan whereas union and unity of the word are from God.
- My dear ones, avoid division and disunity for these are the inspirations of Satan.
- If you and I oppose each other, any accruing result shall be gained by others.
- That which hurts us most is internal strife.
- All things that smack of discord are surely from Satan.
- The big powers, having given up hope for gaining anything by war or military attack, are planning mischiefs designed to create discord among you and separate you from one another.
- Today, quarreling is suicide, Today dispute is suicide.
- Discord, regardless of the tongue it issues forth from, is the language of Satan.
- I warn the entire nation and the whole country, if you follow these agents of discord, no matter who they are, your country will fall in the lap of America.
- More sorrowful and dangerous than nationalism is generating discord and

division among the Sunnis and the Shiites.

- Today, the greatest sin in our country is creation of schism and discord.
- The government, the Majlis and the Judicial power must all feel they have just one duty and that is not to have any arguments or disputes among themselves.
- If our tastes or our views differ, we must sit down and discuss them in a calm atmosphere, go over our problems and solve them.
- Resolve difference of tastes in a good, brotherly manner.
- Today, anything that makes the noble nation deviate from the essential course, is devilish and planned with Satanic schemes.

FREEDOM

- Freedom is a great divine blessing.
- We shall bear hardships so that our nation may attain to freedom and independence.
- Freedom is a divine trust that God has made our lot.
- Freedom was given to us by Islam, appreciate this freedom and Islam.
- Freedom of the nations is the first step to civilization.
- We must all be alert and careful not to abuse freedom.
- Islam, too, has freedom but not of the unbridled variety. We do not want Western freedom.
- Islam is a progressive religion and a democracy in the real sense.

- Islamic democracy is more complete than that of the West.
- Freedom in Islam is within the limits of Islamic laws.
- Exported freedom is that which led our youth to prostitution.
- Freedom is within the limits of Islamic laws. Let no laws be breached thinking that liberty is exercised.
- Preserve the limits of Islam, let liberties be not abused for they lie within the limits of Islam.
- Islamic law produces liberties and real democracy and guarantees the independence of the countries.
- They want to replace your (sound) freedom with unwholesome freedom and take your real freedom away from you.
- Freedom has never been and will not be blocked, people are free except when they want to do evil and drive the nation backward.
- Freedom western style that corrupts the youth, girls and boys, is condemned in the views of Islam and reason.
- We do not want the freedom in which Islam has no place.
- Destructive liberties must be harnessed.
- Man's degradation and fall is due to taking away his freedom and subjugating him to other men.
- Today, Iran is the seat of the free.

INDEPENDENCE & NEGATION OF ATTACHMENT

- We must be ready to fight all things if we want to maintain our independence.
- The main thing is that we believe that we ourselves can do a given thing.
- The country is our own and we ourselves must develop it.
- The greatest tragedy for our nation is this mental dependence or attachment, the thinking that all things are from the west and we are poor in every dimension.
- A country that wants to stand on its own feet and be independent in all dimensions has no choice other than to erase from its mind the idea that we must import things from abroad.
- We wish to live poorly but be free and independent.
- We must prove to ourselves that we, too, are human; that we, too, exist in this world; that the Orient, too, is a place and all is not West.
- We regard freedom and independence as the value of life.
- My greatest wish is that the people of Iran be saved from oppression and be in possession of a country that is free, independent with an Islamic order in which human rights are observed as Islam has decreed and be a model, of progress, advancement and happiness to all nations.
- My brothers! If you want to be honored in this and the next world and to live respectfully, you ought to stand up against others with force but be very kind and considerate to yourselves.
- Prepare yourselves to rebuild your country. It is worthwhile that we work hard 10 to 15 years so that our country be freed from the clutches of these man-eating wolves.

- My dear children, it is now up to you to do all you can to irrigate the freedom and independence sapling of your country.
- If we resist, we shall be aided by divine graces.
- The all-inclusive independence of our country's Legislative, Judiciary and Executive powers must precede all other issues in our national-governmental planning.
- Whoever you are, wherever you are, your every effort must be made to ensure our independence.
- Make an all-out effort to uproot the last traces of this country's dependence on foreigners, in any area.
- This intellectual, rational and mental attachment and dependence is the root of most of the miseries of the nations including our own.
- If we emerge from this intellectual attachment, all of our dependencies will come to an end.
- You noble people of Iran achieved a great victory in your fight against colonialization and exploitation. You succeeded, with trust in God, unity of the word and participation of all layers, to overwhelm the tyrant of the Age and to shake the backs of the superpowers.
- Blessed shall be the day when the hand of foreigners is cut off our countries and Islamic lands and when Muslims stand on their own feet.
- We want an Iran, free, independent and strong, an Iran to be run by the nation itself.
- As long as our two hands are extended to the East and to the West, we are dependents. We who want to be independent should first wake up and realize that we, too, have personalities and we can perform work.
- Do not think that we have to get from others all we need, no, think of making

all things yourselves.

- Muslim's holidays are blessed and auspicious when Muslims themselves secure their independence and dignity, the dignity that all Muslims enjoyed in early days of Islam.
- As long as we do not admit that we are persons with abilities to do certain things and Muslims have personalities, and as long as we do not want a certain thing, we cannot do it and as long as we do not wake up to something, we do not want it.
- Colonialization and exploitaion must be completely uprooted from this country.
- We do not permit anyone to interfere in our country's affairs.
- After so much artificial backwardness, our need for the heavy industries of foreign countries is an undeniable fact. But this does not mean that we should be attached to one of the two poles in advanced sciences.
- East or West make no difference to us, we shall achieve real independence by our trust in God and the brave nation.
- The Iranian nation wants to stand on its own feet without having to rely on the East or on the West, rather, stand firm on its religious and national resources.
- The Iranian nation is determined to rescue itself from the clutches of colonialization and tyranny and be independent and free. It bases its policies on these two points and does not mind who likes or who dislike such policies.
- We oppose foreign interference in the destinies of nations and fight against it.
- Your search for freedom and independence is registered in the frontlines of history.
- My counsel to the present and future foreign ministers is that your

responsibilities are enormous: whether in reforming the Ministry and embassies or in the area of foreign policy, preservation of the independence, protection of the country's interests, or in having good relations with countries that do not seek to interfere in the affairs of our country. Therefore try to decisively avoid any and all things that are tinged with dependence in all its dimensions and forms.

- If we want to advance Islam further, we must no longer be servants.
- Which people are reactionary, – those who want to take away the independence and freedom of our nation and country or those who want to shake off the burden of oppression and be independent??
- We hope that universal peace will be established on the basis of the independence of nations, non-interference in each other's affairs, and observation of the principle of the territorial integrity of the countries of the region.
- We stand upon our own feet and are surely victorious.
- If you wish to find real independence and freedom you must act so as to be self-sufficient in all things.
- Intellectual, and mental integrity is the first condition for independence.
- Nations themselves should show concern for Islam.
- If people believe that they can oppose big powers, such belief enables them to withstand those powers.

Chapter Three

ISLAMIC GOVERNMENT

- To secure the unity of the Islamic Ummat and to rescue and free the Islamic homeland from the occupation and influence of colonizers and their puppet regimes, we have no alternative but to form a government.
- The rule of Islam is the rule of Divine law over the people.
- God's promise re the rule of the barefooted of the world is the Truth.
- The Islamic Republic Order of Iran has found its path with honor and power and advances with firmness.
- The Islamic Republic of Iran must not, under any circumstances, abandon its divine and holy principles and ideals.
- If the Islamic Republic fails, an Islamic regime acceptable to the Baqiyyatullah (the 12th Imam of shiites) or subservient to you shall not be realized. Rather, a regime acceptable to one of the two poles of power will replace it and the deprived peoples of the world who have turned to Islam and the Islamic

government will face despair and Islam will for ever become isolated.

- If the dear Islam and the fledgeling Islamic Republic be hurt and drawn into depravation and defeat; God forbid, Islam will for centuries be relegated to oblivion.
- The Islamic Republic of Iran is one of the world's oppressed regimes.
- You must know that if, God forbid, this Islamic Republic face defeat, it is defeat of all Muslims in all ages.
- Your country is one the most powerful countries of the world. We must try to maintain this power.
- Islam presents the most progressive government. Islamic rule is by no means opposed to civilization.
- Islamic government is not retrogressive and is in accord with all features of civilization except those that mar the nation's peace and or are against general chastity.

THE GUARDIANSHIP OF THE FAQIH(JURISCONSULT)

- The Guardianship of the Faqih is a Gift from almighty God to the Muslims.
- The best article in the Constilutional Law is the article that sets forth the Principle of Guardianship of the faqih.
- Today Muslim jurisconsults are proof positive unto the people.
- The Waliyye Amr (lit. – Master of the Faith) is God's Proof and Sign.
- The nation that has no "guide" cannot accomplish much.
- I assure the nation and all military forces that if Islamic rule be implemented

under supervision of faqih or by guardianship of the faqih, no harm will come to the country.

- Leader and Leadership have no per se value in divine Religions, including the Greater Islam, to misguide men, God forbid, to vanity and self-conceit.
- If a faqih acts dictatorially on just one occasion, he loses his guardianship mandate.
- If the Faqih take one wrong step, or commit a minor sin, he falls from walayat. Walayat or Guardianship is not something to be conferred on any man.
- Faqih does not impose his views on the people, if he does try he forfeits his walayat.
- It is the guardianship of the faqih that curbs dictatorship. Dictatorship develops in absence of guardianship of the faqih.
- The Walayat or guardianship specified in the Ghadir Tradition means governmental rule not a moral statue.

PEOPIES' POSITION & THEIR ROLE

- It was the nation that advanced the Movement and must further advance it from now on.
- Whatever we have is from this nation – of course the Islamic nation that did it with its roaring cries of "Allah-o-Akbar!"
- Now is the time for nations to be the guiding light of their intellectuals and save them from abjection and foppishness before the East or the West as today is the day of movement of the nations and they are the guides for "those who have been guides to this day".

- Be sure you are victorious and no power can stand up against you because the power is that of the nation.
- When a nation wants something done, it will be done.
- If a nation wants something none can oppose it.
- No power can stand up against the eternal might of a nation.
- We must know that if nations want a thing it will be realized.
- The destiny of each nation is in its own hands.
- Every nation must determine its own destiny itself.
- By the wills of nations, wills that follow God's will, wills that are for God, the impossible becomes possible and probabilities become certainties.
- We rely on the strength of the nation.
- Attracting people's views is necessary. The Prophet (saw) pursued this, he was drawing the attention of the people to Truth.
- The nation itself is the origin and source for redemption and salvation.
- Awareness of the people, public participation in and supervision of their own government and cooperation with elected government are things that guarantee the preservation of security in the community.
- History bears witness that no power can put out the fire in the heart of an oppressed nation that has risen in search of freedom and independence.
- No weapon can be effective against faith and no weapon can oppose the uprising of a nation.
- A great power that has no national base cannot long endure.

- A government which is backed by the nation does not fall.
- If the nation does not support a "government" such government cannot be set aright.
- Our woes, in the course of history, have all been due to the abuse of people's ignorance.
- No one can rely on bayonet anymore. The world has changed. Nations are waking up, one after the other.
- The powers, regardless of their size, cannot do much when facing the nation.

PEOPLES' PRESENCE IN THE SCENES

- A country suffers injuries when the Nation is indifferent.
- The nation must always be present in political issues.
- People must not step aside, if they do, we all meet with defeat.
- I certainly hope that our nation will not submit to abjection.
- It is the presence of the faithful and dedicated people that for ever puts to disgrace the Westernized or Easternized intellectuals.
- It is the presence of you, dear people, in the scenes that neutralizes the plots of history's connivers and oppressors.
- It is necessary that we consistently think of keeping the people in the scenes.
- The government cannot do a thing if the nation sit aside for it to perform that thing.
- The Muslim nation is awakened. It no longer sits by. It won't recant even if I

do.

- Today, the entire nation whether ladies or brothers, all take part in their own destiny.

THE GREAT NATION

- The dear Iranian people are today truly the bright face of the great Islam.
- We are all honored to be in the Presence of such a nation in an era such as this.
- I firmly claim that the Iranian nation in the present age is better than the nation of Hejaz¹ during the time of the Prophet (SAW) and much better than the people of Kufa² and Iraq during the times of Ali (a.s.) and Imam Hosein (a.s.)
- No matter how much we sincerely offer in the path of this dear nation, it won't be an adequate token of our gratitude.
- Our common people have implemented Islam and carry the burden of the troubles of the government, therefore, we should be very attentive to them.
- By its brave uprising and sacrificing the blood of its children, our dear nation had its honorable name registered in the history and the first line of the roster of the fighters (mujahidan) of Islam.
- Iran's great name is recorded in the world as one having political maturity.
- From the Mosque of Kufa to the honored plains of Karbala, in the course of

1. The territories including Mecca, Medina and Taef in Arabia with surrounding villages comprise Hejaz.

2. The name of a city in Iraq by the Euphrates River. This city was the seat of Imam Ali's rule, also the place where he was assassinated.

the distinguished "red" history of Shiism, the great Islamic nation has offered valuable sacrifices to the dear Islam and in the path of God and the martyr-seeking Iran, too, was no exception to this blissful phenomenon.

- Our nation has triumphed over world's greatest power, severed the hands of that power from his own country, indeed has severed the hands of the enemies of humanity from his country and has thus become a model and example for the countries of all the oppressed peoples.
- God has obliged us and, by His able hand, which is the might of the oppressed, destroyed the Regime of Arrogance and made our nation the Imam or leader of the oppressed nations.
- Really and truly, from the early days of the Revolution to this date the institution that has performed its function correctly is the Nation.

PRESERVATION OF THE ORDER

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PERPETUATION OF THE MOVEMENT

- The preservation of this Islamic Republic is one of the greatest religious duties.
- The preservation of the order is a rational and incumbent religious function.
- The great Islamic nation is determined to continue its Islamic Movement and permit no foreigners to interfere in its country.
- It is now a rationally and religiously incumbent duty for all of us to pursue this Movement that Iran has started and proceed with it to the end.
- I advise the Iranian nation to cherish and appreciate the blessing that you have gained by your great jihad (crusade) and the blood of your youth and protect it as your most valuable object.

- Let the noble nation of Iran know that in this world the amount of effort, pain, sacrifice and deprivation of a man is proportionate to the greatness of his purpose, its value and station.
- When the purpose is divine the way to it, no matter how hard, shall be easy to traverse.
- If we do not help God we should not expect His aid.
- Know that whatever the mass media of the world of evil say against you is proof of your strength.
- Fear nothing as long as this Movement survives, let no fear enter your hearts.
- Problems accompany every revolution, this is unavoidable, but they are not insoluble.
- We must firmly protect the holy religion of dear Islam, and the Islamic Republic and do away with problems with open arms and revolutionary resistance.
- God knows, if this movement fails, Iran never again sees a good day.
- Defeat of Iran is defeat of the Orient, it is the defeat of the oppressed.
- If this Movement subside, if this fire that is kindled in the hearts of people dies out, another movement like it will never come by.
- If due to some ignorant thinking this grand Movement is harmed, you'll be responsible before God and your repentance will hardly be accepted because the prestige of Islam will be damaged.
- All of you, be mindful of the blood unjustly spilled, think of our dear incapacitated ones, of war refugees and about the progress of Islam. Do not think "I should, you should not, "I am, you are not!"
- It is such a day today that if we suffer defeat in this movement, it will mean defeat to the end.

- With all its might the nation must resist the plottings.
- If you think that you have triumphed and should now pursue your business and be heedless of your destinies, I am afraid you shall meet defeat.
- Today, too, you should not ignore the machinations of the sorcerers and evil temptations.
- Be strong and flourishing and never let the rigmarole of the world betake you.

NATIONALISM

- This nationalism is the source of the miseries of Muslims.
- Nationalism places the Iranian nation up against other Muslim nations.
- Nationalism is planned by plotters to create discord among Muslims and it is being propagandized by agents of colonialization.
- The plan of the great powers and their affiliates in the Muslim countries is to separate and divide the various strata of Muslims, whom God has declared brothers, under the guise of Kurd, Arab, Turk, Fars, etc nations and even make them regard themselves as enemies of one another. This is against the path of Islam and the Quran.
- Those who, in the name of nationalism, factionalism, etc, create schism and disunity among Muslims, are armies of Devil, opponents of the holy Quran and helping agents of the superpowers.
- Our Movement is Islamic before being Iranian.

PARTIES & FRACTIONALISM

- Defense of the Hizbullah (God's Party) and Islam are unimpeachable

principles of the policies of the Islamic Republic.

- Today, all Iranians, regardless of sex or age, who fight under Islamic slogans, belong to the Hizbullah.
- Any Muslim who has accepted the principles and decrees of Islam and in whose conduct and behavior an exact Shiite discipline is observable, is a member of the Hizbullah. The Quran and Islam have set forth the mandate and all the decrees concerning this Party or Hizb. This Party is something other than the ordinary parties.
- This (Islamic Revolution) revolution was not the work of a party or group. It emerged from core of the people.
- It is not right to say that such and such a party, is good or bad, the scale is the ideals of the party.
- All parties and gatherings by the people are free provided they do not threaten public interests. Islam has stipulated such matters and their limits.
- The parties that have been formed in the country so far since, say, the constitution , one can surmise, were set up, unwillingly, by the hands of others and some of them were at the service of others (aliens).
- The parties that came to be from the Constitution day to the recent years were not formed by the desire of some groups to unite, those were all Satanic plans.
- It is necessary that you firmly and intelligently drive away from yourselves individuals or groups who belong to nonIslamic ideologies but their opportunism make them take advantage of conditions, enter among you and at proper moment stab you in the back; give them no chance to move.
- From the beginning of the creation to the present there have always been two parties, one divine, the other Satanic and each has had separate outcome.

Chapter Four

LAW & ORDER

- Preservation of Order is an incumbent divine edict.
- The entire community needs order, the community disintegrates without order.
- The rule of Islam is the rule of the Law.
- You must all feel bound to accept the law even if it contradicts your own views.
- In an Islamic country only God's law must be sovereign, nothing else.
- The value and dignity of men lies in their pursuit of the law which is the same thing as virtue.
- A violator of Laws is an offender and can be prosecuted.
- Laws serve to institute just social orders and to cultivate purged human

beings.

- If all the individuals, groups and institutions that there are in the country, if we all be humble before the Law and respect it, there would be no disputes.
- Let us all observe God's pleasure and be humble before the Law.
- If you wish not to be eliminated from the scene, accept the Law.
- There is one sovereign rule in Islam and that is the rule of God; one Law, and that is God's Law which all are bound to obey.
- One thing rules in Islam and that is the Law. During the time of the Prophet, too, the Law ruled and the Prophet (SAW) enforced it.
- That order in which the inferior do not obey the superior and the upper layer oppresses the lower layer, is not a monotheistic order, it is Satanic not a divine order.
- Islamic Laws are progressive and pioneering.
- The government of Islam is the government of the Law, i.e., divine Law. The Law is the Quran and Tradition and rule; government is obedient to the Law.
- Do criticize but do not plot, I am opposed to plotting, all are opposed to plotting. We are opposed to weakening the Islamic Republic, it is the same as weakening Islam.
- Uprising against the Rule of Islam is tantamount to paganism, it is the highest sin.
- If you see someone violates the principles, oppose him decidedly.
- Disputes arise from violation of the Laws.
- In Islam the law rules; the Prophet (SAW) was subject to the Law, to the divine Law, he could not violate it.

- Today anti-Revolutionary is the person who is lax in the work he does.

THE GUARDIANSHIP COUNCIL

- I agree with the Guardianship Council, 100% as an Institution and I believe it should be strong and permanent.
- I must say that I selected the *foqaha* or jurisconsults, members of the Guardianship Council with due knowledge and recognition and I say it is necessary that their status be respected and maintained.
- The Guardianship Council which guards the holy Islamic decrees and the constitution is sanctioned by me. Their duty is highly important and sacred. They should carry out their duties with firmness.
- Weakening and insulting the members (*foqaha*, jurisconsults) of the Guardianship Council is dangerous for Islam and the country.
- I remind the Guardianship Council to be firm in its work and act decisively and carefully and have trust in God.
- I recommend and demand that the honorable Guardianship Council, in present and future generations, to perform their Islamic and national duties with utmost care and authority; not to be influenced by any power; to firmly reject laws that contradict the Religion and the Constitution without any undue consideration and be attentive to the exigencies of the country necessitating the enforcement of decrees by secondary rules and by the action of the Guardian Jurisconsult (= *Waliyy-e-Faqih*).

ELECTIONS & ASSEMBLY

- If people want Islam, independence, freedom and release from Eastern or Western bondage, let them all participate in elections.

- If we be lax in elections, be sure they (the foes) will hurt us via the Majlis (the Islamic Consultative Assembly).
- My advice to the noble nation is to be in the scenes and participate in elections whether for President or Majlis Representatives, elections of Experts to determine the leadership Council or the Leader.
- Elections are not the exclusive rights of anyone. It does not belong to the clergy nor to any party or group exclusively. Elections are the business of all the people.
- It is the nation who, by its vote designates the President, votes for and determines the Islamic Republic and, by its concentrated vote in the Majlis, appoints the government. All affairs are in the hands of the Nation.
- It is incumbent on everybody to be in the scenes whether you want to elect or not to elect someone as representative or President of the Republic. You have no excuse for not being in the scenes or for sitting by.
- Take care the objective of elections is ultimately to preserve Islam. If the sanctity of Islamic issues are not observed in the related publicity and propaganda, how can the elected person be a preserver of Islam.
- Everyone of us, man or woman, has the responsibility to determine his or her destiny just as we must say our daily prayers.
- My dear ones, the Islamic Movement counts on you for the fulfilment of its hopes. On the destiny-making day arise, rush to the poll boxes and cast your votes in them.
- Today the nation is responsible. If the nation of chaste and dedicated people sit by, persons who have plans for the country will get into the Majlis from every direction, the entire responsibility rests with the nation!
- Do not let even one corrupt, dependent, sabotaging element enter the Majlis.
- The noble Nation must know that deviation from this important Islamic affair

- is treason to Islam and the country and carries great responsibility.
- The Majlis is above all things.
- The Majlis is nation's real home.
- This Majlis has come by the blood of a group that were faithful to Islam.
- This Majlis is the outcome of the peoples' cries of Allah-o-Akbar!
- Submission to the Majlis is submission to Islam.
- Islam, per se, is not enough for the Majlis. There must be Muslims who recognize the needs of the country, understand politics and have knowledge of the interests and ills of the country.
- The Majlis is at the apex of all organs, it is the nation crystalized and realized in the confines of a small space.
- I wish the sanctity of the grand Majlis and the noble representatives to be maintained so as to be a model for all such assemblies in the world.
- It is unfortunate that things occur in the Majlis (meetings) detrimental to the prestige of you Gentlemen.
- Take care that the President of the Republic and Majlis representatives come from classes who have felt the deprivation of the oppressed and are concerned with their welfare and are not of the capitalist, landmongering, affluent and profligate individuals who are unable to understand the pains of deprivation and the sufferings of the hungry and barefooted.
- Let persons who are elected be the real choices of the nation.
- Apprise the people that you wish to protect Islam therefore those you elect should be mindful of Islam and dedicated to it, they should not be actors.
- I humbly ask you that as far as possible agree with one another in electing

representatives and dedicated, Islamic persons who do not deviate from the divine straight Path.

- You should carefully study the past record of persons you intend to elect, – how they have conducted themselves before the Revolution, during the Revolution and ever since; also their family background, their beliefs or opinions as well as their knowledge or education.
- We hope that the fighting, dedicated nation will, after careful study of the past records of candidates and groups, cast their votes in favor of persons who are faithful to the dear Islam and the constitution, immune to leftist or rightist leanings and are of extolled virtues and well-wishers of the nation and committed to the laws of Islam.
- Elect individuals who are dedicated to Islam, are neither Western nor Eastern and who stride on the straight path of Islam and humanism.
- I expect you to preserve your unity of word and when electing your representatives prefer the pleasure of God to that of yourselves.
- Elect and send to the Majlis representatives who are adorned with good conduct, are committed to Islam, faithful to their country, and who are in service to you and the country.
- We must all know that if the President and Majlis representatives be worthy persons, dedicated to Islam and the country, many disputes will not arise.
- The Majlis has a great responsibility for guiding the people, acting as their preceptor.
- Let us try to have a strong legislature able to guide the country to the straight path.
- A good Legislature sets all things good and right and a bad Legislature corrupts them.
- It is the Legislature (Majlis) that rectifies or despoils the foundation of a

country.

- The day perversion is witnessed in the Majlis, when perversions of power-seeking, of greed are observed in the President or the ministers, know that that day marks our impending defeat, perversions must be checked right then and there!
- The day our representatives develop traits of palace-dwellers or, God forbid, part with their worthy slum-dwelling character, that is the day when we should ring the knells for the country.
- If a group or an individual in this Discipline pointlessly acts, god forbid, to eliminate or sabotage others and prefer the expediency of his own line or faction that will, surely, hurt Islam and the Revolution before it can hurt his opponent.
- You are not delegated (to the Majlis) in order to go, sit in there and settle your personal accounts and iron out your private disputes. If you do this it will be perversion and you have usurped the place.
- If you deviate against the nation you have betrayed your mandate.
- Criticism and interpellation are rights of the Majlis.
- There are differences between supervision and interpellation, between fault-finding and revenge and all will understand this distinction after referring to their own consciences.
- No one is entitled to insult the Majlis, it is a prerogative of the Majlis to have pros and cons.

JUDICIAL POWER & THE JUDGES

- Islam regards judgement as the most important thing.

- The Judiciary is an important issue that has to do with the prestige of the country.
- The Judicial Power can save the country if it treats humanely and acts according to Islamic rules.
- All things are in the hand of the Judiciary,- peoples' lives, properties and virtues. If, God forbid, a judge be incompetent and dishonest and this overwhelm peoples' consciences and virtues, you can imagine what the outcome will be.
- The Judicial Power should realize that it has to do with the lives, properties and chastities of the people, therefore, there must be honest and competent persons as judges and they must realize that a judge's offense, if deliberate, is catastrophic, if due to mistake, is still grievous.
- No one has a right to interfere in a decree issued by a judge. Interference in such decrees is against religion and preventing the enforcement of such decrees is also contrary to religious edicts.
- Peoples' virtues and consciences are also in the hands of judges and they should cultivate and educate them.
- No judge may issue a ruling or edict if influenced by anger because, a decree issued in anger is neither rational nor lawful.
- Today, a judge is responsible for the prestige of Islam and of the Islamic Republic, it is no longer as before when a judge was answerable only for the sentence he had meted out.
- In implementation of "hudood" (punishments, standing, decreed) the limits ordained by God must not be trespassed in any direction.
- The condemned criminal on the way to the gallows is immune to all verbal or physical attacks, a perpetrator of such acts is an oppressor.
- Prisons should be training centers for the inmates.

- Islam decrees mercy to the prisoners even if they be cruel and spies.
- The judge and the judicial power are independent and no one may interfere in them.

THE STATE & STATESMEN

- The misery or happiness of nations depends on certain issues of which the competency of the ruling body is a major one.
- Administration and government in the hands of individuals is no means of boasting or superiority and cannot be abused for personal gain or trespassing on the rights of the nation.
- The State and statesmen are servants to the nation not its masters.
- Governments are the people's servants.
- Islam does not have "government" in the real sense, it uses the appellation of service.
- Gratitude for this blessing consists in considering the people major partners in government. "Government" does not occur, we must all be servants.
- Islam calls on states to be service groups to the nations.
- States are minorities that must be in service to the people but they do not realize that government or state must serve the nation not rule over it.
- We must find out what the nation, that has appointed us to these positions, expects of us and what are we to do for them.
- Let all consider locating "servicemen", servants to the country and Islam, not servants unto themselves.

- The greater the value of an act, the heavier its responsibility.
- The state must with all its power sympathize with the deprived people the way Hazrat Ali (a.s.) used to.
- Service to mankind is service to God.
- The dignity and honor of all of us consist in rendering service to God's creatures.
- I advise future Ministers of the interior in all ages to exercise great care in the selection of (provincial) governors so that competent, faithful, dedicated, wise persons with ability to get along with the people, are appointed and thus internal peace be maintained as much as possible.
- You need the support of the nation. Victory was gained by the support of people especially deprived classes and the tyrannical rule of monarchy was terminated and the hands of arrogance were removed from the country and its treasures. If someday you lose this support, you will be brushed aside and cruel ruffians, as in the days of monarchy, will replace you.
- I emphatically ask official authorities to help one another and together solve the country's problems in brotherly fashion.
- Trustworthiness is a prerequisite qualification for inspectors.
- If someone who regards himself a capable administrator of public affairs and worthy servant of the people shuns service in this time, he is turning his back unto mankind and the Creator.
- If a position is offered for which one is not qualified, he must not accept it but if he is qualified, he must not decline it.
- Let all people, all men, support the Islamic Republic so that it can institute justice.
- Avoid haste in selecting colleagues, in making decisions especially in

important matters.

- Weakening any person or group who, today, are busy giving service, is helping the enemies of Islam.
- If due to your poor management and weakness of thought and action harm or losses are incurred on Islam and Muslims, and, you, knowingly, continue in that position, you'll be committing a cardinal sin for which the "great pains" comes to you.
- A corrupt ruling clique, those who have the destinies of a country in their hands, corrupts the country.
- It may happen that useful, progressive laws are enacted by the Legislature, seconded by the Guardianship Council and communicated by related Minister to concerned unit for enforcement but such laws are metamorphosed in the hands of incompetent enforcement elements.
- Do not think that as government anything we put forward should be accepted by the nation, whether to its interest or opposed to it.
- If people's disappointment with the Islamic government explodes, nothing can control it.
- Every citizen is entitled to interpellate, directly in front of others, the Muslim authorities and criticize them. Persons so questioned should give satisfactory replies, otherwise, if the questioned individual has acted contrary to his Islamic duties, he shall, automatically, be removed from his position of authority.
- Let the states know that the conquest of countries is not important, what is important is the conquest of hearts!
- Be just in your word and action, reduce formalities but serve the nation!
- Those with power must observe humanitarian and Islamic aspects more than others.

- Best way to express thanks for a blessing is to talk less but do more.
- If the nation wants its victory to reach its ultimate stage which is the ideal for all, it must guard the statesmen, Majlis delegates and government authorities against moving from the middle to the affluent classes.
- The day the nation sees any of you trying to roll over to the affluent groups or is acting to gather power and wealth, the nation should prevent such things and put such individuals back in their places.

Chapter Five

FOREIGN POLICY

- While maintaining independence, we shall have friendly relation with all countries.
- We are on friendly terms with all nations and, if governments behave respectfully, we shall reciprocate in kind.
- The foreign policy of Iran is based in mutual respect with all governments without discriminating among them.
- We shall behave with respect toward all governments provided they do not interfere in our internal affairs and treat us with mutual respect.
- We should have relations with foreign countries which do not mean to swallow us. Relations with those who seek to subordinate us through relations are not required and these must be dealt with caution.
- We are on the side of the oppressed. We support the oppressed regardless of the pole they are in.

- We have the duty of saving the oppressed and deprived people.
- It is an Islamic duty incumbent on all Muslims to help anyone who is oppressed.
- We have a duty to support the oppressed and be enemy to the oppressor.
- We are opposed to any deal that damages the interests of the Muslims.
- When we serve the nation, the nation will support us and then foreigners' greed ceases.
- We are not opposed to nations, we oppose oppressive governments whether they oppress us or our Muslim brothers.
- We are not prepared to let a government use economic exchanges as levers for political influence and imposition of its colonialization aims.
- World conditions no longer admit a few to be "masters" and all others to be "slaves".
- Just as we do not accept oppression in our relations with other countries, we do not oppress others.
- Relationships between a nation that has risen to free itself from the clutches of International pilferers and a worldmonger is always in the interest of the pilferer and the loss of the oppressed.
- We oppose any country, whether Eastern or Western, that wants to oppress others.
- Today the only non-aligned country is Iran. You cannot find another country that is "non-aligned in the real sense".
- Destroy anyone in any position who may want to compromise with the East or the West, drive him away as ruthlessly as you can.

- Defense of Islam and the Hizbullah (Party of God) is the unimpeachable principle of the policies of the Islamic Republic.
- We cannot separate our own account from that of other Muslims.
- Care for the affairs of Muslims is a most necessary duty.
- Tending to the affairs of Muslims is a very important religious duty.
- We hope that the Islamic nations will overcome colonialization in near future, we shall not spare any assistance when due.
- Our state is an independent sovereign state, and we are on friendly terms with those states that do not interfere in our domestic business.

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS & THE EMBASSIES

- The Foreign Ministry can, by Islamization, better than any other agent, demonstrate our Islamic substance to people abroad.
- This Ministry, that has to do with all other countries of the world, is more sensitive than any other ministry.
- The responsibility of Foreign Ministry is very heavy because of its dealings abroad therefore, try, as much as possible, to place your embassies in the path of Islamic growth, progress and advancement to high status.
- When people come to our embassies, they should see an Iranian setting not an American or French environ.
- If embassy conditions, its staff, its management and attitudes be not in conformity with standards of the Islamic Republic, it is better not to have them.
- Our embassies must be centers of publicity.

- The representatives of the Islamic Republic abroad must perfectly conform to Islamic Order.

GOVERNMENTS OF ISLAMIC STATES

- The misfortunes of the Islamic states is caused by interference of foreigners in their affairs.
- Regional governments must know that in time of trouble neither America nor any other power will support them.
- For more than 20 years past I have been recommending to the heads of Islamic states, either in my sermons or talks, to put aside the minor local disputes and unite in deeds and minds for advancement of Islam and its aims.
- The problem of Islam is its Islamic governments not its nations.

PALESTINE & THE QUDS

- Jerusalem is the first Kiblah of Muslims and it belongs to them.
- All must know that the superpowers aim in creating Israel does not end in the occupation of Palestine. They plan, Heaven forbid, to extend the fate of Palestine to all Arab countries.
- Do not the authorities of the nation see or know that diplomatic talks with history's criminal and powerful politicians cannot save Lebanon, Palestine or Quds and the number of crimes and oppressions increases daily.
- We are on the side of the oppressed which-ever pole they may be in. Palestinians are oppressed by the Israilites, therefore we side with them.
- We fully support our Palestinian brothers and those of southern Lebanon in

their fights against the usurper Israel.

- Neither the Iranian Muslim nation, nor any other Muslims and, as a matter of fact, no open-minded individual, will recognize Israel. We shall always support our Arab and Palestinian brothers.
- We must all rise, destroy Israel and replace it with the heroic Palestinian nation.
- The Quds Day which is coincidental with the Night of Destiny (=Lailatul Qadr=a night in the month of Ramazan in which the Quran is said to have been revealed to the Prophet (SAW)), must be revived among the Muslims and be the starting point of their awakening and awareness.
- Muslims of the world should regard the Quds Day as All-Muslims Day or the oppressed People's Day.
- It is the intonation of Allah-o-Akbar, the cry of our nation, that disappointed the Shah in Iran and the usurpers in Palestine.
- Essentially, it is the duty of all Muslims to liberate the Quds and remove this nucleus of evil from Islamic lands.
- The issue of Quds is not a private or personal issue. It is not the exclusive problem of one country nor a present-day problem of all Muslims. Rather, it is a phenomenon concerning the monotheists and faithful people of all ages-past, present and future.
- Quds belongs to the Muslims and must be returned to them.
- The Quds Day is the Day of Islam.
- The Quds Day is a day in which the destinies of the oppressed nations must to determined.
- The Quds Day is a universal day. It is not an exclusive day for Quds itself. It is a day for the oppressed to rise and stand up against the arrogant.

- The Quds Day is a day in which Islam is to be revived.
- The Quds Day is Islam's Live Day!
- The Quds Day which fall on the last days of the God's Great Month(Ramazan) is a proper day on which all Muslims be freed from the bondage of the Big Satan (=or Great Devil= the U.S.A) and other superpowers and join the Infinite Might of God.

THE QUDS OCCUPATIONIST REGIME (ISRAEL)

- I regard supporting the plan for independence of Israel and its recognition a tragedy for the Muslims and an explosion for the Islamic governments.
- The usurper state of Israel with the aims it has pose great danger to Islam and the Islamic states.
- Brothers and sisters must know that America and Israel are enemies to the fundamentals of Islam.
- The foolish idea of greater Israel makes them commit any crime.
- Let brotherly Arab nations and the Palestinian and Lebanese brothers know that all their miseries are caused by America and Israel.
- Regarding Israel, certainly we shall not help an illegitimate, usurper government which is trespassing the rights of the Muslims and is an enemy of Islam.
- Islam and the Muslims and all international standards regard Israel as a usurper and aggressor and we do not approve the least negligence in terminating its aggressions.

- I have often said and you have heard me say that Israel will not settle for these agreements for it regards the Arab domination over territories from the Nile to the Euphrates as usurpation.
- Israel must be eradicated from the page of history.
- It is incumbent on every Muslim to arm himself against Israel.
- Those who support Israel must realize they are nurturing a pit viper up their sleeves.
- Do not support Israel, this enemy of Islam and Arabs for this listless viper will have no mercy on you, young or old if it gets within your reach.
- It is necessary that all freedom-loving peoples of the world unite with the Muslims and together condemn the inhuman aggressions of Israel.
- Iran has been and is the diehard enemy of Israel.
- We shall reject Israel and shall have no relations with it for it is a usurper state and is our enemy.
- I announce to all Islamic states and Muslims of the world, wherever they are, that the dear Shiite nation hates Israel and its agents and is disgusted with and hates the states that compromise with Israel.
- We shall not have relations with Israel as it is a usurper state and is warring against Muslims.
- We shall oppose Israel for it has usurped the rights of Arab peoples.
- Israel is warring against Muslims, and usurps the lands of our brothers, we shall not give it any oil.
- Israel is rejected by us, we shall never give it oil nor ever recognize it.
- The criminal hands of the world arrogant states will not be severed off the

Islamic lands unless Muslim nations and oppressed peoples rise against them and their offsprings especially Israel.

- Israel is a usurper and must leave Palestine soon and the way to it is that Palestinian brothers uproot this core of corruption and colonialization from the region so that peace may return to the area.
- It is a duty of the proud nation of Iran to harness the interests of America and Israel in Iran and invade them.
- It is necessary for oil producing Islamic countries to use the oil and other things available to them as weapons against Israel and the colonizers.
- It is incumbent on all Muslims especially Muslim countries to do away with this core of corruption any way possible.
- This degenerative tumor that has, with backing of major powers, been planted in the heart of Islamic states and whose roots daily threaten the Islamic lands must be removed with help and effort of Islamic states and the great nations of Islam.

SOUTH AFRICA

- Today Muslim Africa raises its suppressed cry louder and louder.
- Today our African Muslim nations are struggling under the yoke of America, other aliens and their stooges.
- As long as South Africa does not put an end to its position, we cannot have relations with it nor shall we give it oil.
- South Africa is a racist regime that puts no value on anything of human worth, it is essentially a bloodthirsty, criminal regime.
- Our cry of immunity is the cry of Muslim Africans, the cry of our religious

brothers and sisters who, because they are black, writhe in pain under the lashes of the ignoble, uncultured racists.

THE ARROGANTS & THE SUPERPOWERS

- We would surely destroy all arrogant powers if we could have the power to do it.
- The peace and safety of the world is keyed to the extinction of the arrogant. As long as these domineering, uncultured group exist on earth, the oppressed will not gain the inheritance that Almighty God has granted them.
- Of all the blows meted out on us by the big powers, the blow to our personality is the worst.
- Today world conditions are so that all countries are under political supervision of the superpowers.
- All the troubles in which nations are bogged down are caused by superpowers.
- The whole aim of these criminals is to gain power, power with which to clobber anyone that stops in their path.
- It is incumbent on the intellectuals to reveal the disgrace of the powers and superpowers, all the more.
- Let all know that the powerful, opportunistic countries whose ultimate wish is to dominate the Islamic and oppressed countries will leave them alone and abandon them in times of trouble, that the words faith or fidelity do not appear in their lexicons.
- Unite, for under the aegis of unity your victory will be certain.
- Rights are to be taken, arise and drive out the superpowers from the scene of history and life.

- World powers must know that today is not like yesterday. Unlike the governments, the nations will not retreat from the arena with just one short tirade of intimidation.
- We have no fear of the superpowers. While we have no access to man-slaughtering weapons, our faith impels us not to be afraid.
- The aim is just one-the defeat of the superpowers.
- It is our duty to stand and oppose the superpowers and we have the power to do so.
- We are so suspicious of the superpowers that if they speak the truth we think that they say so to deceive the people.
- Today, all superpowers collectively oppose this nation in all its Islamic aspects. We must wake up and realize that their propaganda is more harmful to us than wars.
- The basic purpose of colonizing governments is to wipe out the Quran, the ulema and Islam itself.
- That day is blissful to us in which the domination of worldmongers over this oppressed nation and over other oppressed nations is smashed and all nations take their destinies in their own hands.
- The slap-in-the face which the superpowers received from Iran, was matchless in all their lives.

NATURE OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT

- We have been hurt more by America than by all others.
- American domination carries with it the entire miseries of the oppressed nations.

- America is the number-one-enemy of the oppressed and deprived peoples of the world.
- America says "we have interests in the Region." Why should it have interests in our Region and why should the interests of the Muslims belong to America!?
- Muslim nations hate foreigners generally, Americans, especially.
- Let the world know that any trouble that Iranian nation and Muslim nations have is caused by foreigners, by America.
- The most important and painful problem that Islamic nations and non-Islamic nations of the dominated states face concerns America.
- All of our distresses are caused by America.
- Our entire misery is by the hand of America.
- America wants you for your oil, wants you as a market, to take away the oil and sell you junk!
- The real enemies of the Quran, Islam and its holy Prophet (SAW) are the superpowers, especially America.
- America, this natural criminal that has set the world on fire and its colleague, world Zionism, to reach their objectives commit crimes that pens and tongues are ashamed to describe.
- Our entire troubles come from America and Israel.
- Let the president of America realize that he is the most hateful individual to our nation.
- The feelings of the Iranian nation concern American government, not american nation.

FIGHTING AMERICA

- Shower all your cries down on America.
- Today, America is the number one enemy of our whole nation.
- Cold and warm weapons, that is , pens, words and machineguns should all be aimed at the enemies of mankind, headed by America.
- We believe Muslims should unite and together slap America and know that they can do it!
- We do not want America to work for us, we override America.
- If opposition to America implies independence of that country, then, by all means, we are opposed to it and if this point is what America is afraid of, then let it remain afraid.
- Our common enemies today are Israel and America and others like them. They want to destroy our prestige and put us back in bondage. Repel the common enemies!
- The stigma that this Movement inflicted on America has never been experienced by any one.
- Our crime is that we oppose America.
- Much better we all perish than live in misery under American or Israeli hands.
- O oppressed peoples of the world! Wherever you are and from whatever group or layer you come from, arise and do not fear the yelling and ruckus of America and other powers and make the world too narrow and tight for them.
- America cannot act as a swaggerer before the Muslims.
- America can't do a damn!

- The fight, the dispute now going on is not America and us, it is between Islam and paganism.
- Counteracting America is presently above all our problems. If today our forces become divided, it benefits America. Right now, America is the enemy and all our equipments should be aimed at this enemy.
- Our perfect happiness comes the day when the domination of all the Eastern and Western colonizers, especially that of worldmongering America is removed from the heads of the Muslims.
- America can defeat us but not our Revolution. for this reason I am confident of our victory. American government does not understand the concept of martyrdom.
- I am confident if we carefully perform and continue our duty which is to fight the criminal America, our children shall taste the sweet nectar of martyrdom.

RELATIONS WITH THE U.S.A

- Our relation with America is the relations of the oppressed to the oppressor, relations of a robbed person to his robber.
- We are not a protectorate of America or Soviet Union nor of any other power.
- May God awaken those who dream of America.
- The day America praises us that day we must mourn.
- We do not want America to supervise us. We do not want America to take away the entire gains of our nations.
- It is a disgrace for a Muslim country to extend a hand to America and ask for bread.

- We shall not establish relations with America unless it became humane and give up oppressing others.
- We will establish relations with America and the USSR provided they do not interfere in our domestic affairs and have good relations with us.

THE WEST & WESTERNIZATION

- By autosuggestion we must realize that nothing goes on in the West except the idea of keeping us behind from the caravan of progress and civilization.
- We accept the advancements of the Western world but not the Western corruption of which they themselves complain.
- The progress of the West is materialistic, it rears the world as a wild fighting beast.
- Western upbringing or education has divested mankind of his humanism.
- We have come to believe that everything is in the West. No! That which is in the West is the training of savage animals.
- We can't be independent, we can't have anything unless we purge our minds of westernization and come to know ourselves.

THE ORIENT

- The Orient has lost itself. It has to find itself.
- The Orient must wake up and separate its account from the West as far as it can if possible to the end, at least separate its culture.

COMMUNISM

- From its inception, Communism has had the most dictatorial governments, its authorities have been most dictatorial, power-hungry and monopolistic persons.
- It is clear to all that from now on communism may be looked up in the museums of World's political history.

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & HUMAN RIGHTS

- We are in an age when criminals are praised and confirmed rather than being punished.
- These so-called human rights agencies condemn the oppressed rather than the oppressors.
- These agencies that are created for human rights, are all agencies for pilfering mankind.
- They commit so much crime, they turn countries into grounds for massacre and bloodshed yet they claim: "we cannot see human rights destroyed!"
- We want to act according to the U.N. Declaration of Human Rights. We want to be free. We want independence in our country. We want freedom.
- This, and any other, nation has a right to determine its destiny itself. This is a human right and it is embodied in the Human Rights Declaration.
- These (states) speak of human rights but act against it. Islam both respects and observes human rights.

Chapter Six

WAR & DEFENSE

- At the time of danger that nation survives with honor who has the necessary fighting readiness.
- We are fighting men, surrender is meaningless to a Muslim.
- Our countries fights are ideologic and crusade for faith is unbeatable.
- We must move ahead with power and forcefully fight all those who want to trespass against us.
- We say: "As long as paganism and atheism exist, fighting will exist and as long as fighting exists, we exist."
- It is only in hardships and troubled times and when telling the truth against evil forces is the issue, that pretending braggarts and hypocrites can be distinguished from the quiet, dedicated, sincere, self-sacrificing individuals.
- Military force and modern weapons cannot resist visa vis revolutionary and

holy wrath of nations.

- If chaste commanders be in charge, enemies will never be able to carry out a coup d'etat nor occupy a country and if perchance it occurs, it will be frustrated and broken up by the hand of the dedicated commanders.
- Islam's war – waging has never been aimed at conquest of lands, Islam has always wanted to cultivate human beings.
- The recitation of the accounts of the sacrifices of the early Muslim crusaders will keep Islam alive, not only now but for ever!
- At the battlefield do not fear the inadequacy of numbers nor fear martyrdom. Man must tolerate hardships in proportion to the grandeur of his aim and ideal.
- That religion which lacks fighting is deficient.
- Do not scare us by the troops you bring in, we shall bury them.
- We fight until our last warrior attains martyrdom for our beloved homeland, our victory is certain.
- Those who imagine that fighting for independence and freedom of the world's oppressed and deprived does not negate capitalism and seeking affluence are not familiar with the alphabet of challenge.
- God has decreed for us the duty of fighting these opponents of Islam and of the Islamic nation.
- We stand to the last breath!
- Our obligation is to stand up against tyranny.
- Defense of the Islamic country and defense of virtues of the Muslims, are divine duties, incumbent on all of us.

- Defense is a definite right that Islam and others accord to mankind.
- Beware underestimating an enemy.
- Trust in God and arm yourself with weapon and virtue.

THE IRAQI-IMPOSED WAR ON IRAN

- During the war we removed the deception veil off the faces of the worldmongers.
- During the war we came to the conclusion that we should stand up on our own feet.
- During a war we won't regret our actions even for a moment.
- We have fought to discharge a duty, results have been secondary.
- We established our innocence during the war and proved the cruelty of the oppressor.
- We have exported our Revolution to the world during the war.
- This war, the economic boycotts and expulsion of foreign specialists, were divine gifts of which we were negligent.
- During the War we made solid the roots of our fruitful Islamic Revolution.
- Certainly defense is incumbent on every Muslim, every human being. By the command of God we defended ourselves and Islam.
- The War, while it was unpleasant and devastated our towns, it had the blessing of Introducing Islam to the world.
- Our war made all leaders of corrupt disciplines to feel humble before Islam.

- Ours was the war of poverty and opulence, of faith and wickedness and it has been continuous from Adam (a.s.) will be to the end of time.

ARMED FORCES

a- RULES AND RELATIONS:

- Our disciplinary-military forces and the Passdaran (Sepah) Corps are armed with divine power. Their weapon is the "Allah-o-Akbar" (= God is the greatest) and there is no weapon like it in the world.
- The Army, the Sepah, the Basij (voluntary recruits) and other armed military and disciplinary forces as well as people's militia are followers of masters who have sacrificed their all for faith and objective and earned honors for Islam and its great followers.
- You Army, passdaran, basij, gendarmerie¹, police and all armed peoples militia and all people who sacrifice your lives for Islam and Iran, be alert and set Islam as standard for your actions.
- More noble conduct is, perhaps, necessary in all the armed forces than anywhere else.
- The soldier and Passdar who says his night prayers in the trench or rifle-pit fights as lions.
- Non-observance of the Army and Passdaran disciplines weakens the armed forces.
- Obedience to a commander of Islam is necessary by the command of Islam, violation of this rule is interdicted.
- An Army without discipline is no Army!

1. Please see footnote no 1, page 93.

- All armed and disciplinary forces including the Army, the Pasdaran Corps, the Basij, the gendarmerie, etc must not enter any political party or group and must avoid all political games and skirmishes.
- Anyone entering a party or group must leave the armed forces.
- Insure that politics do not make inroads into the Sepah (Pasdaran Corps) for if it does, it will lose its military dimensions.
- I order military heads not to discuss any political issue in the Army!
- Entering politics is tantamount to the loss of military prestige.
- The Army must guard the independence and security of the country.

b- THE BASIJ:

- Basij is God's sincere Army.
- Basij is the rendezvous of the Barefooted and ascension point for pure Islamic thought; its trained personnel have found name and fame in being unknown.
- Basij is the pure pedigree, a sturdy, fruitful tree whose blossoms have the aroma of union, the vitality of confidence and conviction and the account of Love!
- Basij is a school of Love and classroom of unknown martyrs and witnesses whose attendants recite, from the high point of its minarets, the azan and call to courage and martyrdom.
- I kiss the hands of everyone of you pioneers of freedom and know that if responsible authorities of Islam neglect you, they shall perish in the fire of Hell!
- Verily, if we want to present a perfect example of devotion, sacrifice, sincerity and love for God and Islam, none would be worthier than the men of the

Basij.

- The formation of the Basij in the Islamic order of Iran has certainly been a divine blessing bestowed on dear nation and Islamic Revolution of Iran.
- I hope this general Iranian basij (mobilization) will be a model for all the oppressed peoples and Muslim nations in the world and the 15th century (=20th) be the big idol-busting era, replacing Islam and monotheism for atheism and polytheism; justice and equity to replace cruelty and oppression and may this be the century of dedicated men replacing the uncultured cannibals.

C- REVOLUTIONARY GUARDS CORPS:

- The holy institution of the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps has truly been, and will be, one of the greatest defense strongholds of the divine values of our Order.
- O, would that I, too, could be a Passdar!?
- You (the passdars) are the clear-cut personification of all the braveries and innocence of this great nation in battlefields and in all the pictured pages of the history of the Revolution.
- The holy day, the 3rd of the month of Shaaban¹ is the Passdar Day, the day that guarding of Islam, of Truth, of the Divine Ideology was realized and the birthday of the great Passdar (Hazrat Imam Hosein (a.s.)) who revived the ideology with the blood of himself and his disciples.
- O dear passdars and o soldiers of Islam! Wherever you are, guard yourselves as well so that by overcoming your ego you attain victory over all evil.

1. The third of the month of Shaaban in the 4th year a.h.l. (625 a.d.) is the birthday of Imam Hosein (a.s.), the 3rd Shiite infallible Imam. As Imam Hosein (a.s.) by the martyrdom of himself and his disciples has revived Islam, therefore, the Islamic Republic of Iran have declared his birthdate the "Passdar Day". For additional data see footnote no 1, page 24.

- Praise unto the guards (passdaran) of Islam who, by their own blood and fists brought the Islamic Revolution to fruition.
- Without the Sepah (Rev. G. Corps) there would be no country!
- I greatly endear the Passdaran Corps. My eyes turn your way. Your record is purely Islamic.
- I am pleased with the Sepah (Passdaran Corps) and will not change my view of you.
- You are the keepsakes and fellow-trenchmen of the commanders and alert authorities who are today stationed in the Lord's Presence.

d- THE ARMY:

- The Army and the nation are inseparable.
- The Army is from us and we are from the Army.
- Our Army guarantees the independence of our country.
- Our Army is the backing of our nation.
- Just as the nation cannot survive without the Army, the Army, too, can't survive without the nation.
- Praise and honor are due the Army that up on the acme of its eternal decision broke down the walls of servitude to the tyrants.
- In Iran where this miracle of the age occurred by the hand of the nation, dedicated armed forces and pure, patriotic commanders, too, had considerable shares.
- Praise to all the dedicated Islamic armed forces who, by inclining toward the holy Revolution of Iran, and, with the support of the nation, overturned the

palace of injustice.

- The Army can maintain its independence and pride when it has realized itself and not when some foreign advisors come and presume to administer it.
- The Army is the foundation of a country, the protector of a country and if its mentality be Islamic, it can advance the country to ideal perfection.
- If the hierarchy is not observed, the Army will weaken and if, God forbid, our Army weakens the country will weaken.
- If the Army is reformed, the country's independence will be secured and, if, God forbid, corruption sets in the Army, the country's independence will be threatened.
- The Army is the essential pillar of a country's independence.

JIHAD-E-SAZANDEGI **(Crusade for Reconstruction)**

- The incessant toils of the Jihad¹, these fortless fortress builders, during our holy defense, form one of the issues that defy description by words.

1. Before the victory of the Islamic Revolution most of Iranians especially rural people did not even enjoy a modicum welfare and they mostly suffered and lived in hardship. After the victory of the Islamic Revolution, one of the objectives of the authorities and Revolutionary forces was to help the oppressed, the deprived, especially the rural people. For this reason, Imam Khomeini (s.a.) in 1358 (1980) asked the nation to participate in the country's reconstruction movement and, thus, a revolutionary foundation by name "Jihad-e-Sazandegi" (Crusade for Reconstruction) began its activities. Various groups especially young people and students went to villages and deprived areas and offered their services to the people to please the Lord.

In subsequent years this revolutionary foundation was by legislative action converted into a ministry and renamed "The Ministry of Jihad Sazandegi" and proceeded to work under the new name.

- Jihad's love in serving Islam and the people has enlivened the hearts of all who love to serve the Religion and people.
- I want you to crusade for ego purging even as you wage jihad for reconstruction.

PART THREE

Chapter One

KNOWLEDGE OF MAN

- Man is the essence of all beings in the world.
- Man is a strange being among all categories of beings and creatures of God, there is none like it. Man is a wonderful being from which develops a divine celestial being as well as a hellish, devilish being.
- Man is a marvelous being which is infinite in both extremes, infinite in bliss and infinite in wretchedness.
- The source of all dangers to man is man himself and the source of reform must also begin from man himself.
- The starting point for any reformation is man.
- When man is reformed, all things will be rectified.
- It is the straight divine path that can guide man from deficiency to perfection.

- Man is not immune to the machinations of Devil and the temptations of ego, to the end of his life.
- Sometime a catastrophe is a blessing and sometimes a blessing becomes a catastrophe.
- Man's belly, bread and beverage are not yardsticks, it is man's dignity that counts!
- Man's dignity demands him to resist force.
- Are not honor, dignity and human values, precious gems for whose protection and maintenance, the chaste forerunners of the school sacrificed their lives and the lives of their followers?
- Wanting Truth for the sake of Truth is man's "grand excellence".
- As soon as you err, admit it and turn away from it as this is an accomplishment of man.
- An accomplished man is one who does not mind admitting he has erred and immediately acts to correct himself.
- Man cannot be human and attain human ends as long as he wants to live in the shadows of machine—guns, cannons and tanks.
- As oppression , injustice and cruelty increases in a society, the power to resist increases in man proportionately, this is in the natural make-up of man.
- That which matters in war is not number, it is man's ability to think.

CULTURE & CIVILIZATION

- That which develops the nations is sound culture.

- Culture is the source of all the misery and happiness of a nation.
- If culture is made sound, a country can be reformed.
- With a sound culture, our youth develop soundly.
- If cultural and educational problems be solved in line with the country's expediencies, other problem will easily be solved.
- Essentially , culture forms the identity and the being of a community. With a pervert culture, no matter how powerful a community may be economically, politically, industrially and militarily, that community is vain, empty and hollow.
- If we be culturally dependent, it follows that we are socially, economically and politically dependent as well.
- Cultural reform, and freeing our youth from dependency on the culture of the West, precede all other reforms.
- Iran has been hurt more by Westernized intellectuals than by any other group of men.
- It is regrettable that our country has abandoned Islamic laws, justice and culture and become a follower of the West.
- We cannot administer this country unless we replace this "colonizing brain" with an "independent brain".
- A colonizing culture rears colonial youths for the country.
- The way to reform a country is to reform its culture first.
- Cultural perversion perverts a country.
- The independence and integrity of a community stems from its culture.

- We are not opposed to civilization, we oppose exported civilization for it is this type of civilization that has reduced us to our present circumstances.
- We want a civilization that is based in human honor and dignity.

HISTORY

- History is man's teacher.
- History should set example.
- Our nation changed the course of history, it made new history.
- If the clergy, the nation, preachers, the ulema, the writers and the dedicated intellectuals be lax and do not learn lessons from the events of the early days of Constitutional Movement, this Revolution will meet with that which befell the Constitutional Revolution.
- Historian always butcher the aims of revolutions in the slaughter – house of their own grudges or those of their masters.
- The crimes of the dethroned Shah are not forgotten by the nation, they cannot be forgotten.
- Iranian imperialism has blackened the face of history, from its birth till now.
- History enlightens future generations.

PUBLICITY

- Know that publicity is above all other matters.

- Today, the world revolves on publicity.
- Observe, the best thing that can bring this Revolution to fruition and export it is publicity, correct publicity.
- Enhancing and extending publicity, especially abroad, is a most important matter.
- Publicity is an import issue. It can be said that publicity tops all other matters in the world, in fact the world rests on publicity.
- Westerners, and, in the past, England and then America were pursuing a policy by which to make weak countries believe they are incapacitated.
- My advice to the Ministry of Guidance in all eras especially in the present era with its exclusive characteristic, is to make every effort to promote and publicize the Truth as against falsehood and to present the real face of the Islamic Republic.
- Publicity, articles, speeches, books and magazines against Islam, against public chastity and against the interests of the country are interdicted and their prevention is incumbent on us and on all Muslims.
- By sound publicity introduce Islam to the world, as it really is.

MASS MEDIA

- All mass media are educators; they must educate the country.
- Today, Radio and Television have greater roles than other media.
- Radio and Television must be teachers to our youth and instructors to the people of our country.

- Radio and Television are obligated to quote or narrate news that are 100% true. They should avoid publicising or broadcasting news that are from non-reliable sources and are meant to create anxiety and mental confusion.
- We are not opposed to Radio, we oppose prostitution. We are not opposed to television, we oppose things broadcasted, in favor of aliens, aimed at holding our youth backward and making us lose our human resources.
- Radio must be a guide; television must be a guide; newspapers must be guides, they should not write things that stir up the people and make them deviate.
- What is important with respect to news agencies is quality. True and factual accounts of news encourage one to better read or listen.
- It is a fact that Radio and Television are more obligated to the barefooted than others.
- The Press must be a Guidance Firm.
- The Press should be itinerant schools apprising the people of all the news, especially news of the day.
- In my opinion newspapers belong to all the people and all have rights in them; it may be said sometime the place of one is usurped by another.
- Take care, if you want the country to be Islamic, its press, too, must be Islamic.
- Newspapers must not be quarrelsome, rather they should be inclined to guidance.
- Newspapers belong to the third not first classes of people and they must not all belong to the government.
- A magazine should serve the country. Service to the country means educating,

educating the youth, cultivating the people, cultivating prolific, thinking people to be useful for the country.

- That which is above all services is the thing that makes our human resources develop and grow and it is the Press that has this obligation. The importance of publications is on par with the blood that is shed at the battlegrounds.

MISSION OF THE PEN

- That pen is worthwhile which awakens the masses.
- Pens make martyrs and develop them.
- The pen can be more creative than the blood of the martyrs.
- The pen is itself a weapon, it must be in the hands of the virtuous and the scholarly persons.
- The pen you hold in your hand, as well as your tongue, are in God's presence.
- Make every effort to use your pen and tongue for the elevation of Islam, the country and the nation.
- If pens become active for God and His people, machineguns would retreat.
- Make effort by pen and tongue to push machineguns aside and make the arena available to pens, sciences and knowledge.
- In this world if pens work for God and His people, machineguns will withdraw and if they don't work for God, they shall be making machineguns.
- That pen is humanistic that writes with fairness.
- That pen is a free pen that does not plot.

- Man has benefitted and suffered losses by pen more than anything else.
- Men of pen and speech should try to call people to unity.
- Your great responsibility today is the pen in your hand.

ARTS

- In Islamic mysticism art is the clear-cut representation of justice, honor and equity. It is the incarnation of the afflictions and agonies of the hungry made so by money and power.
- The only art acceptable to the Quran is the art that gives polish to the pure Islam of Muhammad (SAW), to the Islam of the Infallible Imams (a.s.), the Islam of the suffering poor, to the Islam of history's barefooted, lashed by bitter deprivations.
- We are against movies whose programs corrupt our youth and the Islamic culture. We are in favor with motion picture programs that are educative and benefit the wholesome, ethical and scientific growth of the community.
- We are not opposed to the cinema, we are opposed to centers of vice.
- Art, in its rightful place is the incarnation leech-like persons who take pleasure in the sucking the blood from the true Islamic culture, the culture of justice and serenity.

SPOTRS

- From ancient times our sportsmen have always been mindful of God and of Ali (a.s.), this has been one of their outstanding characteristics.

- I am not a sportsman myself but I like them.
- I hope you will be champions ethically as well. Thanks God, fine ethical behavior is rife among our sportsmen.
- I hope our dear champions will be honored in all arenas as they perform with pure, humanitarian, Islamic spirit and wherever they go they be tops not only in atheletic feats but in character, courtesy and humanism as well.
- God willing that athletes receive spiritual training just as they receive physical education.

Chapter Two

EDUCATION

- The initial point of any reform is man himself. If man is not educated properly he cannot educate others.
- If man be reared and educated correctly, all things in the world will be set right.
- No other creature on earth makes as much trouble and mischief as man, this biped being. And no other being needs training and education as much as this biped beast does!
- Just as every person and individual is obliged to correct himself, he is also obliged to correct others.
- All divine books were revealed to the prophets for educating this being which, if left alone, will be the most dangerous creature, to place him under divine training so that he may become the finest, noblest and most superior being.
- The world is but a school and prophets and saints are its teachers.

- In Islam all things are preliminary to man's cultivation and development.
- With proper education and upbringing of men, the whole world will be reformed.
- The foundation of the world is geared to man's proper rearing and education.
- Learning, per se is of no use, sometimes it is even harmful.
- The harms that befall the country are mostly from untutored thinkers and unrefined teaching. They acquire knowledge but lack virtue.
- The best and most effective way to combat foreigners is to be armed with the knowledge of religion and of the world. Vacating this bastion and suggesting to lay down this weapon is treason to Islam and the Islamic state.
- Educate and cultivate! knowledge alone is of no use, knowledge alone is harmful.
- Breeding and educating as well as purification precede learning.
- The class of people who want to guide the people should act in conformity with their speech.
- Try to make your teaching the people to have purpose.
- Those who undertake to train teachers must know that, in the first place, the profession is divine; Almighty God is the instructor of teachers who are the prophets. Secondly, educating and purging precede teaching.
- Laxity and negligence in education is treason to Islam, the Islamic Republic and the cultural independence of a country and it must be avoided.
- The most honorable occupation in the world is breeding and rearing a child and delivering a man to the society.
- From today's infants emerge tomorrow's worthy men and scholars.

- No one can claim that he no longer needs further education and cultivation, God's messenger, too, had this need to the end but God catered to his need. We all need further cultivation.
- The Majlis, the nation and the dedicated thinkers must believe this truth and seriously undertake the reform of culture, including schools from grammar school to university and block off deviation and perversion by all means.
- Take care, pre-university periods are more important than university because children's rational growth takes place in this period.
- Reform of the university is easy if our children have been supervised since high school days.
- School publicity programs should include "language", the world's living languages, those that have had the widest spread.
- Let the dedicated education institutes that care for the salvation of the country, afford particular importance to the dear children and youth on whose sound upbringing and education depends the future independence and freedom of the country.

KNOWLEDGE & THE KNOWING-MAN

- Real knowledge is that which is the guide light to Heaven, the straight path to proximity with the Lord and His generosity.
- Knowledge that begins in the name of God, is the light that guides.
- The bastion of knowledge, too, is a defense bastion, defense of all Islamic culture.
- Life under the umbrella of knowledge and awareness is so sweet and intimacy with books, pens and similar treasures provide such sweet and lasting recollections that over-shadow all failings and bitterness.

- If our country acquire knowledge and culture and learn how to direct knowledge and action, no power can dominate it.
- Man needs knowledge as well as education to the end of his life. No man can do without them.
- The language of Quran has great praise for knowledge which is accompanied with chastity.
- Knowledge and virtue (chastity), are, together, the criterion of values.
- Knowledge and performance, knowledge and commitment are the two wings, that together, can soar to the highest stage of progress and excellence.
- A man who has both knowledge and virtue is happy both here and in the Hereafter!
- Knowledge alone if not harmful, will not be fruitful.
- If you and I think that knowledge, in any form, is bliss, we will be mistaken.
- Knowledge in a corrupt heart or mind will cause losses much greater than that of ignorance.
- Woe unto the seeker of knowledge whose heart becomes tarnished by it!
- Know that if the knower, regardless of who he is, has not been purged by Islamic standards and does not develop Islamic ethics, he will be harmful to Islam, not beneficial.
- If the "awlem" (= knower, scholar) be not virtuous he will be harmful to himself, his country, nation and Islam even though he may know Islamic decrees, know monotheism, etc.
- If "court-preachers" let, and do not upset our union, God willing, we shall triumph, so will the Islamic governments and countries.

- The evil of a corrupt but learned man is more dangerous to Islam than all other evils.
- A corrupt "awlem" (learned person) corrupts the world.
- Many are the learned, highly learned men who frequently harm the country and Islam because they lack Islamic education.
- Let our learned men, our university professors and our youth not fear the West rather, determine to rise up and challenge it!
- As long as man wants to continue life under cover of tanks and machineguns, he cannot be human, nor attain human goals. When pens triumph over machineguns and man's knowledge reach a stage to put aside the machineguns and knowledge and pens occupy the arenas, then people attain Islamic and human aims and reach utmost in knowledge.

THE STATION OF THE CLERGY & THE THEOLOGIC CENTERS

- The Clergy has no view other than improvement of the nations circumstances and the maintenance of the country's independence.
- The Clergy are father to the nation and like their children.
- What the Clergy want is implementation of Islamic laws.
- If Islamic sciences did not have specialists, no traces of the Religion could be found now. And if specialists be not had in the future, this great dam before the aliens will be destroyed and the way for colonializers to enter will be thrown wide open.
- If the foqaha (jurisconsults) were not present none could know what knowledge or sciences would be forced down the people's throats in the name of Quranic knowledge and the knowledge of the Prophet's progeny

(Ahl-e-Bayt).¹

- Islam minus the Clergy equals medical sciences minus physicians.
- These (the clergy) are manifestations of Islam, of the Prophet (SAW) and are promulgators of the Quran.
- The clergy who are educators of mankind, have sat in the places of prophets and are appointed by them.
- Without a doubt the theologic centers and the dedicated ulema (high learned clergy) have, during the history of Islam and Shiism, been the most important and solid base of Islam visa vis attacks, perversions and deviations.
- There are clergymen who, on the basis of their understanding of Islam, have always been pioneers in social movements and political fights.
- The fighting Muslim ulema have always been targets for the poisoned arrows of the worldmongers, the first shots of any such incident has always been aimed at their hearts.
- Praise and honor is due to the martyrs of the Theologic Centers and the ulema who, at the height of fighting severed the ties of classroom lessons and arguments and removed the shackle of worldly demands from the Truth of knowledge and thus, care free, they joined the reception of dwellers of Heaven and sang songs in their circles.
- Those who have enjoyed the recitation circle of the mystics, the pre-dawn prayers of supplicators in the Theologic Centers and of the clergy, in the ecstasy of their Presence saw nothing but desire for martyrdom.

1. According to unquestionable narratives recorded in both sunni and shiite texts, the term "Ahl-e-Bayt" is a blessed appellation that belongs exclusively to the Prophet (SAW), Ali (a.s.), Hasan (a.s.) and Hosein (a.s.). According to this same narration and others, of the 12 Infallible Imams, nine who are progeny of Imam Hosein (a.s.) are included in the Ahl-e-Bayt and, thus, the Ahl-e-Bayt are same as the 14 Innocent ones. In the Holy Quran love and affection for the Ahl-e-Bayt is recommend and is viewed as the Prophet's reward.

- Greetings to the eternal epic-makers of the clergy who penned their academic and practical treatises by the "blood of martyrdom" and the "ink of blood" and on the pulpit of guidance, sermon and lecture to the people, created night-penetrating luster by the candle of their life-light.
- The Clergy is a great force with the loss of which, God forbid, the pillars of Islam may crumble down and the enemy's power remain uncontested.
- Do not lose the power which is Clergy as it is divine might.
- Islam has reached this point by the effort of the Clergy.
- I testify, most assuredly, that if persons other than Clergy were guiding the Revolution's movements and decisions, today nothing would have been left for us except shame and humiliation vis a vis America and worldmongers and about turn from all Islamic and Revolutionary beliefs.
- In any divine and popular movement, the ulma of Islam have been the first to feel the blood of martyrdom painted on their brows.
- Which popular-Islamic revolution can we name in the conduct of which the theologic centers and the Clergy had not been the pioneers and had not gone to the gallows, and whose sacred mutilated bodies on street pavements had not born witness to their earliest martyrdom.
- People's attention cannot be drawn to a thing except by the act of the Clergy. What - so - ever was gained in the course of history came by the acts of the Clergy and the people. Whenever these two elements were excluded from the scenes, result was always corruption.
- It can be taken for granted that in any invitation to defend justice, the true clergy of Islam and Shiism should be the first to offer sacrifices of their lives in the blood smeared path of people's struggle and thus be the seal to the books of martyrdom.
- The clergy have always been opposed to the power-wielders.

- The dedicated Clergy thirsts for the blood of leech-like capitalists and has not had nor will ever have the inclination to compromise with them.
- Let the honorable people of Iran know that any propaganda levied against the Clergy, its aim is to destroy the Revolutionary Clergy.
- The aim of foreigners is to (destroy) the Quran and the clergy.
- The "crime" of Muslim ulema and other Muslims is that they defend the Quran, the chastity of Islam and the independence of the country and that they are opposed to colonialization.
- In the absence of the clergy, none can preserve Islam.
- The defeat of the Clergy is the defeat of Islam!
- If the Clergy be broken up, Islam is broken up!
- If the Clergy be beaten, the Islamic republic is beaten.
- You cannot reform your country without the Clergy.
- Islam minus the Clergy means that we do not want Islam.
- It is up to the younger classes to try to preserve the Clergy and the Clergymen.
- Do all possible to preserve the link between your Islam and the clergy.
- Islam needs the ulema to the end for without them Islam will be dissolved.
- It is incumbent on the nation to follow the Clergy and disregard the propaganda that is levied against them.
- The theologic centers are parts of society and the people.
- If the theologic centers be rectified, Iran will be rectified.

- Many are those who claim excellence, crusade, bravery and dedication to the Truth and Religion but few are those that possess excellence, crusading spirit and dedication to the Truth and Religion.
- At a time when pens were broken, tongues were clamped and throats were smothered he (Martyred Ayatullah Mudarris)¹ did not desist from stating the Truth and condemning Falsehood.

1. Seyyed Hasan Mudarris (1278–1357 a.h.l.) is an outstanding politico-religious figure of Iran's contemporary history. He had received his elementary education in Isfahan and studied complementary sciences in Najaf (Atabat-e-Aliawt) with a prominent scholar such as Akhund-e-Khorasani and returned to Isfahan after acquiring the Degree of jurisconsult and began to teach jurisprudence (fiqh) and principles of faith in that city. Mudarris was selected by the prominent Reference Authorities (marajae-taqlid=highly learned Shiite scholars to whom Muslims may refer for consultation and to seek guidance) and the ulema of Najaf as one of the five delegates to the National Consultative Assembly to oversee legislation in Majlis' Second Term. He was elected as a Majlis representative for its third legislative term. Mudarris was arrested and sent to live in exile in the Coup d'etat of Reza Khan but when released he was again elected by the people and sent to the Majlis. During the fourth legislative period, Mudarris assumed the leadership of the majority faction opposed to Reza Khan. In the 5th and 6th legislative sessions of the Majlis, Mudarris opposed the conversion of the constitutional form of government to republic form which Reza Khan wanted and prevented the Majlis from approving the related measure. Mudarris firmly opposed the autocratic moves of Reza Khan. The Shah arranged for his terror and as he escaped, he was exiled to Kashmar and Khauf (a city of Khorasan). Eleven years later, on the 27th of Ramazan, 1357, a.h.l. Shah's agents poisoned Mudarris and thus a most prominent politico-religious personality of Iran attained to martyrdom in the path of God. Mudarris had outstanding properties and qualities. In spite of political and religious influence, he lived a very simple, ascetic life. Imam Khomeini (s.a.) spoke of him with due respect. The Revolution reader wrote the following on the occasion of reconstruction of Mudarris tomb: "At a time when pens were broken, tongues were clamped and throats were smothered, he (Mudarris) did not desist from stating the truth and condemning falsehood ... With his rather small and weak body, and great spirit and a soul cheerful with faith, sincerity, truth, and a tongue as Ali's blade, this spiritual scholar stood up against enemies, cried the truths, revealed crimes, cornered Reza Khan, made life miserable for him and, at last, offered his own sacred life in the path of the dear Islam and the nation and was martyred by the hands of the despotic monarch's stooges in exile, and joined his holy ancestors"

- Mutahhari¹, whom few could match in purity of spirit, strength of faith and power of speech, went and joined High Heavens. But, let ill-wishers know his Islamic, scientific and philosophic personality will not part (with us).
- The martyrdom of this worthy, eternally learned son (Mutahhari) has created a dent in Islam that nothing can mend.
- Mutahhari was, a dear son to me, a solid backing for scientific and theologic centers and useful servant to the nation and country.
- I have lost a very dear son (Mutahhari) and mourn his loss. He was one of the personalities who are the fruits of my life.
- I congratulate Islam, Man's grand Educator and the Islamic ummat, for rearing and cultivating such sons who, by their radiant lights enliven the "dead" and brighten all darkness.
- If you think you can find, in all the world, one man among all presidents,

1. Professor Martyr, Murtiza Mutahhari (1298–1358 a.h.s.) was born Bahman the 13th, 1298 in the village of Fariman near Mashhad to a clergymen family. At 12, he went to Mashhad where he learned the basics of Islamic sciences and then moved to Qum where he attended the classes conducted by the great authorities of that theologic center. From 1319, Mutahhari took part in classes led by His Holiness Imam Khomeini (s.a.) and other famous professors of the time. Moreover, he himself conducted lessons in subjects like arabic literature, logic, kalam, jurisprudence and philosophy.

In 1331 Mutahhari was transferred from Qum to Tehran and in 1334 he was invited to teach Islamic sciences at the Tehran University, Faculty of Islamic Sciences. Mutahhari was arrested at midnight, of the 15th of Khordad, 1342 and spent 43 days in prison. After Imam Khomeini's migration to Paris, Mutahhari went to meet him and His Honor assigned him responsibility of organizing the Revolutionary Council.

On the night of Ordibehesht 11, 1358 (1.5.1979) Mutahhari was martyred by an agent of the Furqan terrorist group. He wrote more than 50 books, tens of articles and delivered scores of speeches. His Holiness Imam Khomeini (s.a.) said of Mutahhari: "His written and spoken words are, without exception, educational and enlivening ... I recommend that the students and intellectual groups do not let Mutahhari's words be forgotten by un-Islamic tricks"

kings, etc, as dedicated as Mr. Khamenei¹ to Islam and whose heart beats with love of service to this nation, you certainly can not.

- Qum is a city in which faith, knowledge and virtue are nurtured.
- From Qum knowledge has been and will be exported to all the world.
- Qum is the Sanctuary of the Ahl-e-Bayt(the household of the Prophet). It is the center of knowledge, chastity, martyrdom and courage.

THE DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CLERGY

- The responsibility of the Clergy and those who are in this sacred garb today is more than ever before in history.
- Men of knowledge are charged with more responsibility than others.
- In this confrontation between Islam and paganism the entire nation has responsibilities but the clergy are more responsible.
- The ulema of Islam have a duty to inform the Muslim people whenever they feel something is threatening the Quran and Islam.
- The ulema are obliged to combat monopolism, and the unlawful profiteering of the tyrants. Also, they must prevent conditions leading to affluence by a few and, by their side, a great many deprived and hungry.
- The foqaha (juris consults) must, by their crusade, by enjoining to good and interdicting evil, defame cruel governments and institute Islamic rule instead.

1. By this is meant the Imam (s.a.), the present leader of the Islamic Revolution. After the Imam's ascension, Ayatullah Seyyed Ali Khamenei was elected by a majority vote of delegates to the Assembly of Experts, as leader of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Before his selection as Leader, Mr Khamenei had been twice elected as President of the Islamic Republic.

- All of us, all Clergymen, all nations and all oppressed peoples of history, must arise and control these devils.
- The Theologic Centers and the clergy should always have the mental pulse and the future needs of the society in their hands and always, a few steps ahead of events, be ready for proper reaction.
- A mujtahid (highly learned in fiqh, an authority for deducing decrees and rules and laws from the various Islamic sources) must have the intelligence, cleverness and sagacity necessary for guiding a large Muslim, and even non-Muslim community and in addition to being sincere, virtuous and ascetic befitting the status of a Mujtahid, he should be a real director and administrator.
- In the Theologic Centers persons with chastity and versed in Islamic truths should educate the student-clerics.
- The professors who are in the religious centers must try to keep them purged.
- If you want your country's future to be bright, educate those who enter the theologic centers.
- If the religious or theologic centers be purged and dedicated, they can save a whole country.
- With respect to religious schools and centers I have often said that knowledge without virtue, if not harmful, is not useful.
- You gentlemen, who wish to invite the people to the Hereafter, invite them to obtain necessary qualifications. You must take the first step yourself if your call is to be just.
- Sometime, perhaps often, I feel a fear, which makes me uneasy, that, God forbid, people might go to Heaven for our sake and we go to the Hell.
- I fear that we, the Clergy be unable to perform the duties assigned to us.

- God forbid, may the Clergy never stray away from their status as "talaba" (student-clergy), for their departure may shake people's faith.
- If we deviate from the usual side of "student-clergy" and, God forbid, become inclined to material things while we call ourselves "clergy", it may lead to our defeat.
- You, the clergy group, may God aid you, if you do things that God forbid, make the nation turn away from you, in the long run, the day shall come when Fantoms(aircraft) will not be needed, the nation itself shoves you aside.
- Let no noise or excitement attend the appearance of a Friday Mass leader in a street, nor a street be cleared of people on that account. Such things diminish their prestige in the community.
- If, God forbid, people see that the gentlemen (clergy) have altered their circumstances, have erected buildings, their social intercourse does not suit their status as clergy, they may lose that which in their hearts they had felt and cherished re the clergy. If this happens, it will mean the end of Islam and the Islamic Republic.
- No pestilence and danger is more serious for the Clergy here on Earth as well as in the Hereafter, than inclination to material things or material relief and welfare, that is, striding in the path of worldly things.
- Nothing is more offensive than a clergyman turning mundane as it can corrupt the Clergy as readily as materialism.
- Whenever formalities expand, contents shrink!
- Simple living is that which has advanced the clergy so far and preserved it.
- In those days the clergy were oppressed. The face of an oppressed person is popular. The more you were oppressed in that regime, the more popular you became.
- The Clergy should evince a guiding attitude, they should not want to govern

or rule.

- If people see us do wrong and turn away from the Clergy due to the wrongs of some of us, the accruing responsibility is not personal, it is Islamic.
- If a single clergyman takes just one wrong step, people say: "That is how the Clergy are!" They won't say "that clergyman..."
- Pessimism toward the Clergy and their defeat are tantamount to the defeat of Islam.
- Tell my Revolutionary children for me that radicalism does not end well!
- I ask the honorable Clergy to be kind and fatherly to the young classes.
- The enemies have long been ready to create discord and disputes among the clergy, neglecting this will send everything to the winds.
- The disputes of the ulema are disputes of the nation not of the individual.
- I warn the clergy to interdict un-Islamic actions, if any is, God forbid, found among you. If such clergy did not heed, cast him out.
- Qum is a city of knowledge and Islam. If Qum errs, it will bounce all over the world.
- That which the clergy must never abandon, and should not heed other's propaganda in relation to it, is their support of the deprived and barefooted; for, anyone who does that, will have turned back from Islamic justice.
- An important point is the way the Clergy live, it must be simple!
- Compare the life of the author of "JawahirulKalam"¹ with the lives of

1. Sheikh Muhammad Hasan Najafi, renowned as "The Author of Jawahir (d. in Shaaban 1266) was a great faqih of the Imamate denomination as well as a prominent reference authority

clergymen today and you'll see the blow we have received by our own hands.

TRADITIONAL FIQH & JAWAHERI JURISPRUDENCE

- I am all in favor of the traditional fiqh and jurisprudence according to Jawaheri's practice and forbid its violation.
- If we deviate from the traditional fiqh, fiqh will be destroyed!
- You ought to preserve the fiqh with the same figure and force with which our forerunners have preserved it from the beginning until now.
- I have repeatedly emphasized that the lesson taught in the theologic centers should retain its traditional mode. Fiqh must be that which is prevalent among us.
- Fiqh is above all lessons but there are other important issues that must be practiced, also.
- The nature of the Revolution and Order consistently demand that differing jurisprudential—fiqh views and opinions, even if mutually contradictory, be freely announced.
- In Islamic government the road to adjudication or ijtihad (deducing religious decrees on some issue from authorized standing sources) must always be open.
- We cannot close up or stop ijtihad, it exists, has always existed and will exist in the future.

→ (marjae—taqlid) in Shiism. His reputation as "Sahib (author) of Jawahir" was for writing the book "Jawahir—ol—Kalawm" on various subjects of Fiqh.

PETRIFACTIONISM & PSEUDO-CLERGY

- The heartaches inflicted on your old father by this "petrified" group have been more painful than all that has been inflicted by others.
- Islam has been hurt more by these pseudo-clergymen, than by any other group – an outstanding example – the estrangement and oppression of the Master-of-the-faithful (Imam Ali (a.s.)) – is clearly recorded in history.
- The danger to theological centers from the petrified, stupid, pseudo-clergy is no small measure. Let the dear students not ignore these charming snakes for a moment.
- Do not think that only strangers have accused the clergy of having dependency ties and of atheism! Such blows that come from untutored clergy or from tutored but dependent clergy are much more vicious.
- Islam has probably been hurt more by unchaste ulema than by common people.
- Drive away from yourselves the hired clergy and the nationalists who know nothing of Islam and of the expediencies of the Muslims, for their harm to Islam is more than the harm of the worldmongers.

THE UNIVERSITY & UNIVERSITY PEOPLE

- University is the base of all changes.
- The destinies of this country are in the hands of university people.
- The destiny of a nation must be decided from the university.
- If a country's university be rectified, that country becomes rectified.

- Let university professors know that if they rectify their university, they'll have insured their country to the end.
- We must continue our work until the university has become Islamic and hence, useful to our country.
- The university must be Islamic before anything else. For the country's harms are all by people who do not know Islam.
- Islamization of the university means its independence, that it parts with the West, severs its dependency on the East, that we can have an independent country, an independent university and an independent culture.
- You dear students, make every effort to get out of this Westernization! Find out your lost one, your lost one is yourself.
- You must move the university in the direction of God, toward morality! Let all lessons be read, be read for God's sake!
- You, university men, try to cultivate human beings for if you do this you'll save your country!
- Let the university be a center for education. In addition to knowledge, cultivation is also necessary. A badly reared or bred scientist is harmful.
- A university must be the center for cultivation of human beings.
- If the university be a real university, and be Islamic, i.e., purification be realized along with schooling there and dedication be inbred in men then these factors can lead a country to happiness.
- A good university makes a nation happy and a non-Islamic university, a bad university makes a nation retrograde.
- These individuals who graduate from a university either make a country or break it.

- Whatever of good or evil that befalls a nation – dependence or independence – freedom or bondage and strangulation – are all subject to university training.
- It is the university which administers the affairs of a country. It is the university that trains present and future generations and, if the university be at the disposal of Eastern or Western pillagers, the country is at their disposal.
- Universities are on the top of all affairs and the destiny of a country depends on them, therefore, they must try to turn their faces away from the West and the East.
- Let speakers, intellectuals, thinkers, university men and scholars all direct their efforts at making our real enemy, America, disappointed.
- Hard effort and sacrifice is needed for a university to be a university.
- I hope we shall have a university which is useful to the nation.
- I hope the day comes when people from other countries come to study in Iran.
- I hope you have realized that all of the pains of Iran have started from the university.
- The universities must all wake up. From grammar school through the last university all be emptied of the Westernization and the East should stand on its own feet.
- If the universities and the schools are not rectified, we cannot hope to find an Islamic Republic.
- Islam is opposed to the corruption of universities, to retardation of universities and to colonial universities.
- If we take universities lightly and lose them, we have lost everything.

- If peace and tranquility be not present in the university, or in other training environs, how can the thinkers transmit their thoughts to the youth and train their brains to be thoughtful and experts.
- If universities become empty of learned men, of experts, foreign opportunists and profiteers will spread roots, as cancer everywhere in the country and assume supervision and management of our economic and scientific affairs.
- Most of the fatal blows received by this society, have been delivered by the majority of these intellectuals who have been to universities and who always regard themselves grand.
- I recommend to the concatenate generations to keep the universities away from Eastern or Western perversion in order to safeguard yourselves, the beloved country and the "human-cultivating" Islam.
- Let us not allow the universities to be drawn into perversion, ever; wherever such leaning is observed immediately rectify it. This vital matter should be tended to in the first instance by the able hands of the youths of the universities and teacher-training colleges.
- Greeting unto knowledge, unto university and unto the university men that are the nation's guide lights towards excellence, exaltation and virtues.
- Greeting unto the flourishing youth who, by the weapon of knowledge try to elevate and honor the beloved Islamic homeland, and do not spare any action in attaining to humane Islamic objectives.
- The most important factor in attaining to self-sufficiency and reconstruction is to expand scientific and research centers, to concentrate and guide all resources and to encourage the inventors, discoverers and the dedicated expert forces who have the sagacity to combat ignorance and have escaped from the exclusive trap of looking to the East or the West and thus demonstrated their ability to maintain the country on its own feet.
- The universities must become self-sufficient so that they won't need the knowledge of the West.

LINKS BETWEEN THEOLOGIC CENTERS & THE UNIVERSITY

- The independence of our country is related to these universities and Faiziyyas (schools for religious education).
- Know that if universities and the theologic schools are reformed, the independence of the country will be insured.
- From the university, whether teaching traditional or modern sciences, results either the happiness or the misery of nations.
- From the theologic school should emerge a qualified and fully dedicated scholar and be a core for the cultivation of men. The university, too, should be such a core.
- The university men and youth should establish, as much as possible, ties of friendship and understanding with the Clergy and student – clergymen and never ignore the perfidious enemy's plottings.
- Make efforts to develop the religious aspects in the university.
- Let the university strengthen its ties with Faiziyya and the Faiziyya with the university.

THE TEACHER

- A Teacher's occupation is the prophet's occupation. The Holy Prophet (SAW) is the teacher of all mankind and next to him His Holiness Ali (a.s.) is man's teacher.
- A teacher's duty is to guide the society towards God.

- You teachers have a highly noble duty which is that of God.
- A Teacher is a trustee other than ordinary, he is a trustee of men.
- The key to a nation's happiness or misery is in the hands of education groups.
- You (teachers) must all realize that you are not ordinary people, you are teachers of a generation that will have the future destiny of the country in its hands.
- Your occupation is to guide children from darkness into light.
- All teachers must practise self-purge. They must be purged if their word is to influence others.
- If teachers do not have a sound education and cultivation themselves they cannot train and educate the youth.
- Corruption and reformation of a society is in the hands of teachers and educators.
- These youngsters who are the future hopes of the Islamic country are trusts in the hands of teachers.
- All bliss and all wretchedness have their roots in schools and teachers have the keys.

LITERACY

- We shall eradicate illiteracy in best possible manner.
- Let the illiterate all rise to learn and all literate brothers and sisters rise to teach!
- It is shameful that there be individuals unable to read and write in a country

that has been a cradle of knowledge and lives under the banner of Islam, a religion that has declared acquisition of knowledge a duty.

- Our entire troubles throughout history has been due to the abuse made of the ignorance of people. By such abuse they made tools of the people against the people themselves. If people had knowledge that was guided it would have been impossible for the saboteurs to mobilize them in a direction contrary to their aim.

ISLAMIC ASSOCIATIONS

- I hope Iran may become one Islamic Association, entirely.
- All of Iran and all Islamic countries are just one Islamic association and that is the Divine Association.
- Every one of these honorable associations is a branch of that great Islamic Association under the guidance of the Imam-e-Zaman (lit., Imam or leader of the time=12th Shiite Imam now in occultation).
- Try to make Islam known to the people. Let these Islamic associations try to introduce to the world our matchless commodity, our matchless Quran and our unique tradition.
- I ask the Islamic Associations, every where, to strengthen their relations to the utmost, reject suspicious elements that are trying to divide them against themselves and present them to others, and place Islam and its liberating tenets as headlines to all their programs.
- Islamic associations are useful to you. If someone say they are useless, reactionary, this is the reaction of which we are all accused.
- If you do not reform yourselves and if you be not Islamic as you call yourselves, you cannot invite others to Islam.

- You have two commitments. one, to be Islamic yourselves and, two, to render Islamic the places where Islamic Association exist.
- Islamic Association must have Islamic beliefs.
- Surely, I have recommended that the Islamic Associations observe Islamic points of direction and interfere in no other affair.

Chapter Three

WOMEN'S PART IN THE COMMUNITY

- The woman has a great part in the society, she represents the realization of human ideals.
- The woman is the educator of mankind.
- Men ascend to high Heavens from the lap of the women.
- Woman is the only being that can deliver individuals to society by whose blessing the community, rather entire communities are drawn to resistance and lofty human values.
- A woman's part in the community is above that of a man, because, women, ladies, in addition to being active in all dimensions, they rear and educate all active layers in their laps.
- I observe a wonderous change in the community of women, far beyond that of men.

- I take pride in Iranian women for undergoing such evolutionary change that destroyed more than 50 years of evil designs by foreign plotters and their ignoble associates including ribald poets, writers and hired publicity media.
- In our age women have proved that in a fight they march by the side of men or ahead of them.
- We are honored that the women, small or big, young or old, all are present in the cultural, economic and military scenes by the side of men and, better than them, work for the elevation of Islam and the aims of the holy Quran.
- Whenever I see the ladies who, by their decisive will are ready to suffer all sorts of hardship, rather, to attain martyrdom for the sake of objective, I feel assured that this path leads to victory.
- The ladies are leaders of our Movement.
- You brave ladies insured the victory for Islam, shoulder-to-shoulder, with the men.
- You sisters had a great part in this Movement.
- You brave, dear sisters insured victory for Islam, shoulder-to-shoulder with men.
- Our men are indebted to the braveries of you lion-hearted women.
- We owe much of the successes to the services of you ladies.
- Much of the men's services is due to women.
- Iranian women have a larger part than men in this Movement and Revolution.
- Our dear ladies inspired the men with courage and bravery.
- We have this victory from the ladies before men.

- What was greater than anything else to Iran was the change that women went through.
- If this Islamic Revolution had nothing except the changes that have occurred in the ladies and the youth, that alone would have been enough for our country!
- The nations whose women are in the frontline to advance the Islamic aims, will not come to harms.
- What honor is greater than the fact that our noble ladies stood up in the first lines against the former cruel regime and, after destroying that, stood up against the superpowers and demonstrated such resistance the like of which has not been recorded, in any age, not even for men.
- Let ladies be pioneers in educating the noble society.
- If man – making women be taken away from a nation, that nation will meet with decay and defeat.
- Corruption and purification of a society has its roots in the corruption and purification of its women.
- You men and women of history should demonstrate to the world and the future generations how to be steadfast in beating the oppressors and defending justice!

WOMEN'S RIGHTS

- Islam has conferred liberty on women.
- Islam not only approves rights for women, rather, is itself one of the founders of women's liberties in all its feminine aspects.
- Not only Shiism does not exclude women from the arena of social life, rather,

it places women in their lofty human station.

- In Islamic Order women enjoy the same rights as men—rights to education, work, ownership to vote in elections and to be voted in.
- From the viewpoint of human rights, there is no difference between men and women because both are human and women can decide about their own destinies just like men.
- Women are free, just as men, to choose their own destiny and activities.
- In Islamic Order, women, as human beings, can have active participation, along with the men, in building an Islamic society.
- Islam has rescued women from the humiliation and disgraces of the age of ignorance prior to Islam. God knows Islam has served women much more than it has served the men.
- From Islamic viewpoint, women have sensitive roles in the erection of the Islamic community. Islam promotes the woman to the extent that she be able to recover her human status in the community and cast off her status as an object, and, commensurate with such growth, she can assume responsibilities in developing the Islamic government.
- Today, ladies should perform their religious and social duties and preserve the public chastity while they do social and political work.
- That which Islam opposes and has declared taboo is corruption by either men or women. We aim to save the women from the vices that threaten them.
- We want women to be on their exalted human status and not be a plaything.
- Islam does not want women to be in the hands of men as objects or dolls. Islam wants to protect the personality of the women and develop them into serious, efficient and capable beings.
- Islam wants the human prestige of men and women to be maintained.

- In Islam, women must be veiled, they need not don the chador. A woman may wear anything that provides her veil.

WOMEN'S DAY

- If there is to be a "Women's Day", none is more apt, meritorious, auspicious and honorable than the blessed birthday of her holiness Fatima Zahra (a.s.).
- May Women's Day bring blessing to the great Iranian nation especially the women, the honorable day of a radiant element who is the underlying foundation of all human excellences and the exalted values of the "caliph of God" on earth.

THE STATION OF MOTHER

- No occupation is more honorable than motherhood.
- A mother's service to the community is greater than of a teacher, it is greater than all other services.
- A child's first school is the mother's lap.
- Children receive better breeding in their mothers' laps than by professors.
- A mother's lap is the greatest school in which a child is educated.
- Good mothers rear and cultivate good children.
- If mother be chaste, they deliver chaste children.
- If, God forbid, a mother be pervert her children will be perverts from her lap.
- You ladies, enjoy the honor of motherhood and you exceed men in such

honor.

- The soundness of countries is due to you, you mothers. Prosperity and poverty of the countries, too, is due to you.
- May the Praise of God descend upon mothers who send their brave youths to defend justice and take pride in their martyrdom.
- That nation, whose brave sisters and mothers take pride in the death of their young, who rank with the martyrs, is victorious.
- The brave mothers of the children of Islam have revived the memory of the bravery and self-sacrifices of the champion women of all history.
- Education originally begins in the mother pure lap and at the side of the father and by their proper Islamic breeding and education , independence, freedom and dedication to the country's expediencies are insured.

AIDES OF THE REVOLUTION

(families of martyrs, surviving veterans, freed prisoners of war)

- We are all from God, the entire world is of God, is God manifestation and the whole world shall return unto Him. Therefore, much better that the return be by choice and selection, with man opting martyrdom in the Path of God and Islam and choose death for God's sake.
- You, families of the martyrs! By the martyrdom of the honored ones of this land you made the entire world understand that in the Path of Islam you will sacrifice all your dear ones.
- (to the families of the martyrs): You are the sight and the light of this nation!
- We hope you dear children who are mementoes of those sacrificed in the Path of God and Islam, will, like your noble fathers, prepare yourselves for the

defense of the greater Islam and the dear homeland.

- The families of the martyrs, the prisoners of war, the missing, the surviving veterans are themselves protectors of the values of martyrdom and sacrifice and, God willing, shall maintain this watch.
- You families of martyrs, of the disabled and of the injured, you demonstrated that you will not ever let colonialism over-shadow the destiny of this country.
- Martyrs of the Great Revolution, even as the martyrs of early Islam are greatly valued and honored in the Presence of God and are praised and blessed by Him and His Saints!
- Your service (authorities of the Martyrs Foundation) is the most worthy and valuable service.
- Your services to them (families of martyrs) is service to the holy Prophet, is service to all prophets.
- Whenever I meet these dear ones or see the human-cultivating testament of a martyr, I feel humble and belittled.
- The martyrs' tombs, the bodies of the handicapped relate and bear witness to the greatness of their eternal souls.
- You (to: children of martyrs) are the truthful witnesses and mementoes of iron wills, the most exemplar, sincere servants of God.
- I am interested to see you each a learned man; a dedicated expert for the true Islam of Muhammad (SAW); a mighty challenger of Islam, American version, and the Islam of the affluent; a faithful flag-carrier for your own sacrificers and martyrs and be able by the light of knowledge and virtue, to wipe off Islam's lap the darkness of discord, of crooked thinking, of petrifications, and of the sanctimoneous.
- The shining record of the martyrdom and sacrifices of your dear ones is true

witness to acquisition of highest moral degrees and stations by them, signed and stamped by the Pleasure of God and your record is pawned to your effort and struggle.

- Life in today's world is life in the school of the will and the happiness or misery of any man is geared to the will of same man.
- The cherished Missing Ones are pivots to God's endless sea and those with inherent want in this base world are dumbfounded at the majesty of their station.
- Convey my greetings and love to these valuable capital assets of the Revolution, these mementoes of eternal teachers of the school of love and martyrdom.
- Let no harsh word be ever said to these survivors of martyrs and the incapacitated.
- The wounded and the disabled ones are, per se, lights of guidance who in all corners of this land, show the way to happiness to those steadfast in faith.
- Praise unto you, disabled and incapacitated ones, who gave your limbs and health to enhance the status of the Quran.
- You are the telling language of honor, the telling tongue of Islam.
- Those who abuse the blood of the youth, of the disabled for their own sake and power are outside the essence of man's nature.
- Whatever the Islamic Revolution has is by the blessing of the struggles of the martyrs and sacrificers.
- O martyrs, lo and behold! Rest assured by the side of God Almighty, your nation shall not abandon your victory!
- You survivors of blood—buried martyrs and you disabled ones who insured for yourself the eternal life by the sacrifice of your health, be sure your nation

is determined to guard your victory until the sovereignty of Allah is initiated, until the advent of the Baqiyyatullah (a.s.) (=a title of the 12th Imam now in occultation).

THE YOUNG & THE YOUTH

- We need our young to be bred as human beings, that is, by Islamic education.
- Cultivate the young even as you teach them.
- These young folks, who must keep and administer this country in future, must be bred and educated properly.
- Islam is concerned with purging of our children and youth more than anything else.
- Purge yourselves of carnal desires while you are young and enjoy the power of youth.
- Youth days are the spring of Repentance for the sins weigh less, darkness of the heart and conscience is lighter and the terms of Repentance are easier.
- I want the youth, girls and boys not to sacrifice independence, freedom and human values, even by tolerating hardships, for luxury, saturnalia and presence in centers of vice, things that are presented to you by the West and its homeless agents.
- Those who, during the last 50 odd years and in the course of history wanted to rob us, tried to make our youth indifferent.
- In the study and research of Islamic truths, Muslim youth should consider and look for genuine Islamic accounts in the political, economic, social, etc areas and never forget the distinctions that separate Islam from all other schools.
- The young folks should know that no man will care for the ummat unless he believes in morality, monotheism and Resurrection.

- You prolific young people, you honorable students who are my hope, you should be awake wherever you are in Iran, and defend your rights with alertness!
- Our people, men, women, young or old and our children, all should make sacrifices in the path of Islam, for the honor of Islam and their homeland and for the glory of Quran.
- You, dear youth, admit no disappointment or despair, truth shall prevail!
- By the might of you young folks this country shall be reformed!
- What an honor, to have such prolific youth of our country serving Islam!
- The change that has occurred in our youth, in men, in those who are dedicated, is more important than the change that has come about in the country.
- You youth, who are my hope and my promise, try to safeguard your unity of word!
- It is incumbent on you, worthy youth of Islam who are my hope to make the nations aware and reveal the vicious and devastating plans of the colonizers.
- It is incumbent on you the enlightened youth not to rest until you have awakened the dormant people from their fatal slumber and impart awareness to the negligent by disclosing to them the treasonous and criminal acts of the colonizers and their uncultured followers.
- You young generation, you have a duty to awaken the Westernized individuals and expose their inhuman rule and crimes.
- Some of our young have sacrificed their national prestige for the West and this was a spiritual set-back to us worse than all others we had.
- Let our young not think that everything is in the West and they have nothing themselves.

Chapter Four

SOCIAL JUSTICE

- The Iranians want justice, liberty and independence and believe they can achieve them only by the light of Islam and its laws.
- Enforce justice, do not justice only for others, seek it for yourselves as well.
- Justice is justice and cruelty and crime are cruelty and crime regardless of the source.
- Deviation from temperance and moderation and from divine justice and the straight path is perversion and avoiding them is a divine duty.
- Let the people of the world know that one must not relent one moment his efforts in the Path of God, and for initiating divine justice and severing the hands of the pagans. One must give everything, even the likes of Samuel (Ismail, the Zabihullah) so that justice may perpetuate.

DEFENSE OF THE OPPRESSED & DEPRIVED

- Defending the mustazafin (=the meek, the oppressed, the deprived, etc) is the way of Islam!
- In pursuit of the grand Islam, we support all oppressed peoples.
- I doubt if a worship loftier than service to the deprived exists!
- My dear friends! Prepare yourselves for service to Islam and the deprived nation. Tighten your belts to serve God's servants which is service to Him!
- I advise all to make every effort for the welfare and relief of the deprived classes, your charity and reward in this and in the next world lies in helping the deprived.
- What a worthy thing it would be if the well-to-do classes volunteer to provide relief and housing for the slum dwellers for it would constitute their good deed and reward for this life and for the Hereafter. It is unfair that one own scores of apartments and so many others not have a roof over their heads!
- That day is our day for cheer and celebration when our needy, and deprived acquire decent living and welfare and gain proper Islamic training and education.
- The important point is that the deprived classes receive the most attention.
- God forbid the day when it becomes our policy and that of our authorities to let up our defense of the deprived and turn to the support of the capitalists.
- Islam has come for the meek and the deprived, it's aims are essentially centered on them.
- This century, Almighty God willing, is the century in which the oppressed overpower the arrogant and Truth smashes Falsehood!

- Serve the oppressed, the needy and the slum-dwellers for they are our benefactors!
- No service is worthier before God than service to the slum-dwellers!

PALACE & SLUM DWELLERS

- We must try to purge this nation of the culture of palace residency.
- Most of the corrupt modes of bad conduct reach the people through the affluent classes.
- The nature of palatial living negates sound and correct upbringing. It negates effort, invention, creation and compilation.
- When considering our rich fiqh and our rich philosophy, we realize that those who have thus enriched our religious culture were all from among the slum dwellers, none came from among the denizens of "palaces".
- The shaking and infirmity of the "palace" residents is absent in slum residents. The peace that these enjoy is the envy of those in "high" places.
- We suffered badly at the hand of palace residents during the Constitutional Movement. The Majlis sessions and terms were filled by these, among them were a few slum dwellers who prevented a great deal of the deviations.
- Today, thanks God, none of our men are "palace" residents, our government is not a "palatial" government. The day our government acquires a leaning toward "palaces", that day we should let the nation's and the government's death knells peal.
- The day our President, God forbid, departs from the culture of slum-dwelling and moves over to "palatial" living, that day his degeneration and the degeneration of those he is in contact with, begins.

- Would that the "palace" residents observe the circumstances of our suffering people, perhaps they could then stop aiding America with its crimes.
- You "flourishing" slum-dwelling youth enjoy greater honor than the "palace" residents, it is you who preserved Islam!
- One strand of the hair of these slum-dwellers and offerers of martyrs is superior and nobler than all of the world's palaces and their denizens.
- These "downtowners" as you term them and barefooted, these are our benefactors.
- Without the help of the deprived peoples government could not prevail.
- Without the aid of these deprived groups, these villagers and people south of the cities, we would not have been able to resist the difficulties and the former regime could not have been overthrown!
- Only those will remain with us to the end who have experienced the pangs of poverty, of deprivation and of oppression!

LABOUR & THE LABOURER

- The survival of a nation is due to work and the worker.
- The workers are among the most valuable and useful groups in a society.
- The great wheel of human communities moves and turns by the able hands of the workers.
- Labour Day is burial day for the domination of the superpowers.

AGRICULTURE

- Iran is a country that must have a rich agriculture for it is an agricultural country.
- You farmers, who are the nation's greatest support, must continue your agricultural activities.
- You well know that we are in need of foreigners for food staples, we must make up for this ourselves and this calls for dedication by our farmers!
- The worker and the farmer form the basic core of any country. The economic base of a country is dependent on the work of the workers and farmers.
- Farmers and workers are the backbone of the country's independence.
- The "land-reform"¹ we seek, will enable farmer to enjoy the fruit of his labour and it will duly penalize the owners who have acted contrary to Islamic decrees.

1. "Land Reform" was a major policy of neo-colonialism which was enforced in all countries dominated by colonialism from Latin America to Asia and Africa through the local governments in a nearly uniform pattern. In 1341 a.h.s (1962) the Shah, in order to gain the confidence of American capitalism, to demonstrate his agreement and cooperation with the new strategy and to open up new markets to Western economy, on the one hand, to reduce the gravity of domestic conditions and to prevent the spread of peoples' unrest which posed the danger of an imminent social explosion, started the "Land Reform" program in Iran as the first of the sixfold principles of the Revolution of the Shah and People and thus brought the country's economy to the brim of bankruptcy.

"Land Reform" in Iran, which depended on foreign mostly American, capital investment in commerce and related industries, gravely damaged Iranian agriculture so much so, that the country in a few years was reduced from the station of a wheat – exporting country to a major wheat – importing state! On the other hand, migration of villagers to the cities and their absorption, in industries and services, as cheap labour, deprived 20000 Iranian villages of all inhabitants over a period of 11 years (1345–1356).

- The farmers crusade means enhancing their agriculture.

CAPITAL & THE MARKET

- Right now the market is in the hands of the pseudo-religious. Just because there is no one to dictate prices and put them under pressure, is no reason for unfair dealing, the local governors must prevent overcharging!
- Islam does not favour unbridled, oppressive capitalism which deprives the masses. Rather, Islam condemns such practices severely in Quran and Tradition and regards it against social justice. Nor is Islam in accord with regimes like communism, Marxist-Leninism which oppose private ownership and favor common ownership.

RETURN OF THE EXPERTS TO THE COUNTRY

- The bosoms of the country and the Revolution are ever open to those who have intended or still intend to return and render service but not at the price of their demands on all principles.

PART FOUR

IMAM KHOMEINI (S)

- I would rather be called servant than leader. Leadership is not the issue, service is topical. Islam has made it incumbent on us to serve.
- Leadership is of no concern to Islam and me, fraternity is!
- I am a brother to the people of Iran and regard myself as a servant and soldier of them.
- I ask Almighty God to grant success to all. I have come from outside to serve you. I am your sevant and the servant of your nation.
- I have come to offer the bonds of my service to you, that I shall be a servant to all as long as I live, servant of Islamic nations, servant to the great Iranian nation, servant to university people, to the Clergy; servant to all layers of the population of the country, to all layers in all Islamic countries and to all the oppressed peoples of the world.
- I, who am one of the servants of the grand ulema and of the Islamic nation,

am ready, in times of danger and for the good of Islam, to bow in humility to the least and lowest individual, let alone to the grand ulema and the great marajae (religious authorities), may God increase the likes of them!

- I pray for all of you and am servant to all the nation and I hope to be able to complete my service and find opportunity to finish it.
- Khomeini kisses the hands of everyone of you and pays his respects to each of you and sees every of you as his leader, as I have often said I am one and same with you.
- I have come to safeguard your honor, and to destroy your enemies.
- I need no financial aid. I fight the Shah with a pen and a sheet of paper and, if I needed help, my nation will help me.
- Place is no issue with me. The issue with me is performing the divine duty, the higher expediencies of Islam and of the Muslims.
- Place is no issue with me. The issue with me is struggling against oppression. Wherever it is made better, I will be over there.
- I have now prepared my heart for the bayonets of your agents but will not prepare it for humility before your oppressive stooges.
- I put no value on a few days of life in disgrace.
- If you hang Khomeini, he will not compromise!
- Even if Khomeini compromises with you, the Islamic nation will not!
- The Iranian nation must know that I will be by your side and fight along with you to the last breath for the preservation of Islamic laws and the expediencies of the country.
- God knows that I ask no rights, privileges, immunities or prerogatives for myself. If I err, I am ready for the consequences.

- I hope Khomeini will never deviate from the straight path of Islam which is to fight the oppressive powers.
- Those who have known me, know that if there is something that I must do, I do it and nothing can influence me to the contrary.
- I have often declared that I have not entered in a contract of brotherhood with anyone regardless of station or status. The framework of my friendship lies in the rightful path of every individual.
- I declare if anyone ascribes to me something contrary to Islamic decrees, that person lies.
- If ever I see it is expedient to Islam that I say something, I'll say it and follow it up without fear of anything. Thanks God, I've not felt fear so far. The day they were taking me away, it was they who were afraid and I pacified them.
- I am not one to issue a decree and sit by to take a nap, I follow it.
- I am not a pope to hold some rites only Sundays and be a monarch unto myself the rest of the time and not mind any other thing.
- The reason I gave up my job (as student clergyman) and came here is that we had no competent government and no competent power.
- I extend a hand in brotherhood to all Muslim nations, in the East and in the West and to all Muslims of the world.
- I shake hands with all the Islamic nations and the freedom-fighters of the world for uprooting colonialization and breaking the chains of serfdom, to restore independence to Islamic countries.
- I kiss the hands and arms of all the dear people who, all over the world, are shouldering the weight of the challenge and are determined to crusade in the path of God and enhance the honor of Islam and I present my sincere greetings to all the blossoms of liberty and excellence.

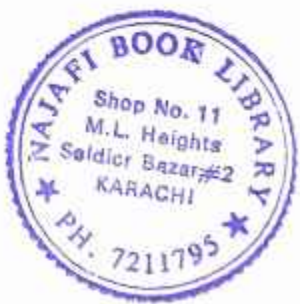
- At the end of life I humbly extend my hand to all the groups who struggle and make sacrifices for the maintenance of Islamic decrees which is the only road to the happiness of Iran and to insure this country's independence and freedom against colonialization, old and new.
- I have done and will continue to do all in my power for unity to be achieved by all layers of the Islamic nation.
- I advise the Iranian nation that if derogatory words about me are said or written in the Press no one has the right to utter a word. I have forbidden replying to such words because such things are plots and should be neutralized by silence and if plottings increase, we shall put them out by fists.
- Although I have lost a dear son who was part of my being (lit., body) yet I am proud that Islam has had and still has such dedicated sons.
- I always envy the serenity and sincerity of the enlisted volunteers (the basijians) and I ask God to associate me with them (at Resurrection) for in this world being a basiji is a source of pride to me.
- I have readied my unworthy blood and life to pay God's dues and for performing the obligation to defend the Muslims and I wait to attend to the honor of martyrdom.
- Whenever I study the morale of men and women who lost their youths yet stood up against misfortune bravely, I feel ashamed.
- All of us are brothers and sisters and all are soldiers of Islam. I hope that in the Divine Book in which the names of soldiers are recorded, ours, too, may be recorded.
- I hope to attain to one of the two great good things, either advance and establish justice and truth or martyrdom in path of Truth which is the Path of God.
- Let the powers, the superpowers and their servants be assured that if Khomeini remains all alone, he will continue his road which is fighting

paganism, oppression, polytheism and idolatry and, along with the basijians of the world of Islam, these barefooted ones who have displeased the dictators, and with God's help, will deprive the eyes of the worldmongers and their agents who insist on doing injustice of an hour of restful sleep.

- Heaven forbid that Khomeini remain silent and calm *visa vis* the aggressions of fiendish atheists, pagans, trespassers on the sanctuary of the Holy Quran and the Household of the messenger of God and to the ummat of Muhammad (SAW) and followers of Abraham (a.s.), and observe Muslims in the scenes of misery and abjection!!
- Our Movement is not dependent on individual, it is popular, the nation are all leaders, all have woken up.

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