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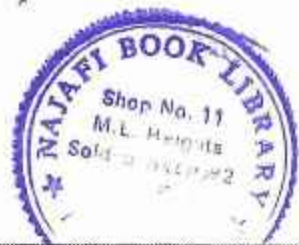
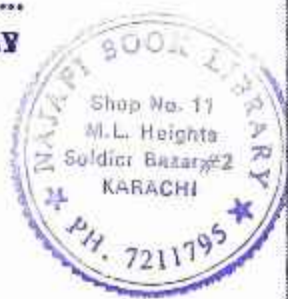
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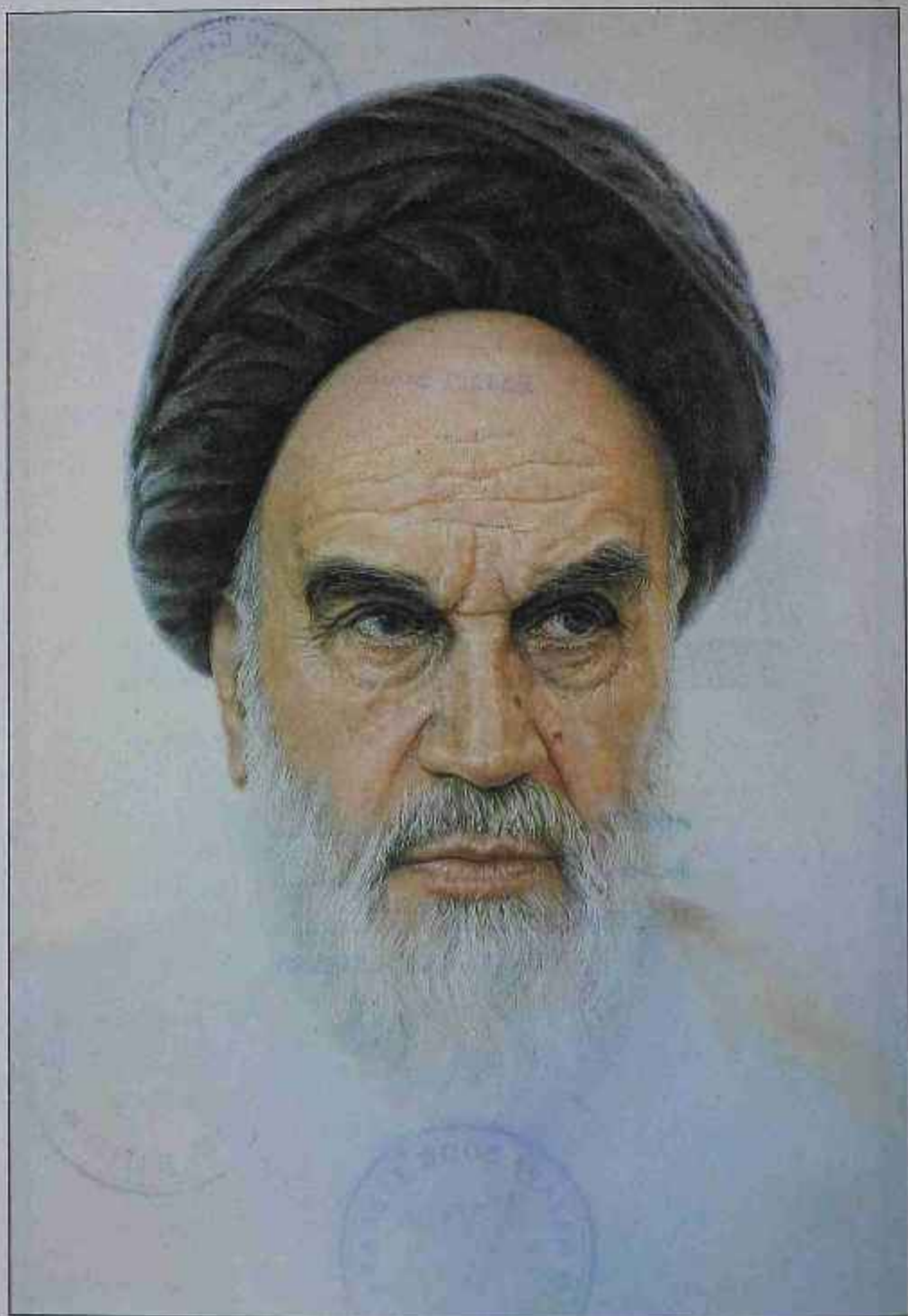
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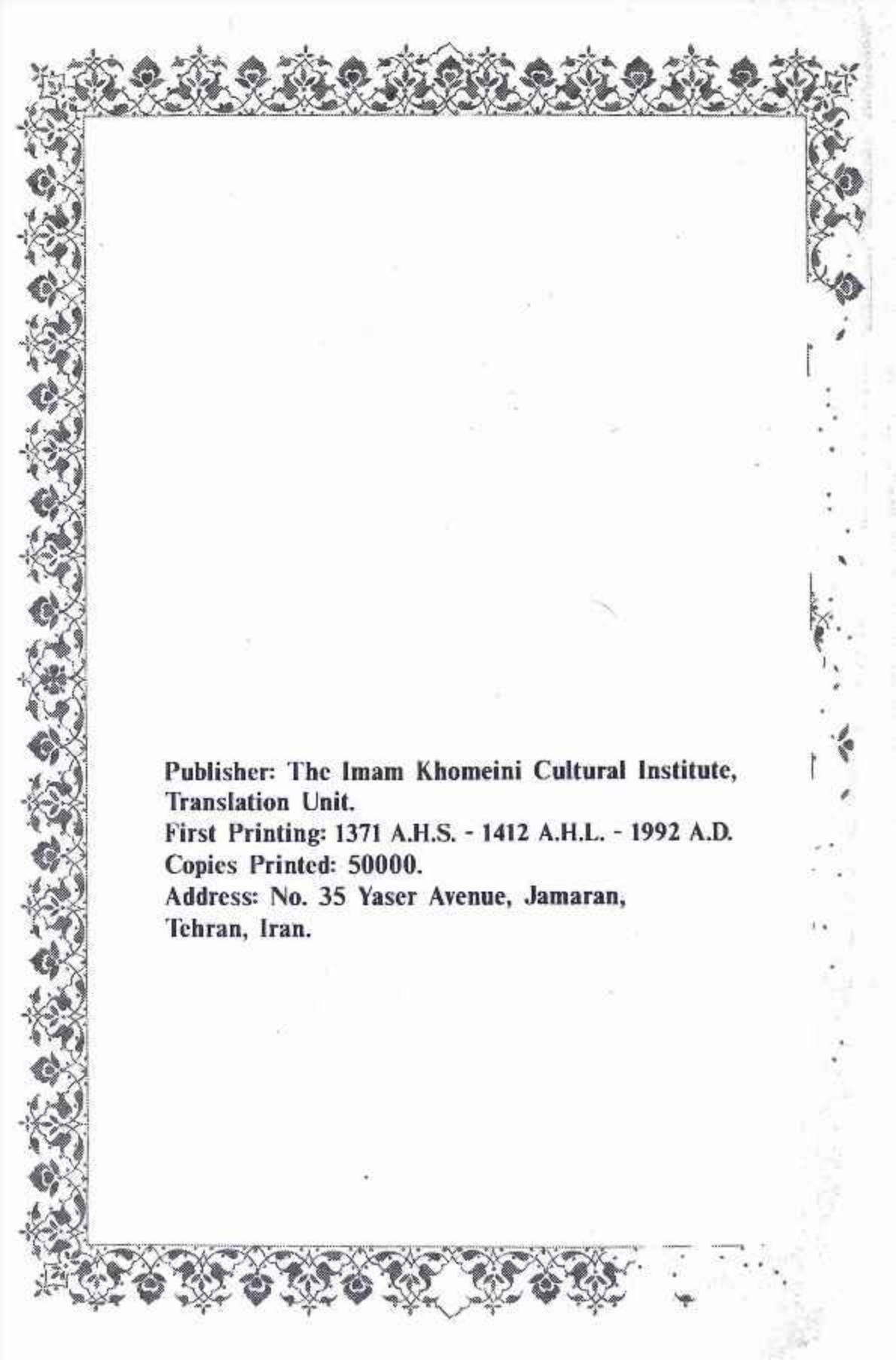
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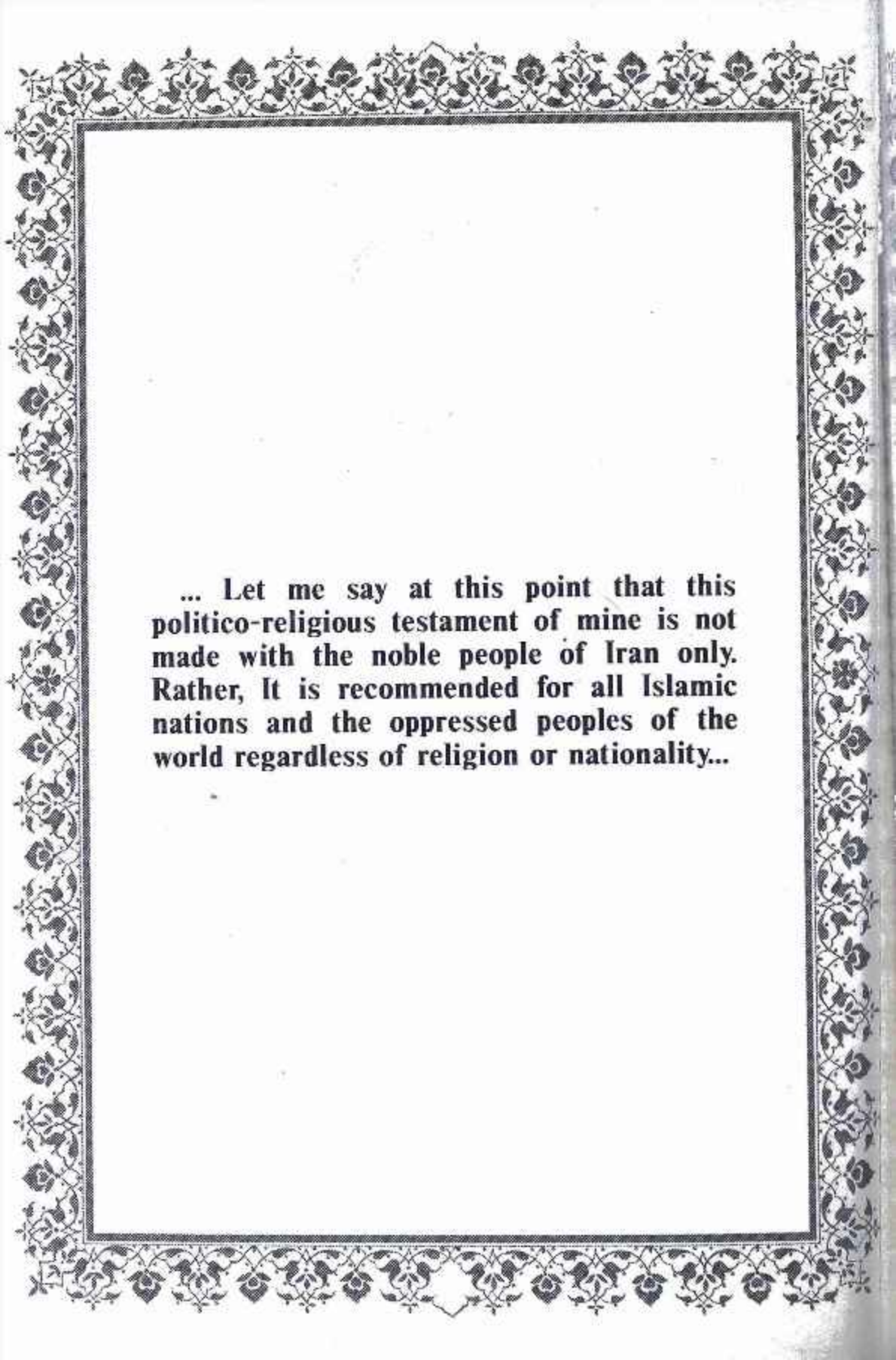
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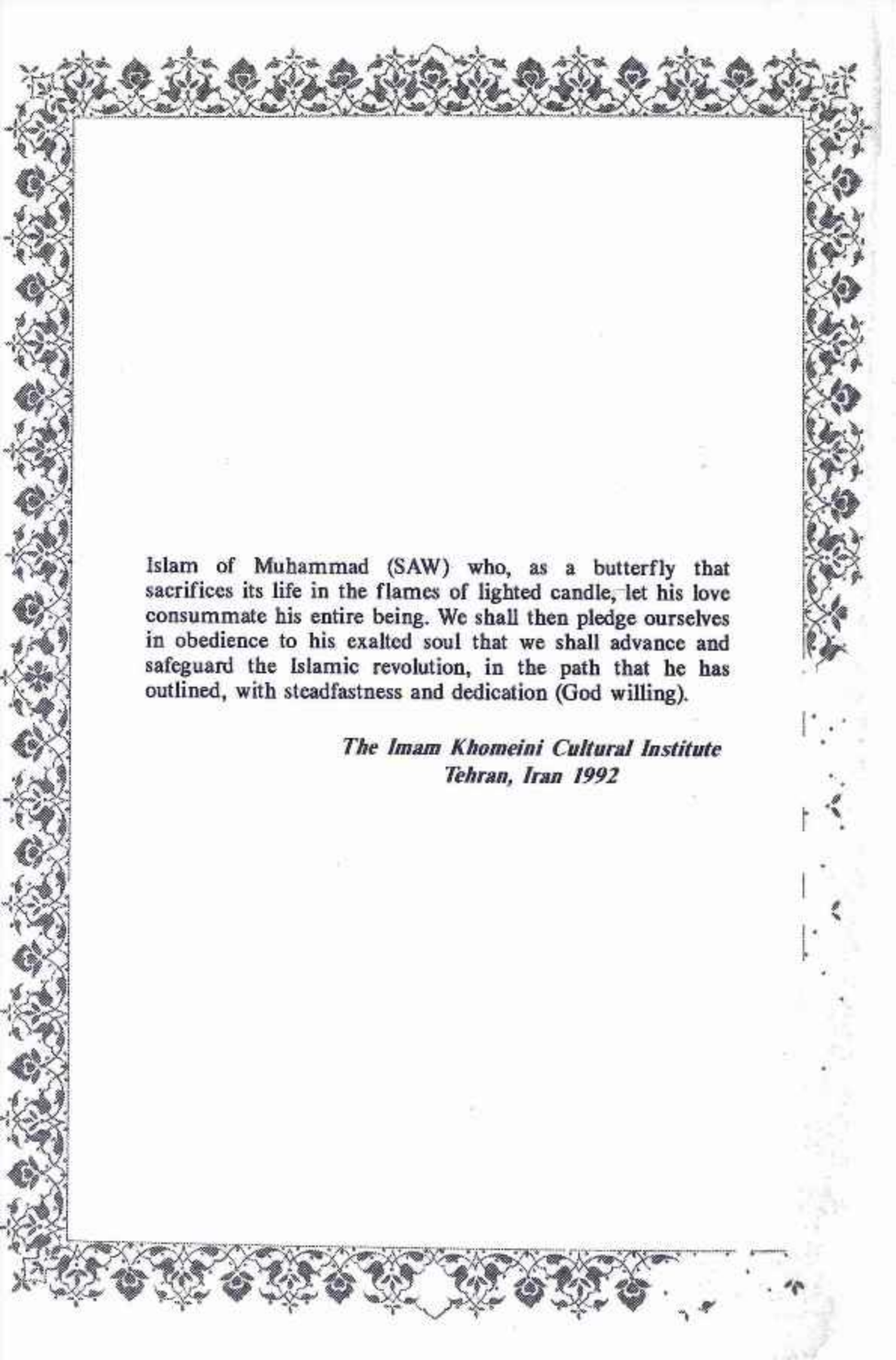
**In the name of Allah,
the Compassionate, the Merciful**

Introduction:

On saturday evening, June 3, 1989 (the 13th of Khurdad, 1368 corresponding to the 28 of Shawwal of the lunar year 1409) Imam Ruhullah Khomeini (S.A.), the great leader of the Islamic revolution and founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran, passed away and joined the high heaven. In Imam Khomeini's demise the world lost a great history making revolutionary and a matchless leader who awakened the muslims, revived Islam and restored to it its pristine grandeur by his honorable life.

The beloved Imam was the true archetype and the perfect example of an Islamic leader. All of the words and messages of Imam Khomeini (S.A.), this magnanimous personality are instructive and inspiring, however, his divine and political last will and testament which he himself penned as a momentous spiritual legacy to the Iranian nation and to all muslims of the world, will remain as an excellent and unique document in that it covers the important Islamic and revolutionary principles in a comprehensive form.

We will study the complete text of this last will and testament in the following pages and listen to the final message of a man who devoted the 89 years of his blissful life to chastity, to self-purification, nearness to God, acquisition of knowledge, struggle for liberation of the oppressed masses from the shackles of the arrogant; in short, a man with a heart aflame with love for the true

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Islam of Muhammad (SAW) who, as a butterfly that sacrifices its life in the flames of lighted candle, let his love consummate his entire being. We shall then pledge ourselves in obedience to his exalted soul that we shall advance and safeguard the Islamic revolution, in the path that he has outlined, with steadfastness and dedication (God willing).

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*IMAM KHOMEINI'S
Last will and Testament*

بسم پر برجم قال بل برجم پریدم و پرسم آن که کیم نشین کن به بر و خرقه لبریمی و خان برده سخن

بیرد با برجم

درد مندی بکنند انهم صریح مدعا مدعا بر جانک و عهد کد در خان بر کرد که که اینترتیه بدیدر بیج بکند خط
حق است رضای انترتیه بر کرد و این با فایم بر منبر انترتیه و بد اینان بن سبب نام که نکرده
و امر به بقیه ترک و هم نه نه حیت و ات غیر و منور و حدان کوم شوشی ما برت نه حیات در برتر
که خوان ان بر تمام مانده و جد نه که آ کلک تاج و دنا با تا حدت و این بر مدغم بود و نایه سکن و نهران ف
طاعت اگر کیم فتح نیست و نه از این بر برت کشته است نه هم و بود نه حیات تمام دهر سوزا که در کبر
که نه بر هر کوبت جز منبر که که اگر سلسل است و نه نه چه کشته است برنج و در شرف نه حیات و با قویا
بسیار که شاعران با شوشی میر نیست با قصه و بلع و وقت محمد کجای بودیم بند کوزا و بسیار کوه
فناخبر بر این در شرف نه حیات به عدول تیره سخن پیدا با انوشا و بنده و او کجای بود و در دستور بود
با بریدم و پرسم هر چه بر یک در این کیم کشته است بدایر کشته است و هم برت هر یک برت کیم است
تا بخواه که کم مدعوم بر منبر خدا مدعوم و در شرف و آیت این حقیقت بهال کنت بعدت است و حاصل کلام
مدعی است یا چیز دیگر که مقبر و حمان بر ما هر روز و با یک کستان ترکا که در حقیقتان برنج در دو و سه روز که
با بریدم و پرسم کشته بر است سلمان ط کلمه بر برت کشته است کوم لکان عاجز است و اگر کیم کشته
منم است که حدیث نشین نوازین هیچ سلیق نیست و کتب امر است در معاج شرفانه و کتب کیم است
با ان ط نسخه در ما مکره نه سیر اکرم با بریدم و پرسم بلور تواتر تیره است و این در شرف
حمت قلع است بر منبر بر و بره سلمان نه است تلف و با به سلمان که کجاست بر آن نام است و کجاست
سکران بنشیند ما که صدر بر ما بدن به خبر بنشیند بر ما نه حیت نیست اکنون بر من چه کشته است
بر کتب خدا این در دهر و اگر که یا بر جم با بریدم و پرسم ما سراسر کیم کشته است بر آن کجاست
که بر کلمات حضرت با شرف مشرف خوان و در قرآن کوم و او سیر کیم کشته است بر آن کجاست
در معاج کجاست

Prologue
In The Name of God
The Compassionate, the Merciful

The Messenger of God has said: "Verily I am leaving with you the two most valuable and weighty objects: the Book of God and my household (the Thaqaalain). Indeed these two shall not part with each other until they join up with me by the pond" (of Kowthar in Paradise on the Day of Judgement).

(The Prophetic Tradition of Thaqaalain)¹⁾

To Allah belongs all praise. Glorified is Thy Name, O God, bless Muhammad and his household who are manifestations of Your Beauty and Magnanimity and the secret treasures of Your Book, the Book that crystallizes Your oneness in all Your Names and Divine Attributes, including the one that none but Yourself knows. And let there be curse on those who oppressed the Prophet (SAW) and his household, those that belonged to the wretched pedigree.

At the outset to this prologue it appears proper to briefly comment on the two most exalted and momentous objects of trust (The Thaqaalain),²⁾ not on their transcendental, spiritual, or mystical aspects, an area into which pens such as mine are unable to venture as it is a domain or molk³⁾ the cognition of which covers all circles of beings, from earth to heaven (Malakoot-e-Aala)⁴⁾ and beyond to His Divine presence (Lahoot)⁵⁾ including circles that lie beyond the comprehension of our intellects. Nor do I mean to comment on that which has befallen humanity by his

negligence of the true nature and status of the greater trust (theql-e-akbar)⁽⁶⁾ (= The Holy Quran) and that of the great trust (theql-e-kabir)⁽⁷⁾ (= The Household of the Prophet (SAW)) which is greater than anything except the great trust which is great in the absolute (akbar-e-mutlaq). Also I do not intend to recount here all that has befallen these two most valuable divine trusts (The Thaqaalain) by the enemies of God and the treacherous followers of the tyrants (= Taghootian)⁽⁸⁾ as these are too many for me to enumerate, given my limited knowledge and time.

I thought that I might make a passing remark about what has happened to these two most valuable treasures. Perhaps the phrase: "... which will never part with each other until they join me by the pond (Howz)⁽⁹⁾" ... implies that after the death of the Prophet (SAW), the Book of God and the household of the Prophet (SAW) shall receive similar treatment. Whatever is made of one, the other suffers the same until both descend on the Prophet (SAW) and unite with him by the Pond? Does this union, this pond, indicate the merging of plurality with unity⁽¹⁰⁾ as the disappearance of drops in the sea? Or, does it mean something beyond the gamut of human intellect and cognition? Moreover the cruelty to which these two divine trusts, nay the entire humanity including the Islamic ummat (nation), were subjected by the followers of the tyrants and their stooges defy description by pen.

It should be mentioned that the concatenate (mutawatir) Thaqaalain Hadith⁽¹¹⁾ or Tradition has been quoted, cited and adduced to successively by Muslim ulema (= foqaha= learned religious authorities or jurists), in both Shia and Sunni⁽¹²⁾ denominations as proof positive for all mankind

especially for Muslims in all sects and branches. References to this prophetic tradition are frequently made in such highly reliable Sunni sources like the famous "Six Authentic Texts" (The Sahah-e-Sitta)⁽¹³⁾ as well as in countless Shiite cogent texts. This hojrat or proof is binding on all Muslims who are accountable for it especially the foqaha (Muslim religious jurists) as they cannot claim ignorance of it. Let us now see what befell this book of God, this Divine Trust and the bequest of the prophet of Islam. The sad events for which tears may well be shed, began to take place following the martyrdom of Hazrat Ali (AS).⁽¹⁴⁾ Selfish people, followers of taghoots (despotic, pagan rulers) abused the holy Quran as a mean by which to establish anti-Quranic rules.

To achieve this they forced off the scenes the true interpreters of the Quran and others who had received all of the Holy Book directly from the Prophet (SAW) and whose ears still echoed with the voice of His Holiness Muhammad (SAW) as he had said: "... I am leaving with you the two most valuable objects..." Thus, the Quran, which was to be man's guide to moral and material life to the Last Day, was shelved and the rule of divine justice that was, and still is, one of the ideals of the holy Book, was all forgotten.

Perversion of the Book, of Divine Traditions and of God's religion reached a shameful stage, it became the rule. The more this warped and distorted condition advanced, the more the Holy Quran that had been sent down for the betterment of man, was forced into oblivion. The Quran was sent down by the Omniscient God to Muhammad (SAW) to complete and seal such divine revelations (Kashf-e Tomm-e Muhammadi),⁽¹⁵⁾ to unite humanity and

advance him to his rightful station; to rescue this issue of the divine attributes (Validah-e Elmul-Asmae)⁽¹⁹⁾ from tyranny and evil; to institute the rule of justice and equity and to confer sovereignty to the Innocent and Divine Authorities(The Maasumin)⁽²⁰⁾ that they in turn hand over such divine sovereignty to qualified worthy persons, was removed from all areas as though it had had no mission to guide mankind. In the hands of oppressive rulers and wicked akhunds (muslim clergymen, sometimes used derogatively), who were more decadent than the taghooti (despotic) rulers the Holy Quran was abused as an instrument of oppression, cruelty and corruption and was distorted to justify acts of tyranny by the enemies of God.

Unfortunately, in the hands of conniving enemies and ignorant friends, the Holy Quran, this divine book that is empowered to decide man's destiny, has found no place anywhere except in graveyards and at the gatherings for the dead. The instrument, that was to unite muslims and all mankind and serve as scripture for their lives and salvation, was turned into an instrument of division and dispute among men or left the arena entirely. We all witnessed that whoever spoke of Islamic rule or of politics, which is the major role of Islam and its Prophet (SAW), or of the Quran and Islamic traditions, was regarded as one who had committed grave sins. The term akhund siasi, which means a political clergyman, came to denote a profane canonist. These circumstances are still extant.

In recent years major satanic powers have, through their puppet regimes who sham Islam, undertaken to reprint and publish the Holy Quran, distorting sacred verses to serve their devilish ends. Such Qurans are

published with attractive calligraphy and binding and are distributed everywhere with the aim of eventually removing the Holy Book from all scenes. We all saw the Quran that Muhammad Reza Khan Pahlavi⁽¹⁸⁾ had printed. He succeeded in deceiving some people including a few Muslim akhunds or preachers who, unaware of the aims of Islam, praised him for it. We note that each year King Fahd⁽¹⁹⁾ (of Saudi Arabia) spends a good deal of the wealth of the people in printing the Holy Quran and considerable publicity and propaganda material in support of anti-Quranic ideas propagating the baseless and superstitious cult of Wahhabism.⁽²⁰⁾ Fahd abuses the Quran, urges negligent people and nations to side with the superpowers. He uses the noble Islam and the Holy Book to destroy both.

We are proud, and our dedicated nation is proud, that we adhere to a faith in which the Holy Quran speaks of the unity of all Muslims and the oneness of mankind. We are proud that our faith has retrieved the Quran from the cemeteries and has saved this Holy Book as man's prescription for freedom from all physical, mental and intellectual bonds that push him deeper into slavery and nothingness. We are proud to be followers of a religion whose founder has been designated by divine commandment and in which Ali ibn Abi Taleb (AS), this servant of God, free of all bonds and shackles of servitude and serfdom, has been appointed to deliver mankind from all the chains of slavery and thralldom. We are honored that the book Nahjul-Balagha,⁽²¹⁾ which is next to the Quran, is man's great manuscript for salvation, moral and material existence and the greatest instrument for just rule and government, has our

Innocent Imam, Ali (AS) as its author.

We are proud to have had as our leaders the Innocent, Infallible Imams⁽²²⁾ from Ali (AS) down to Hazrat Mahdi⁽²³⁾ (AS) who, by the grace of God, lives in occultation, and watches our doings.

We are honored to have our Innocent Imams as authors of such exalted, superb and life-giving prayers of supplication (referred to as The Ascending Quran (Quran-e-Sa-ed)),⁽²⁴⁾ as the Shabaniah prayer,⁽²⁵⁾ the Arafat Prayer⁽²⁶⁾ of Imam Hosein⁽²⁷⁾ (AS); the Sahifah Sajjadiyah,⁽²⁸⁾ these psalms of the Household of Muhammad⁽²⁹⁾ (SAW), and the Sahifah Fatimiah,⁽³⁰⁾ revealed by the Lord to Her Holiness Fatima Zahra⁽³¹⁾ (AS). We are honored to have had as our fifth infallible imam, Baqer-ul-uloom⁽³²⁾ (splitter of knowledge, a title given to the fifth Imam), this superlative world personality whose true station can be appreciated by none save Allah, His Prophet and the Infallible Imams.

We are proud to be followers of the Jaafari Faith⁽³³⁾ (Religion) whose fiqh⁽³⁴⁾ (religious legislation and jurisprudence) is a boundless ocean. We are proud of all our Infallible Imams (the 12 innocent ones) and we are committed to follow them.

We are honored that our Infallible Imams (AS) suffered imprisonment, banishment and finally attained martyrdom in their efforts to advance Islam; to implement the teachings and commandments of the Holy Quran-of which the establishment of the sovereignty of justice is but one dimension - and; to overthrow the rule of the oppressors and of the arrogant. Today, we feel proud that we seek to reinstitute the objectives of the holy Quran and of Tradition and that the various layers of our nation sacrifice

their lives, properties and loved ones for this holy cause.

We are proud that our women, young and old, regardless of their status, are present and active, side by side with the men, often more active than men, in all scenes including cultural, economic and military areas. They strive, sometimes more effectively than the men, for the propagation of Islamic teachings. Women who are capable of fighting take military training, which is a major prerequisite for the defense of Islam and the Islamic state. Our women have extricated themselves from the deprivations imposed on them by the enemies of Islam and by the inadequate knowledge of friends of Islamic tenets. They have bravely discarded the superstitions created by enemies through some ignorant preachers. Those women who are unable to fight in the war fronts serve behind the front-lines with such ardour and courage that makes the hearts of their men tremble with delight and it throws fear in the heart of enemies and makes ignorant individuals who are worse than foes shake with anger and fear. Often we hear our women, in a manner like that of Hazrat Zainab,⁽⁹⁵⁾ cry out loud saying that they have given children in the path of God and Islam and are proud of it. They realize that what they get in return is far above the blessings of Heaven, let alone the material things of this world.

Our nation, indeed all Islamic nations as well as the meek and oppressed are pleased to see that their enemies, who are the enemies of Almighty God, of Islam and of the Holy Quran, are indeed savages who do not desist from committing any criminal act to promote their mean purposes and who are unable to tell a friend from a foe in achieving treacherous goals. The U.S.A is the foremost

enemy of Islam. It is a terrorist state by nature that has set fire to everything everywhere and its ally, the international Zionism does not stop short of any crime to achieve its base and greedy desires, crimes that the tongue and pen are ashamed to utter or write. The stupid idea of a "greater Israel"⁽³⁶⁾ urges them to commit any shameful crime. The Islamic nations and the mustazafin (the mcek, the oppressed) peoples of the world are pleased to have Hosein of Jordan,⁽³⁷⁾ a professional, itinerant criminal, Hassan of Morroco⁽³⁸⁾ and Hosni Mubarak⁽³⁹⁾ of Egypt, fellow-mangers of Israel, as enemies. These are fellow-criminals with Israel and commit any act of treason against their own nations to serve the U.S.A. We cheer to have Saddam, the Aflaqi⁽⁴⁰⁾ as an enemy whom friend and foe know to be a criminal, a violator of human rights and international laws and whose betrayal of the peoples of Iraq and of the Persian Gulf Emirates, has been no less than his betrayal of our country and people. We and the oppressed peoples of the world are delighted to be objects of criminal accusations by the superpowers through the international mass media under their control.

What can be a better source of pride than the fact that the U.S.A. with all its military might, its boastfulness, its claims, its mass media and its allies among puppet regimes, has been so dumbfounded and disgraced in its dealings with the dauntless Iranian nation and the land of His Holiness Baqiyyatullah (a title of the 12th infallible imam, Hazrat Mahdi (AS) now in occultation) that it does not know which way to turn and who to turn to?!! This is not the work of anyone or anything except divine assistance that has awakened nations, particularly the Iranian Muslim nation

and has guided it from darkness into light: THE LIGHT OF ISLAM.

I now take this opportunity to advise the oppressed and noble nations, including our own, to stay firmly on this divine straight path that leads neither to the atheistic (Mulhid) East nor to the oppressive, pagan West, but to the path that Almighty God has decreed for us. I advise further that thanksgiving for this blessing be not neglected even for a single moment. Let no polluted hand of a superpower, or its agents, whether domestic or foreign, affect your determination and will. Know that the rowdier an Eastern or Western satanic power gets, the more proof it is for your divine support and God shall reward and punish the deserving ones in the best fashion in this and in the other worlds. "Truly, He is the Lord of all blessing and in His hand lies the dominion over all things". (The Quran, sura 23, Al-Muminun, the Believers, verse 88).

I earnestly ask all Muslim nations to follow the practices and traditions of the Infallible Imams (AS) in respect of political, social, economic and military affairs and to sacrifice for their sake whatever may be required. Also, I would like to enjoin on all of you to safeguard and observe the Fiqh sunnati⁽⁴¹⁾ (Traditional Fiqh) or religious canons for these set forth the schools of prophetic mission and imamate and guarantee the growth and development of the nations through their primary and secondary decrees,⁽⁴²⁾ both of which are schools of Islamic jurisprudence. My advice is that you do not deviate an iota from the teachings of both schools of Islamic fiqh and not listen to the whisperings of the slinking (satans) who are the enemies of religion and truth. Be sure that even a minor step toward

deviation may be a prelude to the fall of the religion, of the tenets of Islam and of the divine rule of justice. Do not ever miss the Friday mass prayers⁽⁴³⁾ and the daily congregational prayers⁽⁴⁴⁾ (Salat-ul Jum-ah and Salat-ul Jama-at.) The Friday Mass Prayers is one of the greatest divine blessings for the Islamic Republic of Iran, it reflects the political dimension of prayers. Also, never neglect the mourning ceremonies⁽⁴⁵⁾ commemorating the martyrdom of the Innocent Imams particularly that of the Master of All Martyrs his Holiness Abi Abdullah Husein (AS), may God, His Angels, the prophets and saints bless his great, valiant soul!

Let all know that the decrees of the Imams (AS) regarding the observance of this great epic event of Islam and all the curses levied against the enemies of Ahl-e Bayt (the Household of the Prophet)⁽⁴⁶⁾ are, in fact, the heroic cries of nations against agents of tyranny throughout history. You should know that the damnations and curses against the injustices of the Bani Omayyads,⁽⁴⁷⁾ who were annihilated and cast into the Hell, reflect the cries of protest by the people against the oppressors of the world and it is the perpetuation of such cries of protest that shatters oppression. It is necessary that the crimes of the tyrants in each age and era be regularly condemned in the cries of lamentation and in the recitals of elegies held for the Innocent Imams.

In this age oppression of Muslim nations is the work of the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R and their local lackeys such as the Al-e-Saude (rulers of Hijaz), these traitors to the House of God, the Great Divine Sanctuary, who deserve the most potent damnation by Allah, His Angels (Mala-eka) and

Prophets (SAW). We must all know that it is these political ceremonies (Friday Mass, the Hajj Pilgrimage, the Salatul Jama-at, etc) that give Muslims, particularly the Ethna Ashar (the Shiite^{4m} Muslims who accept and follow the 12 Innocent Imams (AS)), the unity they should enjoy; these also preserve the nationality of all muslims.

Let me say at this point that this politico-religious testament of mine is not made with the noble people of Iran only. Rather, it is recommended for all Islamic nations and the oppressed peoples of the world regardless of religion or nationality. I humbly pray that Almighty God do not leave us and our nations to ourselves even for a moment. May He not withhold His blessings from the children of Islam and the cherished Muslim combatants.

Ruhollah Al-Musavi al-Khomeini

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In The Name of God
The Compassionate the Merciful

The significance of the glorious Islamic Revolution which came to be through the efforts of millions of worthy men and the blood of thousands of martyrs and disabled veterans (living martyrs)⁽⁴⁸⁾ and which is regarded as a source of hope and inspiration to millions of oppressed human beings, is so great that it defies evaluation by pen or tongue.

I, Ruhullah al Musavi al Khomeini, ever mindful of the Lord's Bounty in spite of my shortcomings and having as provision for my hazardous course only my hope and trust in His Munificence; and, as, a humble talaba (student of Islamic jurisprudence) who, like all other brothers-in-faith,⁽⁵⁰⁾ have faith in this revolution and the everlastingness and perpetuation of its achievements and its fruition, undertake to present the following as my covenant and will with the present and future generations. I pray that God may grant me sincerity of purpose in making these remarks:

1- We all know that the great revolution which severed the tentacles of the tyrannic world-mongers from the face and form of Iran was made possible by divine grace only. It would have been impossible for the people of Iran to achieve this great feat in view of the following conditions that prevailed in the country at that time:

Immeasurable anti-Islamic, anti-clerical propaganda, particularly during the last century; creation of disunity and discord among the population by writers, poets, orators and the communication mass media; the establishment of

so many centers of gambling, prostitution, narcotics consumption, bars and cabarets to drag the youth into indifference and vice, by the corrupt shah and his illiterate father; the imposition on the people of parliaments rigged up by the embassies of foreign powers; the use of teachers and professors with Eastern or Western leanings in schools and universities, - educators who were one hundred percent opposed to Islamic culture.

With all the above-mentioned issues and with scores of other problems such as the isolation of the clergy and perverting their minds with poisonous propaganda, it is nothing short of a miracle that the nation was able to rise up in unison with the cry of Allah-o-Akbar (God is the greatest).⁽⁶¹⁾ In every hamlet, village, town and city all over the country, by stunning acts of devotion and sacrifice, the nation drove out all domestic and foreign elements and agents of power and took the destiny of the country in its own hands. Therefore, without a doubt, the Islamic Revolution of Iran is singular and unique among all revolutions; unique in its emergence, in its fighting character and in its incentive for uprising and revolt. Certainly this was a sacred gift, a divine present from God to the oppressed and pillaged Iranian nation.

2. Islam and Islamic government are divine phenomena the utilization of which insures the happiness of man for all times in this and in the next world. They can put an end to injustice and corruption and help man achieve ideal perfection. Contrary to non-monotheistic schools of thought, Islam is concerned with and supervises man in all his individual, social, economic and military affairs. It does not overlook the smallest issue that affects the education

and the moral and material progress of man and his society. Islam has pointed out the obstacles to social change and evolution of man and makes every effort to remove them.

And, now that by the grace of God, the Islamic Republic has been initiated in Iran by the mighty hand of its people and Islam and its progressive laws and tenets are the concern of this Islamic government, it is up to the nation to insure their implementation in all aspects of life and to safeguard them well as the preservation of Islam takes precedence over all else. All prophets from Adam (AS) to Muhammad (SAW) have consistently taken care of and made sacrifices for it (monotheism). After the Prophet of Islam the Innocent Imams strove hard for its preservation and some gave their lives for it.

It is now incumbent on the Iranian nation, as custodian of this divine trust that has formally been proclaimed in Iran, and which has given magnificent fruits in such a short time, to do all that is necessary for its enforcement and maintenance. It is to be hoped that this divine trust will radiate to other Islamic lands from Iran and all muslim governments and nations may come to a common understanding of the issue, and as a result, they will thereby cut off the hands of the world-mongering superpowers and criminals of history and remove their hold on the oppressed peoples of the world.

AS I approach my last breath, I feel it is my duty to state some of the points that are involved in the presevation and perpetuation of this divine trust (the Sovereignty of Islam) and some of the things that endanger and threaten it, for the present and future generations. May God bless all with success and happiness!:

a) - Without a doubt, the secret of the survival of the revolution is the same as the secret of its victory. The nation knows this secret and the future generations will read about it in history texts. Its two essential components are the supreme divine purposes and aims of the sovereign rule of Islam and the coming together of all the nation in unity of word and expression for the sake of the same purposes and incentives.

My advice to all generations, present and future, is that if you desire God's sovereignty to continue and domestic as well as foreign colonialization of your lands and exploitation of your resources be curtailed, do not under any circumstance, abandon this divine incentive that the Holy Quran has emphasized. Forsaking this theocentric incentive and goal, which is the secret of the victory of the Revolution and its survival, will result in dispute, disunity and a forgotten purpose and objective. It is because of this that trumpets of propaganda are sounding off everywhere sowing the seeds of discord and disunity by distortion of facts and outright falsehood and lies. Millions upon millions of dollars are being spent for such mean purposes by corrupt powers that own or control the mass media and by their local stooges. The constant visits by the enemies of the Islamic Revolution to the region has this purpose in mind. Among such visitors, however, one sometimes sees heads of Islamic states who can think of nothing but their personal interests, as well as pseudo-clergymen. These elements blindly hand themselves over to the U.S.A. That of which the Iranian nation and muslims everywhere must be mindful of, now and ever after, is the importance of neutralizing the vicious disuniting propaganda. My advice

to all is that you should react to such plots and, by all means possible, render your unity (of word and purpose) increasingly more solid and thus disappoint the heathens and hypocrites.

b)- One of the major plots of the century especially of the last few decades and particularly after the victory of the Islamic Revolution in Iran, which is clearly manifest, in the multi-dimensional propaganda launched, has the aim of disappointing Muslim peoples especially the Iranian nation with Islam. Sometimes with explicit but crude argument it is claimed that the laws of 1400 years ago can not efficiently administer the modern world. At other times they contend that Islam is a reactionary religion that opposes any new ideas and manifestations of civilization and that, at the present, no country can remain aloof to world civilization in its various aspects. Sometimes, in fiendish yet foolish propaganda jargon, they claim the sanctity of Islam and maintain that divine religions have the nobler task of purging egos, of inviting the people to asceticism, monkhood, morality and of admonishing them against the world of matter. They say that prayers bring men closer to the Lord; that politics and government are opposed to these great moral purposes and are contrary to the traditions of the great prophets.

Unfortunately, such propaganda has impressed some of the clergy and faithful muslims who are not properly tutored in the teachings of Islam. This influence has been so marked that some simple-minded muslims have considered involvement in government and politics a grave

sin and evil. This is a calamity by which Islam is affected. The first group, it must be said, either knows nothing about government, law and politics or else they sham ignorance. The enforcement of law is based on equity and justice; on prevention of cruelty and dictatorship; on the extension of personal and social fair play; on prevention of vice, depravation and perversion; on liberty, reason, independence, and self-sufficiency; on prevention of colonialization, exploitation and serfdom; on penance and the limits punishment (hudood⁽⁵²⁾ and taazirat⁽⁵³⁾); on Qisas⁽⁵⁴⁾ or retaliation in kind and on the basis of implementation of justice to control corruption and vice in the world.

Politics and administration of a community according to reason, equity and justice, etc is not something to wear away or erode in the course of history and man's life on earth. Claiming such a thing amounts to arguing that principles of reason and mathematics must be altered today and replaced by some other rules. It is absurd to say that social justice which was to be practised from the beginning of creation and crimes and cruelties which were to be avoided can no longer be exercised in the age of atom. The contention that Islam is opposed to innovations is as foolish as Muhammad Reza Pahlavi's claim that "in this age they want to travel by quadrupeds".

This is nothing but an inane accusation because, if by innovations and new features of civilization is meant inventions, new discoveries, industrial progress and the like, let them consider the fact that neither Islam nor any other monotheistic religion has ever opposed such things. Rather, science and industry are very much emphasized in

the Quran and Islam. However, if by modernism and civilization is meant, as some professional intellectuals claim, freedom of vice, prostitution and even homosexuality, then all divine religions, men of reason and learning are opposed to it, even though some individuals with pro-western or pro-eastern leanings may blindly promote these things.

However, the second category of the foes of Islam who entertain more vicious plots claim that religion and politics are not compatible and cannot be combined. These ignorant individuals must realize that the Holy Quran and the traditions of the Prophet of Islam contain more lessons, decrees and commands on the rule of government and politics than they do on any other issue. Indeed a good many Islamic laws concerning worship have political aspects as well. Neglecting such aspects has often resulted in catastrophes. The prophet of Islam founded a government just like any other except that it seeks to promote social justice and equity. The early caliphs of Islam enjoyed extensive rule. The sovereign rule of Hazrat Ali (AS) with the same objective, but on a much wider scale and dimension, is all too well known in history. However, after Ali (AS) gradually the rule of Islam became nominal. Even today there are many governments which claim to be Islamic but rarely pay Islam even a lip service.

In this my final will and testament I merely mention these points in passing and hope that historians and sociologists will make Muslims see their mistakes in this respect. The contention that the prophets and imams have been only concerned with moral and spiritual issues and government, being concerned with secular or temporal

matters, has been rejected by them is woefully wrong. Adhering to this unfounded contention leads to corruption of Islamic nations and opens the way for the bloodthirsty colonialists.

What is taboo is the satanic, dictatorial rule; domination, thirst for power and lust for wealth; in short all the worldly things that make man forsake the Lord. But, divine rule is in the interest of the dispossessed and oppressed and seeks to prevent cruelty and injustice. It establishes social justice as did Sulaiman Ibn Davood⁽⁵⁶⁾ and the Prophet of Islam (SAW). Maintenance of justice in the society is a duty in Islam and is regarded as a sublime act of adoration and worship. Wholesome and healthy politics that existed in the above rules are necessary. The alert Iranian nation must neutralize the plots mentioned above with Islamic thought and perception. Let writers and preachers rise and help the nation to defeat the plotting devils.

c)- One such conspiracy, a most vicious one, is the widespread rumor claiming that: "The Islamic Republic" has not done anything for the good of the people! Poor people! They made sacrifices to overthrow the despotic regime of the taghoot (despot), little did they know that they would emerge with a worse regime. The arrogant have become more arrogant and the mustazafin more oppressed. Prisons are full of youths who are our hopes for the future. Torture has become more inhumane and severe than before. Every day a number of men are executed, - all in the name of Islam. They had better not call this system "The Islamic Republic". Circumstances are worse than at the time of Reza Khan⁽⁵⁶⁾ and his son. People are suffering hardships; prices are soaring to high heavens; authorities are leading

the regime to communism; people's properties are being confiscated: freedom in all forms has been withheld from the people, etc. Such rantings are proof of planned conspiracies that are carried out daily in some form in some location, town or borough; in taxi cabs, in buses, at small gatherings, etc, and as one false rumor wears off a fresh one takes its place.

Unfortunately the clergy, unaware of the satanic plots, come in contact with agents of discord and think that their incantations are true. The fact is that many of those who listen to the rumors and believe them are persons who lack knowledge of world conditions, of world revolutions and of post-revolutionary events and their inevitable concomitant problems. They lack knowledge of the changes that have occurred in favor of Islam and so, when they hear such rumors they deliberately or by mistake, accept them. I urge everyone not to make hasty conclusion or damning criticism until you have done the following: made a study of world conditions and a comparison between the Islamic Revolution and other revolutions and the post-revolutionary problems in which those nations and countries had sunk; acquainted yourselves with the circumstances of the countries and nations before, during, and after their revolutions; considered the various serious problems brought about by Reza Khan and worse than that by his son Muhammad-Reza, problems including: dependencies of all kinds on foreign powers; bribery and dishonesty of government personnel; bankrupt economy; vice in all forms including prostitution; conditions in the various ministries and the army; cinemas, cabarets and houses of ill-fame; conditions in schools and universities;

problems of the youth, the women, the dedicated clergy, the liberals and the chaste but oppressed women before and after the Revolution; conditions of the mosques during the time of taghoot; the records of persons sentenced to death then and now; considered the circumstances of the hoarders of wealth, of capitalists, of real estate manipulators; of the courts of justice and their records; made a study and comparison between the present and former judges and their rulings; compared the representatives of the Majlis (The Islamic Consultative Assembly) before and after the Revolution; compared the work of the provincial governors in both regimes; studied and compared the activities of the Reconstruction Jihad⁽⁵⁷⁾ in rural areas today with conditions that existed in such areas before the Revolution; considered the entire work of this regime in the span of last few years, with the years it spent at war, with the work of the former regime in more than 50 years of absolute rule having no refugee-problems, no war-torn towns, villages or cities and no problems of disabled veterans, no homeless families, no problems of an economic blockade, no plots by America or its local and alien agents, no multi-million number of Afgan and Iraqi refugees,⁽⁵⁸⁾ no problem with a lack of experienced propagandists and religious judges in sufficient number; and considered the lawlessness caused by the perverts, the enemies and even by some untutored friends; and considered countless other issues and drawn comparisons.

Do not levy your tirades of criticism on anyone or anything unless you have made the necessary studies and comparisons. Have mercy on Islam, the Islam which has just re-emerged as a toddler, after centuries of suffering

under despots, wrapped up in ominous covers provided by the animosity and opposition of local and foreign foes! Would it not be better if you could, instead of associating yourselves with anarchist and terrorist groups and siding with them indirectly, consider the families of the victims of terror among the dedicated innocent clergy and other innocent servants?!

I have never said, and do not say now, that today Islam is practiced in this Republic in All its dimensions and that no one acts against Islamic laws here either through ignorance, lack of discipline or because of some personal complex. But, I do say that the Legislative, the Judiciary and the Executive powers are doing all they can to Islamize this country and they are supported in their efforts by tens of millions of citizens. If this obstructionist, troublemaking minority would come along and, in the spirit of fair play, support such efforts, the realization of the objective shall come about much easier and faster. If they don't join up, they may rest assured that the masses are informed, alert and concerned and they shall defeat that minority. I daresay that today the Iranian nation is more righteous and upright than the people of Hejaz at the time of Muhammad (SAW) and the people of Kufa at the time of Ali (AS) and Hosein (AS). When the Prophet (SAW) was still alive the people of Hejaz disobeyed him and feigned excuses for not going to the war fronts. For this God has rebuked them sternly in the Sura Al-Tawbah (Repentence)⁽¹⁰⁰⁾ of the Quran. They accused the Prophet (SAW) of lying so much that he damned them for it from the pulpit. The people of Kufa mistreated and disobeyed Ali (AS) to the extent that his complaints against them is recorded in many books. The

altreatment of the people of Kufa of Imam Hosein (AS) culminated in history's greatest epic event, the martyrdom of Hosein (AS). And those who did not participate in the act of martyrdom of Imam Hosein either fled or sat by and watched the bloody crime take place. But, today, we see how the Iranian nation whole-heartedly supports its armed forces, the Sepah⁽¹⁰⁾ and Basij⁽¹¹⁾ recruits and volunteers. We see all these elements, including the tribal peoples and the militia, making unimaginable sacrifices at the war fronts as well as behind the lines. We are delighted to observe and enjoy the invaluable assistance rendered by our people from all over the country. We are proud to see the survivors of our martyrs and the disabled veterans and their kins meet all of us with open arms and such reassuring mien and words. All this is due to their unwavering faith in Allah and to their love for Him and Islam and to their assurance of the eternal life, while they are neither in the company of the Prophet (SAW) nor accompanying an Innocent Imam (AS). Their assurance and incentives are elsewhere, - in their faith in the unseen, the Invisible (ghaib). This is the secret of victory and success in their various dimensions. Islam should take pride in having raised and trained such followers and sons. All of us are proud to be in the presence of such a nation in such an age as this.

I hereby counsel those who, for any reason, oppose the Islamic Republic, the youth, the girls and the boys who are exploited by the perverts and the hypocrites, to maintain an open mind and then sit in judgement of the propaganda of those who wish to see the Islamic Republic collapse; to study the mode of conduct of such individuals toward the people, toward the governments

and groups and toward their own supporters; to carefully observe the shifts in their attitudes and positions on various occasions and compare same with the conduct of the survivors of those who were martyred by the hypocrites, and then decide which group truly supports the oppressed and the deprived peoples in the community. Authentic tape recordings of both pro and con groups are on hand and will help you with your task of comparison and evaluation.

Brothers! You will not read these lines while I live, you may read them after I am gone and am no longer among you to want to say things to gain your favor and support.

But, as you are worthy young people I would like to see you spend your time in the path of God, for noble Islam and for the Islamic Republic, so that you may attain happiness in this and in the next world. I ask God to guide you to the straight path and to forgive our past deeds. I advise you to make the wish when in seclusion, for He is the Guide, the Merciful.

My counsel and recommendation to the noble Iranian nation and to all the nations who suffer under corrupt governments and are chained by great powers is this: cherish as your most precious thing the blessing that you have gained by your great jihad^(a2) (crusade) and by the blood of your worthy young men. Guard it well and preserve it as a divine favor and great trust from your Lord. Make every effort to safeguard it, do not worry about difficulties if any should arise. Remember: "If you help Allah, He will help you and make you strong" (The Holy Quran, Sura 47, Muhammad, Verse 7). Help the Islamic Republic with all your hearts and do your utmost to solve some of its

problems. Consider the Majlis (The House of parliament) and the government as your very own and protect them as you would your loved ones. Likewise, I recommend this nation to the care and attention of the Majlis and government authorities who should serve the people well, particularly the deprived and oppressed who are our true benefactors. These are the people who made the formation of the Islamic Republic possible and insure its continuity. The authorities should regard themselves as belonging to the people and recognize the people as parts of their own beings. Always condemn the despotic rule of the uncultured plundering bullies by humane methods worthy of an Islamic government.

MY suggestion to the Muslim nations is that you consider the government of the Islamic Republic and the crusading Iranian nation as your examples. Do away with your own despotic governments unless, they bow to the demand of your own nations which is the same as the demand of the Iranian nation. The dependent puppet governments, who are either pro-East or pro-West are the cause of the misfortunes of the Muslims. I recommend with emphasis that you pay no attention to the propaganda sirens of the antagonists of Islam and of the Islamic Republic as they always try to force Islam to the sidelines so as to insure the interests of the superpowers.

d)- One of the satanic plots of the major coloniatists and exploiters, that has been in force for many decades and reached its apex in Iran in the reign of Reza Khan and was continued by Muhammad Reza, was to isolate the clergy by different methods including pressure, suppression, imprisonment, unfrocking and various forms of abuse,

insult and derision. Another technique is to create friction, disharmony and animosity between university circles and the clergy. Extensive propaganda was used to achieve such tension and it was effective because of the ignorance of both groups of the devilish plottings of the superpowers. Grade school, high school and university teachers, tutors, principals, instructors, lecturers, professors, deans, etc were selected from among persons with pro-Eastern or pro-Western leanings. These educators were religious perverts. Devout and virtuous educators formed a small minority. The purpose was to train the future authorities of the state from childhood through adulthood in such a manner as to hate religions in general and Islam in particular and to despise religious enthusiasts especially the Muslim clergy. Muslim clergymen were accused of being British agents, supporters of capitalists, landmongers and reactionaries opposed to civilization and progress. At the same time they threw the fear of students in the clergy and the "educated" university scholars with malicious propaganda accusing them of atheism, libertinism and opposition to all manifestations of religion. These conditions lined up the government authorities against religions including Islam and its clergy. The situation placed the clergymen and the religious masses, who cared for their religion and its clergy, against the government and all that was part of it. The deep gap between government and the nation, and between the university and the clergy opened the way to the exploiters and the plunderers so much that the fate of the people and the country's resources fell into their hands and pockets and the nation suffered as we all witnessed.

And now that by the grace of God and the sacrifices of all the nation including the clergy, the university people, the businessmen (the bazaar), laborers, agricultural and industrial workers and other segments, the fetters of bondage have been removed, the shackles of serfdom broken, the powers of arrogance repelled and the country virtually sequestered and saved from their clutches and from the clutches of their domestic puppets, I would like to recommend to the present and future generations not to slacken their efforts. Let the university men and the youth strengthen their links of friendship and mutual understanding with the clergy and the students of religious sciences. Never overlook the plottings of the perfidious enemy, provide counsel and guidance whenever you see someone trying to sow the seeds of discord and disunity. If your counsel to such individuals is not effective, turn away from them, isolate them and do not let their machinations and conspiracies take root as prevention is easier than cure. Students in both the theological schools and in the universities should be alert to the insidious propaganda diffused by their teachers and professors. As soon as you hear an instructor say or explain things in a manner that distorts the truth and tends to pervert the mind, reject him and turn him away from your classes. This suggestion is directed primarily toward the clergy and students of religious sciences in theological centers. Conspiracy in a university has a particular dimension and depth. Both categories of students, being the brains of the society, should beware such plottings.

e)- One of the most effective conspiracies that has, unfortunately, left an indelible mark on the nations,

including our own, is the alienation of the peoples of colonized countries with their true selves. In other words "Westernized" or "Easternized" peoples have become estranged with their own cultures and they have come to regard the peoples of the superpowers as being of races and cultures superior to their own. They look upon the superpowers as their qiblah (direction to which Muslims face when saying daily prayers, i.e., the Kaaba in Mecca) and think that affiliation with one of the two poles of power is indispensable to themselves. The question has a long, sad story and the blows we have received and are still receiving from it are devastating and fatal. A most unhappy point is that the colonialists have bared the oppressed peoples under their rule from all progress and have turned them into consumer nations.

The colonial powers have so frightened us through their satanic might and advancement that we dare not venture into any initiatives. Rather, we have submitted our minds to them and placed our fates in their hands and have become their followers with our own eyes and ears shut. This vacuity and artificial mental inanity has prevented us from trusting in and relying on our own knowledge and thinking and made us blind followers of the East or the West. And whenever and wherever we did have and made manifest our own initiative, our own industry and culture these came under such heavy barrages of criticism and ridicule by Easternized or Westernized writers and commentators that the net effect was to suppress our native abilities. Foreign customs and ways, no matter how trite, hackneyed or redundant, were promoted and propagated and imposed on nations through actions, words and eulogies. For example,

if books contain a number of foreign words and terms they are accepted right away with wonder and awe regardless of their meaning. The writer of such a book is deemed erudite and broadminded. Whatever is tinted with Western or Eastern terminology is good, noteworthy and a mark of progress and civilization. If elaborated in native terms, it is regarded as decadent.

...Our children whose names smack of foreign Western roots are honored and progressive. if they carry traditional names, then they are looked upon as retarded. Streets, alleys, firms, drugstores libraries, textile materials, and other commodities, if manufactured locally, should have foreign names so that people may be pleased with them and receive them well. Manifesting Western ways in all facets of life and in all aspects of social intercourse is cause for pride and regarded as tokens of civilization and progress. Meanwhile, traditional modes of conduct and customs are deemed as retrograde and ancestor-worshipping. Going abroad for treatment of minor ailments that are easily cured at home is the thing to do, disappointing our own scientists and physicians.

Making a trip to England, France, U.S.A or Moscow enhance's one's dignity while going to Mecca to perform the hajj or visiting other holy shrines is considered backward and old fashioned. Disregard for all that is related to religion and morality is a sign of open-mindedness and civilization whereas commitment to these issues is a sign of being backward and antiquated. I do not say that we have everything. In the course of recent history especially during the recent decades we have been deprived of any progress. The treacherous statesmen of the Pahlavi regime

and their propaganda belittled every domestic product, created inferiority complexes in us and withheld all means for advancement. The importation of all types of goods and commodities from abroad provided channels for our young men and women and specially our youth to preoccupy themselves with such trivial things. They became engaged in childish competitions and pursuits with imported objects as toilet articles, and games of chance. At the same time they became consumers of such things as well as items of luxury which has a long, sad story. No effort was spared in diverting the attention and the minds of our youth from thinking about their own fate and the destiny of their country.

And, now that the Iranian nation is to a large extent freed from such traps and the deprived generations have risen to the occasion to create and build, at their own initiative commodities many examples of which we witnessed such as aircraft spare part that all thought could not be manufactured locally and all hands were extended to East or West for such items. This is because economic blockade and the compelling conditions of the imposed war⁽⁶²⁾ made their domestic production without assistance of foreign experts possible. Such items were produced more economically and they satisfied our needs. Our people have proved that they can do things if they want to.

Our people should be alert and watchful lest the East or West affiliated politician draw us back towards the international pilferers. Take decisive action to do away with all dependencies. Be sure that the Aryan or Arab races are in no way less endowed than the Europeans, American or Russian races. If we succeed in finding our true selves and

not let despair overtake us and rely on ourselves and expect nothing of others, we shall be able, in the long run, to do and make everything. This is possible provided you rely on Almighty Allah and yourselves and sever all dependencies on others. Moreover, you should work hard to achieve an honorable life and escape the influence and domination of others. It is incumbent on the authorities both in the present and the future governments to cherish and appreciate their experts and specialists and encourage them through moral and material support to make initiatives. It is necessary that harmful consumer goods be not imported. Let the people do with what they have until they can make everything themselves. I ask the youth, boys and girls not to compromise their freedom, independence and human values for luxury, pleasure-seeking and other vices that are offered to you by the corrupt agents of the West or the East. Experience has taught us that they think of nothing except your degeneration, your indifference toward your own destinies and the fate of your country, control of your natural resources, your consumer potential, your dependence, in short your colonization and exploitation. This is one reason they try to keep us in a state of backwardness and underdevelopment and, as they say, as semi-primitive men.

f)- One of their major plots, that was noted before, is to take over the education centers especially the universities whose trained output must have the control of the country in their hands. Their methods with respect to the clergy and the schools of Islamic sciences is different from their method in respect of the universities and high schools. Their plan is to remove the clergy from the scenes and to

isolate them. During the time of Reza Khan considerable torture and persecution was used to achieve this but results were contradictory. With propaganda, false accusations, and devilish plans they tried to segregate the educated and the so-called intellectual layers during the Reza Khan's rule using torture and persecution. This was continued during the time of Muhammad Reza, viciously but without torture. As to the university, their plan is to alienate the youth with their own values and culture and draw them over to the East or the West and to select the statesmen from among them, institute these selected individuals in position of authority and do whatever they want with country, its resources and people by the hands of their puppets while the isolated, despised and defeated clergy looks impotently on. This is the best way to hold a nation in a backward state and to pilfer the countries under domination because, it is easy for the superpowers and is of no cost to them while all that there is goes to their pockets quietly through the national circles. And, now that the universities and teacher training colleges are being purged, it is necessary that we all help the authorities and not ever let these institutions deviate from the right course and take necessary action as soon as we notice a deviation step by an authority. This vital task must, in the first place, be carried out by the young men of the universities, teachers and colleges. Saving the university from deviation and perversion is saving the nation and the country. I urge all our youth and the young people in the first place and their parents and friends in the next place, and the statesmen and intellectuals who care for the country, to participate wholeheartedly in this important task that maintains the safety of your country, and to

entrust the universities to the next generation. I also counsel the successive generations to guard the universities against defection to the East or to the West, as this is necessary for the salvation of yourselves, the country and the beloved Islam. This humane, Islamic act severs the hands of the superpowers off the country and makes them lose all hope. May Allah bless and keep you!

g) The commitment of the representatives of the Islamic Consultative Assembly⁽⁶⁴⁾ is a major issue, we witnessed the damage that Islam and Iran suffered at the hands of the corrupt and perverted representatives of the former Majlis (House of Representatives) since the constitutional regime⁽⁶⁵⁾ was initiated in the country through the era of the Pahlavi rulers. Such Majlis representatives were worthless individuals, servants of foreign powers and they betrayed the country and the nation. During the fifty years of the tyrannical rule of the Pahlavi regime, a sham majority of Majlis representatives was forged which carried out the dictates of the U.S.S.R and England and of the U.S.A in recent decades. After the constitution was initiated in Iran, its major articles were almost always ignored. Before Reza Khan came to power, the country was in the hands of a number of treacherous pro-Western feudal overlords. Then came the bloody Pahlavi regime and its cruel agents.

Now that by grace of God and the determined and spirited endeavours of the nation, the destiny of the country has fallen in the hands of the people, their true representatives are elected and sent to the Majlis without foreign interference and without intervention of the government or feudal khans. It is to be hoped that with their dedication to Islam and the interests of the country, all sorts

of perversion will be avoided. My recommendation to the present and future generation is that they choose virtuous, upright educated persons in every election. Let these be persons with commitment to Islam and to the Islamic Republic; persons who come mostly from the deprived middle classes of the society and are not perverted nor gone astray from the straight path; individuals who are aware of the problems of the day and of the policies of Islam. My advice to the honorable clergy, especially the religious authorities (Marajac)^(m) is that they do not stay away from and show indifference to the elections of representatives to the Majlis, nor to the elections of the President of the Islamic Republic. You all saw, and future generations shall hear, how the politicians, who were followers of the East or the West, forced out from active politics the clergymen who were greatly influential in laying the foundations of the constitution in the country and how the clergy were deceived by such politicians and came to regard involvement in the affairs of state and of the muslims as being outside the parameters of their position and status. And, consequently they relinquished the realm (of politics) to pro-West or pro-East elements who did to the constitutional law, the country and Islam damages which takes a long time to remedy.

Now that, thanks God, the obstacles are removed no excuses remain. A free atmosphere is made avialable for involvement and participation in the affairs of state. It is an unremittable sin to compromise the affairs of the Muslims. Each and everyone should be, to the extent possible, available for service to Islam and to the

country. Everyone should, as much as he can, check and thwart the spread of the influence of the pro-West and pro-East elements and the influence of those who deviate from the great school of Islam. All should realize that the opponents of Islam and of Muslim countries, that is, the superpowers, the international thieves, infiltrate into our country and into our Islamic states subtly and by degrees and manipulate the people into colonialization. You must all be alert and vigilant and as soon as you see such a state, act to resist and neutralize it. Give them no time! May God help and assist you!

I ask the present and future representatives of the Islamic Consultative Assembly not to honor, but reject the credentials of any deviate delegate who captures the votes of his constituents through fraud and political intrigue. Let no sabotaging element work his way into the Majlis. I advise the recognized religious minorities⁽⁶⁷⁾ to learn lessons from the Majlis sessions of the Pahlavi regime and elect representatives who are dedicated to their own religion and committed to the Islamic Republic, persons who are not dependents of the world-mongering powers, persons with no leaning towards any deviationist, forged or atheistic school of ideology. I ask all Majlis delegates to treat one another with utmost goodwill and brotherhood and take care lest some enacted law contradict Islam. Be faithful to Islam one and all so as to attain to happiness in this world and in the hereafter. My advice to the Council of Guardianship,⁽⁶⁸⁾ now and in the future, is to perform its Islamic and national duties with candor and take great care not to be influenced by any power and to cancel any law,

rule or regulation that is opposed to Islam and the constitutional law.⁽⁶⁹⁾ Also, the Council should be attentive to the exigencies of the country that must be dealt with sometimes by secondary decrees and sometimes by the decrees of the Walayate-e Faqih⁽⁷⁰⁾ (guardianship of the Theologian or Jurisconsult).

My advice to the honorable nation is that it participate actively in all areas relating to the elections, whether presidential elections, election of delegates to the Majlis or elections of experts⁽⁷¹⁾ to determine the council of leadership or the leader.⁽⁷²⁾ The choice and nomination of such representatives must be based on solid and creditable criteria. For example, if, by oversight, election of experts to determine the council of leadership, or the leader, be not based on religious laws and standards, irreparable damage to the religion and the country may ensue, in which case all shall be responsible before God. Thus, non-participation in elections by the people from the ulema (men learned in Islamic laws) and authorities (maraja) down to other strata including the the bazaar (business world), workers, farmers, office workers and others, indicates their irresponsibility toward the destinies of the country and Islam whether in the present or future generations. It is very likely that absence from the political arena and non-participation in the affairs of state and elections, in certain instances, may constitute a most grievous and capital sin.⁽⁷³⁾

Therefore, all must bear in mind that "Prevention is better than cure." If necessary action is not taken in advance, the control of affairs get out of all hands. This is a reality we have all experienced after the constitutional

government was proclaimed in the country. No remedial action is better and more effective than the people, nation-wide performing the tasks and duties assigned to them in accordance with the constitution and Islamic laws and standards. In elections for president and the Majlis delegates, voters must consult educated, open-minded persons. Such persons must be aware of the channels of action. They should not be dependents of a superpower. They should be dedicated to Islam and the Islamic Republic and be renowned for their virtue. Such consultation must also be entered into with dedicated and chaste clergymen. Care must be taken to insure that those elected as President of the Islamic state and as delegates to the Majlis, are individuals who have felt and experienced the circumstances of the deprived and oppressed classes of the society and are concerned with the well-being of these groups. The president and the Majlis delegates should not hail from the high-ranking, land-mongering capitalist classes who are sunken in carnal pleasures and are unable to feel nor understand the bitterness and pains of the deprived, the barefooted and the oppressed human beings.

We must realize that if the Majlis delegates and the president are competent, most difficulties will not emerge and if they do, they will be solved without delay. This applies to the election of Experts to determine the Council of Leadership or the leader. For, if the Experts are elected by the nation with care and consultation with the prominent ulema and religious authorities (maraja Taqlid) of the time, if learned, dedicated and virtuous persons go to the Assembly of Experts, then, most of the major problems will not

arise because of the selection of the most competent individuals as The council of leadership or leader and if they do, they'll be dealt with dispatch and exactitude. In view of Articles 109⁽⁷⁴⁾ and 110⁽⁷⁵⁾ of the constitutional law (of the I.R.I) concerning the grave duty of the nation in electing the "Experts" and the "Delegates" to determine the leader or the Council of Leadership it becomes clear that gross harm will accrue to Islam, the country and the Islamic Republic by the least oversight and negligence in their related elections. Because of the extreme importance of the probability of their incidence, their occurrence surely entails divine responsibility.

My advice to the leader and the Council of Leadership in this era which is the era of invasion and aggression by the superpowers and their stooges, domestic or alien against the Islamic Republic, indeed against Islam, and, to the future leaders and councils is to devote and dedicate themselves to the service of Islam and the mustazafin (the meek, the deprived and the oppressed) and of the Islamic Republic. Do not think that leadership (or guardianship) is per se a gift or an exalted position for you. Rather, think of it as a heavy and grave duty in which errors due to mean and lowly considerations will subject the perpetrator to life-long shame in this and to the wrath of God in the next world. I beg of the Lord and supplicate to Him that He admit us to His Presence having emerged from this trial with success. This danger exists, though to a lesser degree, for presidents, governments, and authorities, now and in the future, each in proportion to his responsibility. These, too, must be mindful of the presence of God and His watchfulness over

their actions. May the Lord guide them and show them the right path!

h)- One of the major, essential questions is the issue of justice for it is involved in the peoples' lives, properties and virtue. My advice to the Leader and to The council of Leadership is to do their utmost in the selection of highly qualified, deeply committed and dedicated persons for assignment as judges and other judicial positions. Such persons should be authorities in Islamic religious laws and in politics. I ask the Supreme Judicial Council⁽⁷⁶⁾ to clear up the woeful conditions in which all legal and judicial matters had sunk during the former regime, to cut off from this sublime tribunal the hands of those who play games with the people's lives and properties and those judges for whom Islamic justice has the least meaning. Effect evolutionary changes in the judicial system and replace judges who lack Islamic qualifications with duly qualified judges who, God willing, should be trained by the theological seminaries especially by the Holy Theological center of Qum and recommended for assignment to judiciary posts. It is to be hoped that soon enough Islamic Justice shall prevail everywhere in the country. I advise the present and future judges to keep in mind the ahadith (plural for hadith-tradition) ascribed to the Infallible Imams (AS), remind yourselves of the instances in which justice has gone amiss and always bear in mind the importance of judgement and the dangers inherent in its abuse. Let those who qualify as magistrates assume the responsibility of this great task and do not let it go and fall in incompetent hands. Let all know that as the responsibility of adjudication is hazardous and great, its rewards and excellences are also

considerable and grand. All must know that assuming the position of a judge is an incumbent religious duty (wajib-e-kafae).⁽⁷⁾

i) My advice to the holy theological centers, as I often have said, is that opponents of Islam and the Islamic Republic are determined to uproot Islam in every devilish way possible. A major approach they make towards their ominous objective which is dangerous to Islam and the theological centers is to have saboteurs and miscreants infiltrate the theological seminaries. This, in the short term, poses the danger of casting aspersion on the conduct of the theological students, accusing them of having corrupt, perverted and unethical behaviour and character. In the long run, the infiltration of theological seminaries by such evil agents and their integration into the ranks and files of the students of these centers, poses the greater danger that some of them may attain to high positions through their machinations. With the help of their sham knowledge of Islamic laws and rules they may work their way into the confidence and hearts of the people and then, at the right time, deliver fatal blows to the theological centers, to Islam and the country.

We are aware that the superpowers have implanted in various communities agents in different disguises such as: "nationalists", "pan-Iranists",⁽⁸⁾ "liberals", "intellectuals", "spiritualists" and "religious jurists". This last group if given the opportunity are the most insidious and harmful. Such agents live, sometimes for decades, among nations with patience, Islamic conduct and deportment, sham patriotism, spirituality and other designs and carry out their assignments at the most propitious times. During the

short span of time since the triumph of the Revolution our people have seen such agents under the titles of "mujahid-e-khalq",⁽⁷⁰⁾ (lit, fighter of the people), "fadaii khalq"⁽⁸⁰⁾ (lit, sacrificer of one's life for the people), the "tudeh"⁽⁸¹⁾ (masses) and other such appellations. It is necessary that all cooperate in neutralizing such conspiracies. All must be alert to the danger of these agents. The purging of the theological seminaries takes priority. This is the task of the honorable mudarresin (scholars and teachers of Islamic texts) and the wellknown men of theological centers with the approval of the marajae or authorities (marj'a=source, reference) of the time. Perhaps the contention that "order lies in disorderliness" is one of the vicious ruses of these plotters.

At any rate, my advice is that it is necessary in all ages, especially in the present era, in which plots and intrigues have increased, to rise and bring order to the centers of theology. Let the canonists, the scholars, and the instructors spend time and, by careful, sound planning, purge and preserve the major theological centers especially the Qum Theological Center.⁽⁸²⁾ It is necessary that the honorable ulema and mudarresin prevent perversion and distortion from creeping into the teaching materials concerning fiqh (Religious jurisprudence). Let there be no deviation from the methods of the grand foqaha (plural for faqih, learned authorities of religious law) in the teaching of the principles of fiqh for, only in this way can the real Islamic fiqh be preserved. Efforts should be made for a daily increase in the conciseness of views and investigative methods and in research and creative work.

Traditional fiqh, which is the heritage of our worthy

ancestors, must be preserved and maintained. Deviation from it weakens the foundations of research. Let research studies (in fiqh) pile up and develop into tomes. With respect to other sciences, to be sure, research programs should be arranged with a view to the needs of the country and Islam. Men should be trained to do research work at the highest levels and in as many areas as needed. Research, its learning, teaching and practice must be made available to all. Islamic moral sciences such as ethics, ego-purging, mystical experiences, etc should be covered in the course of such educational research. This is especially necessary with the "sayr-o-sulook-e-el-Allah",⁽⁸³⁾ purification of the soul and the ego better known as the jihad-e akbar⁽⁸⁴⁾ or the "greater crusade". May Allah help us achieve it!

j)- One of the areas that need purging, reform and care is the Executive Power. Sometimes beneficial and progressive laws are enacted by the Majlis, seconded by the Guardianship Council (Shuraye Negahban) and communicated by the related cabinet minister to the proper administrative unit or department for implementation but is thwarted by bureaucracy, by incompetent personnel, by open violation of rules and regulations. Such actions are sometimes deliberately taken to create dissatisfaction and unrest in the community.

My advice to the concerned cabinet ministers, now and for the future, is that they and their employees are living on public funds and therefore must all be true public servants especially to the mustazafin (the oppressed). Creating uneasiness for the public, not doing one's duties are interdicted and may incur the wrath of the Lord. You all need the nation's support, especially that of the oppressed

classes. It was by their popular support that victory could be achieved and the hands of tyrants cut off from the country and its wealth. If you become deprived of this support someday, the oppressors shall turn you out just the way you ousted the oppressive monarchical system. In view of these tangible facts you should make efforts to satisfy the nation thus and earn their confidence. Avoid inhuman and un-Islamic conduct. With this motive I recommend that our future cabinet ministers take great care in the selection of provincial governors and make sure that such men are competent, wise, agreeable, dedicated to Islam and the Islamic Republic and can get along with the people so that peace and tranquility become the pervasive rule in the country. It must be remembered that although every cabinet minister has the responsibility of Islamization and regulation of the affairs of his own area of responsibility, yet, some of the ministries have special characteristics. Take for example, our embassies abroad:

Since the early days after the victory of the Revolution I have often counselled the ministers of foreign affairs about the pro-taghoot (inclined towards the taghoot or tyrant) leanings of our embassies abroad and the need for their purge and conversion into embassies worthy of the Islamic Republic. Some of them, however, either could not or did not want to take positive steps. But, the present minister is hopeful that this aim will be achieved by perseverance in due time, he has taken some steps in that direction. It is hoped that in time these efforts will bear positive results. I advise the foreign ministers now and for the future that your responsibilities are heavy indeed, whether in purging your offices, departments or embassies or in the area of

foreign policy, preservation of our independence, securing the interests of the country and in the area of having good relations with the countries that do not intend to interfere in our affairs. Avoid anything that may indicate dependence in its various aspects and dimensions. Know that dependence on others though it may appear useful and even yield rich fruit now, in the long run, it will corrupt the country at the roots. Make every effort to improve relations with Islamic countries and to awaken their statesmen and invite all to unity and alliance for God is with you.

My advice to the Muslim nations is: do not wait for external help in reaching your objective which is the implementation of Islamic teachings and tenets. You yourselves must rise and undertake this vital work which will realize your independence and freedom. Let the grand ulema (outstanding canonists) and the honorable preachers in the Islamic states call on their governments to extricate themselves from dependence on big foreign powers and come to an understanding with their own nations. In this way victory shall be yours. Invite the nations to unity and alliance. Avoid racism which is against the teachings of the holy Quran. Shake hands in friendship with your fellow believers in any country and from any race they may be for the great Islamic Faith has termed you all "brothers". If, by the grace of God, this spirit of brotherhood-in-faith be realized, you will one day see that the Muslims constitute the world's greatest power. God willing, this brotherhood may manifest itself soon.

My advice to the Ministry of Culture and Islamic Guidance at all times, especially at the present, which has its own particular characteristics, is to act to

propagate truth versus falsehood and to present the real face of the Islamic Republic. Having severed the hands of the superpowers from our country we are now subjected to the propaganda tirades and barrages of all mass media affiliated with the superpowers. Consider the baseless accusations levied against us by the writers and speakers of these mass media of communication belonging to the superpowers. Regrettably, most of the Islamic states of the region, who should, by the command of Islam, show us brotherhood, have risen in opposition to us and to Islam and placed themselves at the service of the worldmongers for aggression and invasion against us from every side and quarter. And, our propaganda is weak while today the world revolves around publicity and propaganda.

The so-called intellectual writers are drawn to one or the other camp and their ambitions, selfishness and seeking exclusiveness do not let them think of the independence and freedom of their own country. These factors do not allow the writers to consider, even for a moment, the interests of their own nations and draw comparison between freedom and independence as enjoyed in the Islamic Republic today with that which existed in the former tyrannical regime. Such writers and speakers do not stop to weigh and measure the worthy and honorable life in this country today, including the partial losses in comfort and physical pleasures, against and in comparison with that which they had in the former regime which was steeped in dependency, servitude, praising and eulogizing those nuclei of corruption and vice; otherwise, they would desist from bringing such false and totally inaccurate accusations

against this newly born Islamic Republic and use their pens and speech against the taghoots in favor of this nation and government.

The issue of propaganda is not exclusively the business of the Ministry of Culture and Islamic Guidance. Rather, it is a duty incumbent on all writers, speakers, artists and scholars. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs should see to it that the embassies are supplied with public relations literature to reveal the radiant face of Islam to all the world. If the real face of Islam, which the holy Quran and Tradition (sunnat) have invited all to its various dimensions, would emerge from under the veils (spread over it) by the opponents of Islam and be relieved from the misunderstandings of friends, Islam would overwhelm the whole world and its banner of honor would be unfurled everywhere. How sad it is that Muslims should be in possession of a most valuable gem, matchless the world over and be not able to present it, a most dear thing that each man, by his own intuition, is in search of and yet, its holders themselves are not aware of it, ignore it and sometimes even run away from it.

k)- One of the most important, destiny-shaping issues is the problem of educational institutions from kindergarten through the university. Because of its extraordinary significance, I repeat the matter with a passing remark. The pillaged nation must know that during the past fifty years all the devastating blows to Iran and Islam have come mainly from the universities. If the universities and other education centers were actively engaged in training, purifying and educating our children, our youth and our young men, armed with Islamic and national programs

aimed at promoting the interests of the country, our homeland would not have been swallowed first by England and then by Russia and America and such ruinous agreements or treaties would not have been imposed on our deprived nation. Nor would foreign advisors have been admitted to the country and our resources including the black gold would not go down the pockets of the Satanic powers. Similarly, the Pahlavi family and its dependents could not have plundered the people's wealth and built for themselves private parks and villas over the bodies of the oppressed people at home and abroad. Foreign banks could not become rich with the wages of our deprived people and such monies could not be spent by the taghoot and his offsprings and kinsmen on sex orgies and other carnal whims.

If the Majlis, the government, the judiciary and other organs had come from Islamic national universities our nation would not be facing these ruinous problems today. If chaste personalities, with sound Islamic and nationalistic inclinations, not like that which is offered as Islam today, were dispatched from the universities to the three centers of power, we would be in different circumstances and could see different days and our homeland would be a different place; our deprived people would have been saved; the cruelty and oppression of the monarchy had been foiled by the people much sooner as would the houses of prostitution and other centers of vice one of which was enough to corrupt a whole generation of our young people, and, we would not be heirs to the odious conditions of narcotics addiction.

If our universities were Islamic, humane and

nationalistic, they would have trained, educated and presented to the society hundreds and thousands of mudarresin (teachers). How sad it was that these institutions were administered and our children trained and educated all, with rare exceptions, by people who were either Westernized or Easternized, persons who were put into vital positions and assigned by special planning and design. Our dear, oppressed and innocent children were, unfortunately, trained by such wolves affiliated with the superpowers and they occupied high legislative, executive and judiciary positions and carried out the orders of the tyrannical Pahlavi regime. However, the universities, thanks God, have been liberated. It is now and for ever after, up to the Islamic nation and government to prevent corrupt elements who are adherents of the pervert Eastern or Western ideologies, from infiltrating the teacher-training colleges, the universities and other education institutions. Such elements should be repelled as soon as they take the first step so that difficulties do not set in later. My advice to the students of high schools, colleges, universities is that they themselves rise bravely and oppose all deviation and perversion so that the independence and freedom of the nation and themselves may remain safe and secure.

1)- The entire armed forces including, the army, the navy, the airforce, the Sepah, the gendarmerie,⁽⁶⁵⁾ the police,⁽⁶⁶⁾ men of the revolutionary committees,⁽⁶⁷⁾ the Basij volunteers as well as the enlisted tribal militia, all enjoy special status. They are the mighty arms of the Islamic Republic and are border guards; they insure the safety of the roads, the towns and the rural areas. Indeed they provide peace and security for the nation and merit special attention

by the nation, the government and the Majlis. All must remember that armed forces, of any description, are manipulated and taken advantage of, more than any other group or institutions by the superpowers and their destructive policies. It is by political intrigues through the armed forces that coup d'etats are arranged and carried out; governments changed and regimes altered. The treacherous profiteers buy off some heads and commanders of such forces and, through them, work out their vicious conspiracies and take over or dominate a country or some innocent oppressed nation, putting an end to their freedom and independence. If military commanders be honorable and chaste, there can be no occasion for a military coup d'etat in a country, nor for its occupation and if one does occur, it will be defeated or neutralized by the dedicated commanders.

In Iran this miracle of the age was performed by the hand of the nation. The devout and committed armed forces personnel and their chaste and patriotic commanders had a considerable part in it. But, today, the accursed war imposed by Saddam Takriti at the instigation, order and through the assistance of the U.S.A and other powers has, after two years, met with the political and military defeat of the aggressive Ba'athist army, its strong supporters and allies. The armed forces, the security police forces, the public militia, the sepahis, with the unsparing help of the people have brought us honor at both the battlegrounds and behind the front lines. The internal intrigues and acts of mutiny by the puppets of the East or the West aimed at overthrowing the Islamic Republic, were defeated by the youth of the Revolutionary committees, by the Pasdaran

(Revolutionary Guards), by the mobilized volunteers, by the police and with the help of the nation. It is these zealous youths who stay awake at nights so that families may rest in peace, may Allah help and assist them!

Therefore, in these last few steps left to the end of my life, my brotherly advice to the armed forces who love Islam, who give their lives at the war fronts for the love of leqa-ullah⁽⁸⁶⁾ (spiritual perception of or union with the Lord) and who carry out their devotional work everywhere in the country, is that you stay alert and be vigilant and beware the treacherous political ruses of the pro-West or pro-East elements at play behind the scenes! Rest assured that the cutting edges of their blades is, from every side, directed at you more than at any other group. They want to make use of you, who have given your lives that the Revolution could triumph and Islam be revived. They want to overthrow the Islamic Republic and, by shamming Islam and service to the country and nation, they mean to separate you from Islam and the nation and toss you down into the laps of one of the two worldmongering poles and to cancel and void your efforts and sacrifices by political tricks and by their pretension to Islam and nationalism.

My emphatic counsel to the armed forces is to observe and abide by the military rule of non-involvement in politics. Do not join any political party, group or faction. No military man, security policeman, no Revolutionary Guard or Basiji may enter into politics. Stay away from politics and you'll be able to preserve and maintain your military prowess and be immune to internal division and dispute. Military commanders must forbid entrance into political parties by the men under their command. And, as the

Revolution belongs to all the nation, its preservation is also the duty of all. Therefore, the government, the nation, the Defense Council,⁽⁸⁹⁾ the Islamic Consultative Assembly are all charged with the religious and national responsibility to oppose, from the very beginning, any interference in politics or any action against the interests of Islam and the country by the armed forces, regardless of category, class, branch and rank. Such involvement will surely corrupt and pervert them. It is incumbent on the leader and the Leadership Council to prevent such involvement of the armed forces by decisive action so that no harm may beset the country. My loving advice to all the armed forces in these last days of my earthly life is to remain faithful to Islam, even as you are faithful to it now. Islam is the only true ideology of liberty and independence and Almighty God invites us all to attain to the exalted status of humanity by the light of Islam. Islam saves you, the country and the nation from the shame of dependency and leaning on powers that want only slavery for you and desire to keep your country and your cherished nation retarded and as a consumer market under the yoke of subjugation.

Prefer a humane life of honor with difficulties to the beastly comforts with slavery. Know that as long as you extend your hands begging for advanced industrial needs, the power of initiative and inventiveness will not bloom in you. An objective example we all witness concerns ourselves in the post-revolutionary period. Those of us who seemed to be unable to make or repair anything after the economic blockade was forced on us were impelled to use our minds and brains and succeeded in manufacturing a good many things-that met the needs of the army and the

manufacturing plants. This war, the economic blockade and the expulsion of foreign specialists were divine blessings in disguise of which we were negligent. Now, if the government and the army would boycott the products of the worldmongers and make more effort to increase inventiveness, the country may become self-sufficient and not have to beg anything of the enemy.

Here I must add that after such prolonged artificial backwardness our need for foreign manufactured goods is an undeniable fact. This, however, does not mean that we should become a dependency of one of the two poles in advanced sciences. The government and army should send dedicated students to countries that possess advanced technology but who are not colonizers or exploiters. Do not send students to the U.S.A or Russia or to countries that follow these two poles. Perhaps, God willing, the day shall come that these powers see their mistake and fall in the line of philanthropy, humanism and respect for the rights of others. Or, God willing, the oppressed peoples (mustazafin), alert nations and devout muslims make them take their proper places. May that day come!

m)- Radio, television, the press, the cinema and theatres are the most effective means for stupefaction and corruption of nations especially the younger generations. During the past century, especially the second half of it, great plots were hatched and executed through these media against Islam and its faithful servants, the clergy. The mass media are used, also in the colonial propaganda networks of the East and West. They are used to create markets for goods, especially for the sale of luxury and decorative commodities. The media are focused to make people

imitate others particularly in areas like clothing, consumption of alcoholic liquors, styles of architecture in housing and in many other things. To behave or "be" like a farangi (European) was the thing to be proud of. The "pseudo-Europeans" especially ladies in higher or middle income groups imitated the westerners in all forms and manners, in attire, in talking, in deportment, in all facets of behavior and social intercourse. Foreign words and terms were used in speech and writing in such a way as to be difficult to comprehend by most people, even by the peers of their user. Television films depicting Eastern or Western products made young men and women stray from the normal course of their work, throwing life and industry into oblivion in respect of themselves and their personalities and produced pessimism in people vis-a-vis their own beings, their country and culture and about highly valuable works of art and literature, many of which found their way into the art galleries and libraries of the East and West through the treachery of middlemen and collectors.

Pornographic magazines printed pictures and wrote articles detrimental to morality. Newspapers took pride in guiding the youth towards East or West by publishing anti-Islamic and anti-indigenous culture and articles. Extensive publicity promoted centres of vice like houses of prostitution, gambling, casinos and lotteries. Large retail stores sold luxury goods, toilet articles, paraphernalia for games of chance, alcoholic beverages, etc. All this came to the country financed by the sale of oil, gas and other valuable minerals. If the Pahlavi regime had survived, before long, our youths, these children of Islam and the

country, who were the nation's hope for the future would have been lost to Islam and the nation by the Satanic conspiracies of that corrupt system and through the mass media and pro-West or pro-East liberals and intellectuals. Or, the youth would have ruined their own lives in the centres of vice or turned stooges of the superpowers and destroyed the country. Almighty God has, by His mercy saved us from the mischief of evil-doers.

My advice to the Islamic Consultative Assembly, to the Presidents, to the Guardianship Council, to the Supreme Judicial Council and to the governments, now and in the future, is to maintain the news agencies, the press, and the magazines in the service of Islam and the interests of the country. We must all know that Western style freedom degenerates the youth, and it is condemned in Islam's view and by the intellect. Propaganda literature, written articles, speeches, books and magazines that oppose Islam, public morality and the interests of the country are taboo (-haram=interdicted by religion) and it is incumbent on all muslims to prevent their printing and distribution. Harmful liberties must be checked. If all that is "haram" and against the path of the nation and the Islamic state and contrary to the prestige of the Islamic Republic is not decisively controlled, then all are to be held responsible. If any one, including a hizbullah (lit, the party of God) youth meet with a violation of these rules, they must report it to the appropriate authorities and if they fail to act then the people themselves must take preventive measure. May Allah, the Exalted One, help all!

n)- my advice to the bands, groups and persons who are

actively opposing the Islamic Republic and Islam, and to their sons abroad or at home, is that long experience in conspiracy in different ways, in asking foreign authorities and states for support, must have taught you, who regard yourselves wise and knowing, that the course of a self-sacrificing, dedicated nation cannot be altered by acts of terror, sabotage, explosion of bombs and spread of un-calculated lies. No state or government can ever be toppled by such inhuman and illogical methods, particularly a nation like that of Iran whose youth, old men, women and children all sacrifice their lives in the path of the Islamic Republic, the Holy Quran and the religion. You know (and you'll be thinking naively if you don't) that the nation is not with you and the army is against you and if you assume they were with you, your crude moves, and the acts of crime perpetrated by you, have separated them from you and you've gained nothing but the enmity of others. As a well-wisher, my advice to you at the close of my days is that: you are fighting an oppressed nation that has, after 2500 years of suffering under the tyrannical rule of the shahs freed itself, by sacrificing the lives of its finest children and youth, from the yoke of the oppressive Pahlavi regime and the world-mongering East and West. How can the conscience (no matter how wicked) of a man allow him to behave so cruelly and mercilessly with his nation and country for consideration of a doubtful position!? I advise you, give up such useless and unwise actions, be not fooled by the world-mongers. If you have not committed any crime, come back home from wherever you are and get into the fostering lap of Islam. Repent for Allah is the Most Forgiving One! And the nation and the Islamic Republic

may, insha-allah (God willing) pardon you! If you have committed a crime for which divine punishment is decreed, return to Him from the middle of the way and repent. And if you have courage, accept your punishment and thereby save your soul from the "Painful Scourge!" Do not waste your lives longer, change your attitudes and do something else. That is best to you.

I inquire of the supporters of these groups, whether domestic or foreign: why ruin your lives and youth for these people who, as has been proven, are in the service of world powers, follow their designs and, unknowingly, have fallen in their traps?! What incentive can you have? Why do you wrong your own nation?? What for, and who for?! You have been manipulated and deceived by them!! If you live here in this country you can see with your own eyes that these multi-million strong masses are faithful to the Islamic Republic and are dedicated to it. You can see that the present government and regime are most sincerely serving the people and the needy. Those who falsely claim that they are of the people or are mujahid (strugglers, crusaders) or fadais (sacrificer of their lives) for the people, have actually risen in opposition to God's men. They have deceived you, young boys and girls, to serve their own aims or the aims of one of the two world-mongering poles, while themselves live in pleasure in the arms of one of these two poles of crime. Or, they live in luxury and comfort in elegant "team-houses" or residential villas and continue their crimes for which they sacrifice your lives.

My loving advice to you, the youth, who live in this country or abroad, is to give up the wrong path. Return and join up with the deprived peoples of the society who are

those who claimed and adhered to communism since its inception, have been and still are the most dictatorial, power-hungry, hegemonistic peoples and governments. How many nations have been crushed under the Soviet Union's pressure and ceased to exist? Yet, the Soviets claim they are supporters of the masses. The Soviet nations, Muslim or non-Muslim, are all struggling and writhing under pressure by the communist party under a strangulation worse than anything on earth.

Stalin⁽⁹⁰⁾ was one of the so-called bright faces of the party. We all saw his entrance and exit and the accompanying aristocratic ceremonies. Even now that you deceived individuals are ready to sacrifice your lives out of love for the party, the deprived soviet peoples and the peoples of its satellites such as the people of Afghanistan, etc. are perishing under the Soviet regime's cruelty. Meanwhile you, who claim to be siding with the people, hurt and harm the people (of Afghanistan) in any way you can, wherever you can. You committed unthinkable crimes against the respectable people of Amol⁽⁹¹⁾ whom you had erroneously regarded as your staunch supporters and, by deception, sent a good number of them to fight the government and the people with the result that many of them were killed. You, who claim to be supporters of the people, want to hand over the innocent and deprived peoples of Iran to the Soviet dictatorship and for this you disguise yourselves as "fadai-yan khalq (sacrificers of lives for the people) and supporters of the oppressed. This is being carried out now by the Tudeh Party and its cohorts through plottings and intrigues under the guise of supporting the Islamic Republic and by other groups of leftists by means of arms,

terror, bombings, etc.

I advise all (political) parties and groups who are known as leftist although indications point to their affiliation with American communists, whether fed and inspired by the West; or those who in the name of "self-rule" and support for the Kurds⁽⁹²⁾ and the Baluchis,⁽⁹³⁾ have taken up arms and ruined the lives of the deprived people of Kurdistan⁽⁹⁴⁾ and other localities, and have thus thwarted the Islamic governments efforts to present educational, medical and economic services as well as reconstruction activities in those provinces, such groups as Kumulah⁽⁹⁵⁾ and the Democrats,⁽⁹⁶⁾ I advise all of these groups to (forsake this path) and join the nation. Their experiences show they have done nothing but harm and have brought nothing but misery to those areas. These are the things they (the leftists) can do and nothing more. Therefore, it is in the interest of themselves, their nation and their provinces, that they cooperate with the government, avoid insurgency, serving the foreigners and doing treason to the country. Rather, let them participate in the country's reconstruction and rest assured that Islam is better for them than the criminal West or the dictatorial East and can better fulfill man's wishes.

My advice to the Muslim groups, who have mistakenly acquired "Eastward" or "Westward" leanings and sometimes supported the hypocrites (munafiqan), whose treason was proven and who unwittingly cursed those who opposed the enemies of Islam, is that they do not persist in making such mistakes. Let these groups and individuals show Islamic courage and admit their mistakes and, to please the Lord, line up behind the government, the Majlis, join the people, and, altogether rescue history's mustazafin

from the mischief and wickedness of the arrogant people. Remember what that great Muslim jurist, Mudarris⁽⁹⁷⁾ said at a sad majlis meeting of his day: "Now that we must be destroyed, why do it ourselves". In memory of that great martyr of God I say to you today that it is much better we be eradicated from the face of earth with honor at the treacherous hands of the U.S.A and U.S.S.R and meet our God in glory than to live in comfort under the Red Army of East or the black army of the West. Such has been the practice of God's great men of religion and this is the line we must follow. We should make ourselves believe that if a nation wants to, it can survive without any dependency and that world powers cannot impose anything on a nation against that nation's wishes. A lesson must be learned from Afghanistan where the usurping government and the leftist parties have been and still are with the U.S.S.R but have not been able to suppress the people.

Moreover, today, the deprived nations of the world have awakened and soon enough their raised consciousness shall result in uprisings, movements, insurgencies and revolutions. They shall emerge from the domination of the arrogant oppressors and you, Muslims, who care for Islamic values can well see that separation from the East or West is revealing its blessings. Native intellects and minds have become active and are moving in the direction of self-sufficiency. All that the treacherous specialists of the East or the West pretended to be impossible for ourselves to achieve is markedly achieved by the hands and brains of the nation. God willing the trend shall continue in the future. Alas, this revolution took place late! Had it taken place even as late as the beginning of Muhammad-Reza's rule, this

pillaged country would have been something else today.

My advice to the writers, orators, intellectuals, fault-finders and to those with complexes is this: Rather than spending your time pursuing a course contrary to that of the Islamic Republic and doing all you can to vitiate the Majlis, the government, and other public servants with your pessemism and ill-will, thereby pushing your country into the path of the superpowers, sit one night in seclusion with your God, and if you do not believe in God, sit in seclusion with your conscience and study your inner motives, of which people are often unaware, and think of the reason why, and, by what standards of fairness do you ignore the blood of all these mutilated bodies of youths strewn everywhere on the battle-fields and in the town and city streets?! Why do you start a war of nerves with a nation that has shaken off its neck the pressures of foreign and domestic oppressors and plunderers and has paid dearly for its freedom and independence with the blood of its children and now wants to preserve these with further sacrifice??!! Why do you reopen the way for the arrogant oppressors by treacherous plottings and by creating discord and disunity?! Is it not better if you would guide the government, the Majlis and the nation by your pen, word and your minds in order to preserve your homeland? Are the deprived not worthy of your assistance? Is it not better that you help in the establishment of the Islamic government?? Do you regard this Majlis, this President, this government and this judicial system worse than what we had in the former regime? Have you forgotten the cruelty with which the former regime treated this oppressed nation? Did you not know that this Islamic country had become a military base

for the U.S.A. at that time and was treated by her as a colony, or, that the majlis, the government and the military forces were in their hands? Did you not know that foreign specialists and advisors and industrialists played havoc with this nation and its resources? Have you forgotten the spread of prostitution nationwide, centers of vice and saturnalia, including gambling, bars, nightclubs, liquor stores, cinemas, etc, etc? Each one of these was a major agent of corruption of the youth! Have you forgotten the pornography which was promoted by the corrupt mass media during the former regime?

And, now that the vice markets do not exist, the trial of several young men, mostly from deviant and pervert groups, who had acted to defile and tarnish Islam and the Islamic government and the execution of a number of those who had revolted against Islam and the Islamic Republic and were sentenced to death, make you cry humanity!! At the same time you befriend individuals who have frankly and overtly condemned Islam and have risen against it with the "sword" or with their pens and tongues which is more woeful than armed uprising. With people such as these you enter into bonds of brotherhood and shake hands!? You call individuals whom God has declared "mahduruddam" (Lit, = whose blood it is lawful to shed) the "sight" of your eyes (i.e., a highly cherished person)! You sit beside these "actors" who created the 14th of Esfand¹⁹⁸¹ (March 5, 1981) calamity in which youths were beaten up, and watched the carnage! You then call such acts Islamic and ethical! But, when the government and the courts of justice try and rightly punish the enemies, the atheistic perverts, you cry, "humanity!", you cry "Innocence!". I feel

sorry for some of the brothers of whose records I am aware. I am interested in some of you, not in those who were insurgents disguised as well-wishers and wolves in lamb's clothing for they were actors who made game and fun of all and meant to destroy the country and the Nation because they were servants of one of the two plundering poles.

Those who, with their own unclean hands, martyred the youth, valuable young men, the cherished ulema and educators, instructors of the community and showed no mercy toward innocent muslim children, have forfeited everything before Allah and have no way of return as they are governed by the nafs-a-ammarah (carnal soul). But you, mumen (believer) brothers why don't you aid the government and the Majlis that are trying to serve the deprived, the oppressed, the barefooted, hatless people who are deprived of all things? What is your complaint? What ails you? Have you thought of measuring the amount of service rendered by this government and by the various foundations of the Republic? This was accomplished inspite of the disruptions that any revolution necessitates, despite the imposed war with all its damages, destruction, its millions of local and foreign refugees, with all the acts of sabotage in this relatively short time (compare this) with the development programs of the last regime. Did you not know that the development programs and works in the former regime were confined, almost entirely, to the cities and within a city, to the better quarters, those of the well-to-do? The poorer classes had little or no part of it, whereas the present regime and the Islamic foundations wholeheartedly serve the deprived groups. You believers, support the government so that projects get done faster. Thus, when you

perform appear in the Lord's Presence you do so wearing the Badge of Service to His servants.

o)- One of the issues that require comment is this: Islam does not support oppressive and uncontrolled capitalism which deprives the masses. The Book and the Tradition seriously condemn this type of capitalism and regard it as opposed to social justice. Although some have thought, wrongly, that Islam favors unbridled forms of capitalism, that is not true! Such mal-reasoning veils the shining face of Islam and prepares the way for biased attacks by the enemies of Islam, who consider it as a capitalist regime on the order of the U.S.A, England and other Western plunderers. Relying on such baseless accusations and wrong understanding, the enemies, without referring to Islamic sources for clarification of the point, rise to challenge Islam. Nor is Islam a communist or Marxist-Leninist regime which opposes private ownership and advocates, or advocated, communism in all things including sexual relations and homosexuality. That would be a destructive dictatorship. Rather, Islam is a balanced and moderate regime that recognizes ownership and respects it in a limited form of (production) and consumption. If this is implemented, a sound economy and social justice will result from it, for social equity is a prerequisite to the health of a regime.

Here, too, a number of unaware and illogical persons with no knowledge of Islam and its (ideas for a) healthy economy have risen in opposition to the first group. By resorting to some Quranic verses and citing phrases from the Nahj-ul-Balagha, (they) consider Islam as being in agreement with the deviationist schools of ideologies such

as that of Marx and his peers.⁽⁶⁸⁾ Such men do not pay attention to the (other) parts of the Nahj-ul-Balagha and the Quranic verses and, as a result of their inadequate comprehension, have risen to follow a communistic faith. They ignore the inherent atheism, dictatorship and strangulation of human values-by a minority party treating human masses as animals!!

I counsel the Majlis, the Guardianship Council, the Government, the President and the Supreme Judicial Council to be humble before the commands of God and not be influenced by the inane propaganda of the cruel, rapacious pole of capitalism and the atheistic pole of communism and to respect ownership and private capital within Islamic limits. I advise you to reassure the nation so that private and creative initiative proliferate in order to make the country and government reach self-sufficiency in all areas including light and heavy industries. I advise those who lawfully acquire wealth to invest their justly earned gains for innovative development works in agriculture, rural development and industries. This in itself is commendable worship. I advise all to make every effort for the welfare of the deprived classes. This is good work in this world and in the hereafter as these groups have suffered throughout the long and oppressive feudal and monarchical history. How nice it would be if the wealthy classes could voluntarily provide housing and other relief items for the slum dwellers, as it would be a blessing to them on earth and in the next-world. It is far from fairness that one person own scores of buildings while scores of other people (of his community) lack a single room in which to live.

p)- My advice to those clerics and to the pseudo-clerics

who oppose Islam for various reasons and devote their time to uproot it and aid other enemy plottings and political intrigues and, as is said, donate to them sumptuous sums from monies they receive from Godless capitalists, is this: You have gained nothing so far from your wrong-doings and, I think, you will not achieve anything if you continue. Thus, if you do all this evil for the sake of this world, God shall not let you gain anything. It is better for you, then, to repent while there is a chance; beg for the Lord's forgiveness and join ranks with the oppressed nation and support the Islamic Republic which has come to be by the sacrifices of the nation, although I do not think you will repent.

To that group who mistakenly or deliberately commit errors and oppose Islamic laws and decrees and are against the Islamic Republic and act, for God's sake, to overthrow it and think this regime is worse than monarchy, or is one like it, I say: think about the Islamic Republic with sincerity in seclusion. Make a fair and impartial comparison between it and the former regimes and consider that world revolutions have all entailed disruption, riots, confusion and disturbances and opportunists wanting to take advantage of such conditions for their own selfish aims. Consider the fact that the Islamic Republic faced all these things and, besides, had to withstand false accusations, propaganda, lies, armed attacks from the outside and within its borders and had to fight the unavoidable infiltration of corrupt, anti-Islamic elements, who were trying, in all state and government organs, to create dissatisfaction and unrest. Moreover, most of the public servants in the regime were inexperienced and many old-timers were dissatisfied because their unlawful incomes were curtailed. Thus, they showed their

resentment by spreading lies and baseless rumors. All of this, plus a shortage of judges, strenuous economic entanglements, difficulties in purging corrupt personnel and a shortage of qualified, competent personnel and many other problems had to be and were dealt with. On the other hand, biased monarchists, with immeasurable capital acquired by usury, foreign exchange manipulations, profiteering, exorbitant commodity prices, extortionist rates of services, smuggling, hoarding and similar evil acts, place the deprived classes under extreme pressure and draw the society to vice and disintegration. Men of this category come to you with deceptive purposes. To make you believe what they say they sham Islam sometimes even pay the "sahm-e-imam" (Imam's portion)⁽¹⁰⁰⁾ and shed crocodile tears. They enrage and incite you to opposition. Many of these individuals "sponge the people's blood" or exploit them by some illegitimate ways and means and make the country's economy go bankrupt.

My brotherly, humble advice is that you, honorable people, be not influenced by rumors. Support and strengthen this republic for the sake of God and for the preservation of Islam. Be sure that if this Republic falls, a republic acceptable to Baqiyatullah (the Ghaem or Mahdi=titles of the last (12th) Innocent Imam, now in occultation but whose advent is expected) and obedient to you shall not be realized. Rather, a regime acceptable to either one of the two power poles will replace it much to the disappointment of the world's deprived peoples who have turned to Islam and the Islamic government. Islam shall forever become isolated and you will regret your conduct someday when it is too late! If you gentlemen expect all

things to be Islamized overnight, you are making a mistake. Such a miracle has never happened in all the history of man.

And, when the great Muslih (Reformer) appears do not think that a miracle will take place and the entire world will be put aright in a day! Rather, it is by hardwork and sacrifices that the oppressors will be done away with. And if you think, as some misguided laymen do, that for the Mahdi (AS) to appear, the world must be entirely overwhelmed with cruelty and injustice therefore, to have him appear sooner, cruelty should be promoted, then let us all chime our own death knells. (From God we are and unto Him we retrun.)

q)- My advice to all muslims and oppressed peoples of the world is this: you should not sit and wait till your own authorities or rulers, or some foreign power act to make a gift of freedom and independence to you. During the past one hundred years we have observed the infiltration of the world's major powers into all Islamic countries and into smaller lands. Reliable history has related this for us. None of the rulers of any of these countries has been concerned with the freedom, independence and welfare of his nation and none is, even today. Rather the majority of such rulers have been themselves cruel oppressors who tried to stragulate their own people. Whatever good they did was to benefit themselves or was in the interest of some special group. or, such rulers, promoted the welfare of the upper already well-to-do classes but never did a thing to benefit the deprived groups and slum-dwellers. These last groups were deprived even of their daily bread. The miserable, deprived groups were taken into the service of the profligate epicureans or they were made puppets for big powers, doing

their best to make their countries more and more dependent on foreign powers. The rulers of such countries, who were rulers in name only, secured the interests of their Eastern or Western masters, turned their countries into markets for the consumption of the manufactured products of their overlords, kept their own lands in an undeveloped condition, and are doing so even now.

O mustazafin (deprived, oppressed) of the world! O Muslims and Muslim Countries of the world! Arise and wrest your rights by your teeth and fingernails! Never mind the rigmarole and propaganda cries of the superpowers and their puppets! Drive out from your lands your wicked rulers who hand over your wages to your enemies and the enemies of Islam. Yourself and the dedicated public servants should take charge of the affairs of your country. Gather together, all of you, under the proud banner of Islam and fight the enemies of Islam and of the deprived peoples of the world. Advance toward an Islamic sovereign government with so many free and independent republics. If you realize this, the arrogant powers shall retreat to their rightful positions and all the mustazafin will come to inherit the earth and attain to guardianship over it. Look forward to the day when God's promise shall be fulfilled!

r)- At the conclusion of this testament once more I say to the honorable Iranian nation that in this world the amount and volume of one's pains, sufferings, devotion, deprivations, and sacrifices is commensurate with the greatness of one's cause and its value and station. That for which you crusading, noble nation have risen and follow and give of your life and wealth for, is the noblest, the most sublime and the most valuable cause that has been put forth

since time began, nor will a similar cause be ever presented again. That cause is the "school of divinity" in its broad sense and meaning. It is the idea of "Tawhid" (the oneness of God or Monotheism) in its supremely lofty dimensions whose ultimate creative foundation lies throughout the expanse of the world of being and at the levels and degrees of Occultation and Presence (Ghayb and Shuhood) as made fully manifest in the School of Muhammad (SAW), and, for the realization of which the prophets (SAW) and the "oulia" or divine guardians (AS) worked hard. Absolute perfection and utmost glory and beauty cannot be attained except by it, – the Supreme Divinity who has exalted the earthly man above the heavenly beings. That which accrues to the earthly man from progression in His path does not accrue to any other being perceptible by the eye, or veiled.

You, mujahid (crusading) nation, move under an emblem and banner that is waving everywhere in the moral and material world! Whether you are aware of it or not, you are treading in a path that is the path of all prophets and is the only path to happiness and bliss! This is the incentive or motive of the prophets in accepting and embracing martyrdom. This is what makes martyrdom to them sweeter than honey. Your youth have experienced this at the battle grounds and it has made them live in ecstasy ever since. It is reflected in the souls and conduct of their (the martyrs') brothers, sisters and parents. We must truly say: "We wish we were with you (the martyrs), perhaps we, too, could be blessed with a great success". May they enjoy the breeze that delights the heart and the "sight" that sets fire to it. We should

know that a fragment of that "sight" or "epiphany" is made manifest in the hot, cultivated fields; in enervating factories, workshops; in industrial centers of research, development and inventions; in the nation on the whole; in the bazaar, the streets and rural areas; and in all who serve Islam, the Islamic Republic and work toward progress and self-sufficiency. As long as this spirit of ta'avon (cooperation) and ta'abod (dedication, commitment) prevails in the society, our country shall, God willing, be immune to worldly woes. Thank God, the theological centers, the universities and the young generation in education institutes, have all been blessed with the divine spirit. They have control over all these agencies which, God willing (insha'allah) are safe from encroachment by the saboteurs and perverts.

My advice to all is to advance towards self-awareness, self-sufficiency and independence with the remembrance of God. Without a doubt His helping Hand is with you if you be with Him and continue in this spirit of ta'avon (cooperation) for advancement of the Islamic country. I pray that all that I see in the noble nation of alertness, intelligence, commitment, devotion, spirit of resistance, and courage being employed in the path of God, shall, by His Grace, be transmitted to the successive future generations with increased momentum. With a peaceful mind, a certain heart, a happy spirit, and a conscience hopeful for God's

mercy, I take my leave of all brothers and sisters to journey to the eternal abode. I need your prayers and I beseech Almighty God's pardon and forgiveness for my inadequacies and my faults. I hope, the nation, too, will forgive my shortcomings and failings, and move ahead with power and determination. Know that the departure of one servant shall not leave a scratch on the steel shield that is the nation. Worthier servants of greater stature are in service and Allah preserves the nation and the oppressed people of the world.

(Wassalam-o-Alaikum wa Ala Ibadillah-e-salchin.)

Ruhullah Al Musavi AL Khomeini

(Bahman 26, 1361

Jamadi-al-awwal 1, 1403

February 15, 1983)

IN HIS MOST EXALTED NAME

My son Ahmad^(ra) will read this will and testament to the people after my death. If he has an excuse for not doing so, the President of the Islamic Republic or Speaker of the Islamic Consultative Assembly or President of State Supreme Court shall kindly accept the task and if they too, are excused, let one of the Fiqaha of the Council of Guardians accept the trouble.

Ruhullah Al Musavi Al Khomeini

IN HIS MOST EXALTED NAME:

I should like to add at the end of this 29-page will and testament with its prologue the following points:

1- While still here with you, I would like to declare that certain false statements have already been imputed to me and which may increase after I am gone. Therefore, I hereby declare that nothing imputed, ascribed or attributed to me has my confirmation unless it is in my handwriting, has my signature, is in my voice, with the affirmation of the experts, or what I have said on the television of the Islamic Republic.

2- Some individuals have claimed, even while I am alive, that they have been writing my statements. This is hereby denied. All such statements have been prepared and written by myself only.

3- Apparently some claim to have arranged my going to Paris, France. This is a lie. After I was turned back from Kuwait, I chose Paris in consultation with Ahmad for it was probable that Islamic states would decline admission for they were under the Shah's influence but Paris was not.

4- In the course of the movement and the revolution I spoke favorably of certain individuals who had pretensions to Islam but later realized their deception. My favorable comments were made at a time they pretended to be committed to the Islamic Republic. Such matters should not be taken advantage of. The criterion for everyone is his current conduct.

Ruhullah Al Musavi Al Khomeini

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APPENDICES

**DEFINITIONS OF THE TERMS
AND CONCEPTS
EMBODIED IN THE WILL**

1) The prophetic tradition of thaqalain:

The Thaqaalain Tradition is one of the best known traditions quoted by many, including an amazing number of authoritative Sunni sources, as coming directly from the person of the Prophet (SAW). Several important points can be deduced from this and similar traditions:

a) As the holy Quran shall remain with the people until the Last Day, in like manner, the Prophet's Household will remain to the Last Day, This means that the world will never be without an Imam and true leader.

b) By means of these two great trusts the Prophet (SAW) has secured all the scientific and religious needs of the muslims and has designated his household as reference sources of knowledge and insight.

c) No muslim has the right to disown their (the Household's) guidance and leadership.

d) The entire body of knowledge and religious requirements and needs of the people are vested in the Prophet's Household.

e) If people obey the Prophet's Household and adhere to their words they shall not go astray.

2) The Thaqaalain:

The term "thaqaalain" means two "theqals". In the explanatory accounts of the traditions and narratives as well as in the interpretations of the holy Quran, the term "Theql" is used indicating various meanings and concepts such as "weighty heritage", a "great thing", "weighty object", "precious thing", "invaluable trust", etc. However, in the Thaqaalain hadith, by the two trusts is meant the Quran and the holy Prophet's Household.

3) Molk:

The understanding and recognition of the worlds of being is an important argument in philosophy. Philosophy proves the existence of a number of worlds of which the one that is observable to the eyes and is felt by other senses is the world of nature or "Molk".

4) Malakoot-e-Aala:

Philosophers and thinkers have reasoned the necessity of the existence of a world standing as a dividing line between the world of nature (Molk) and the world of divinity (God). This world which is separate from matter and conditions of time and place is absolutely called the world of divinity (Alam-e-Malakoot). The philosophers and the "Orefa" or gnostics, whose arguments are confirmed explicitly by specific Islamic texts, maintain two stages for the world of divinity (Malakoot): "High" and "Low". The higher stage is termed (Malakoot-e Aala) or the superior Malakoot and is a world regarded as the birthplace of human intellect. The lower stage is named the "lesser Malakoot" and is known to be the world of illusion and fancy (Alam-e-Methal or kheyal).

5) Lahoot:

Lahoot implies the sacred essence of God which can not be understood through the senses but can be proved through logical reasoning and intellectual argument. As the Divine Essence comprises the entire attributes and qualities of perfection, it is therefore considered the most perfect world.

6) theqi-e-Akbar:

It can be deduced from the wording of the Thaqalain Tradition and from the accounts given by the expounders of ahadith and interpreters of traditions that the Greater Theql (Theql-e-Akbar) is the Holy Quran.

7) Theqi-e-Kabir:

According to the sources concerned with the concepts of the Thagalain, the Great Theql (Theqi-e-Kabir) denotes the progeny or household of God's messenger (SAW), that is, the Infallible Imams.

8) The Taghootian:

The term "Taghootian" means followers of Taghoot. It has been used in the Quran on eight occasions. Taghoot was also the name of an idol of the Quraish Tribe in pre-Islamic days. This name has been used to mean Satan. Most exegetes consider the word Taghoot applicable to any idol, object or individual, that may prevent one from doing good, and drag him into perversion and perdition. "Taghoot" has also been described as a rebel against all goodness and the sublime values.

9) The Howz:

"Howz" means a pool, pond, water basin or ditch dug in the ground to store water in. In Islamic literature the term "Howz" usually precedes the word "Kothar" thus meaning the Kowthar Pond, a stream located, according to narratives, in Paradise or in here after (Mahsbar). In this context, however, Imam Khomeini (PUH) has interpreted the "Howz" as an eternal reality implying a point at which unity is arrived at by the merger of pluralities. Just as several creeks or streams emptying into the same pool merge together and become one, at the Resurrection time the Holy Quran and the Household of the Prophet (SAW) converge on one other and form one entity.

10) The merging of plurality with unity:

In philosophy "plurality" connotes the hierarchy of beings and the variance of the phenomena of being, whether material or non-material. And, "unity" conforms to the penultimate essence of Divine Being which is the source and fountainhead of all beings in the universe. In view of this definition, the station of convergence or union of plurality with unity or oneness, a stage or station which is eternal and is above plurality and below unity and is the medium by which, at the beginning of creation, plurality has emerged from unity and, at the end of the world all join up to form the ultimate oneness.

11) Hadith (Tradition):

The word "hadith" literally means new, recently occurred, fresh. It also means news, speech, etc. In Islamic religious teachings it means words and sayings as definitely coming from the persons of the Prophet (SAW) and or the Infallible Imams (A.S).

12) The Sunni Muslims:

The issue of the rightful succession of the prophet and the leadership of the Islamic ummat (nation) after his death caused muslims to branch off in two groups: The followers of Ali (A.S) and the Infallible Imams who considered the caliphate the exclusive right of Imam Ali (A.S) and his progeny and the group that did not believe so. The first group are named the Shia and the other group is termed the Sunni. The Sunni group is divided into four creeds: The Hanafi; the Shafeii; the Maleki and the Hanbali.

13) The Sahah-e-Sitta (The Six collections):

Sahah-e, plural for sahih, means right and correct and by Sahah-e-Sitta is meant the six correct volumes which the Sunni ulama (religious learned men) selected from among the many volumes of ahadith (traditions, narratives) and designated them as the base and source from which to deduce religious laws, tenets, commands, interpretations and a part of the history of the earlier days of Islam. These volumes are:

a) The Sahih-e Bukhari, compiled by Muhammad ibn Ismail Bukhari, born 196, a.h (812 a.d); died: 256, a.h (864 a.d).

b) The Sahih-e-Muslim, compiled by Muslim ibn Hajjaj Neishaburi, better known as Qushiri, 206-262 a.h - (821-876 a.d)

c) The Sunan-e Ibn Majja compiled by Muhammad ibn Yazid ibn Majja, 273 a.h 886 a.d (date of death).

d) The Sunan-e Abi Davude compiled by Abi Davude Sajistani Sulaiman ibn Davude, dead 273 a.h (888 a.d)

e) The Jama-a Tarmadhi, compiled by Tarmadhi Muhammad ibn Esa ibn Sura, date of death 276 a.h (892 a.d)

f) The Sunan-e Nissai compiled by Ahmad ibn Sho-aib Nissai (died 303 a.h=915 a.d)

14) Hazrat Ali (A.S):

Ali (A.S), the first Imam of Shiite muslims, was born 600 a.d to Fatime and Abutalib (latter is the paternal uncle of the Prophet (S.A.W). Ali (A.S) grew up in the house of the Prophet since the age of 6. He was the first male person to accept Islam and pledge himself to assist the Prophet (S.A.W). Early in his prophetic mission when, by command of Allah, the Prophet (S.A.W) called his own kins to Islam, he announced at a gathering of them: "The first among you to believe and accept my faith shall succeed me!" He repeated this sentence three times and each time Ali was the only person who professed his faith. On the night of migration or hijrat (of the Prophet from Mecca to Medina), Ali betook

himself into the Prophet's bed and slept there (the Quraish had plotted to terrorize the Prophet that night) and thus demonstrated his fidelity to him. The Prophet (S.A.W) adopted Ali as his own brother and, on return from his last hajj pilgrimage, at a place called Ghadir, the Prophet (S.A.W) publicly declared Ali (A.S) as the guardian of the Muslims and Administrator of their affairs. Ali (A.S) was a companion of the Prophet in his lonely days and his aide in hardships and dangers.

For a period of 25 years immediately after the Prophet's demise, Ali (A.S) remained aside, for some reasons, of government administration and leadership. During this entire period Ali (A.S) had assumed the status of an observer whose presence averted deviation and perversion. After the third Caliph was killed, the Schaba or companions and a number of other people swore allegiance to Ali (A.S) and selected him as their Caliph. Imam Ali (A.S) administered the affairs of the Islamic world for nearly four years and nine months. He restored the changes that had occurred after the Prophet (S.A.W) to their pristine state. Opposition agents, whose interests were threatened, rose on every side and, pretending to avenge the blood of the 3rd Caliph, set off internal bloody wars that lasted during the entire period of Ali (A.S)'s rule, until, finally, they martyred this unique man of history after the Prophet, by the altar where he was saying prayers. It is extremely difficult to talk of Ali (A.S)'s personality in a worthy manner. He had dedicated his entire life to God's religion and was not remiss in this for the slightest moment. In his modest home children such as Hassan and Hosein (A.S) and Zainab (A.S) were reared, persons who left deep imprints on the course of history and who, as leader and mentor of seekers of truth carried, on their backs, the shining torch of humanism through the darkness of times.

15) Kashf-e Tomm-e Muhammadi:

Kashf-e tomm-e muhammadi means revelation, of the entire Quranic truths to Hazrat Muhammad (S.A.W). Thus, the kashf-e tomm-e is a descending stage of the holy Book during which the Quran has been revealed to the heart of the Prophet. This station of revelation of Quranic truths is not by rational or intellectual reasoning, it is by insight and intuition; it is oracular not visual observation. For this reason the truths of the Quran are comprehensible only to the Prophet and perfect revelation and absolute preception belong to him exclusively.

16) Validah-e Elmul-Asmae:

Validah means offspring or issue and Elmul Asmae is a kind of knowledge and gnosis that is only within man's ability to learn. With this definition, the validah Elmul-asmae is a child of elmul-Asmae, by which is meant human. Almighty God has conferred the Elmul-Asmae on man so that this creature may acquire worthiness for being Caliph on earth. Man would not have achieved this worth had not God taught him such knowledge.

17) The Maasumin:

Maasumin is the plural of maasum which means one of whom sin has been withheld and, has not committed a sin all his life. Ismat or infallibility is

regarded as an exclusive characteristic of the prophets in the religious teachings. It means immunity to error and sin and this imparts the utmost reliability to Those who are infallible. By *maasumin* mentioned (in the Imam's will) is meant the Prophet (S.A.W) and his Household.

18) Muhammad Reza Khan Pahlavi:

Muhammad Reza Pahlavi, the last monarch of the Pahlavi Dynasty, was born in October 1919. His father, Reza Khan, declared him his crown prince on his becoming king after the coup d'état. After completion of elementary schooling Muhammad Reza was sent for further education to Switzerland and upon return from that country he was enrolled in a military high school. In 1941, the Allies dethroned his father and sent him into exile and conceded to Muhammad Reza's succeeding his father. The reign of Muhammad Reza as Shah can be divided into two general parts. The first part lasted from 1941 to 1955. He could not muster the power of his father in this period. The second period (1955-78) or 23 years ended in his fall. It accounts for Muhammad Reza's absolute rule as a despotic autocrat in Iran. The text of Imam Khomeini's last will includes references to the manner of Muhammad Reza's 37 years rule.

19) King Fahd:

King Fahd is the king of Saudi Arabia. To get an idea of the extent of Al-e-Saud's dependence on major powers especially on the world-mongering America; the role of this family in the spread of the false and pervert creed of Wahhabism; their ancient, historic animosity towards the Shia of Ali (A.S); their hypocritical approach towards the struggle of the fighting people of Palestine; their massacre of the pilgrims of Iran and other countries in the House of God; their intrusion on the Divine sanctuaries; suppression of the Arab fighters and mujahedin (strugglers), within and out of Saudi Arabian peninsula; squandering the wealth of the Muslims..... and other atrocities of this family, please refer to the literatures available on the subject.

20) Wahhabism:

The doctrine and creed of Wahhabism was formulated by Muhammad ibn Abdul-Wahhab Najdi (toward the end of 12th and early days of 13th century, a.h.) and is ascribed to British colonialism. The adherents to Wahhabism are of the opinion that all Islamic denominations, including the Sunnis and Shia groups, are idol-worshippers. They regard the showing of respect and reverence toward to shrine of the Prophet (S.A.W) and Infallible Imams a kind of heresy and paganism. Supported by Muslim wealth, the Wahhabis are active in cultural propaganda and they are instruments for implementation of the destructive plans of the super powers.

21) The Nahjul-Balagha:

"Nahjul-Balagha" means the clear path to eloquence. It is a compendium of selected words and maxims of Hazrat Amirul-Mumenin (Master of the believers) Ali (A.S) compiled by Sharif Razi Muhammad ibn Al-Hosein (died 406 a.h=1016

a.d). Grand authorities of the Religion have named the "Nahjul-Balagha" the "brother" of the Quran. The contents of this book revolve around the three essential subjects of God, the universe and man, and comprise scientific, literary, religious, social, ethical and political topics. Next to the words of the holy Quran and statements by the Prophet (S.A.W) no words, regardless of the source and author, can equate those of the Nahjul-Balagha in significance and eloquence. So far more than 101 exegeses and commentaries have been written about the Nahjul-Balagha, indicating the importance of this book to the authorities in science, research and study.

22) The infallible Imams (A.S):

Explicit Islamic texts indicate that after the Prophet (S.A.W), the imams, holy leaders and infallible caliphs of the Prophet number 12, they are:

- 1- Ali ibn Abi Taleb, - Imam Ali (A.S)
- 2- Hasan ibn Ali, - Imam Hasan (A.S)
- 3- Hosein ibn Ali - Imam Hosein (A.S)
- 4- Ali ibn Hosein - Imam Sajjad (A.S)
- 5- Muhammad ibn Ali - Imam Muhammad Bagher (A.S)
- 6- Jaafar ibn Muhammad - Imam Jaafar Sadigh (A.S)
- 7- Musa ibn Jaafar - Imam Musa Kazim (A.S)
- 8- Ali ibn Musa - Imam Reza (A.S)
- 9- Muhammad ibn Ali - Imam Muhammad Taghi (A.S)
- 10- Ali ibn Muhammad - Imam Ali Naghi (A.S)
- 11- Hasan ibn Ali - Imam Hasan Askari (A.S)
- 12- Hojjat ibn Hassan - Imam Mahdi (A.S)

23) Hazrat Mahdi (A.S):

The term of imamate of the 12th Shiite imam, Hazrat Hojjat ibn Hasan Askar (A.S) began when he was only 6 years old. Because of the conditions prevailing at the time and by God's will, His Holiness went into occultation. The period of the Mahdi (A.S)'s occultation is divided in two parts: the lesser or minor occultation (ghaybat-e-sughra) which lasted 69 years. During this period his holiness was indirectly in communion with the people through the medium of four representatives. Then began the grand or major occultation (ghaybat-e-cobra) which has continued to this date and will be effective until his advent and the triumph of Truth over falsehood. Islamic thought holds to the view that the extensive challenges of Hazrat Mahdi (A.S) and his impending advent will be the last link in the chain of the challenges and fights of the ahl-e-haq or supporters of Truth against the ahl-e-batel or adherents to falsehood. This means that the struggles of the followers of Truth will continue throughout history and grounds for the victory of Truth becomes better prepared with each passing day and culminate in the advent and rise of the promised Mahdi (A.S) with the eventual dawn of the light of Truth and Justice in man's horizons, marking his intellectual, moral and social maturity.

24) The Ascending Quran (Quran-e-sa-ed):

The word "sa-ed" means rising, ascending, climbing, etc. As an expression the term is in contrast with words "Quran-e-nazil" which means descending or coming down. It is used to define the prayers and supplications of the Imams and the Infallibles (A.S).

25) The Shabaniah prayer:

This invocative litany, because of richness of contents and import, has been frequently performed during the month of Shaban by Hazrat Ali (A.S), his children and by all other Infallible Imams. Of the importance of this prayer, the saying of which was often emphasized by Imam Khomeini (P.U.H) in the course of his blessed life, it will suffice to say that no other prayer of invocation is said to have been recited by all of the Infallible Imams (A.S).

26) The Arafat prayer:

Arafat is a station for the hajj pilgrims in the vicinity of Mecca. The Prayer of Arafat is ascribed to Hosein ibn Ali (A.S) and was often recited by him and by Imam Sajjad on the 9th day of the month of Zillhejjah in the desert of Arafat. This prayer is expressive of the lovely supplications made by the Master of Martyrs (Imam Hosein (A.S) invoking the mercy of his beloved Lord, the one and only creator of universe. The Arafat Prayer, as other prayers said by the Infallible Imams (A.S), contains deep and lofty concepts.

27) Imam Hosein (A.S):

Hosein (A.S) was the hero of Ashura (the 10th day of Muharran when Imam Hosein (A.S) was martyred), the greatest epic event in man's history. He was born to Ali (A.S), the man of Justice and chastity and Her Holiness Fatima (A.S), the symbol of a muslim woman, in the 4th year a.h and was raised and reared under the care and supervision of a father such as Ali (A.S), a grandfather such as Muhammad (S.A.W) and a mother like Fatimah (A.S). After the martyrdom of Imam Hasan (A.S) in 50 a.h, caliph Muaviah increased his pressure and ordered all his governors to delete the names of the Shiite muslims (followers of Ali (A.S) from the rosters of the muslim treasury and to apprehend and put to death any one accused of sympathy for Ali (A.S). Yazid succeeded his father Muaviah as caliph and followed the path of his sire. He ordered that Imam Hosein swear allegiance to him and be slain should he refuse.

Imam Hosein did not yield to Yazid, this prototype of meanness and villainy. He resorted to the sword and undertook the fundamental Ashura move that he might thus kindle a light (of hope) amid the darkness (of oppression) and to initiate history's eternal epic event. By sacrificing his all, including the lives of himself, his kins and supporters in the path of God; Imam Hosien (A.S) became a model and example for all those who tread in the path of Truth. Many books have been written about the personality of Imam Hosein (A.S) and a great deal has been talked about him. Friend and foe testify to Imam Hosein's matchless courage, bravery, patience, forbearance, his challenge of cruelty and injustice, his courtesy and humility, his kindness and his compassion.

28) The Sahifah Sajjadiah:

In view of the dominance of the rule of tyranny in the time of Imam Sajjad (A.S), the fourth leader of the Shiite muslims of the world, a collection of his advices, exhortations and counsellings manifests in the form of prayers. This collection which contains 54 such entries is available. It is known as the Sahifah Sajjadiah and is a veritable encyclopedia that in the course of history of Shiism has constantly been a source of inspiration to the learned men and seekers of the Path of God. This book has had great educational influence.

29) Zabur-e-Al-e Muhammad (The Psalms of the Household of Muhammad (S.A.W)):

Zabur is the name of a Divine Book that was sent down to His Holiness Davood (David), one of the great prophets of God, it contains plenty of tersely cogent and pithy phrases and sayings of knowledge and wisdom. Because of the importance of subject matter, richness of contents and the depth of its lofty concepts, the Sahifah Sajjadiah is known to the initiates by several appellations such as "The Zabur-e Al-e-Muhammad", "the Bible of the Ahl-e Bait"; "the Sister of Quran", etc.

30) The Sahifah Fatimiah:

The word "sahifah" means letter or book. The term Fatimiah implies that the realities and topics ascribed to her Holiness Fatimah (A.S). Thus the Sahifah Fatimiah is a book attributed to the noble daughter of the Prophet (S.A.W) and the faithful wife of Ali (A.S), the first leader of the world Shiites. The book has embodied news and intimations of future world events. It has been kept in custody by the Infallible Imams (A.S) and, according to narratives, it has had a volume three times that of the Holy Quran.

31) Fatima Zahra (A.S):

Fatima Zahra was daughter of Islam's noble Prophet (S.A.W), consort to Ali (A.S), man of equity and virtue and the first Imam of the Shiites, mother of Imams Hasan and Hosein (A.S) who are the 2nd and 3rd Shia leaders. She was born in Mecca in the 2nd or 5th year after the Ascension of Muhammad (S.A.W) to prophetic mission. Comment on the qualities and attributes of Fatima, this grand lady of Islam and symbol of muslim women, is outside the scope of this writing. Her love and attachment to her father was so intense that people had called her "Umma abiha" (her father's mother).

Fatima (A.S) was by the side of the Prophet (S.A.W) and Ali (A.S) during the most sensational and melodramatic terms of their eventful careers. She passed away young because of the ample pain and hardship she went through following the death of the Holy Prophet of God (S.A.W).

32) Baqer-ul-uloom (A.S):

The term "baqer" means "splitter" or "dissector" and Baqer-ul-uloom or

Dissector of Sciences and knowledge was a title or attribute given to this 5th Imam or leader of the Shiite muslims of the world. During the time of this Imam, the disputes between the Omayyads and the Abbasids (over the Caliphate) and the innocence of the Ahl-e-bait (the family or household of the Prophet) in the great, bloody tragedy of Karbala (martyrdom of Imam Hosein (A.S)) made the people especially the Shiites, in multitudes, to turn to Medina and the Imam, and thus, means for the dissemination of the truths and teachings of the religion were provided, a thing that was not possible for any of the previous Imams, members of the Prophet's family to achieve.

33) The Jaafari Faith:

The Jaafari faith or religion (mazhab) is attributed to Imam Jaafar Sadiq (A.S), the sixth leader of world Shiism. The attribution of this faith to Imam Jaafar ibn Muhammad-Al-Sadiq (A.S) has been due to the fact that this glorious Imam had lived longer than any of the other Infallible Imams and had had more opportunities for religious activities. The lassitude that resulted in the court of Caliphate from the clashes between the Abbasid and Omayyad ruling elements afforded Imam Jaffar Sadiq a golden opportunity to extend the means of teaching Islamic truths and arrange classes for lessons, discussions and debates. The Imam also succeeded in furthering the education of the faithful believers and the establishment of a great theological center. His teaching had such depth and comprehensiveness that the phrase: "So said Al-Sadiq" (qal-al-Sadiq) became the slogan of the science of Hadith (traditions).

34) Fiqh (Islamic Religious Jurisprudence):

The word fiqh means keen understanding gained by intelligence and curiosity. The science of fiqh is a science that is in charge of and handles the deducement of religious rules (ahkam) and the programs of actions that are needed in the individual and social lives of the people. The objective of this science is understanding divine commands and acting according to them. The sources from which fiqh deduces God's Commands include: The Holy Quran; the traditions of the Prophet (S.A.W) and the Infallible Imams (A.S); universal consent (the consensus of opinion among the religious learned men about issues the correctness of which cannot be doubted) and reason.

35) Hazrat Zainab (A.S):

Zainab Kubra (Zainab the Great), the brave lady of Islam is the third child of Fatima Zahra (A.S) after Imam Hassan (A.S) and Imam Hosein (A.S). She was born in the 6th year a.h and was nurtured and raised under the care and education of the Prophet (S.A.W); Ali (A.S) and Fatima (A.S) by the side of her two brothers in the noblest family of all ages and eons. Zainab (A.S) traversed a long, thorny passage up to the tragedy of Karbala. In that great tragedy Zainab (A.S) was an eye-Witness to the martyrdom of her famous brother and every young man of her family. She traveled to Iraq in captivity and then to Shawm (Syria) and supervised the survivors of Imam Hosein (A.S)-all women and children. During this awesome event Zainab did not, for a moment, lose her

fortitude and patience. She managed to create a center of anger and wrath against Caliph Yazid, the blood-thirsty Omayyab and, with unique courage, hoisted the banner of challenge against the criminals and by performing an awe-inspiring role, took the initial steps toward the perpetuation of the epic of Ashura and the struggle of truth against falsehood in all ages. The words and deeds of Zainab (A.S) are transformed, in the eternal history of Shiism, into a permanent attribute titled: "Zainab-guna" or "Even-as-Zainab", the model of muslim women.

36) The Idea of a Greater Israel:

The only ideal and objective in which the zionists strongly believe is the formation of a Jewish universal government to exercise sovereign rule over the entire world. According to them such a government will rise from Polestine and, according to advance planning, will embrace the Egyptian territory between the Nile and the Red sea, Sina, Jordan, syria, the greater part of Iraq with a window to the Persian Gulf and the western part of the Saudi domain. And because of the immeasurable natural resources which they shall thus acquire, they think and believe that sovereignty over this area is sovereignty over all the world.

37) Hosein of Jordan:

the present boss of Jordan, known as Malik Hosein has, since the victory of the Islamic Revolution, taken a stand beside the Saudi Arabian monarchy, the reactionary Arab rulers and Saddam, challenging the Islamic Revolution, Hosein's betrayal of the ideals of the people of polestine, bloody massacre of Polestinians, his support of Israel, have made him a hateful figure among the Muslims.

38) Hassan of Morroco:

Shah Sultan Hassan II, the monarch of Morroco is one of the despotic kings who, like the shahs of Jordan and Arabia, consider the collapse of the "empire" of Iran (the Shahinshahi) and the formation of the Islamic government, a major danger to their thrones and crowns, has not spared any action in opposition to this Revolution.

39) Hosni Mubarak:

Mubarak is the current president of Egypt who, after the terror of the treacherous Anwar Sadat, goes on with the shameful Camp David Treaty and the humiliating peace with Israel. He is a sworn servant of America.

40) Saddam, the Aflaqi:

The adjective Aflaqi has reference to Michelle Aflaq, the so-called Syrian intellectual. Aflaq was a son of a Greek Orthodox grains merchant who was born in Damascus in 1910. He finished elementary education in Damascus and then went to Paris to continue his education at the Sorbon. He graduated in history and philosophy and began to work as a teacher. As a teacher, Aflaq relied heavily on the liberation movements and the nationalistic wars in Europe in recent

recent centuries as well as on the past honors of the Arabs and their role in history. He cherished the hope of forming a party with an ideology on the basis of which all Arabs could unite under an integrated nationality that would replace their present divergent opinions. At last Aflaq's dream was realized with the help of the super powers and old colonialists and the Baath Party and a particular eclectic (eltiqati) ideology, that cannot be discussed here, was formed. This party's branches in Syria and Iraq thrived. The Baath Party of Iraq came to power with the coup d'état by Abdussalam Aref in 1963 and, in July 1979 with the removal of Hasan Al Bakr from power, the government of Iraq and the post of secretary general of the Baath Party were usurped by its conniving, ambitious and adventurous feature, that is, Saddam. The evidences and indications that exist behind the inner changes of the Baath Party, and which led to the rise of Saddam to the leadership of Iraq, clearly show the intrigues and serious doings of Western spy services especially those of Israel.

41) Fiqh Sunnati:

The term "fiqh" was defined earlier. "Sunnati" is a method transmitted to us by the ancients. With this explanation the fiqh-e-Sunnati or traditional religious jurisprudence is a method for deducing and extracting the religious rules and decrees from authentic and reliable sources, a procedure pursued by the *foqaha* (learned canonists) of the Shia denomination from the earliest days of the Infallible Imams to the present and they accept no alternative for it.

42) The Primary and Secondary Decrees:

The Book and Tradition embody many of the laws or precepts concerning social relations needed by the Muslims and their decrees are specified in whole or in part. This group of commands are known as the primary decrees. However in the administration of the society the Islamic government, sometimes, faces issues and problems for which primary decrees do not point to a solution. In instances like this, Islam has empowered the governor to use his sovereign right of *walayat* or guardianship and, by considering the interests or expediencies of the society, legislate a set of rules and regulations and thereby solve those difficulties. This kind or group of laws or rules are interpreted as the secondary decrees.

43) Friday Mass Prayers:

The Friday mass prayer is one of Islam's major worship and social rituals. It is performed every Friday in congregation of believers. The Imam *juma* leads the affair. Prior to the start of prayer, the leader of the mass performs two sermons during which he acquaints the Muslims with their individual and social duties and obligations and apprises them of the current problems of the country and the world and Islamic issues. The Friday mass is a tradition of the Prophet (S.A.W) and the Infallible Imams. It is so important that even prison inmates must participate in it. In the course of Islamic history nothing has been as effective as the Friday Mass in unifying people and imparting information and awareness to them. For this reason despotic rulers have spared no effort to abolish or pervert it.

44) The daily congregational prayers:

In the divine disciplines of the prophets, *namaz* or prayer is the ascension of the terrestrial man to the highest moral stature and a mean for approach to the Creator of the world, He who prevents man's depravity and mental pollution. On the other hand, the *namaz* or prayers, if said in congregation with its particular characteristics, develops an ideal society and purges human societies of pollution and rust. It is by means of this support that the Islamic government can approach its goals and achieve unity which is one of the divine covenants of the prophets and is emphatically recommended by the Imams (A.S). Saying prayers in congregation is confirmed and emphasized by the great authorities of the religion.

45) Mourning Ceremonies:

Mourning ceremonies applies to a series of ceremonies performed to commemorate the Ashura (10th of the month of Muharram), the martyrdom of Imam Hosein(A.S), the Master of all Martyrs and the 72 persons (family members and supporters of Hosein (A.S)) who were martyred in the great tragedy. The Ashura rites are also intended to keep alive the memories of the struggles of the seekers and leaders of truth and justice against the agents of arrogance, oppression and atheism in all history. The Shiite muslims have such inner, cordial relation with the Martyr of Karbala (Imam Hosein (A.S)) that cannot be fathomed except by observation of these mourning ceremonies and actual dramatization scenes that depict profound concepts like *hejira*, enjoining to good and forbidding evil, *jihād* (crusade), martyrdom, imprisonment for the sake of God, and many other concepts.

46) Ahl-e Bayt (The Household of the prophet):

In common usage, the terms "ahl-e-bayt" and family refer to those who live in a man's house and all together make up his household which includes wife, sons, daughters, and servants. Unimpeachable narratives, recorded and quoted in both Sunni and Shiite books and other reliable sources, indicate that the term "Ahl-e-bayt" is a "blessing" that applies to the Prophet (S.A.W), Ali, Fatima, Hassan and Hosein exclusively. However, according to these narratives and others, nine other infallible imams who are of Imam Hosein's progeny are included in the ahl-el-Bayt or Household. Thus the Ahl-e-bayt are the 14 infallibles mentioned before. The Holy Quran recommends love for the Ahl-e-bayt or the Prophet's Household by the muslim ummat. Such love is deemed as the reward of the Prophet (S.A.W).

47) Bani Umayyads:

Muaviah, son of Abu Sufyan and grandchild of Omayya declared himself the Caliph of muslims in 41 a.h (662 a.d) just after his Holiness Imam Ali (A.S) was martyred. The Omayyad clan held the caliphate until 132 a.h (750 a.d). the Omayyad rulers revived aristocracy and the hereditary monarchy which is in sharp conflict with basic muslim tenets of faith. History is replete with accounts of painful events that have occurred in the Islamic world during the Omayyad rule, events like the ruthless massacre, imprisonment and banishment of the Household of the

Prophet (S.A.W) (the Ahl-e-bayt), the martyrdom of Imam Hosein (A.S) by agents of Yazid (son of Muaviah), etc.

48) The Shiite:

The word "shiite" means a group of helpers and followers. Consideration of basic standards of the leader of the ummat (nation) from an Islamic view point and consideration of all that the Prophet (S.A.W) has said about the sovereign rule of Ali (A.S), from the earliest days after the ascension of the Prophet (S.A.W), made a number of prominent muslims and companions of the Prophet to rise in support of Hazrat Ali (A.S). This group, that is, the group who were supporters and followers of Ali and believed in his sovereignty and leadership were named the "Shiite".

To say the least, Shiism holds to nothing other than and in excess of the basic tenets and teachings of Islam. It seeks the institution of Islamic principle of governmental rule in its true form insuring the implementation of justice.

49) The Living Martyrs:

The term live or living martyr is a term applied to the maimed and disabled veterans of the revolution and the imposed war. These noble individuals entered the arenas of martyrdom with the aim of destroying the enemy and to insure the victory of truth over falsehood. But divine grace did not will their martyrdom and they, by the offer of their limbs, earned the blessings that accrue a shahid (martyr). In the Islamic revolutionary society the living martyrs are entitled to and enjoy special privileges, values and credits.

50) Brothers-in-Faith:

A certain Quranic verse of the Sura Al-Hujurat (The Chambers) states: "... Mumenin are brothers to one another..." Bear in mind that this verse legislates a rule among the Muslims and establishes a tradition for the first time and that is the kinship of brotherhood which has a profound meaning with religious, canonical, legal and lawful implications. This tradition which is an Islamic covenant, conceived and promulgated by the Holy Prophet, enjoys a supreme worth in Islamic teachings. It imparts ample blessings to the Islamic ummat (nation) and can lay claim to most tender arguments.

51) ALLAH-O-AKBAR:

Takbir means the saying of "Allah-o-Akbar", so saying as to convey the concept that "God is too great to be amenable to description or praise" This is one of the more important mottoes of the Muslim. Takbir is a declaration by the creatures of their inability to rise in praise of God. It is a profession of mankind's unworthiness of His Presence. In this connection Imam Khomeini (P.U.H) has said: "Allah-o-Akbar does not mean that God is greater than this or that thing because nothing worthy of measure can be found in His presence".

Beside the effect of the repeated utterance of takbir during the prayers and its devotional influence, it has a special place in the history of the Islamic revolution.

The Iranian Muslims overthrew the 2500 years of monarchy of Iran with their repeated recitation of takbir. With their thunderous recitation of Allah-o-Akbar echoing and roaring as in a torrential deluge, the Muslims of Iran assailed and assaulted the Baathist hirelings during the imposed war, uprooting them. By their recitation and repeated cries of Allah-o-Akbar, our people confirmed the basic principles and foundations of the Islamic Republic of Iran and, on occasions, they repair to their rooftops, raise their voices in takbir and thus keep alive the memories of the great days of the Islamic Revolution.

52) Hudood:

Hudood is the Plural of "had" meaning limit, boundary and interval between two objects and the end of a thing. In Islamic canon, "had" means a fixed punishment to be meted out to any offender. It covers penalties for commission of acts of immorality, transgression against other's honor, property, and other common rights, the punishment for which is specified in the Quran and in the authentic traditions.

53) Taazirat:

Taazirat is the plural for taazir. It has various meanings such as: blame, reprove, rebuke, admonish, chastize, etc including flogging and lashes.

In Islamic fiqh (canonical laws) taazir applies to punishments, the determination of the "had" or limits of which is vested in the qadi or judge. A judge in an Islamic court can, with due regard to the circumstances of the offender, type of offense or crime, conditions under which it has been committed, fix the "amount" of punishment provided it does not exceed a certain "had" or limit. For example, punishment for calling someone bad names for which the defendant has been humiliated.

54) Qisas:

Qisas literally means retaliation or revenge. It also means punishment and retribution, in kind, of a criminal (murderer) or assailant, according to the act committed. Islamic canon law decrees Qisas or retaliation in kind for bodily injuries and harms inflicted by an offender on someone. Qisas is actually a right of the retaliation in kind decreed by law for the victim or his/her inheritors.

55) Sulaiman ibn Davood (Solomon son of David):

The prophethood and sovereignty of Davood was, by Divine Will, passed on to Sulaiman although he was the youngest child of Davood. The monarchy of Sulaiman was even greater than that of his father Davood, because, God made the wind subservient to him (Sulaiman) so as to carry his court wherever Sulaiman wished. Almighty God also made Shaitan (Satan) subservient to Sulaiman to carry out his commands. He made the birds obedient to Sulaiman so as to provide shade for him with their wings. The Lord further instructed Sulaiman in the language of birds and granted him extraordinary comprehension and intelligence. All these privileges made Sulaiman's sultanate or monarchy matchless and concentrated all powers in him.

56) Reza Khan:

Reza Khan was an adventurous, ruffian Cossack who, in the solar hejira year 1304 (1924 A.D.) set up the Pahlavi rule, the last monarchy of Iran. He joined the Cossack militia when 14 years old and in a short time became the most outstanding Cossack officer due only to his ruthlessness, boldness and cruelty or hard heartedness, and attracted the attention of the British who meant to set up a strong government to protect their interests in Iran. With the help of the British, Reza Khan overthrew the Qajar Dynasty, ascended to the throne and, during a 16 year dictatorial rule did all those things part of which we read in the last will of Imam Khomeini (R.H.) as written by the Imam himself. Stunned by the rapid advance of Hitlerite troops and the fast fall and submission of the European countries to German forces, Reza Khan shook hands of friendship with the Germans so as to be by the side of the victor to the end. After invading Iran the British and Soviet troops, in order to revenge his ingratitude, removed Reza Khan from the throne and sent him off to Mauritius, an island in Indian Ocean off East Africa coast in a British ship. Later on, Reza Khan was transferred to Johannesburg and in July 1944 he died in exile.

57) Reconstruction Jihad:

Before the Islamic Revolution relatively few Iranians enjoyed comfort and welfare amenities. Most of the people, especially villagers lived in discomfort and hardship. However, after the Revolution, helping the deprived and the oppressed, especially those who lived in rural areas became a wish and concern of the nation and, for this reason, in 1358 (1980) Imam Khomeini (R.H.) asked the people to participate in the State's Reconstruction Movement. Thus a revolutionary institution called the Reconstruction Jihad (Jihade Sazandegi) was formed and began to operate. People, particularly the youth and students went to rural areas in groups voluntarily and started to serve the people to please the Lord.

58) Multi-million Afghan and Iraqi Refugees:

The political and economic order of Afghanistan collapsed in the wake of Soviet military aggression against that country in 1979. Muslims who were not the fighting type left behind the burnt lands and took off for Iran and Pakistan. On the other side Saddam's instigation by the superpowers resulted in a bloody war entailing the movement of hundreds of thousands of Iraqi refugees on to the borders of Iran. Thus, the revolutionary Iran had hardly opened eyes in its fledgling days that it had to face, meet head on and put up with a couple of million Afghani and hundreds of thousands of Iraqi homeless refugees. This, however, the Islamic Republic of Iran did, spurred by the inspiration of Islamic brotherhood.

59) Sura-Al-Tawbah (Repentance):

The Sura Tawbah, also named Baraat (immunity), is one of the seven lengthy Suras of the Quran. It is the 9th Quranic Sura, does not deal with just one independent topic. Rather it is concerned with various topics such as immunity to

the unbelievers, war with the atheists and the ahl-e-ketab (lit., those of the Book = believers in holy scriptures), comments on the hypocrites, spurring muslims to fight; reprimand of those who shun jihad (fighting for the cause of God) and some other topics.

60) The SEPAH (Guards of the Islamic Revolution):

The sepah of the Islamic Revolutionary Guards or Passdaran is an institution under the supreme command of the leadership. Its purpose is to guard the Islamic Revolution and its fruits; steady effort for the realization of divine ideals, diffusion of the sovereign rule of God's laws and commands in conjunction with the laws of the Islamic Republic of Iran and absolutely enhancing the defensive strength of the Islamic Republic in cooperation with other armed forces, and, also giving military training and organizing civil militias.

61) The Basij (mobilization):

When a nation rises in unison to rid itself of foreign domination and reach divine rule, it does not limit the defense of its revolution to its armed forces. Rather, in such a society, all people are ready to defend the revolution and regard it as incumbent on themselves to learn military and combat lessons. For this reason Imam Komeini (P.U.H) has said: "An Islamic country should be all military". In view of this, the Constitutional law has charged the government with the duty of providing, along with the army and the regular forces of the Passdaran Corps and in line with Islamic standards, programs of military education for the public so that all individuals be at all times able to give armed defense to the country and the Islamic Republic system. By participation in the Basij Force, the Iranians try to create a grand army named the 20-million-man army.

62) JIHAD (CRUSADE):

Doing jihad in the path of God is one of the most important duties of every muslim. A believer who performs jihad enjoys exalted eternal status, remission of sins, and special divine blessings. A mujahid (one who does Jihad, a fighter) mumen or believer by being present on the scenes of combat or jihad trades his life and property with God's eternal behesht or paradise and, to be sure, this is a highly successful and profitable exchange. The Holy Prophet(S.A.W) has said: "Those who rise in the Path of God and perform jihad for the liberty of God's servants, at the resurrection, enter the Heaven by an adit called the "Bob-e-Mujahidan" or "the fighters entrance". They enter the Paradise before all other beheshtians (those who may enter heaven) with honor and glory, carrying their arms on their shoulders passing in front of all others. The favorite Angels of God salute and welcome them and others envy their status." Jihad has varieties and types, the rules of which are indicated in religious regulations.

63) The Imposed War:

With the victory of the Islamic Revolution in Iran, the U.S.A lost one of the

most sensitive strategic areas of the world and its access to the immense oil reserves was cut off. Therefore, by hooks and crooks, America tried to regain its losses. Actions taken by the U.S.A in this connection include: aid to domestic insurgents, military attack on Iran (known as the Tabas incursion), masterminding a coup d'etat. As none of these was effective, America tried something else, it made the adventurous Iraqi regime to impose an unwanted war on the Islamic Revolution. In this war, that cost several hundred thousand of human lives, hundreds of thousands men maimed, wounded or captivated, the superpowers and their bonded servant Saddam the Aflagi could not achieve any one of their objectives.

64) The Islamic Consultative Assembly:

The Islamic Consultative Assembly is a majlis or assembly made up of representatives who are elected by the direct and secret votes of the people. This Assembly, together with the Council of Guardians constitute the Legislative Power and have the duty of enacting and approving the laws. Additionally, the Majlis supervises the competency of the administrators of (public) affairs and decides the quality and quantity of the state's economic plans, methods of acquiring revenues and government spending. It guards the rights of the nation and defends the people's interests at all times, in all places. Representatives of the Majlis number 270, they serve a term of four years.

65) The Constitutional regime (Mashruta):

By the end of the 19th and the early 20th centuries the Iranian people had become fed up with the cruelty and injustice of the rulers and agents of despotism and dictatorship as well as with the chaotic conditions of the country and the atrocities of the government agents. Weakness and incompetency of Muzaffaraddin Shah, the monarch of the time, in administering the affairs of state and the daily increasing awakening and alertness of the people and other factors like the rise of the clergy and the ulema provided grounds for a revolution known as the "Constitution Movement" (Nehzat-e-Mashruta) which, after long and hard struggle finally triumphed in 1906.

This movement, though not led in the right channel, yet it effected great changes in the social structure of Iran, breakdown of class distinction, upsetting the power position of the courtiers, and big landlords and in the institution of law and justice. However, the constitution movement failed to yield desired results because of the influence of pro-West elements, and removal of the clergy from politics and government rule and the hereditary monarchy was reinstated with the coup d'etat of Reza Khan.

66) Marajae:

Marja (singular for marja) is a source, an authority to which something or someone is referred for information or advice. In religious terminology it applies to religious leaders to whom people go to seek counsel in connection with their problems, difficulties and questions.

For Muslims to follow a person's views and decrees in religious problems, having knowledge is not the only requirement for that person or source. Such a

person must, also be chaste and just. The marja must be a self-possessed faqih or theologian. He must be a protector of religion and opposed to carnal desires and he should be obedient to divine laws and commands only, in that case it is incumbent on the people to follow him.

67) Official Religious Minorities:

Article 13 of the Constitutional Law of the Islamic Republic recognizes Zoroastrianism, Judaism and Christianity as true religious minorities who are free, within the limits of law, to perform their own religious rites and to act according to the dictates of their own faith in matters of personal status.

Article 14 of the I.R.I. Constitution has made it obligatory for the muslim citizens to behave towards nonmuslim citizens with civility, equity and justice and to observe their rights. This right is valid for those who do not act and plot against Islam and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

68) Council of Guardianship:

In order to insure the conformity and agreement of the legislation approved by the Majlis with tenets and teachings of the Quran and the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Iran, a council named Guardianship Council Composed of 6 learned and just faqihs or muslim religious jurists and 6 jurists or legal experts from various branches of the law, is formed as dictated by article 92 of the Constitution. These men are elected for a period of 6 years (article 92). The Islamic Consultative Assembly is not legally valid without the Guardianship Council (article 93). All legislation enacted and approved by the Majlis should be sent to the Guardianship Council to confirm their conformity or variance with Islamic laws. (Art. 94 of the Constitution).

69) The Constitutional law:

The Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Iran sets forth the cultural, social, political and economic institutions (nehad) of the Iranian society on the basis of Islamic laws and principals which is a refection of the cordial wish of the muslim umma (nation). This law which comprises a preamble, 12 chapters and 175 articles and was approved in 1358 (1979) by a majority of 99.5% positive votes of the Iranian nation, is the documentary evidence of the faith of the nation in Islam and the Islamic government and the outcome of the blood of tens of thousands martyrs. Imam Khomeini (p.u.h) regards the constitutional law as the greatest achievement of the Islamic Republic. In 1368 (1989) an amendment was written, ratified and added to the Constitution.

70) The Walayat-e-Faqih (Guardianship of the Theologian or Jurisconsult):

On the basis of Divine Commands and the authentic sources of the school of Islam and reliable traditions, the historical mission of the prophets in forming governmental rule, after the Imamate and occultation of the last Infallible Imam, shall of necessity rest with one of the most erudite and most righteous man of

the religion so that the line of guardianship (walayat) and the sovereign rule of the prophets be thus maintained. Men with such qualification are the very foqaha or jurists and ulema among the ummat who are heirs and trustees to the prophets and their rule is termed the walayat-e-Faqih. And, thus the constitutional law prepares the grounds for the realization of leadership by a fully qualified faqih who will be recognized as leader by the people and who will insure that the various government organs do not deviate from their real and authentic Islamic duties.

71) The Experts:

In the system of the Islamic Republic of Iran public affairs must be administered on the basis of public opinion and by means of elections. If in an election, whether presidential, Majlis delegates or council members, obtaining a majority of view be not possible or if achieving a purpose requires argumentation and discussion, in that case the people elect their trusted experts and they convene in an assembly called the Assembly of Experts wherein they discuss the issues that are of concern to the people. Example: The Experts on the Constitutional Law, the Experts on the Leadership, etc.

72) The Leadership Council and the Leader:

Whenever a qualified faqih is recognized and confirmed by an absolute majority of the people as a marja and leader, such a leader and marja (supreme authority to whom people refer for counsel), assumes all the responsibilities that ensue from the title. If this does not materialize, the experts elected by the people study and consult (among themselves) the qualifications of all those who meet the standards set for leadership and, from among them, select three or five competent maragae and present them to the people as "members of the Leadership Council". It must be mentioned that in the review of the Constitutional law of the I.R.I., this article was amended, the leadership of the muslim community is not envisaged, through "council" form.

73) Capital Sin:

There is a difference of views among the ulema as to the definition and number of capital sins (gonah-e-kabira). Imam Sadiq (A.S) considers as capital sin those sins for the perpetrators of which Allah has prescribed "Hell" as an unavoidable punishment. The number of capital sins cannot be ascertained. However figure 7 is more frequently stated in narratives. The heptamorous sins, for whose titles there is a difference of opinion, include: polytheism, homicide, accusing a chaste woman of adultery, misappropriation of orphans assets, adultery, desertion of military service at war fronts; and disobedience of parents. Surely, sins such as usury, losing hope in Divine Mercy, feeling immunity to divine Finesse, backbiting, false testimony, etc... are also confirmed as being capital sins.

74) Article 109 of the Constitutional law:

Article 109 of the Constitution of the I.R.I is devoted solely to a declaration of the qualities and qualifications of the Leader and of the members of the leadership Council. These terms or conditions include: Academic competence and the necessary righteousness; political and social insight, courage and sagacity and sufficient administrative ability. These principles were modified somewhat in the review or amendment to the Constitution under the heading of "Conditions and qualities of the Leader".

75) Article 110 of the Constitutional law:

Article 110 of the Constitution of I.R.I. deals exclusively with powers and responsibilities of the leadership, which mainly include: appointment of the Fozaha (members) of Guardianship Council; appointment of the highest judicial authority of the country; appointment and removal of the commanders of armed forces; formation of the Supreme Defence Council; declaration of war and peace; endorsement of the credentials of the President following his election by the people; removal of the President from office with a view to the expediencies of the country; grant amnesty to convicts or reduction of their sentences, within Islamic rules. In the amendment to the constitution this article has been somewhat modified.

76) Supreme Judicial Council:

This council which was the highest judicial authority in the Judicial Power of the I.R.I. was deleted in the process of adding an amendment to the Constitution and the status of the country's highest judicial authority was vested in an individual person.

77) Wajib-e-Kafae:

Wajib (lit, necessary), is a decree or rule the performance of which is a "must" and its abandonment is regarded a sin. Example: the saying of nemaz or prayers. Wajib is of two types: "eini" and "Kafae". Eini is a necessary decree whose performance is obligatory on every individual muslim that is, every one must obey that command singly and individually. Example: nemaz or daily prayers and fasting. Wajib-e-Kafae is a duty incumbent on all community. The holy shar-*ca* or legislator has required its performance by groups that is, while all must carry it out, if one or a group perform it, others will not have to do it, for example; enjoining to do good, forbidding evil, lifeguarding, etc.

78) Pan IRANISM:

"Pan" is a Greek prefix that has several meanings. One meaning of it, that bears on the translation of the term "pan-Iranism", is "from end to end", "all-inclusive", "advocating common unity". By this definition "pan-Iranism" implies enthusiastic wish for the unity of all Iranians, which is a nationalistic movement. In this movement ethnic, racial and national issues form the basis, not the prevailing human beliefs and trusts.

79) Mujahid-e-Khalq:

The term "mujahid-e-Khalq" literally means "people's fighter" or "one who struggles in behalf of the people". However, in reality and in the political history of the Iranian nation "Mujahedin Khalq" is the name of a guerrilla or partisan fighter group that came to be in 1965 (1344 a.b) to challenge the Shah. This organization, due to the inadequacy of the familiarity of its leaders with the principles and all-inclusive teachings of the school of Islam, adopted an eclectic ideology and, within a short time after the victory of the Islamic Revolution, took position opposite the Revolution. Its forces martyred a large number of people's true servants, the dedicated clergy and ulema and finest youths. They also detonated many scores of bombs all over the country, and burned houses and street buses full with passengers; they started a stream of running blood. This group spared nothing in fighting the Islamic Revolution but in the longrun, after going through several stages, was suppressed by the revolutionary forces and some of them fled to foreign countries. And, so, those who someday daubed anti-imperialism and were afraid to have their identity revealed are, today, spending their last shameful days in the laps of the Imperialists in utter ignominy. The terrorist group of Mujahedin Khalq has been equated with the hypocrites and is so known and referred to by the public.

80) Fadaii Khalq:

The Fadaiian Khalq were a partisan or guerrilla marxist group who started their political, terroristic, anti-Revolutionary moves after the Revolution had triumphed. The group dates back to 1966 when a number of student-marxists had gradually become disenchanted with Orthodox Marxist positions and had acquired leanings towards Maoistic positions. In spite of their terroristic activities against the Shah's top brass, their popular base among the lay student body and university leftists remained undeveloped and was unable to find general acceptance among the people. This group wanted rapid institution of the socialistic discipline in Iran. However, gradually, political and ideological crisis divided this process into several branches. The marxist world crisis and related circumstances in the Soviet Union deeply affected these elements and caused their political abashment.

81) Tudeh:

The Tudeh is the oldest and best known marxist-leninist organization of Iran. Remnants of the communist party of Iran that declared its inception, in 1920, it began its activities in 1942 under the title of "the Tudeh Party of Iran". Because of its direct affiliation in its political life with the Soviet Information Service, the Tudeh Party assumed positions that made it famous as treacherous or "vatan foroosh" (one who "sells" his country). The most important of such positions was the Tudeh Party's support of the separation of Azarbayejan and Kurdistan from Iran by Soviet troops and its support of granting oil concession in the north of Iran to the Soviets. After the coup d'etat of August 19, 1953 and the continuation of Muhammad Reza Shah's monarchy, the activities of the Tudeh Party within Iran ceased until 1979 and the triumph of the Islamic Revolution in Iran.

of the central committee of the Tudeh party were stationed in Leipzig, East Germany. With the victory of the Islamic Revolution favorable grounds became available to the Tudeh and other parties and groups to resume their activities. The Tudeh Party, however, because of atheistic beliefs and hypocritical tactics, failed to find a firm base in the people, inspite of years of struggle and propaganda. At last, in 1983, when the spying relations of this party with the KGB and the Soviet Military Information servies (G.R.U.) was revealed, the members of its central committee were apprehended and the party's secret networks were disbanded.

82) The Qum Theological Center:

Qum is one of the oldest cities of Iran with a population almost entirely Shiite. From the time of the Infallible-Imams (A.S) the City of Qum has been a strong and constant base for the Islamic school of Shiism, the first scientific step taken in Qum was by Abdulla ibn Saad Ashari the well-known scholar and it reached its zenith in the 4th and the early days of the 5th century. Therefore the history and record of Shiism and the farhang-e (culture) Jaafari in Qum precede the coming of Her Holiness Fatima Masouma (A.S), sister of the 8th Shiite Imam, to this city. After her demise, the shrine of this great lady attracted to itself all the lovers of the Ahl-e-Bait (the Prophet's Household) and the city of Qum acquired a greater stature as a center of theology. The Qum Theological Center has had ups and downs in the course of more than 10-12 centuries past. During its last decline, which came to be after the period of Mohaqqueq Namdar and the late Mirza-ye Qumi the Center took a turn for the worse and weakened to the point that even the Faiziyah and the Darul-shafa Schools were reduced to ruins in which beggars and the insane roamed about at will. The Center's theological and religious educational activities had come to a standstill. However, after the migration of the late Ayat ullah Haeri Yazdi to Qum, the Howza Elmiyya was revived, as a matter of fact, it became a new howza, one which, today, has become world's greatest and most active Shiite scientific center on earth devoted to the study, teaching, writing, research and propagation and dissemination of the rich culture of Shiism. It has also developed into a center for greatest intellectual, scientific and publicity movements.

83) Sayr-o-Sulook-e-el-Allah (Peripatetic journey):

As a scientific and cultural system, gnosticism has two parts: Theoretical gnosticism and practical gnosticism. Practical gnosticism has also been termed sayr and sulook or peripatetic journeys towards God. The science of sayr and sulook explains what the "salik" or walker (the novice in the gnostic realm) has to do, what journeys to make and what stages he must go through in order to attain to the zenith of humanism which is monotheism. The salik is shown the path, is made aware of the type of conduct he is to make manifest throughout and of the states and conditions he should expect and experience and that during the entire journey he shall be guided and watched out for by a mature and perfect man who has travelled the path and knows the ways and customs of each trip and each stopover (manzil).

To be sure, the monotheism which the aref or gnostic considers as the highest point of humanism and the final destination in the sayr and sulook differs from the

monotheism of the common man and ever with that of the philosopher. A gnostic's monotheism or oneness implies reaching the stage of seeing nothing except God.

84) The Jihad-e-Akbar (The Greater Crusade):

The discourse concerning jihad or "fighting", is one of the important issues in Islam. The excellences mentioned for jihad are many and merit attention. Also, the eternal reward and recompense of the mujahid is more substantial.

However, of all the "fights", "struggles" or jihads the most meritorious and valuable is the jihad with one's nafs or ego (self-renunciation). It is termed "the greater jihad", it inculcates in man's inner being (baten) the highest values. Self-jihad or jihade akbar underlies all other jihads and it never ceases, it must go on during the entire span of one's life because carnal desires, lurking in every nook, are ready to attack us from ambush.

85) Gendarmerie:

Gendarmerie is one of the disciplinary armed forces. It is charged with the duty of insuring the safety of the roads and the country-side.

86) The Police:

Another disciplinary armed force is the police or shahrbani. It is charged with the duty of maintaining the order and safety within the the cities.

87) The Revolutionary committee:

The Islamic Revolutionary Committees are another disciplinary armed force. It operates both in the cities and in areas outside of the cities. It functions alongside with its gendarm and police brothers to maintain law and order everywhere in the country. The Committees are the first agencies that were created all over the land after the triumph of the revolution. Its personnel are recruited from the same masses of humans who rallied around the banner of Islamic justice during the revolution.

88) The Leqa-ullah:

By this, sight or vision (leqa) of God is meant the most definitive and decisive stage of knowledge or gnosis. Terming this spiritual insight a "Leqa or vision of God" is emphasizing its authenticity and unmistakable occurrence. Almighty God has in His Book, the Holy Quran, demonstrated a vision which is of an essence other than the sense of sight. Rather, it is a perception or comprehension or an "intelligence" by means of which the truth and essence of a thing is surmised and understood without the aid of the corporal eye or brain. God has invested man with a special medium, that is not of the common sensory impressions, but by which man can fathom his own Creator without any disguise or cover, but by the conscience alone. And, if man fails to know his Creator it is because he has been preoccupied with his ego and has erred.

89) The Supreme Defense Council:

Section C, article 110 of the Constitution of the I.R.I declares the formation of a council by the name of the Supreme Defense Council as a function of the leadership. This council is made up of seven members and its business concerns problems related to the Army and the Sepah. In the process of reviewing the Constitution, the Supreme Defense Council was incorporated, under the title of "Defense Council" in Article 176 of the Constitution and formed a branch of the National Security Council.

90) Stalin:

Joseph Stalin was a member of the Central Committee of the Bolshevik Party and a director of the Pravda Newspaper, official organ of the Soviet Communist Party. In 1922 Stalin was elected as the General Secretary of the Party and was then actually placed at the head of the Soviet government. The story of Stalin's cow has often been referred to by the Imam (P.U.H) in his talks. The story is about the Tehran Conference of the heads of the allies during W.W.II. It is related that the Anglo-American heads of state, in spite of their empirialistic beliefs had not much observed formalities and protocols while Joseph Stalin, in spite of his proletarian background, had brought a cow to Tehran with him in his aircraft so as to have his own exclusive fresh milk every morning. Such attachments and such proletarian slogans, that are in sharp contrast and mutually contradictory, are the sort of things the Imam (P.U.H) has often observed.

91) The Amol Incident:

An incident was perpetrated in Amol, a city in the north of Iran, by the group called "Communist Union". This group which was a small Maoist group had no activity inside Iran during the time of the Shah. However, as soon as the revolution triumphed, elements of the group entered the country from the U.S.A. and western Europe and started their activity in Amol. During this incursion, nearly 50 armed elements of this group who were committing terroristic acts against Iran in the forests of the north, entered the city of Amol in a calculated and planned act. The objective of these terrorists was the military occupation of the city. They had figured that if they took the city, the people of surrounding territory would join them and thus an insurgent base against the Islamic Revolution would come to be. Contrary to their fancy, the people of the city spontaneously resisted this armed invasion from its onset and the city became the battleground of intense and violent fighting between the unarmed defenders and armed men. After a period of 5 hours of fighting, all the invading elements were captured or slain by the people and the plot was badly defeated. A considerable number of defenseless men, women and children were killed in this incident.

92) The Kurds:

One of the Iranian ethnic people who mostly live in Western provinces.

93) The Baluchis:

One of the ethnic groups of the Iranians living in eastern provinces, mostly in Sistan and Baluchistan.

94) Kurdistan:

A province inhabited by Iranian Kurds, located in the west of the country.

95) Kumulah:

Contemporaneous with the victory of the Islamic Revolution in Iran the Kumulah group, consisting of a number of adventurous anarchists with an ideology leaning toward Maoism, was founded. According to existing documents, this group was instantly placed under serious material and military protection and support of western information services especially those of England and its dependent Baghdad regime. With slogans of ethnic leanings, the Kumulah did every thing to incite the Kurds to cessation from Iran. It declared its ideal as a "socialist Kurdistan". The reputation of the Kumulah was mostly due to its savage killings of the people and defendents of the Revolution and also, to its brutal torture.

96) The Democrats:

Another ethnic-minded group that undertook armed and terroristic actions against the Revolution, after it had triumphed, was the Democrats of Kurdistan of Iran. The Democratic party was formed in 1945 when a part of the Iranian territory was under occupation by Soviet troops. It framed an autonomous government in Kurdistan on the strength of the Soviet army. After the withdrawal of the Soviet troops from Iran this party had no actual existence but its name or title was retained by the pro-Soviet party, the Tudeh. In the meantime a member of the Tudeh Party named Qasimlu was able to obtain a Ph.D. degree through one of the scholarships that the Checkoslovak government made available to the Tudeh Party. Qasimlu, meanwhile married a Check Jewess.

On the basis of available documents he (Qasimlu) entered information relations, through his wife, with the Israeli information services and after a while he migrated to Baghdad and continued the publication of the new series of the magazine or newspaper termed Kurdistan, with the help of the Baath Party of Iraq, thus he withdrew the initial H.D.K.I (Hizbe-Democrate-Kurdistan of Iran =the Democratic Party of the Kurdistan of Iran) from its monopoly by the Tudeh Party.

The H.D.K.I did not exist in Iran until 1979. With the victory of the Islamic Revolution in Iran, Qasimlu quickly entered the Kurdistan of Iran and announced the start of said party's activities and his party was the first political group that voiced "ethnic autonomy" in the Revolutionary Iran.

97) Mudarris:

Mudarris is regarded, in the history of Iran a champion of freedom, a pro-independence clergyman and a fighter against dictatorship. He was born in the year 1287, a.h. in a village near Ardistan and received his elementary education

year 1287, a.h. in a village near Ardistan and received his elementary education in Isfahan and his higher education in the holy city of Najaf. Simplicity and easy to understand parlance, kindness of temper and disposition as well as simple living, placed Mudarris in a position of leadership and guidance among the people. During the second legislative session of the National Consultative Assembly of Iran in the year 1328 a.h. Mudarris was selected by the ulema and clergy of Najaf and Iran as one of the five mujtahids (religious jurists) to supervise the enactment of laws. At the end of the 2nd Session of the Majlis, Mudarris was elected to it as a delegate from Tehran. Mudarris was opposed to puppet governments and their treasonous anti-nationalistic actions and was against the treacherous agreement signed with England in 1919, the ratification of which he prevented in the Majlis. Because of all this, Mudarris and his supporters were arrested by the command of the British through Reza Khan, commander of the Cossack Brigade. They were imprisoned and tortured. Public pressure and demonstration led to their release after 3 months imprisonment. Mudarris disclosed in the Majlis Reza Khan's plan for republic form of government for Iran, this and his opposition to Reza Khan's rule and Plans dictated to him by the British, helped pronounce Mudarris as the most steadfast and staunch figure of anti-colonialism and anti-dictatorship.

Foreigners and their enthusiasts who were mortified by the influence of Mudarris and saw that the plots to terrorize him fell through, one after the other, decided to smother this loud and clear call to Islam and liberty. Therefore, they prepared plans to apprehend and deport him and finally, one day in the month of Ramazan, 1316, a.h. they poisoned this great scholar while in a state of fasting and then strangled him.

98) The 14th Esfand Tragedy:

The 14th day of Esfand (March 5, 1980) 1359, is a bloody day in the Islamic Revolution. On this day a hard fight took place between Truth and Falsehood. The advocates of Truth, offering several martyrs, were able to destroy several wings of the Falsehood led by Bani Sadr, the first, "usurper" president of the Islamic Revolution. The Truth wing was made up of the Hizbullah (lit., the party of God).

Hizbullah was a movement adherents to which believed in Islam; The Principle of the Guardianship of the Faqih; leadership by the Ulema and clergy; devotion and sacrifice; martyrdom; and immunity to (disavowing) the East and the West. The false wing was composed of: the liberals; the leftists and left-inclined groups such as the Mujahedin Khalq; the Fadaiian Khalq Partisans (majority and minority factions); Paikariha (lit. the fighters) and groups dependent on the former regime like: monarchists; savakists; freemasons; elements who were screened out of service during the purge of the armed forces and from government departments and ... who, on the above date (the 14th of Esfand), had all come together in the Tehran University, on the occasion of the death anniversary of Dr. Mussadig, to hear Bani Sadr speak. At the end of the speech violent fighting broke out between the Hizbullah Party and the militia of the Mujahedin Khalq Organization as, in those days, this organization had been formally included in the liberal wings.

99) Marx and His Peers:

By peers of Marx the Imam (E.U.H) means individuals such as Engels, Lenin, Stalin and the like. Karl Marx (1838-1883) entered political struggles at the age of 24 when he passed his doctorate degree. He was in constant challenge, now in Germany, next in Paris or Brussels until he was exiled from Paris to London when he was 31 years old. He was directed, meanwhile, by the Communists Union of Brussels to prepare and edit the communist party program and he wrote, what Lenin called the manifestation of historical and dialectical materialism, The Manifesto. Marx remained in London from 1849 to the end of his life and, while spending considerable time in socio-political challenges, he devoted most of his time to writing the famous book "the Capital" which embodies the basic economic views of the school of Marx.

100) The Imam's Portion:

One of the secondary principles of faith is the Khoms or the 20% rule. In the Shiite law or fiqh the payment of Khoms (=1/5) applies to seven things. Khoms is composed of six portions three of them make up the Imam's portion and the other three parts or portions go to the "Sadaat", descendants of the Prophet's Household. Of the three shares that constitute the Imam's portion, one share belongs to God Almighty, one share belongs to the Prophet (S.A.W) and the third share belongs to the Infallible Imam (A.S). Those three shares are together named the Imam's portion. During the absence of the Infallible Imam, this portion of the Khoms goes to the fully qualified Mujtahid (A highly learned muslim qualified to deduce rules, laws or decrees, in other words, legislate, on the basis of the Holy Quran and Tradition). As a matter of fact this part of the Khoms secures the economic backing or support of the Mujtahedin (plural for Mujtahid) in areas of dissemination of the exalted Islamic culture, meeting the needs of the Islamic government and allocation of related budgets.

101) Ahmad:

By Ahmad is meant Haj Sayyed Ahmad Khomeini, the only male surviving son of Imam Khomeini (E.U.H) who, at present, is the custodian of the threshold of the Holy Shrine of Imam Khomeini (E.U.H) and, also, guides the Institute for Compilation and Publication of the Works of Hazrat Imam Khomeini (E.U.H) thus helping with dissemination and publication of the thoughts of this eternally live leader.

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In line with this, at the end of each translation of a work of our Great Imam, a short list comprising such terms, their initial equivalents and suggested meanings is provided for study and comment by translators, editors, linguists, and semantic experts in order to arrive at more exact and still closer equivalents. Iranian and world authorities and experts are requested to help us in this worthy cultural move.

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Divine duty	۲۱- تکلیف الهی (Taklif-e-Elahi)
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Master of the martyrs [A title of Hazrat Hosein (A.S)]	۳۹- سیدالشہداء (Seyyed Al-shohada)
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Student of religion and theology	۴۲- طلبہ (Talabe)
Family, household	۴۳- عترت (Etrat)
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Plurality	٤٦- كثر (Kethrat)
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Oppressed and deprived	٤٨- مستضعف (Mustazaf)
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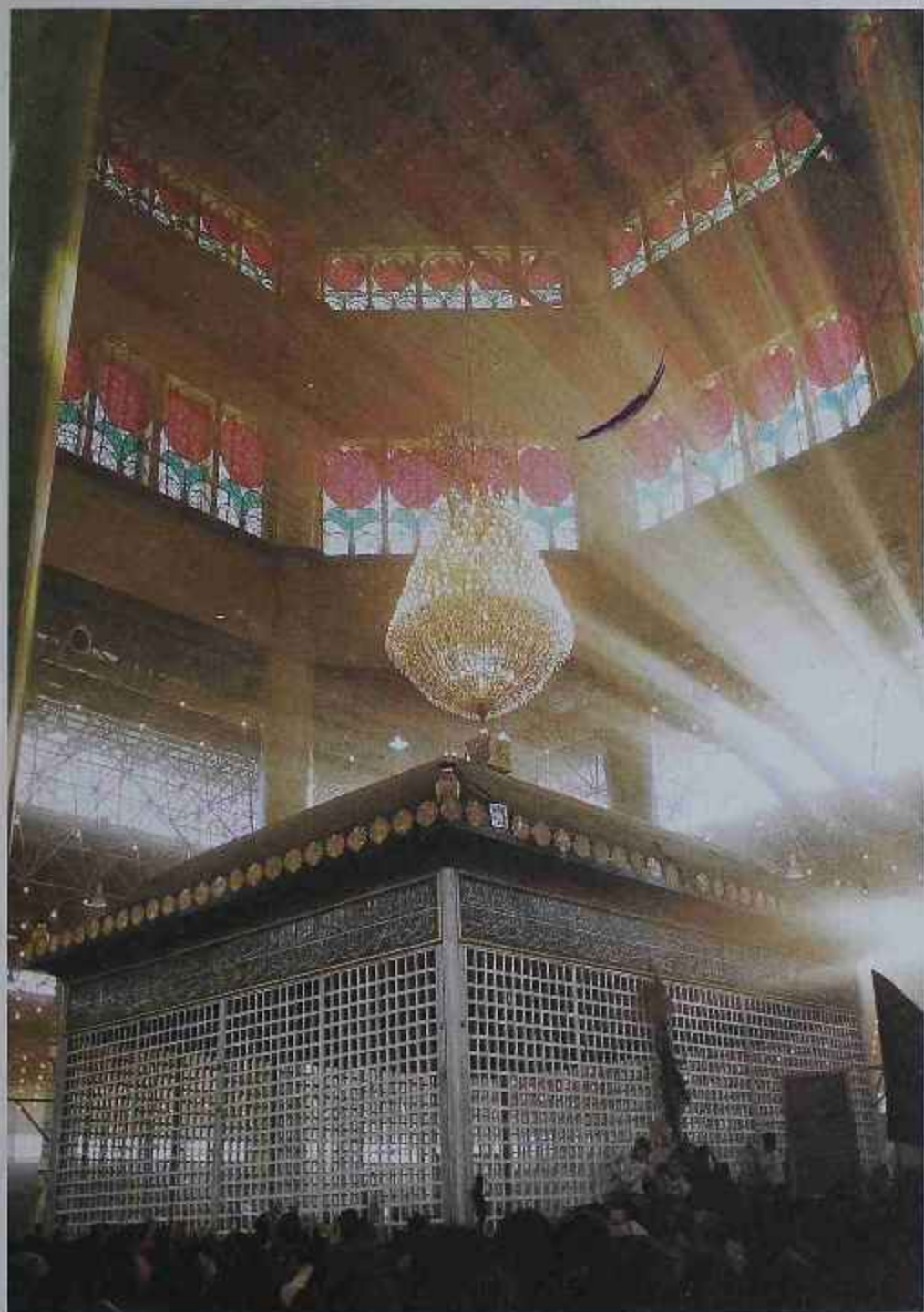
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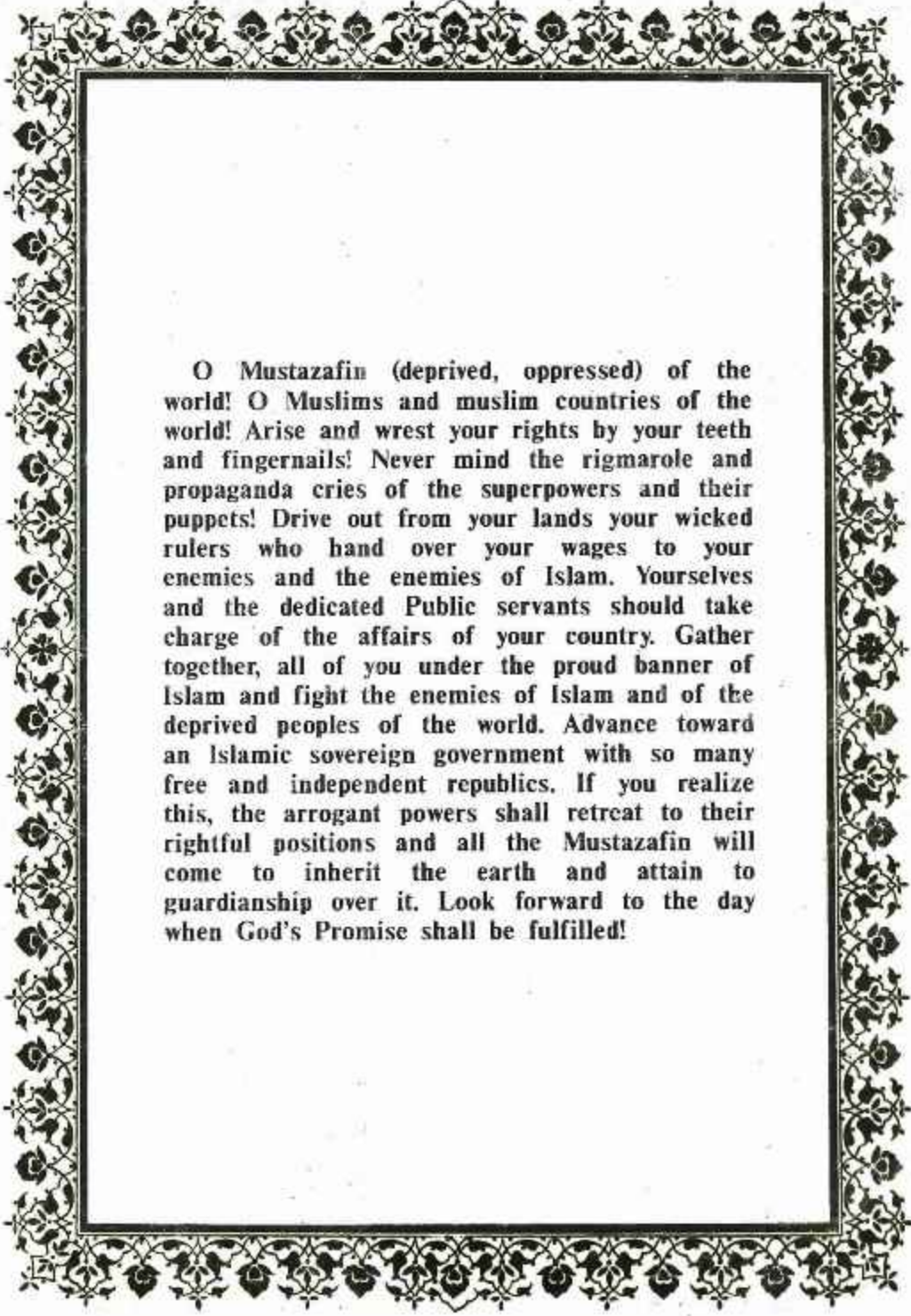


**My advice to all muslims and
oppressed peoples of the world is this:
You should not sit and wait till your own
authorities or rulers, or some foreign
power act to make a gift of freedom and
independence to you.**



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O Mustazafin (deprived, oppressed) of the world! O Muslims and muslim countries of the world! Arise and wrest your rights by your teeth and fingernails! Never mind the rigmarole and propaganda cries of the superpowers and their puppets! Drive out from your lands your wicked rulers who hand over your wages to your enemies and the enemies of Islam. Yourselfs and the dedicated Public servants should take charge of the affairs of your country. Gather together, all of you under the proud banner of Islam and fight the enemies of Islam and of the deprived peoples of the world. Advance toward an Islamic sovereign government with so many free and independent republics. If you realize this, the arrogant powers shall retreat to their rightful positions and all the Mustazafin will come to inherit the earth and attain to guardianship over it. Look forward to the day when God's Promise shall be fulfilled!

