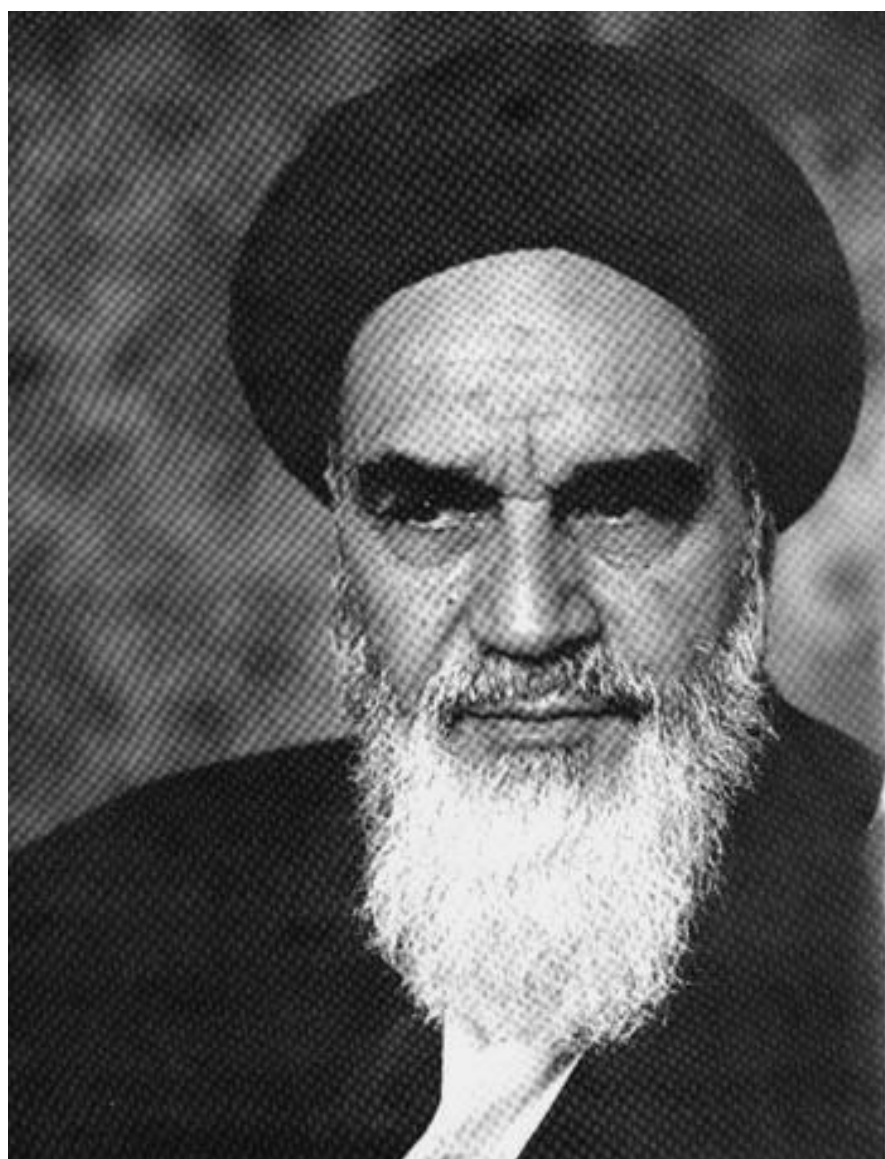




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ALMIGHTY GOD! BLESS OUR LATE IMAM; THAT PIOUS MAN OF PROVEN DEVOTION; THE RIGHTFUL SUCCESSOR OF THE SAINTS; THE VIRTUOUS ABSTEMIOUS AND INTELLIGENT HUMAN WHO SOUGHT ONLY YOUR GRATIFICATION AND WHOSE FRIENDSHIP AND ENMITY WERE FOR YOU ONLY, AND FEARED NOTHING IN THE CAUSE OF YOU; BESTOW UPON HIM YOUR MERCY IN YOUR CAUSE AND FAVOR; GRANT HIS PURE SOUL THE HEAVENLY REWARD ENTAILED BY THE HAJJ OF THE HAJIS AND THE WORSHIP OF THE WORSHIPPERS AND THE STRUGGLE OF THE STRUGGLERS WHO HAVE BEEN GUIDED BY HIM.

A Message by the Grand Leader of the Islamic Revolution, Ayatullah Khamene'i, in a nutshell.

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PREFACE



“The first temple ever built for men was that at Beccah, a blessed place, a beacon for the nations. In it there are veritable signs and the spot where Abraham stood. Whoever enters it is safe”. *Holy Quran* (3:96-97)

Kabah is the divine peaceful sanctuary and Mecca the alighting place of angels and place of descent of Gabriel, the trustworthy. It was on this sacred land that an orphan from the progeny of Prophet Abraham, the friend of Allah, was assigned the mission of publicizing the universal and eternal religion of Islam, received the command: “ARISE AND GIVE WARNING”, struck down the idols, those ever wronged of human history, rose in rebellion. His slogan was: “SAY THERE IS NO GOD BUT ALLAH, YOU SHALL BE SALVAGED”, and he fought for the salvation of his nation all his life. As a result of his rise, emigration (Hejira), and crusade (jihad), fortification and promotion of the religion came to fruition. The Prophet (pbuh) enlivened the prayers, the alms (*zakat*), the crusade (*jihad*) and other monotheistic rituals including the “Abrahamian Hajj”, thus turning the Hajj rituals into manifestation of dignity and powerfulness of the followers of Islam, demonstration of Islamic unity and fraternity and the meeting point of monotheism and centers for crying out against polytheism and idolatry.

Hajj with its marvelous rituals is but a salient manifestation of the superiority of the truthful religion of Islam and demonstration of comprehensiveness of the pure Muhammadan Islam.

But, Alas! tyrant governments, in the course of history, especially the

domination of Wahhabism in recent years along with the pervert propagation and anti-political sermons of courtier preachers and *akhunds* have caused the real essence of Hajj to fall into oblivion, and of the many features of Hajj, its devotional feature only, and that too, without the real essence of devotion, be propagated.

The genesis of the Islamic Revolution in Iran and its victory, a movement that aimed essentially at restoration of the dignity and grandeur of the nation, return to its own identity and revival of pure Islamic thought prepared the ground for the divine rites to be observed throughout Islamic communities. Once more, fighting in the cause of God (jihad), became prevalent, the mosques turned into centers for self-fortification and places for mobilization of the army of Islam.

Friday Mass Prayers were reinstituted to demonstrate the unity and willful attendance of people in the arenas of defending Islam; and Hajj, once more became the gathering center for the believers in this pure religion and proclaimers of monotheism and a center for crying out against all symbols of polytheism and arrogance, after being abandoned for centuries.

All this has been due to the overwhelming endeavor, continuous enlightening and guidance of a man of the descendants of the saints, yes, great Khomeini, architect of revival of the true Islam and proclaimer of unity of the Muslim peoples, had always tried to wipe off the superfluities and verdigris formed over the essence of Islamic rituals and meanings by joint plots of the enemies of the religion as well as the petrified and the Mammonists, and to present to the justice thirsty generation the pure Islam, as was drawn by the noble Prophet (pbuh).

Undoubtedly, one of the most important gains of Imam Khomeini's movement is the revival of Abrahamian Hajj.

Certainly, the enemies on the opposite front have not sat idle, but utilized all their available means, under the banner of their "Americanized Islam", to prevent the stirring and animating message of Imam Khomeini (pbuh) from being communicated and spread around. We were witnessing the conflict between the two fronts during the sanguinary Hajj of year 1366 [1987].

Now, at the threshold of the grand universal Islamic congress, the Hajj ritual, and while observing the third yearly memorial of the heavenly demise of Imam Khomeini (pbuh) it is most appropriate that his followers review and study his stances, guidelines and thoughts regarding the philosophy of Hajj, its spiritual secrets and mysteries and its social and political effects and outcomes as well as the duties that the Hajis, as messengers of the Islamic

Revolution are undertaking, and then in accordance with the words of advice of the Grand Leader of the Islamic Revolution, perform the Hajj ritual gloriously, as before, on the merits of Islam and the Islamic Revolution.

The Institute for Compilation and Publication of the Works of Imam Khomeini (pbuh), in its endeavor to publicize the Imam's cultural heritage to benefit the researchers and to facilitate access to various materials, has classified by subject, all the works of Imam Khomeini (pbuh). The present work is a compendium of the guidelines of Imam Khomeini with respect to Hajj, that have been drawn up through speeches and messages on various occasions before and after the victory of the Islamic Revolution. The table of contents indicates the chapters, the titles and sub-titles of discourses on Hajj, compiled in this compendium.

The chapters are arranged in numerical order and a list of references is given at the end of the book which shows the dates and sources of references.

Our esteemed knowledgeable readers are kindly requested to send their critical points of view, if any, to the mailing address of the Institute for consideration and revision in future prints.

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PART 1

***THE STATUS OF HAJJ
AND
ITS SPIRITUAL FEATURES***

CHAPTER 1

THE SPIRITUAL ASPECT OF HAJJ

Now that we are at the threshold of performing our auspicious religious precept of Hajj, it is necessary to consider its gnostic, spiritual, social, political and cultural aspects. Many dedicated friends have already discussed the merits of the various aspects of Hajj and now I wish to make a brief and quick mention of some of its aspects hoping to serve as a reminder.

Since there are delicate gnostic and spiritual hints in these wonderful rituals, from the beginning of putting on a pilgrim's garb "IHRAM" through "TALBIYA" or "LABBAYK" (Lit, Here I am at Thy service), to the end, the details of which may not be explained in this discourse, I would only mention some indications of "TALBIYA".

Such repeated words of "LABBAYK" are only true from those who have perceived God's call with their insight and, so, they respond to Almighty God's call in thoroughness. The real issue is our presence before God, and the contemplation of his beloved glory; so much so that, one would say, the utterer has been transported with ecstasy and thus, he is repeating his response to the divine call, and consequently, he negates idolatry in its absolute sense, in a way very well known to the pure-hearted believers. Although negation of an associate to God means negation of all degrees of association, including the negation of the universe, in the view of the clear-sighted, and includes all considerations of the commendables, as:

"Praise be to Thee and blessings are of Thee...", appropriates the praise and

blessings to the most sacred Supreme Being and negates any associates, and this is the ultimate monotheism which means that every praise and blessing that is realized in the world of existence is praise to God and blessing of Him alone, and the same is true in every station, wit, intelligence, motion, repose and act and other than that is but idolatry in its general sense, and all of us, the inwardly blind, are afflicted with it.¹

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The Spiritual degrees of Hajj, being the assets for eternal life which bring man close to the horizons of monotheism and doxologies may not be attained unless the Hajj rituals are observed and performed properly and precisely and the honorable Hajjis and clergymen of the caravans must make their concerted efforts to teach and be taught the Hajj rituals and the learned men are bound to be watchful lest their companions violate the rules. The political and social aims of Hajj may not be achieved unless the spiritual and religious duties are fulfilled and your “LABBAYK” is true response to God’s call; get attired in pilgrim’s garb for access to the threshold of Almighty God; while repeating “LABBAYK”, negate the existence of any associate to God, whatsoever, and depart from your own ego, which is the biggest origin of idolatry and polytheism and depart towards Him, the Almighty, The Glorified, and hopefully, the demise of the seekers of this degree will be after they have attained their departure, and gained what reward they are entitled to, from Allah. But if the spiritual aspects are ignored, you will hardly free yourselves from the clutches of the carnal desires of your ego, and as long as you are bound to your egotism, you will not be able to fight for the cause of God and defend God’s sanctuary.

You dear ones! Beware! Look at those brave warriors of the Islamic Republic who obtained God pleasing victories for Islam and the Islamic country and now, a group of their “Living Martyrs” are accompanying you in the Hajj ritual, and you should learn your lesson from the tremendous change that has brought about so much self-sacrifice in them. The Muslims should know that, unless they experience such change, their inner satans of carnal desires as well as outer satans will not let them think of Muslim peoples and the wronged people of the world.²

¹ From Imam Khomeini’s message to the world Muslims on the occasion of opening the great devotional-political Hajj Congress and *Id al-Qurban* (Feast of Sacrifices) dated Aug. 28, 1984—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 19, pp. 22-3.

² *Ibid.*, pp. 25-26.

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Throughout the Divine MIQAT and at sacred stations, by the blessed House of Almighty God, observe the rites of attendance at the sacred presence of the Almighty God, and free your hearts from any bondage to other than God, and empty them out of other than the Friend and illuminate them with the rays of heavenly lights so that your rites and rituals in this pace towards God be adorned with the Abrahamian Hajj concepts and, afterwards, with the Muhammadan Hajj concepts. And relieved of natural acts, all of you, cleansed of selfishness and egotism, and fully loaded with cognizance of God and love of the Beloved, return to your homelands with your hands full of eternal souvenirs instead of the perishable material objects. Join your martyrdom-loving friends with your hands full of Islamic humane values for the cause of which, the grand prophets—from Abraham, God's friend (Khalilullah), to Muhammad, God's beloved (pbuh)—were assigned. It is these values and motives that can save man from bondage to malevolence and dependence on the West or East and lead him the blessed tree of "NO EAST, NO WEST."¹

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Beware! The Hajj traverse is not an ordinary trip for trade and worldly purposes: it is a traverse towards Allah. You are departing for the House of God. All you do must be done divinely. Your traverse, from the point it starts, is a departure towards God (WAFD ILALLAH). Just as our saints traversed towards Allah, throughout their lives, and deviated no single step from that which was drawn up as the program for conjunction to Allah, you too, are now in the state of "WUfUD ILALLAH". The Place where you go, at "MIQAT", you say (LABBAYK) to Allah that means:

"We are responding to Your invitation". Beware, lest you do something to which, Allah says: "no, I do not accept you because you do not behave the Islamic way." Beware, lest you turn this journey into a trade journey; all of you, whether clergymen caravan heads or ordinary Hajjis; it is a journey towards Allah and not towards the world. Do not besmear it with worldly matters.²

¹ From Imam Khomeini's message to the world Muslims on the occasion of Id al-Qurban (Feast of Sacrifices) dated Sept. 19, 1982. *Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 16, p. 515.

² From the speech of Imam Khomeini's addressing a group of clerics and heads of Hajj caravans on Sept. 29, 1979—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 10, p. 175.

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Amongst the most important conditions of all devotional practices is sincerity in actions. Because if, God forbid, one does something for gaudiness and parade and tries to show to others the grace of his deeds, his actions will be marred. The honorable Hajis must be circumspect not to seek non-God's gratification in their deeds. Spiritual aspects of Hajj are many and it is important that the Haji discerns where he is going and whose invitation is he responding to, whose guest is he becoming and what the ordinance of this feast is. He should further understand that every sign of egotism contradicts devoutness and is in opposition to departure towards Allah and will blemish the spirituality of Hajj. But if this gnostic and spiritual aim is attained and the "LABBAYK" be in real conformity with the invitation of Almighty God, man will be triumphant in all political, social, cultural and even military arenas. For such a person, there will be no defeat. May God Almighty bless us all with a slight share of such a spiritual traverse and heavenly departure.¹

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Those who journey to Hajj must circumspect not to blemish their Hajj by perpetrating a sinful act. All they do must be Islamic and devotional.

Processions must be devotional and unadulterated; slogans must be devotional and unadulterated; in a way that it be for the cause of God: not just be done arbitrarily, or one insults another at pleasure. Such issues must be properly programmed in advance and they must also be carefully taken care of.²

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¹ From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims, dated Aug. 15, 1985—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 19, p. 337.

² From Imam Khomeini's speech, addressing a group of Hajj caravan clerics, personnel of Public Prosecutor Office, personnel of the Islamic Revolution courts and personnel of the Armed Forces Public Prosecutor's Office, on Aug. 21, 1982—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 16, pp. 430-1.

CHAPTER 2

MAGNIFICENCE OF MECCA AND THE SANCTIFIED HOUSE OF GOD

Amongst the points the honorable Hajjis must take into consideration is the fact that the dignified Mecca and the exalted shrines are mirrors of illustrious events of the movements of the prophets and submission to God's will, and the prophetic mission of the most generous Prophet of Islam (pbuh). Spot by spot, this land has been the place of the glorious descending of the grand prophets and of Gabriel, the trustworthy, and reminder of the pains and afflictions the most generous Prophet (pbuh) has gone through, in the cause of Islam and humanity, and attending these sacred places and exalted shrines and considering the overwhelmingly hard conditions of the prophetic mission of our Prophet (pbuh) will make us better apprehend our responsibilities in safeguarding the achievements of our movement and divine mission, and appreciate how the Prophet (pbuh) and the infallible Imams persevered in the cause of God's religion and to efface the futile, and never feared the accusations, calumnies and insolences of Abu-Lahabs, Abu-Jahls and Abu-Sufyans, and not- withstanding the hardest conditions of siege, while being in "SHIB ABI-TALIB", never abstained and surrendered and then endured the bitterness of migrations and hardships and participation in frequent wars of unequal forces and fighting against thousands of plots and sabotages, made efforts to guide and advance people, so much so that the hearts of the rocks and stones, deserts and mountains and streets and bazaars of Mecca and Medina are full of tumult of messages of their prophetic guidance, and if they could converse and disclose the secrets of "So go thou straight, as thou hast been commanded" what the pilgrims of the sanctified House of God would be able to realize sufferings had the Prophet (pbuh) experienced in the cause

of our guidance and deliverance, and how heavy the responsibility of his followers is. Our martyr-offering nation, though experienced tremendous pains and sacrificed dear ones in the cause of God, however, the extent of oppression that our infallible Imams have gone through, largely exceeds that of ours.¹

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Kabah, the sanctified, is the principal center for overthrowing the idol. Abraham, God's intimate (KHALILULLAH), at the beginning, and Muhammad, God's beloved (HABIBULLAH), and his dear descendant, Mahdi, may my soul be sacrificed to him, at the end of the epoch, promulgated monotheism from Kabah.

Almighty God said to Abraham: "and proclaim among men the Pilgrimage and they shall come unto thee on foot and upon every lean beast, they shall come from every deep ravine".

And He Further said: "And do thou purify My House for those that shall go about it and those that stand, for those that bow and prostrate themselves";

This cleaning is of all sordidness, above all of which stands polytheism, as is referred to, in the beginning of the noble verse.

And as we read in *Surah at-Tawbah*:²

A proclamation, from God and His Messenger, unto mankind on the day of the Greater Pilgrimage: God and His Messenger disgust the idolaters.

* * *

The sanctified House of God is the first House built for the public. It is a peoples' House.

No personality, tribe or government enjoys the privilege of priority in it. Desert dwellers, rustic people and the homeless are considered equal in status, to the city dwellers, the statesmen or to those secluded in Kabah. This dignified House belongs to peoples and is appropriated for peoples' uprisings

¹ From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims, dated July 27, 1985—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 20, pp. 345-6.

² From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims and all Muslims of the world on the occasion of Id al-Qurban (Feast of Sacrifices) dated Sept. 2, 1983—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 18, p. 87.

and movements and for public benefits.¹

This sacred Mosque and all other mosques have been centers of war organizations, policy makings and social and political affairs. The mosque of the Prophet (pbuh) was not only a place for discussing devotional issues, such as prayers and fasting, but more discussed were the political matters. Every time they wanted to dispatch people to a war they began from the mosques.²

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Mecca is a place in which all prophets have performed their duties and now it is captured by a group of profane people who do not know what to do and do not understand what has been inflicted on them and the Muslims. It is a shame for all Muslims of the world that the sanctity of Mecca, the divine sanctuary, the most sacred divine station, be thus broken and the Muslims be just sitting and watching.

But the Muslims are aware of their duties. The issue must be kept lively.³

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You attained the honor of pilgrimage to the House that God allocated for people and which is the first House allocated for the public as He has said: “The first House established for the people was that at Mecca, a place holy, and a guidance to all beings.”

This proves that Almighty God has summoned all to Islam and allocated this House for all the people of the world, from the very beginning of prophecy mission to the end.

It is the House of people with no preference given to any person or persons, group or race in particular. All the people throughout the world, east or west, are required to become Muslims and make regular pilgrimage to this House

¹ From Imam Khomeini’s message to Muslims of the world on the occasion of *Id al-Qurban* (Feast of Sacrifices) dated Aug. 28, 1984—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 19, p. 24.

² From Imam Khomeini’s speech addressing the minister and executives of the Ministry of Islamic Guidance, Hajj Organization Personnel and Imam’s representative and supervisor of Iranian pilgrims and the caravan clerics on Aug. 16, 1983—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 18, pp. 52-3.

³ From Imam Khomeini’s speech addressing the President, Prime Minister and the cabinet on the occasion of the government week, on Aug. 22, 1987—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 20, p. 369.

which is allocated for human beings.¹

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How lucky you are, who were honored with the pilgrimage to the dignified Mecca, the center of divine revelation, and to the magnificent Medina, the center of prophecy. May God Almighty accept your pilgrimage meritoriously.²

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¹ From Imam Khomeini's speech addressing a group of Pakistani pilgrims on Nov. 6, 1980—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 13, p. 337.

² From Imam Khomeini's speech addressing a group of the Armed Forces officers upon their return from Hajj pilgrimage on Nov. 3, 1979—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 11, p. 104.

CHAPTER 3

THE PHILOSOPHY OF HAJJ RITES

Circumambulating the House of God denotes the fact that we should not be attracted to other than God; and the stoning at Aqabat means stoning the devils of both, humankind and Jinn. By stoning the devils you should pledge to God to expel the human devils and superpowers from the endeared Islamic countries.

Nowadays the Islamic world is seized by America. You must convey God's message to the Muslims of different continents, to worship none but God.¹

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While repeating "LABBAYK" say "NO" to all idols and cry out "NO" to all the princes of the devils and the princekins of the devils; and while circumambulating God's sanctuary which denotes your love to God, disengage your hearts from the rest, and purge your soul from phobia of other than God, and along with your love to God, divulge your hatred of the little and big idols and the devils and their affiliates, as the Exalted God and His friends have expressed hatred of them, and all the liberated people of the world do hate them.

And while touching the "Black Stone", pledge to God to turn into an enemy against the enemies of God, His messengers, the liberated and pious men and never yield to them, no matter who and where they might be, and wipe away phobia and inferiority from your hearts, for God's enemies and above them

¹ From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims, dated Sept. 28, 1979—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 10, p. 160.

all, the arch-Satan, are themselves helpless, though being superior in committing homicide and suppression and the implementation of crimes.

While perambulating between Safa and Marwah, try, with all sincerity and righteousness to acquire the Beloved, as, by acquiring Him all the worldly woven webs shall be ruptured and all the doubts and mistrusts collapsed, all the carnal aspirations and desires expired, all the material bonds turn up and liberalities flourished and all the ties and attachments to the Devil and the despot will be detached.

Proceed to Mashar al-Haram and Arafat with state of cognition and gnosis, and at each station add on your confidence in God's promises of realization of the dominion of the deprived, and silently and serenely meditate on divine signs, determine to save the deprived and the dispossessed, from the grips of the world arrogants and pray to Almighty God, at these noble stations, to open up deliverance for all.

Then proceed to Mina and perceive the righteous wishes, i.e. sacrificing your most beloved thing for the absolute Beloved's sake, and know that unless you abandon these beloved things, above which, stands your self-love—and worldliness is subject to it—you cannot gain accession to the Absolute Beloved. It is at this state that you must repel the devil and make him retreat. Observing divine decrees repeat the act of repelling the devil and the devilkins and make them all retreat.¹

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On this heavenly journey you are going to stone the Devil.

If, God forbid, you be one of devil's gang, then you will be stoning yourselves too. You must become God-like so that your stoning be Godly stoning of the Devil.

You pause at noble stations. Beware lest your pauses at these noble stations are affected by a sinful act, an offence or something that ruins not only your honor before God, but also degrades, the prestige value of Islam. Nowadays the fame of Islam is dependent on your deeds, who are going on a collective journey to these noble stations and other Muslims meet and observe you.²

¹ From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims, dated Aug. 6, 1986—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 20, pp. 89-90.

² From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims, dated Aug. 15, 1985—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 10, p. 176.

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The Temple of Mecca and the dignified Kabah will embrace some dear pilgrims who have revived the Hajj ritual from political retreat and essential perversion and drawn it towards Abrahamian and Muhammadan Hajj, demolished the idols of East and West and demonstrated the meaning of public uprising and exclaiming disgust at the pagans.

The heart of MIQAT beats, eagerly, to receive the pilgrims arriving from the country of “no east, no west” slogan to respond to God’s invitation to the straight path of humanity by their repeating “LABBAYK”, and by rejecting both the eastern and western schools and nationalistic perversions, eradicate clannishness and show the feelings of brotherhood, equality and sympathy to all nations without considering the color, nationality, milieu and zone, and attempt at strengthening unity among all Muslims, and fight against the enemies of humanity and the world mongers and despots, unitedly.

And the JAMARAT is awaiting the self-sacrificers who come from a country whose brave nation has expelled all the big and small and medium size devils from their country and severed their filthy hands from its homeland treasures and at this sacred place, too, they will oust and expel the devils from the Mecca and its surroundings, being the whole world, by throwing their stones and sounding off their slogans.

And ARAFAT, MASHAR and MINA will host those whose devout nation, possessing sound political conscience and gnosis has risen up to realize the Islamic ideals in its own country and in the other tyrannized countries and defame the false politicians who, by their fraud and trickery, have attacked the meek people of the world and pilfered their assets.¹

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You must know that the essential remedy lies in the unity of the Muslims in all, and their general congregation to cut the hands of the superpowers off the Islamic countries and actualize the rites of the noble stations and exalted shrines in their own countries.²

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¹ From Imam Khomeini’s message to the pilgrims, dated Aug. 15, 1985—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 19, p. 333-4.

² *Ibid.* p. 341.

CHAPTER 4

THE NECESSITY OF ATTENDING TO QURAN DURING HAJJ

I would like to remind the dear pilgrims that during their journey to the dignified Mecca and the illuminated Medina and in all the sanctified stations, never neglect their sociability with the divine book of guidance, the exalted Quran, as, whatever the Muslims have achieved and will achieve is by the abundant blessings of this Holy Book.

At the same time I should ask all the distinguished scholars, the children of Quranic teachings and the esteemed scientists not to neglect this sacred book which is “the pronouncer of everything” (TIBIAN KULL-E SHIY), and has been issued from the All-Divine sanctuary. And flashed into the heart of the “First Light” and the revelation of the “All-in-All” (JAM AL- JAM). This heavenly-divine book which contains the objective and scriptural feature of all heavenly Names and Attributes and proofs and evidence, to whose occult attainments we have no access, and of whose mysteries, none but the sacred wholesome being of its particular addressee (Lit., MAN KHUTIBA BIHI) is cognizant, and the chaste saints have perceived their cognizance by the grace of His blessings and through His teachings, and by the grace of their own heartily diligence, those of pure cognition, have been able to attain a sparkle of it, commensurate with their degrees of perception and spiritual attainment and now that the scriptural feature of it from revelation tongue, being descended through stages and degrees, has been placed in our hands, with no single letter diminution or addition, we must be careful, lest, God forbid, it is deserted, notwithstanding the fact that its various dimensions, and in each dimension, the various stages and degrees, are beyond the comprehension of

ordinary man. However, those of cognition and exploration can benefit by this endless treasury of theosophy and Muhammadan ocean of inquisition and pass it on to others. The people of philosophy and reasoning, by inquiring into the mysteries appertaining to this divine book, should reveal inklings of these profound issues solve and disclose the theosophical problems and convey to those interested. And the piousmen of self-discipline and self-consciousness should gift to the thirsty for this “KAWTHAR”, a fragrance and a draught of what their hearts have perceived from “ADDABANI RABBI” (God so trained me), and educate them with divine culture, as much as possible. And those chaste, thirsty for guidance, should impart to those inflamed with love for divine guidance, a sparkle of what guidance they have achieved by the grace of their chastity, from the fountain-head of “guidance for the virtuous” (Lit., HUDAN LIL-MUTTAQIN). And, lastly, every group of the elite scholars and honorable scientists should elaborately expound one of the heavenly dimensions of this holy book, make efforts to discourse upon the political, social, economical, martial and cultural enlightenments of the holy Quran as well as the know-how of peace and war management, in order to unveil to all, that this book is the fountain head of everything, from gnosticism and philosophy to literature and politics so that the burning desire of the devotees of the holy Quran be calmed down and the ignorant no longer say that gnosticism and philosophy are but some fabrications and asceticism and that such wayfaring are but the pastime of the calendar dervishes, or, what Islam has to do with politics and government and management of the state, as, this is the king’s job and of the presidents and the worldly minded, or Islam is merely a religion of peace and reconciliation and detests war, even with the despots. Then they deal with the holy Quran the same way the unenlightened Church and the demagogue political leaders did with the religion of the exalted Christ.

O! Religious seminaries, O! Inquisitive academies! Rise up and save the holy Quran from the evil of the ascetic ignorants and the impudent scholars who attack the holy Quran and Islam knowingly and deliberately. I, myself, admit, seriously, not out of modesty, that I regret for my life wasted on errors and mistakes, and you, dear children of Islam, awaken the seminaries and the universities to their sense of responsibility to heed the merits of the holy Quran and its numerous dimensions. Make it your uppermost aim and point of view to teach the holy Quran, every scope of it. Beware, lest, God forbid, at old age, suffering from decrepitude, feel sorry for your deeds and regret your youth, like the author. We must know that, the reason why this everlasting Book has been descended for the guidance of man, of every race

and color and at every land and region, up to the eternity, is to maintain the validity of the important and vital issues, and make it clear that the problems referred to in the Book, do not belong to one era or area and never suppose that Abraham, Moses and Muhammad (pbuh) meant to belong to one particular time.¹

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¹ From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims, dated Aug. 6, 1986—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 20, pp. 91-4.

CHAPTER 5

THE NECESSITY OF CAREFUL LEARNING OF THE HAJJ RITUALS

It is necessary for the Hajj pilgrims to learn the problems of Hajj, both the incumbent and interdicted, from the elite *ulama*, in order that no violations incur which will squander all their efforts, or may cause the pilgrims not become MOHEL and create problems for them.¹

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Amongst the significant matters necessary for the honorable pilgrims and clergymen of caravans to spend their worthy time on, is to teach and to learn the Hajj problems, as negligence in this duty may cause many burdensome problems such as nullification of the Hajj rituals, or, their halting in IHRAM status.

The distinguished *ulama* of the caravans should invite the pilgrims of their supervised caravans to training sessions on Hajj rituals and the pilgrims are strongly required not to be remiss a moment, but try to learn the problems whole-heartedly and perform the rituals with full awareness.²

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I would like to point out to the pilgrims of the sanctified House of God, to

¹ From Imam Khomeini's message on the occasion of *Id al-Qurban* (Feast of Sacrifices), dated Sept. 19, 1982—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 16, pp. 511-2.

² From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims and all Muslims of the world on the occasion of *Id al-Qurban* (Feast of Sacrifices) dated Sept. 2, 1983—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 18, p. 88.

scrupulously learn the rites and rituals from the clergymen of the caravans and never proceed to the rituals without their guidance. Many a time, God forbid, your performance may be nullified, by negligence and you may not be able to compensate it to the end of your life and halt in IHRAM status, and return back home carrying problems for yourselves and your relatives. This is a canonical obligation not to be neglected. I further point out to the respectable clergymen that, in addition to expressly expounding problems to their supervised groups through various sessions, they must be careful to watch them during their performances and give them necessary guidance.¹

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I have to point out to the honorable *ulama* and clergymen of the caravans to convene sessions to discuss the canonical problems and humane responsibilities to the pilgrims, before their departure.²

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I would like to point out to our honorable sisters and brothers from other Muslim countries, before anything else, to perform the Hajj rituals—this lofty adoration—resplendently and as decreed, and try to learn its problems scrupulously, from the elite *ulama*, lest, God forbid, upon completion of performance and lapse of time, it becomes known that you have defaulted and your whole endeavors are squandered.³

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The spiritual attainments of Hajj which are man's assets to eternal life and the cause for admittance to the horizons of monotheism and adoration may not be achieved except by scrupulous performance of the devotional commandments. The honorable pilgrims and caravan clergymen must make determined efforts to learn and teach the Hajj rituals, and it is up to the learned to observe their companions, lest the commandments be violated by their companions.⁴

¹ *Ibid.*, dated Aug. 6, 1986, vol. 20, p. 91.

² From Imam Khomeini's message regarding duties of the pilgrims, dated Sept. 19, 1979—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 10, p. 61.

³ From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims, dated Aug. 15, 1985—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 19, p. 336.

⁴ From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims and all Muslims of the world on the occasion of the grand devotional-political congress of Hajj and *Id al-Qurban* (Feast of

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At any rate, the above duty is the responsibility of the caravan clergymen, I mean; it is one of their responsibilities. Another important duty is to familiarize people with Hajj problems. Many a time one sees Hajj pilgrims who make their efforts but are ignorant of Hajj problems and then they face difficulties there. A few years after they return, they ask: “We performed our rituals this way; is our Hajj performance acceptable?” or “We did not do such and such; are we right or not? Are we, still, MUHRIM or not?”

The *ulama* must convene sessions to teach people, the Hajj rites and rituals; explain to them the compulsory rites and the forbidden acts, in daily sessions and people are required to attend such sessions, if they exist. They should go and learn the Hajj problems, so they will not be burdened later on, when they get back home, being doubtful about whether or not their rites have been perfectly performed. Once you have learned the problems, your practices will be free from faults. This is also compulsory for all. The clergymen must discharge this responsibility and people must pursue to learn the Hajj problems. Not just say that: “We only want to make journey to Mecca, come what may”. No. This is different from other places. Now, one goes on a pilgrimage to a shrine. It does not matter if his pilgrimage ends up to nothing. He will not face a serious problem then. But in this Place, he will face problems. He will remain MUHRIM. He will have to make another Hajj pilgrimage, then. This kind of problems will arise, and pursue to learn them for your own sake, so that you will not default and fall into difficulties later on. This, too, is another matter of concern.¹

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Sacrifices) dated Aug. 28, 1984—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 19, p. 25.

¹ From Imam Khomeini’s speech, addressing caravan clerics, personnel of Public Prosecutor Office, personnel of the Islamic Revolution Courts and personnel of the Armed Forces Public Prosecutor’s Office, dated Aug. 21, 1982—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 16, pp. 429-30.

CHAPTER 6

PARTICIPATION IN MASS PRAYERS OF SUNNI BROTHERS

Perform the circumambulation rite ordinarily, as all the pilgrims do. Avoid what the ignorant ones do and what many disgrace the religion absolutely.

During WUQUFAYN, observance of the decrees of the Sunni judges is necessary and allowed, even if deemed inappropriate.¹

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It is necessary that our Iranian brothers as well as ShiAhs of all other countries avoid any unwise actions that may create a schism within the Muslim lines. They are required to join the Sunni brothers' mass prayers. They should also avoid convening mass prayers inside their houses, and utilizing loud speakers inordinately, and they must abstain from throwing themselves on the holy tombs, or doing things that are sometimes against canon law.²

¹ From Imam Khomeini's message regarding duties of the pilgrims, dated Sept. 19, 1979—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 10, p. 62.

² From Imam Khomeini's message regarding duties of the pilgrims, dated Sept. 19, 1979—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 10, p. 62.

PART 2

SOCIAL DIMENSIONS OF HAJJ

CHAPTER 7

HAJJ AND CONSOLIDATION OF UNITY AMONG THE MUSLIMS

All Muslim brothers and sisters must bear in mind that one of the important elements of the philosophy of Hajj is creation of mutual understanding and consolidation of brotherhood among the Muslims. It is therefore, incumbent upon the *ulama* and clergymen to discuss their essential political and social problems with other brothers in order to devise plans for the elimination of such problems so as to enable the other brothers to pose these resolutions to their own *ulama* and authorities upon returning to their countries.¹

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Hajj is the best rendezvous for acquaintances of Islamic nations, where brothers and sisters from all over the world can meet, in a House that belongs to all Muslims and followers of Abraham the Hanif, and ignoring their personal distinctions of rank, color, nationality or ethnic characteristics, return to their original homeland and demonstrate their Islamic brotherly veracity by observing the generous Islamic moral principles and avoiding contentions and self-glorification.²

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We must bear in mind that an important social philosophy of convening such

¹ From Imam Khomeini's message regarding duties of the pilgrims, dated Sept. 19, 1979—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 10, pp. 61-2.

² From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims, dated July 27, 1987—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 20, p. 344.

a magnificent congregation from all over the world at this sacred site and alighting place of revelation, is the unification of the world Muslims and consolidation of unity among the followers of the Prophet of Islam (pbuh) and of the holy Quran in their confrontation against the world despots, and if, God forbid, imperfect practices of some pilgrims affect this unity, resulting in discord and schism, this will annoy the Messenger of God (pbuh) and bring about God's wrath and punishment.

The honorable pilgrims, while being present in close vicinity to the alighting place of blessing, the House of God, must treat all people, as God's creatures, with Islamic kindness and brotherhood and consider them all as their kins, regardless of their ethnic distinction. All must unite and act as a single Quranic hand so as to overcome the enemies of Islam and humanity.¹

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The honorable pilgrims to the sanctified House of God, of any nationality or sect, must submit to the commandments of the sacred Quran, rise against the devastating satanic anti-Islam deluge of East and West and their abulic port[er]s, holding brotherly hands of one another, pay utmost attention to the exalted Quranic verses that invite the Muslims to hold fast "the secure rope of Allah" and interdict schismatic movements, take the most advantage spiritually and politically from this devotional-political obligation at this sacred place that has rightly been built for the expediency of the world monotheists, and heed the secret of sacrificing Ishmael by Abraham, a fact that shows how one must persevere for the sake of Almighty God. This shows the lofty aim of Islam and defends the extent of sacrificing ones dearest fruit of life. The big, the medium and the small satans must be expelled from the sacred sanctuary of Islam and the sanctified Kabah and from the Islamic territories, thus responding "LABBAYK" to Almighty God's invitations.²

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At those exalted stations, make a covenant with one another for unity and alliance, depending on Almighty God, to stand firm against the heathen soldiery and the mischievous, and avoid any schism and skirmish. "... Do not

¹ From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims, dated Aug. 15, 1985—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 19, p. 340.

² From Imam Khomeini's message on the occasion of *Id al-Qurban* (Feast of Sacrifices) dated Sep. 19, 1982—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 16, p. 513.

quarrel together, since that makes you weak and be patient; surely God is with those who are patient.”

The tinge and scent of faithfulness and of Islam which is the basis of victory and power, will diminish by schism and factious spirit based on carnal desires and contrary to Almighty God’s commandments. Whereas congregation in righteous pursuits and unison, and crying out for monotheism which is the fountainhead of the dignity of Muslim Peoples will lead to victory.

O! Muslims of the world! How come? You were able to demolish the great powers of the time, in spite of your fewness in number, during the early days of Islam and brought forth such a great Islamic-humane nation. But now, with over a billion population all over the world, and being in possession of huge sources of national wealth that can be used as the most effective political weapon against the enemies, you have become so weak and humiliated.

Aren’t you aware of the fact that all your miseries stem from the disputes among the heads of your countries and, consequently, among yourselves?

Rise up! Adhere to the holy Quran and yield to Almighty God’s Commandment in order to revive the dignity of the dear Islam and your own grandeur.

Obey God’s advice where He says: “ Say: I give you but one admonition, that you stand unto God, two by two and one by one, and then reflect”:

Rise up! All of you rise for God’s sake; rise individually against your own inner devil, and rise in mass against the satanic power wielders. If your rise and movement are for God’s sake, you will end up victorious.

O! Muslims of the world; O! Deprived people of the world, join hands with each other, heed the Great God, take refuge in Islam and harangue to the arrogants and the trespassers on the rights of the nations.

O! Pilgrims to the House of God, unite with each other, during your service in the exalted heavenly stations and pray to God Almighty for the mastery of Islam and Muslims and the deprived people of the world.¹

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¹ From Imam Khomeini’s message on the occasion of the Arafah Day, dated Nov. 20, 1979—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 10, pp. 339-40.

Convene the Hajj pilgrims of different countries, discuss the problems of the Muslims and the expediencies of Islam and take decisive actions for elimination of problems. Study the ways to establish unison among all Muslim sects and groups, and in the case of political affairs that are common amongst them all; find remedies for the problems that are brought forth by the obstinate enemies of Islam, worst of which is sowing the seeds of dispute among the lines of Muslims.

As you all know, during the recent centuries, the ones who stirred the fire in this battle field were the world plunderers of the East and West who are afraid of the one billion Muslim population, and constantly try to stir up the disputes among Muslim peoples, with all their might and with the aid of their perverted agents, in order to dominate over the destinies of the world Muslims, rule over them and plunder their infinite resources.¹

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What is the remedy today? What are the Muslims and the deprived people of the world to do, to overthrow these idols? The one fundamental remedy that will uproot all the entanglements and burn up corruption and perverseness is the unison of not only the Muslims but also all the deprived and the en-chained people of the world, and this unity on which the exalted Islam and the holy Quran insist must be secured through extensive propagation and the center of this propagation and summons is the dignified Mecca during the congregation of the Hajj pilgrims, a summons that began by Abraham, the Friend of God (Lit., KHALILULLAH) and Muhammad (pbuh), the Beloved of God (Lit., HABIBULLAH) and shall be followed by his holiness, the Remnant of God (Lit., BAQIYYATULLAH), may our souls be sacrificed to his sacred steps, during The End of Time. Abraham, the friend of God was commanded to convene the people from all parts, to congregate all to intuit their expediencies, the expediencies of the community; the political, the social, the economical and the cultural ones; to come and see how you, as their prophet, willingly sacrificed your most valuable fruit of life, and then admit that all human beings must emulate you. You who overthrew all the idols and dismissed from your mind all, except God, whatsoever, the sun, the moon, the figures, the animals and/or the human beings. You truthfully said it when you said:

¹ From Imam Khomeini's command to Hujjat al-Islam Karrubi, dated July 18, 1985—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 19, p. 321.

And all must emulate to the father of monotheism and the father of the dignified prophets. In the Surah: Repentance (Lit., Tawbah), which is commanded to be cited at the general congregation at Mecca, we read:¹ A proclamation, from God and His Messenger, unto mankind on the day of the Greater Pilgrimage: God and His Messenger are disgusted of the idolaters.

The heart of “MIQAT” is beating with anxiety to welcome the pilgrims arriving from the country of “No East, No West” (Lit., LA SHARQIYYAH WA LA GHARBIYYAH), to respond to God’s invitation to the right path, by their “LABBI, LABBAYK” utterance, and by kicking against the eastern and western schools and nationalistic perversions, eliminate any traces of schismatism, and sympathize with all nationalities, regardless of their colors or ethnic distinctions, consolidate the unity among all Muslims and fight against the enemies of humanity and the world mongers and despots, unitedly.²

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Amongst the obligations of the pilgrims in this congregation is to call the public and the Islamic communities to unison and settlement of disputes between the Muslim groups which must be discharged by the preachers, the orators and the writers, and they are to make efforts to remedy this vital problem and try in the way of establishing a front of the deprived people, as, by unity of front and unison of words and adoption of the slogan of “No God but Allah” (Lit., LA ILAHA ILLALLAH) they can free themselves from the slavery of foreign satanic power and colonialists and can overcome their difficulties by Islamic brotherhood.³

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Point out this reality to all, that the enemies of Islam are trying, with all their might, to sow the seeds of dispute among the Islamic communities and make every effort to pave the way for their predomination over all the Islamic countries and plundering their assets. Therefore, it is necessary to avoid any

¹ From Imam Khomeini’s message to the pilgrims and the world Muslims on the occasion of *Id al-Qurban* (Feast of Sacrifices) dated Sept. 2, 1983—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 18, p. 91.

² From Imam Khomeini’s message to the pilgrims, dated Aug. 15, 1985—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 19, p. 334.

³ From Imam Khomeini’s message to the pilgrims, dated Sept. 28, 1979—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 10, p. 159.

schismatic actions, and this is a religious and heavenly obligation.¹

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You should bear in mind that the essential remedy lies in the unification of all Muslims and prevalent congregation, to sever the hands of superpower from the Islamic countries and to actualize, in their own countries, all the religious rites performed at the exalted stations and sacred shrines.²

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It is hoped that the dear pilgrims of all Islamic countries will try to maintain their unison, and do not neglect their fraternity that is ordained by Almighty God among Muslims, and avoid factionalism which is the practice of the Devil and human devils.³

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Point out to all, that the enemies of Islam are trying with all their might, to sow the seeds of dispute among Islamic communities. They attempt, by whatever pretext and means possible, to cause conflicts among Muslims and pave the way for their predomination over all the Islamic countries and plunder their assets. Therefore, it is necessary for all to avoid any schismatic actions and this is a religious and heavenly obligation.⁴

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It is necessary for the pilgrims to the sacred House of God, to cry out their detestation against the despots and tyrants at this prevalent congregation and roaring flood of human beings, most soundingly, hold each other's hands of brotherhood most tightly, avoid sacrificing the lofty expediencies of Islam and the wronged Muslims, to schismatism and nationalism and enlighten their Muslim brothers, as much as possible, on the importance of maintaining

¹ From Imam Khomeini's command to Hujjat al-Islam, Messrs. Iravani, Hashimi, Golpayegani, Tawassuli, Jalali, and Tahiri Khorramabadi, dated June 9, 1981—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 14, p. 440.

² From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims, dated Aug. 15, 1985—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 19, p. 341.

³ From Imam Khomeini's command to Hujjat al-Islam Khoeyniha appointing him to supervise the pilgrims, dated Aug. 4, 1982—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 16, p. 401.

⁴ From Imam Khomeini's command to Hujjat al-Islam, Messrs. Iravani, Hashimi, Golpayegani, Tawassuli, Jalali, and Tahiri Khorramabadi, dated June 9, 1981—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 14, p. 273.

their unison and forsaking their Dark Ages Prejudice that will end up to the benefit of the world plunderers and their affiliates. This calls forth Almighty God's aid, and God's promise, will hopefully, include them. But, if, God forbid, they follow the deeds of the world plunderers, worst of whom, are the protégé clerics (*akhunds*) of factious spirits, then they will have committed a grave sin and will be subject to the anathema of the All-powerful, the Almighty and remain enchained by the super-powers, and we all must take refuge in God's shelter from that.¹

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O! Muslims of the world, O! Followers of the school of monotheism, the secret of all the entanglements of the Islamic countries is in their disunion and discord, and the secret of their victory is in their unison and accord. God Almighty has said it in a single phrase: "And hold you to God's bond, together, and do not scatter;"

To hold tight God's secure rope means to maintain unity of all Muslims for the sake of Islam and expedencies of Muslims and to avoid discord and factionalism which is the essence of all the miseries and tardinesses. May God Almighty grant the Muslims the dignity of Islam and unison and accord of the Muslims of the world.²

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The honorable pilgrims must beware lest they may feel proud of themselves before the Muslims of other countries, because of the progress and prosperity of their revolution, look down on other Muslims and thus deprive themselves of kindness and socialization with God's friends, in the sanctified Mecca, and remain negligent of the grace of thanksgiving for the heavenly blessing that is modesty towards the Muslims, the deprived people and the coreligionists. In close vicinity to God's House and the shrine of the noble Prophet (pbuh), strengthen your allegiance and tighten your ties of friendship with the Muslims and relate to them the narrative of the revolution and God's blessings and ensure all the Muslims, on my behalf, and on behalf of the Iranian nation, that the Islamic Republic of Iran will support them and their strives and their Islamic plans, and will stand by their side in any bastion

¹ From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims, dated Aug. 6, 1986—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 20, p. 94.

² From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims, dated Sept. 28, 1979—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 10, p. 160.

confronting the aggressors and will defend their past, present, and, God willing, their future rights. Assure them that the power and dignity of the Islamic Republic of Iran belongs to all Muslim nations, and defending the heroic and valiant nation of Iran, is, in fact, defending all the oppressed nations, and we will, God willing, break the aggressive hands of the tyrants in all the Islamic countries and promoting our revolution, which is in fact promoting the real revolution and relating the Islamic decrees, we will terminate the dominion and cruelty of the world plunderers and by God's help, we shall be able to pave the way for the arrival of the deliverer-pacifier of all, and the absolute Imam of the time, may our souls be sacrificed for him.¹

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You should bear in mind that this great congregation that is convened in this holy land, every year, as ordained by Almighty God obliges the Muslim nations to make efforts to actualize the sacred Islamic objectives and the lofty aims of this pure religion and to promote and upgrade the Muslims and help conjoin the Islamic community.²

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On the verge of the superpowers' invasion of the Islamic countries such as Afghanistan, and ferocious massacre of the Afghani Muslims (who detest foreign interference in their destiny, and America who has a hand in every corruption), and simultaneous with the all-around aggression of the criminal Israel against the Muslims of Palestine and the dear Lebanon, and simultaneous with the criminal plot of Israel to move its capital to Jerusalem (Bayt al-Muqaddas), and extend its crimes and fierce massacre of the stranded Muslims, and at a time when the Muslims are in need of accord and unison, Sadat the deceitful, the servant of America and the friend and brother of Begin and the defunct Shah and Saddam, the subservient servitors of America attempted at separating the Muslims and spared no perpetration in their atrocities on behalf of their criminal Master. America, with its repeated attacks upon Iran and dispatching spies in order to defeat our Islamic revolution and conspiracies with Sadat to create disputes, promulgate false

¹ From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims, dated July 27, 1987—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 20, p. 345.

² From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims, dated Feb. 7, 1971—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 2, p. 322.

rumors and calumniate the executives of the Islamic government of Iran through the Iraqis, is tarred with the same brush. The Muslims must be careful about the treacheries of these subservients of America.

Of the problems devised for separation of the Muslims is nationalism and clannishness that have been fanned by Iraq, for years, which is followed by some of the tribes causing confrontation of the Muslims against each other, leading even to occasional hostilities, little knowing that patriotism, to love the fellow-citizens and to safeguard the boundaries of the country, is beyond debate, but nationalism in the sense of confrontation between one Muslim nation and another, is something else, which is against Islam, Quran and the Prophet's commands. Such nationalism which leads to separation of the Muslims and dispersal of the believers is against the expediencies of the Muslim peoples and is one of the deceptions of the foreigners who are distressed to see the spread of Islam.

More dangerous and sorrowful than the nationalism is the dispute between the Sunnite and the Shiite sects and promulgation of seditious rumors among Muslim brothers, but, thanks God, there is no controversy between the two sects within the Islamic revolution of Iran. They live together, friendly and brotherly. The Sunnites that form a large population in Iran, are living in different parts of the country; they have many pontiffs and chiefs; they are our brothers and we are their brothers and on a par with them, and they are against the murmurs of discord made by some criminals and affiliates of the Zionism and America. Our Sunni brothers in the Islamic countries should bear in mind that the subservient servitors of the devilish major powers are not well-wishers of the Muslims, and it is necessary that Muslims disgust them and do not listen to their mischievous propaganda. I shake hands, brotherly, with all the Muslims of the world and ask them to regard the Shi'ahs as their dear brothers, thus nullifying the sinister plots of the foreigners.¹

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The Hajj that is acceptable to God and which is intended by Islam is such a Hajj that, when you go there you enlighten the Muslims of other countries, try to unite them and make them understand why a population of over one billion Muslims are so oppressed by two powers of no more than a few

¹ From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims, dated Sept. 11, 1980—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 13, pp. 208-10.

hundred million population?

All our entanglements stem from the fact that the Muslims have been perverted from the right path of Islam, so much so, that even the clergymen, as you might have heard that, some clergymen at a meeting held, did not condemn what Russia had done in Afghanistan.¹

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Lo and behold! O! Powerful Muslims of the world! Wake up, recognize your abilities and the world will recognize you. Yield to the commandments of Almighty God the holy Quran and throw away any clannish and regional disputes caused by the world plunderers and their corrupt agents in order to usurp you and trample on your humane and Islamic honor. Expel the mercenary clerics (*akhunds*), and the ignorant nationalists whose harm to Islam is no less than that of the world plunderers. They show an inverted feature of Islam and open up the roads to the robbers.²

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O! Muslims of the world! True believers in Islam! Rise up and congregate under the banner of monotheism and the auspices of Islam and detach the treacherous hands of the superpowers from your countries and their over-filled treasures and revive the grandeur of Islam. Forsake your controversies and carnal desires, as you possess everything. Rely on the Islamic culture, fight against the west and westernization, stand firm on your own feet, attack the westernized and Easternized intellectuals and regain your real identity, as the mercenary intellectuals have done the nation and the country, such a mischief that, unless you follow the true Islam and be united, you shall suffer from the same adversity you have been suffering from so far. It is now the time for the nations to enlighten their intellectualists and rescue them from their humiliation and self-surrender to the East and West, as today is the day of national movements and guidance of the formerly guides of the people. You should know for sure, that your spiritual power will overcome all the powers and your billion man population, together with your infinite treasures

¹ From Imam Khomeini's speech addressing the minister and executives of the Ministry of Islamic Guidance, Hajj Pilgrimage Organization, the Imam's representative and supervisor of the Iranian pilgrims and the caravan clerics, on Aug. 1983—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 18, p. 54.

² From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims, dated Aug. 15, 1985—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 19, p. 336.

can overpower all the major powers of the world. Help God to be helped by God. O! Grand ocean of Muslims! Clamor against the enemies of humanity and overthrow them, as when you heed God the Great, and observe the heavenly teachings, then Almighty God and His enormous soldiery will be by your side.¹

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¹ From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims, dated Sept. 11, 1980—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 13, pp. 211-2.

CHAPTER 8

HAJJ, THE REMEDIAL AND PROBLEM-SOLVING OCCASION FOR THE MUSLIMS

Now, being the season of pilgrimage to the Sacred House of God, and while Muslims from all parts of the world have convened here, it is necessary to heed one of the major reasons for this tremendous congregation and look into the social and political conditions of the Islamic countries, learn about the entanglements of the coreligionists and to take efforts to help eliminate their problems, as much as one's Islamic and moral duties require him to do. Diligence in the Muslims' affairs is an important Islamic obligation.¹

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To all the pilgrims to the Sacred House of God, may God Almighty assist them:

Now, seeing that, due to the negligence and feebleness of the Muslim nations, the devilish clutches of colonialism have reached to the farthest depths of the large territories of the peoples of Quran, and our treasures are poured into their mouths, under the feigned name of nationalization, the poisonous imperialistic culture has penetrated through the farthest villages of the Islamic countries and out-paced the Quranic culture, crowds of our youth are taken into foreigners' services and every day, under a new deceitful name, our youths are being perverted; the dear nations of Islam who have convened at this land of revelation to perform their Hajj rituals are required

¹ From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims, dated Oct. 17, 1978—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 4, p. 43.

to avail themselves of this opportunity and seek remedies.

Exchange views for resolving the difficulties of the Muslims and agree with each other. Take it into consideration that this massive congregation convened at this sanctified land each year, as commanded by Almighty God, obliges you, Muslim nations, to make every endeavor for the realization of the exalted aims and objectives of the pure religion of Islam and of the progress and elevation of the Muslims as well as unity and accord among Muslim communities. Harmonize your opinions and come into alliance with each other for uprooting the cancer of colonialism.

Learn the entanglements of each Muslim nation from the tongues of their natives and spare no efforts to solve their problems.

Think about the poor and the destitute of the Islamic countries.

Seek a remedy for the liberation of the Islamic land of Palestine from the clutches of Zionism, the obstinate enemy of Islam and humanity.

Do not fail to cooperate with and assist the self-sacrificing men who fight for the liberation of Palestine.

The learned men, who partake in this congregation from any country, are required to enlighten all nations by issuing sound statements, distributed among the Muslims at the “land of revelation”, and in their own countries, upon returning home. In their statements, they should require the heads of the Islamic countries to heed the objectives of Islam abandon their differences and seek remedies for their deliverance from the clutches of the colonialists.¹

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Many political purposes are aimed at, in convening meetings such as daily Mass Prayers, Friday Mass Prayers and particularly the invaluable congregation of Hajj, among which, is to learn about the essential and political problems of Muslims, that can be discussed through meetings of the clergymen, the learned men and the devout pilgrims to the Sacred House of God, find solutions and pose to their own homeland peoples upon return and try for their elimination.²

¹ From Imam Khomeini’s message to the pilgrims, dated Feb. 7, 1971—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 2, pp. 322-3.

² From Imam Khomeini’s message to the pilgrims, dated Sept. 28, 1979—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 10, p. 159.

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At this holy congregation of Hajj, debate, firstly, the essential problems of the Islamic world and secondly, the particular problems of every Islamic country, and find out what the Imperialists and their agents have committed in these countries, against our Muslim brothers. At this holy congregation, the people of every country must relate the problems of their own nation to the Muslims of other countries.¹

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Bring together the Hajj pilgrims of other countries, debate the expedencies of the world of Islam and the problems of Muslims and take decisive actions to solve these problems and fulfill the exalted ideals of Islam. Investigate the ways to conjoin the Islamic sects and groups and seek remedies for their common political pressing problems that have been created by the obstinate enemies of Islam, worst of which are differences among Muslims ranks.

As we all know, during the recent centuries the incendiaries of this dangerous conflict have been the world plunderers of East and West who are afraid of the unity of over one billion Muslims and try, with all their might, to increase their differences in order to dominate the Muslims of the world, control their destinies and plunder their endless treasures.²

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This congregation that is conveniently arranged by Islam is considered a religious obligation for those who are affluent and a commendable practice for all the Muslims, as a devotion to God. An important point is that, the Muslims, all alike, free from any formality or luxuriousness, abandoning all social prestige, wrapped in a winding-sheet and two brief garments, attend these sacred stations, and more important than that, is the possibility for them to relate to one another, the events of their countries during the year passed and think about eliminating the problems of the Muslims world.

This is the main reason for the large congregation of Muslims in Hijaz.³

¹ From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims, dated Feb. 7, 1971—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 2, p. 324.

² From Imam Khomeini's command to Hujjat al-Islam Karrubi, dated July 18, 1985—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 19, p. 321.

³ From Imam Khomeini's speech addressing the ambassadors of the Islamic countries on Oct. 19, 1980—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 13, p. 274.

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Regretfully, we Muslims, being kept at a distance from Islam and secluded from Islamic facts, never spare a thought that, firstly, all who can afford the pilgrimage, do go and get honored with the pilgrimage to the House of God.

Secondly, those of cognition, the writers, the intellectuals and the learned must get together there, look into the problems of Muslims of the world and try to solve whatever they can. Unfortunately, our achievements now, from pilgrimage to Mecca, is but the congregation of groups from the general public only and the effectual ones, government authorities and prominent people who can study the entanglements and political and social problems of the Muslims are being neglected.¹

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All congregations arranged in the Islamic countries, in every town and village, are socio-political functions requiring the native of each township to convene and try to solve the problems of their township. The Friday Mass Prayers, too, are socio-political worships convening massive populations and are intended to solve the problems of the society. The congregation at Mecca is the largest congregation, convening of which is beyond the capabilities of any government.

And Almighty God has ordained that Muslims, without too much impositions and burdening expenditure on their governments, convene there, but regretfully it is not being taken advantage of properly.²

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In the course of Hajj, the difficulties of the people of the countries whose pilgrims arrive must be studied. The conditions of the Muslims during the year passed must be investigated. How the relation between each nation and its government, between each government and the devilish powers, between one nation and the other, between the clergy of one country and the other are, and finally, what their attitude towards Hajj is. These are facts that must be investigated, and this is what Hajj is intended for. Hajj is intended for investigating a year's problems of the Muslims and trying for their elimination.³

¹ From Imam Khomeini's speech addressing the ambassadors of the Islamic countries on Oct. 19, 1980—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 13, pp. 274-5.

² From Imam Khomeini's speech addressing the ambassadors of the Islamic countries on Oct. 19, 1980—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 13, p. 275.

³ From Imam Khomeini's speech addressing the minister and executives of the Ministry of

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The courtier clerics (*akhunds*) of the region and outside the region, suggest that Hajj rituals must be free from political issues. They thus, condemn the Messenger of God (pbuh); they condemn the caliphs of Islam and the infallible Imams. They do not understand that looking into these issues has been the main purpose of Hajj; for the rise of the people, it has been; for learning the problems of the Muslims and trying to eliminate those problems; and for the establishment of brotherhood and cordiality among Muslims.¹

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I humbly point out to the pilgrims to the Sacred House of God, from any country and nation and any religious sect, to please bear in mind that you are all the nation of Islam, followers of the Prophet (pbuh) and submissive to the Glorious Quran. You all, have common, treacherous enemies, who, by sowing seeds of difference, with the aid of their ill-fated functionaries, the mass media and divisive propaganda, in the course of history especially during the recent centuries and particularly at the present age, have enslaved all the Islamic governments and nations and plundered your rich treasures and the labor gains of the oppressed and they make all efforts to take the governments, blindly and completely, into their own service, train the nations to be consumerists, hinder the humane growth and industrial innovations, increase their dependence and attachments on the East and West, deprive people of the opportunities to think about their independence and use their initiatives, and suffocate those who are eager to enlighten the nations. The dire adversity observed in the Islamic and other oppressed countries is resulted from the same plots of the common enemies of the Muslims and the oppressed nations. Now that you have convened in the center of the life-giving Islam, as ordained by God and His Messenger (pbuh) no matter what nation or religious sect you are from, seek a remedy for this fatal ailment and deadly cancer.²

Islamic Guidance, Hajj and Pilgrimage Organization, Imam's representative and supervisor of Iranian pilgrims and the caravan clerics on Aug. 16, 1983—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 18, p. 51.

¹ From Imam Khomeini's speech addressing the minister and executives of the Ministry of Islamic Guidance, Hajj and Pilgrimage Organization, Imam's representative and supervisor of Iranian pilgrims and the caravan clerics on Aug. 16, 1983—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 18, pp. 51-2.

² From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims, dated Aug. 15, 1985—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*,

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In this magnificent congregation that can not be convened except by God's eternal might, the Muslims must look into their common problems and make efforts to eliminate them through joint consultations; one of the biggest and most essential problems is the disunity within the Muslims, of which, some of the so-called heads of Islamic countries are the source, and for the elimination of which, no sound measure has been taken yet. Moreover, the profiteering criminals who benefit from the differences between our nations and governments, fan the flames of our disputes that are created by their un-Godly functionaries and whenever the foundation of unity of the Muslims is laid, they try, with all their might, to oppose and sow the seeds of discord.¹

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The Muslims must be thoughtful of educating and correcting the self-surrender heads of some countries, and awaken them, either by admonition or menaces, as they may, both, destroy themselves and dissipate the interests of the Islamic nations. Warn those subservient servitors, intelligently, watch out for the threats of the hypocrites and the middle-men of the world imperialistic powers. Do not sit idle, just watching the defeats of Islam and pillages of the assets and treasures and offences to the chaste of Muslims.²

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Today the first "Qiblah" of the Muslims is seized by Israel, the cancer in the Middle East. Today, Israelis attack and massacre our dear Palestinian and Lebanese brothers, with all their might. Today Israelis, try, by using all their satanic means, to disperse the Muslims forces.

It is obligatory that all Muslims be fully prepared to fight against Israel.

Today, the African Muslim countries writhe, under the yoke of slavery of America and other foreigners and their subservient servitors.

Today, the Muslim Africans raise their voice, more and more, pleading for justice.

vol. 19, pp. 340-1.

¹ From Imam Khomeini's message to Muslims of the world and pilgrims to the House of God, dated Sept. 5, 1981—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 15, p. 169.

² From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims, dated July 27, 1987—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 20, pp. 319-20.

Pilgrimage to Hajj must respond to these pleadings. Circumambulating the Kabah is an indication that you would not seek to approach anyone else. Stoning at Aqabat means stoning the devils of both humankind and jinns. By stoning, you promise to God that you will expel the human devils and the superpowers from the Islamic countries.

Today the world of Islam is encroached upon by America. You are to pass on, to the Muslims of different continents, a message from God, that they must worship none but Almighty God.¹

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Seek remedies for the liberation of the Islamic land of Palestine from the clutches of Zionism—the obstinate enemy of Islam and humanity.

Do not fail to cooperate with and assist the self-sacrificers who fight in the cause of Palestine liberation.²

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Muslim nations must think about Palestine deliverance, and announce to the world, their strong disgust at the connivance and compromise of the shameful and self-surrender leaders, who, in the name of Palestine, have spoiled the ideals of the people of the occupied lands and the Muslims of this region. Do not let these traitors ruin the prestige and honor of the heroic nation of Palestine by their negotiations and plying to and for, as, these contemptible false revolutionaries have recourse to America and Israel, in the name of “Quds” liberation. Surprisingly, with every passing day, since the sanguinary catastrophe of usurping Palestine, the heads of Islamic countries grow more silent and compromising, and the plot of condescension to Israel progresses and propagation for the slogan of liberating Jerusalem is not heard about any more, and if a country like Iran, which itself is suffering from war and blockade, would cry out in support of the people of Palestine, they will condemn it. Moreover, they are even scared of the fact that a special day be held dear, and named “the Quds Day”.

Perhaps they are proceeding on the supposition that the lapse of time has changed and nature and features of the crimes of Israel and the Zionist

¹ From Imam Khomeini’s message to the pilgrims, dated Sept. 28, 1979—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 10, pp. 159-60.

² From Imam Khomeini’s message to the pilgrims, dated Feb. 7, 1971—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 1, p. 156.

bloodthirsty wolves have forsaken their mischievous thought to encroach upon and occupy the lands from the Nile to the Euphrates. The honorable authorities and the people of Iran and the Islamic nations will never give up fighting against and uprooting this impure tree. With God's assistance, all efforts must be made to make the best use of the scattered blood drops of the followers of Islam, the spiritual might of Muslim peoples and the means of the Islamic countries, and by forming resistance forces of Hizbullah all over the world, make Israel repent of its past crimes and free the forcibly occupied lands of Muslims from their clutches. As I have repeatedly warned, before and after the revolution and last year, once more I warn you of the danger of the development of the infectious tumor of Zionism within the body of the Islamic countries, and proclaim the availability of the unsparing backing of myself and the Iranian nation and government to all the zealous Muslim fighters in the cause of Quds liberation and express my gratitude to the dear Lebanese youths who brought about honor and exaltation for the Islamic peoples and shame and humiliation for the world plunderers and pray for all the dear ones, who, within the occupied lands or by the boundaries, depending on their own arms of faith and jihad, impair the interests of Israel and I assure them that people of Iran will not leave them alone. Rely upon God, take advantage of the spiritual might of Muslims and attack the enemies by depending on your arms of piety, jihad and perseverance.¹

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“O believers, if you help God, He will help you, and will put you through your paces.”

¹ From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims, dated July. 27, 1987—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 20, pp. 320-1.

CHAPTER 9

THE *ULAMA* OF ISLAMIC COUNTRIES AND THE HAJJ WORSHIP

It is necessary for the learned (*ulama*) who convene at this congregation, from whatever country they might be, to enlighten the nations by issuing proclamations, prepared logically through exchange of views, and distribute them, at the land of revelation, among the Muslims, and later, upon return, to publish the same at home. In their proclamations, they must require the heads of the Islamic countries, to set before their eyes, the objectives of Islam, abandon their differences and seek remedies for deliverance from the clutches of the imperialists.¹

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A well-disposed and valuable opportunity for the clergymen is the possibility of meeting the learned, the thinkers and the keen-sighted people of the Islamic countries, although the world imperialists, or, some government heads of Islamic countries are badly scared of such contacts and relations and try to prevent and control them. However, it has always been the wish of the Islamic Republic of Iran to make the best use of such a suitable occasion for the exchange of views and ideas, through sound programming, and to find solutions for the problems of the Islamic communities.²

The distinguished *ulama* and honorable orators are to enlighten the Muslims

¹ From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims, dated Feb. 7, 1971—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 2, p. 323.

² From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims, dated July 27, 1987—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 20, pp. 334-5.

on the political aspects of their momentous duties. The important duties that, if carefully heeded and practiced, the glory that God has ordained for the pious believers will be gained, and the heavenly and Islamic honors achieved as deserved, and the Muslims will then, enjoy real independence, being in the grace of Islam and under the flag of monotheism and the banner of “No God but Allah”, and will be able to cut the hands of tyrants off the Islamic countries.¹

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It is very surprising that many clergymen and “*ulama*” of the Islamic countries are negligent of their important role and heavenly and historical mission at this era, when humankind is thirsty for spirituality and the resplendent precepts of Islam. They do not apprehend the thirst of the nations, and are ignorant of the anxieties of the communities and their desire for the values of revelation. They have belittled their spiritual power of influence, whereas, the clergymen, the orators and the Friday prayer leaders can bring the world under the Quranic domination by their unity, oneness, and responsibility and perform their duty to enlighten and guide the people, at the present conditions of the dominion of garishly colored material world of sciences. Thus, they can preclude all this corruption, exploitation and disdain imposed on the Muslims and prevents the nestling of the little and big devils, particularly America, in the Islamic countries. They can also endeavor to study and publish the resplendent precepts of Islam rather than uttering and writing absurd and divisive suggestions, eulogizing the tyrant rulers, to make the oppressed developed cynicism with respect to the Islamic issues and creating discord among the Muslims. And by making full use of the limitless ocean of Muslim peoples, stabilize their own glory and the honor of the believers in Islam.

Is it not humiliating for the clerics of the Islamic countries to see that heathen rules and regulations be enacted in the Islamic countries and decisions dictated by those of “wealth-power-hypocrisy” and the real opponents of Islam be exerted while having access to the Holy Quran, the resplendent precepts of Islam the “Sunnah, (Lit., manners of the Prophet (pbuh) and the infallible Imams), thus, enabling the politicians of Kremlin or Washington to issue instructions for the Islamic countries? The clerics (*ulama*) of the Islamic countries must discuss the ways to solve Muslims’ problems and

¹ From Imam Khomeini’s message to Muslims of the world and pilgrims to the House of God, dated Sept. 5, 1981—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 15, pp. 168-9.

difficulties and their deliverance from the dominion of the tyrant powers, take up cudgels for the benefit of Muslims, and preclude the invasion of the eastern and western sordid cultures that ends in destruction of the seeds and yields of the nations. They should point out to their own peoples, the evil consequences of self-surrender to the garish attractions of west and east, and warn the nations and the governments against neocolonialism and the mischief-making acts of superpowers who have stirred up wars and bloody massacre of Muslims.

Once again I emphasize that the world is thirsty for the resplendent facts and precepts of Islam and there is no excuse to be made by the clerics before God. While the Muslim youths proceed to the extent of self-sacrifice and martyrdom, in order to defend their sanctities, and willingly embrace the waves of calamities and disasters as well as prisons and tortures like the Lebanese dear Hizbullah fighters and other Muslim valiant warriors who persevere and fight against the usurpers, then what stronger evidence may be required and what excuse may be given for silence, condescension, home retreat and unnecessary dissimulations?

Should the clerics and *ulama* hesitate to take actions, it will be too late to remedy then. Needless to say that we are aware of the loneliness of some duty-bound clerics who are surrounded by bayonets and put under pressure of threats and unlawful decrees of evil courtier clerics, however, we remind these dear ones of God's advice that: "Say: I give you but one admonition, that you stand unto God, two by two and one by one, and then reflect."

Rise for God's sake and do not fear loneliness and isolation. Mosques are the best bastions and the Mass Prayers and Friday Prayers, the most suitable arenas for organization and explication of expediencies of the Muslims. Today, although the governments and those subservient to the superpowers are seriously fighting against the Muslims, and like the Indian government, they massacre the innocent, the freedom-loving and the defenseless, however, they dare not close the mosques and temples of the Muslims permanently, nor will they manage to put out the spiritual illumination of love and cognizance of the multimillion Muslims. At the same time, should they close down the mosques and religious and political circles of the *ulama*, or, even hang them in public, this will serve as an evidence of innocence of Islam and further the general attraction of the public to the clergy and following them.

Is it not that God has bound the *ulama* not to remain silent against the

cruelties of tyrants and the injustice of the criminals?

Aren't the *ulama*'s "HUJJAT" (Lit., proxies) of the prophets and the infallible Imams on earth? Thence the *ulama*, the learned and the intellectuals must come to the rescue of Islam and save it from its present isolation. Tolerate no more humiliation and degradation. Strike down the idol of the imposed lordship and supremacy of the world plunderers, reveal your enlightened and authoritative features, expel the double-dealers, the false clerics, the mammon worshippers and the tumultuous and do not let the wicked *ulama*'s, the eulogists, and the tyrants impose their authority on the people, in place of the real leaders of the Muslim peoples, and take advantage of the spiritual status of the *ulama* of Islam.¹

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¹ From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims, dated July 27, 1987—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 20, pp. 336-9.

PART 3

***THE POLITICAL DIMENSIONS
OF HAJJ***

CHAPTER 10

GENERAL

The philosophy of Hajj, i.e. one of the major philosophies of Hajj, lies in its political dimensions, for the suppression of which criminal hands are at work from all around. Their extensive propaganda, have, regretfully, affected the Muslims, so much so, that many consider this Hajj pilgrimage as an austere worship regardless of the interests of the Muslims. The important aspect of Hajj has not been less than its devotional aspect, since its very beginning.¹

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Of all the dimensions of Hajj, the most abandoned and neglected one, is the political dimension of this magnificent ritual for whose obsolescence more treacherous hands have been and will be at work, and the Muslims today, at this period of jungle law, are more than ever, obliged to discharge their political duties and remove the doubts about the political aims of Hajj, as, the international jugglers, by beguiling and hindering the Muslims, on the one hand, and their profiteer functionaries on the other, the ignorantly delinquent on the one hand, and the courtier or misconstruing *akhunds* (Lit., false clerics), and the ignorant ascetics on the other hand, knowingly or unknowingly, backing one another, work on the abolition of this fateful aspect of Hajj which is the deliverer of the oppressed. It is necessary that all the dutiful, the awakened and those filled with compassion for the loneliness

¹ From Imam Khomeini's speech addressing the minister and executives of the Ministry of Islamic Guidance, Hajj and Pilgrimage Organization, Imam's representative and supervisor of Iranian pilgrims and the caravan clerics on Aug. 16, 1983—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 18, p. 51.

of Islam and the desertion of its political aspect among the precepts of Islam, particularly during Hajj rituals which is to be given more consideration, must rise to enlighten people, through writing articles and delivering speeches especially during the Hajj season, as, upon completion of the ceremony, when the pilgrims return home, they can enlighten their own peoples and stir up the oppressed of the world to free themselves from the ever increasing suppressions of the false “peace-loving pretender” tyrants. It is fully evident that, in this magnificent world congress, where, various strata of the oppressed Muslim nations, from any nationality, language, color, sect and idea, congregate, all clad with uniform attire, free from any taint and adornment, if the essential problems of the world Muslims and the oppressed can not be solved and the arrogant rulers forced to retreat, then doubtlessly the small size local or regional group meetings will not be able to do much and find a comprehensive resolution.

The Sacred House of God is the first house ever built for people, the general public. No personality, no regime and no group may be favored on another, in this House. The nomadic, the desert dwellers and the homeless are all on a par with the city dwellers, the statesmen and those secluded in Kabah. This dignified House was built for people, for public movements and for the popular interests and what interest can be regarded as exalted and lofty as cutting the dominion of the tyrants and despots off the countries of the oppressed and saving their tremendous treasures to serve their own benefits. A House founded for the uprising of the people and for the people, must be the venue for this great aim and the interests of people must be fulfilled at these holy stations and stoning the big and little evils must be accomplished at these stations. The sole being entrusted with the keys of the House, giving the Pilgrims to drink or repairing the Sacred Mosque is insufficient to attain the aim. Simplicity of the House and the Mosque just as it was in the time of Abraham and at the beginning of Islam, and the conjunction of the pure Muslims, unembellished, at this taintless venue is a thousand times as valuable as decorating Kabah and erecting tall buildings but neglecting the original purpose that is the people’s uprising and realization of people’s interests.¹

“Do you reckon the giving of water to pilgrims and the inhabiting of the

¹ From Imam Khomeini’s message to Muslims of the world on the occasion of the grand devotional-political congress of Hajj and *Id al-Qurban* (Feast of Sacrifices) dated Aug. 28, 1984—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 19, pp. 23-5.

Sacred Mosque same as that of believing in God and the Last Day and struggles in the way of God? Not equal are they in God's sight; and God guides not the oppressors."

It seems as though this holy verse has been descended at our age and is stating our situation. It seems as if the holy verse is addressing the present generation and considers those who occupy themselves in furnishing drink and food to the pilgrims, and fixing and decorating the Sacred Mosque, but ignore their true faith in God and the Retribution Day and crusade for the cause of God, as cruels.

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The Honorable King Khalid Bin Abdul-Aziz, King of Saudi Arabia:

Your letter was received. What the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran has said is correct. I consider all the entanglements and miseries of Muslims and governments of the Islamic countries being due to discords and disputes among them. Why should the Islamic governments with about one billion population and possessing subterranean treasures especially the oil reserves that are the breath of life to the superpowers, and enjoying the life-giving devotional-political instructions of the Prophet of Islam (pbuh) who has called the Muslims to hold tight the "Rope of Allah" and avoid separation and discord, and having access to such places of refuge as "AL-HARAMAYN ASH-SHARIFAYN" (Lit., the two noble sanctuaries), that had been used as the centers of worship and politics at the time of the Prophet (pbuh) and a long time after his demise, and whereas the political issues and conquests had been devised at these two devotional-political centers, now reach the point that any political and social concerns which are the most important and required necessities of the Muslims, be considered as crime and the Saudi police, wearing boots and fully armed, dare enter the Sacred Mosque, a place ordained by God and clearly stated by the holy Quran as the refuge sanctuary, even for the pervers, attack the Muslims, and beat and imprison them.

Their fault had been nothing save crying out against America and Israel, the two enemies of God and Prophet (pbuh). I do not know whether you are being informed of the events and what goes on at the "Two Noble Sanctuaries" truthfully, or like the falsely reported slogans of the Iranians that were known to all. I do not know how have the prayer leaders of the "Two Noble Sanctuaries" perceived the religion and the Hajj pilgrimage which is all intended to make people rise for justice and elimination of

cruelties and plunderings as had been the general policy of the dignified prophets, especially the last of the prophets, Muhammad (pbuh)?

Why do they prevent the pilgrims from entering into political issues or, even crying out against America and Israel and other enemies of Islam, in spite of the manners of the glorious Prophet (pbuh) and the Muslims of the early days, and, intentionally or ignorantly, prepare the grounds for foreign dominion over Islamic countries and even “the two noble sanctuaries”, the alighting places of revelation and of the angels of God. Had the government of Hijaz made the most of this annual occasion of multimillion Muslim congregations, it would have not been in need of America and its AWACS, or of other major powers, and the Muslim problems would have been solved. Needless to say that America has supplied these aircrafts for its own benefit and for Israel, as was proved that the American AWACS reported false information that “Iran bombarded the oil installations of Kuwait”; just to sow the seeds of dispute between Iran and the Arab Muslims.

Regretfully, the same negligence exists among the Islamic countries in general, so much so, that the criminal superpowers prevent the Muslims and particularly their statesman from entering into politics and showing concern about the Muslim affairs, to the extent that in the center of Islamic politics, the Muslims are jailed and tortured, by the verdict of the courtier preachers, just for crying out against the blood-thirsty enemies of the holy Quran and dear Islam.

Are you aware of the atrocities committed at the “two noble sanctuaries”, the divine sanctum and in the immediate vicinity of the Prophet’s (pbuh) tomb, or, perhaps you are informed wrongly, just as the Iranian slogans have been wrongly reported to you? We, in Iran, rose up, so that, by the grace of God, the omnipotent, convene the world Muslims under the banner of monotheism and bind them to the advanced commandments of Islam, cut the hands of the superpowers off the Islamic countries, restore the dignity of the Muslims of the early days, wind up the oppressive dominion of the heathens over the Muslim territories and reinstate the freedom and independence of the Muslims. It is hoped that the Islamic governments, particularly the Saudi Arabian government, being situated in the center of Islamic politics, harmonize and be in unison with us, and each, in its own country, experience the sweetness of the unsparing support of their nations and enjoy this heavenly blessing like the popular government of Iran, and act as commanded by the holy Quran, affectionately and brotherly towards the Muslim nations and governments, and hard and unyielding towards the

heathens and the plunderers.

Once more I emphasize that they submit false and incorrect reports to you, as you have written that the Iranian slogans had caused the pilgrims' aversion and unhappiness. You had better assign honest people to report and make it clear that anti-America and anti-Israel slogans had not caused aversion and hatred, but the ill-treatment by the Saudi Arabian functionaries in beating and jailing the Almighty God's guests for crying out against Israel and America has caused all the world Muslims' aversion and unhappiness particularly the pilgrims to the House of God and the shrine of the Prophet (pbuh).

I pray to Almighty God to awaken the Muslims, enhance the dignity and guide, especially the statesmen, to the expediencies of Islam and Muslims.

Hajj is an issue whose political aspect exceeds its devotional aspect and you gentlemen who are going on pilgrimage, must take care to cleanse yourselves of this colonialistic thought. Speak out in all your gatherings that Islam is not what we have had so far, that the pilgrims just journey to Mecca, make a few circumambulations round the Holy House, then perform "WUQUF" and so and so rites, but do not mind about what the arrogants are doing with the Muslims, and condemn whoever wants to speak about the expedience of the Muslims. The harm of the courtier clerics (*akhunds*) is much more than that of America. Because they, with their Islamic appearance, can cause the abandonment of Islam, whereas the enemies cannot. The enemies make them do so. Muslims, when they go on pilgrimage must make a lively pilgrimage a striking pilgrimage, one that condemns the criminal Russia and the criminal America. Such a pilgrimage is one that gets favorable reception. Going on Hajj pilgrimage without minding about the interests of the Muslims, but on the contrary, glossing over the crimes perpetrated against the Muslims, this is a mere outward appearance of Hajj pilgrimage without contents.¹

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Islam is bewildered, everywhere, from central Kabah, the dignified, to the farthest point of Muslim residence. They do not know it well. That is why when Muslims convene, at Mecca, a place ordained by God Almighty, for the congregation of Muslims, the spiritual congregation of them, they do not

¹ From Imam Khomeini's speech addressing the minister and executives of the Ministry of Islamic Guidance, and Hajj and Pilgrimage Organization, Imam's representative and supervisor of Iranian pilgrims and the caravan clerics on Aug. 16, 1983—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 15, pp. 290-3.

know what they are to do. They do not get Islamic benefit from their congregation. Such a political stage has been changed into a place of neglectfulness of all Muslim problems. You must find Islam. Unearth the facts about Hajj, the political aims of Hajj. If Muslims realize this, it will suffice them to find their independence. But, regretfully, we have lost the true Islam. What we have now, is the Islam that has been completely separated from politics. They have cut its head off. That which is the principal part has been severed and the remainder left to us. That is what placed us in such a sorry plight. Unless we all unearth Islam, we shall not be to regain our dignity.¹

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The politics of Hajj is not something devised by us. Hajj is an Islamic political movement. We had in mind from the outset to perform the Hajj pilgrimage the way it was supposed to be, just as the Prophet broke the idols down, in Kabah, we are to break the idols of our time just the same, the idols that are much more wicked. We must perform our Hajj rituals just as we did two or three years ago. The pilgrims must parade and demonstrate just as they did before. Re-assignment of Mr. Musawi does not alter our policy. Hajj rites are to be performed the same way as they were in the last two or three years, and the governments must show forbearance. We cannot deviate from the duty that Islam and Quran have prescribed for us. Our policy on Hajj is the same as before. Every time we go, we will do the same, unless they stop us from going on Hajj pilgrimage. The case will be different then.

I hope the pilgrims, this year, will discharge their duties better and more populated. Individuals must be more careful about their conduct and unite with one another, and I hope the other Muslim peoples have sensed this meaning too. More than one billion Muslims should not follow what America says and what Russia says. They must stand firm, heedless of others, just as the forty million population of this country has been standing fast, crying out: "Neither Eastern, Nor Western". The prestige value of this country is above that of those supported by either east or west, and the respect of the individual Muslims for it is greater. Therefore the nations must be fearless of what America may do. They are but empty drums.²

¹ From Imam Khomeini's speech addressing Saudi Arabian students residing in Tehran, on Nov. 1, 1979—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 10, pp. 448-9.

² From Imam Khomeini's speech addressing the chairman and representatives of the Experts Assembly on July 15, 1985—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 19, pp. 319-20.

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Warm greetings to the pilgrims of the Sacred House of God— may God Almighty assist them:

It is undeniable, and needless to say that the grand Islam is the religion of monotheism, breaker of polytheism, idolatry and egotism. It is the religion of natural disposition and deliverer of man from bondage to natural bonds and humanly and jinni temptations, inwardly and outwardly.

Religion entails state politics and guidance towards the right path of negating “the eastern and the western”.

The worship of a true religion is linked-up with politics and its political practices are considered as worship.

Now that Muslims from different countries are proceeding towards their center point of aspirations and pilgrimage to the House of God to perform their heavenly ordained obligation, and form a magnificent Islamic congress, in a blessed place, during blessed days, they must, as missionaries of God, benefit from its political and social contents, in addition to its worship aspect, and not be contented with the mere, soulless performance of it. It is obvious that arranging such a great congress is not possible for any individual official or government. It is only resulted from obeying Almighty God’s commandment. Regretfully, Muslims have not sufficiently benefited from this divine power in the best interests of Islam and Muslims.¹

Now that the pilgrims are departing from their worldly homes towards the Sacred House of God, and abandon all but the true beloved, as there is none save Him, inwardly and outwardly, they should bear in mind that the Abrahamian-Muhammadan Hajj has long been relinquished, both spiritually and socially. The Hajj pilgrims of all Islamic countries must relieve the House of God from loneliness in all senses. Let its mystical secrets be left to the unveiled gnostics, and let us care about the political and social dimensions of Hajj from which we have been kept too far away. We are obliged to make up for the lost. This all political congress to which people from every class and group congregate, as summoned by Abraham and Muhammad—may God bless them both—is to benefit the general public and to make people rise for justice and is the perpetuation of idol-breakings of

¹ From Imam Khomeini’s message to the pilgrims, dated Sept. 28, 1979—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 10, pp. 158-9.

Abraham and Muhammad (pbuh) and pagan breakings and Pharaoh over throwings of Moses, but which idol may reach the level of the big Devil (i.e. America) and world plunderer idols and pagans who dare summon all the oppressed people of the world to prostrate before them and enslave the free creatures of Almighty God to their own servitude?

The Hajj obligation which entails saying “LABBAYK”, (Lit., here I am at Thy service) to God and departure from the ego towards the Supreme Being, by the blessed guidance of Abraham and Muhammad (pbuh), in fact is a station for negation of all idols and the tyrants of the time, and the devils and the devil breed, but which idol is graver than the archenemy, the plunderer America and the aggressor and pagan Russia, and which idol or idolet is worse than the tyrants of our time?¹

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Regrettably, many Muslims, have become oblivious of the political dimension of this exalted worship, due to their own deviation, or, misunderstanding of some individuals or conspiracies by some self-seeking functionaries.

I hereby appoint you as my representative and supervisor of the honorable pilgrims of Iran in order that, by using your peculiar political insight, you will supervise and manage the affairs and concerns of the pilgrims, revive this great heavenly tradition by calling the Muslims to unison and union, through giving sermons and at religious ceremonies, informing them of what goes on in the dear Lebanon, the striver Iran and the oppressed Afghanistan by the world tyrants and plunderers, and acquaint the honorable pilgrims of different countries with their grave responsibilities to fight against international plunderers and pillagers.²

¹ From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims, dated Aug. 6, 1986—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 20, p. 88-9.

² From Imam Khomeini's command appointing Hujjat al-Islam Khoeyniha as supervisor of Iranian pilgrims, dated Aug. 4, 1982—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 16, p. 400.

CHAPTER 11

INDOCTRINATIONS AND ENLIGHTENMENTS DURING HAJJ

O! Orators! O! Writers! Relate to your brethren, your regional social and political problems, at the great congregations of ARAFAT, MASHAR, MINA, Mecca, the dignified, and Medina, the lustrous, and ask for mutual assistance.

O! Pilgrims to the House of God! Make known to the world inhabitants, the conspiracies of the Right and the Left, especially the plunderer and aggressor America and the criminal Israel. Give accounts of their armies and seek help. Plea for God's mercy and grace for betterment of the Muslim's conditions and severance of the criminals' hands from the Islamic countries.¹

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The greatest pain of Islamic communities is that they have not yet perceived the real philosophy behind many divine precepts. And Hajj, notwithstanding all its secrets and magnificence has still remained as a prosaic worship and fruitless movement.

A great responsibility of the Muslims is to comprehend the actual facts about Hajj and why people must, forever, utilize parts of their material and spiritual means for its permanence. What has been described, so far, by the ignorant, the mischievous analyzers or the stipendiaries, as the philosophy of Hajj, is that, it is just a collective worship and a pilgrimage tour. And irrelevant to

¹ From Imam Khomeini's message on the occasion of the Arafah Day, dated Nov. 20, 1979—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 10, p. 340.

the Hajj is, how to live, how to fight and how to stand against the world of capitalism and communism! Irrelevant to the Hajj is, defending the Muslims and the oppressed against the despot! Irrelevant to the Hajj is, seeking remedies for the Muslims' relief from mental and physical stresses and strains!

Irrelevant to the Hajj is that Muslims must prove themselves to be the third superpower of the world! Irrelevant to the Hajj is, stirring the Muslims to rebel against the dependent governments! Rather, Hajj is to be considered a tour to visit the "Qiblah" (i.e. Ka`ba) and Medina and that is all! Whereas, Hajj pilgrimage is aimed at approaching and conjoining to the owner of the House.

Hajj is not solely performance of some rites and utterance of some words; one may not reach God by prosaic words and acts. Hajj is the focus of divine cognition in which the details of Islamic politics in all instances of life must be found. Hajj is the massager relater, the creator and the builder of a society, free from material and spiritual wickedness. Hajj is the manifestation and repetition of all the lovable scenes of the life of a perfect man and perfectionist society in this world, and the Hajj rituals are the life rituals and due to the fact that the world Muslim community, of whatever race or nationality they might be, must become Abrahamian in order to join the Muhammadan populace at large and unite with them. Hajj is the place for arranging, practicing and forming this monotheistic life. Hajj is the scene set for display, and the mirror for evaluation of the potentialities and material and spiritual capabilities of the Muslims. Hajj bears a resemblance to Quran, in that, everybody can benefit from it, yet if the thinkers, the painstaking and the pearl-divers of the Muslim peoples, plunge into its ocean of cognitions, fear not approaching and getting into its social precepts and policies, will obtain from its oyster, the pearls of wisdom, guidance, growth and liberality and become ever saturated with its limpid wisdom and cognition.

But, what must we do and where to take this great grief, that Hajj has become deserted just as Quran has, and to the same extent that, that book of life, perfection and beauty has been veiled with our self-made veils and this treasure of the secrets of creation buried under tons of dust of our misapprehension and its pleasant language of friendliness and guidance and life-giving philosophy descended to the language of horror, death and grave. Hajj has also been entangled with just the same fate due to this fate millions of Muslims make annual pilgrimage to Mecca, step where the Prophet (Muhammad [pbuh]), Abraham, Ishmael and Hagar had stepped, but no one

asks himself who have Abraham and Muhammad been, what did they do, what have their objectives been and what did they expect us to do? As though the only thing not thought of is this. Undoubtedly a lifeless Hajj, without motivation to rise and to show disgust at the pagans, to aim for unity of the Muslims and demolition of paganism and idolatry, is no Hajj. The entirety of Muslims must make every endeavor to revive Hajj and the holy Quran and enter them into their life, and the dedicated researchers must try to discard all the alleged fabrications and the superstitions textures of courtier *ulama*, by presenting accurate and genuine elucidations of the philosophy of Hajj.¹

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This year, being at the threshold of the Islamic Republic anniversary, it is necessary that the *ulama*, the orators and the learned, explicate this holy movement and the objectives of Iranian Muslims being the establishment of an Islamic sovereignty, under the banner of Islam and the guidance of the holy Quran and the noble Prophet, as possibly the Muslims of other countries, may be unaware of the profundity of the Iranian Islamic movement, as a result of unfair foreign propaganda. Make it known to our Muslim brothers that we think of nothing save Islam and sovereignty of a just and Islamic ruling system.²

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The honorable Hajj pilgrims of the Islamic revolutionary country of Iran must convey the outcries of the brave and self-sacrificing strivers of this noble nation to the world Muslims convened at that general Muslim assembly and require them to be messengers of the message of the Iranian nation to all the oppressed nations of the world and make all the world's inhabitants hear the "YA-LAL MUSLIMIN" clamor of this revolutionary nation. Enlighten them that the Iranian nation implores the entirety of Muslims for help, not for their own national or regional interests, but for those of the world of Islam. Today Islam is entangled with conspiracies of the criminal world plunderers. If the Muslims do not succeed to build an Iranian dam against them by Islamic ties, then this devastating flood of

¹ From Imam Khomeini's message regarding duties of the pilgrims, dated Sept. 19, 1979—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 21, pp. 76-8.

² From Imam Khomeini's message regarding duties of the pilgrims, dated Sept. 19, 1979—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 10, pp. 62.

atheism and blasphemy will take all.¹

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It is necessary for the honorable clerics, and the dedicated writers and orators to defend Islam and the Islamic Revolution of Iran in confrontation with the poisoned propaganda of the mass media adherent to America and Israel, against Islam and the Islamic Republic of Iran, and present to the world inhabitants its true feature and the achievements of the dedicated nation of Iran, in spite of all the entanglements and hindrances raised by enemies of Islam, both the insiders and the outsiders. Enlighten people and reveal the unfair accusations brought up by the propaganda trumpets against this nation; disclose the conspiracies of America and its affiliates; relate to the world inhabitants, the encroachment of Saddam's army upon us, as ordered by America and supported by its affiliated countries and enlighten the Muslims as to what has befallen Islam and the Muslims by the hands of some Americanized rulers, worst of which is the official recognition of Israel after its savage incursion on the Islamic country of Lebanon and martyring and disabling tens of thousands of innocent defenseless people. Perhaps the nations preclude such tragic events that bring shame upon Muslims before the today's world and future generations and deliver Islam and Muslims from this grave disdain and themselves from this disgusting humiliation and disdain, reminiscence of which will shake any zealous Muslim.²

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On this valuable occasion, the respectable clerics and the Hajj communicators must play an effective role in transmitting the experiences of revolution and presenting political procedures, by the grace of ordinances of Quran, and the considerably effective role of the Islamic clergies in leadership of the society.

¹ *Ibid.*, vol. 16, p. 513.

² From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims, dated Sept. 19, 1982—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 16, p. 516-7.

CHAPTER 12

HAJJ AND PROMOTION OF THE ISLAMIC REVOLUTION

The honorable pilgrims must bear in mind that they are departing from an Islamic, dedicated and revolutionary country, and all the friends and foes look up to them; friends, to see if the honorable pilgrims are still bound to their Islamic commitments, do they preserve the prestige of the magnificent Islamic revolution in their deeds and words and dealings with the other Muslims, do they show patience and forbearance when encountering difficulties and hardships that are inseparable from this holy journey, do they admit to the ever presence and onlooking of Almighty God at all happenings and will they return home with honor and pride and be a means to promotion of the revolution, or, God forbid, they might do or say something, no matter how minor it may be, contrary to Islamic character and conduct, at this sight of other Muslims, that will disgrace Islam and the Islamic Republic, which is an unforgivable sin; and the foes to invert their deeds and words, try to find faults, no matter how small they might be, aggrandize and propagate them in order to show to the foreigners an inverted appearance of Islam and the Revolution and misrepresent the Iranian Muslims as unrestrained people, and Islam as a school which is digressed from the exalted human values, and the noble Iranians as disgraceful and aloof from civilization and elevation.

The honorable pilgrims must be aware of the fact that their responsibility before Almighty God and the noble nation of Iran who are striving for the cause of Islam and its humane teachings is very great and grave. Do not consider the present year—while we all know the superpowers and their affiliates have got their claws into the Islamic and the oppressed countries of the world more than before and the bloods of the innocent youths are

dripping down from their finger tips—to be like the year before.

Today the world major powers are frightened of Islam and its “East and West rub off” programs and the big Satan has called the little satans and get into all kinds of conspiracies in order to put out God’s light.¹

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The respectable Iranian Hajj pilgrims and the pilgrims to the “two noble shrines” should bear in mind that they are journeying to the House of God and the Prophet’s shrine and the sanctified shrines of the Prophet’s progeny, from a country whose nation has risen up for the cause of Islamic objectives and to expel the despots from their dear country, and that their Muslim brothers from all over the world have watchful eyes on them and the news reporters and the lie fabricators of propaganda trumpets and the enemies who falsify light straws as heavy rocks, are lying in ambush, watchful on their deeds and words and intending to spread rumors across the world. In such a case, the slightest deviation and fault must be avoided, as, being at the presence of Almighty God and the Prophet (pbuh) and observed by other pilgrims to the “two holy places” is to be regarded as a great sin and big fault, with consideration to its aftermath. Because some deeds and words in addition to being against the sanctity of the “two holy places”, may result in disgrace to the Islamic Republic of Iran which is set up for the cause of divine sovereignty and enforcement of the heavenly commandments of the holy Quran and enactment of the Prophet’s tradition, and because of some poor conducts might be inverted by mischievous fault finders who lie in wait for caviling pretexts to spread rumors against Islam and misrepresent the resplendent countenance of Islam and the Islamic Republic and the relevant guilt be registered in their record of deeds, while they have traversed for worship and fulfillment of their Hajj obligation.²

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You are journeying to Hajj from a triumphant country that has struggled for years under oppressive rule of kings but, by the grace of Almighty God and the blessing of God’s remainder, may our souls be sacrificed to him, broke

¹ From Imam Khomeini’s message on the occasion of *Id al-Qurban* (Feast of Sacrifices) dated Sept. 19, 1982—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 16, pp. 512-3.

² From Imam Khomeini’s message to the world Muslims on the occasion of opening the great devotional-political Hajj Congress and *Id al-Qurban* (Feast of Sacrifices) dated Sept. 2, 1983—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 18, p. 96.

off the bonds and ties while tolerating hardships and sufferings and offering to Islam thousands of martyrs and disabled, in the cause of final goal.

You are carrying the message of a nation who has saved a country that was about to be drowned in vice, obscenity and heresy arising from Easternization, and worse than that, from westernization states, and replaced a wicked government with an Islamic one. The same people, who are determined to promote their Islamic revolutionary message to familiarize not only the Islamic countries, but also the oppressed people of the world, with the dear Islam and an Islamic just-ruling system.

You are representing a nation whose Islamic revolution, despite its young age, and notwithstanding the overwhelming entanglements resulting from their confrontation with both, the eastern and the western superpowers and the sabotage acts by their hired terrorists, has awoken the Islamic countries in East and West as well as the oppressed people of the world over, attracted them to Islam and succeeded to make the world inhabitants hear the voice of Islam as much as possible and gain their favor.

You pilgrims to the sanctified House of God are carrying the message of this nation and representing this country. Your position is, then, quite sensitive and your responsibility great. You will either do, as expected, try to be the admiration of all, by your worthy behavior and Islamic and revolutionary conduct and display to the world nations, the true countenance of the Islamic revolution and attract their attentions to the grand revolution of Iran by your brotherly and affectionate behavior and practically nullify the deprived, mischievous propaganda of their promulgation horns, in which case your Hajj ritual will get favorable reception and ample reward, or if, God forbid, some ignorant people do contrary to the afore-mentioned, which I hope they won't, otherwise they will have committed a grave sin in the presence of God and before His House, the Qiblah of the world Muslims, stepped out of the ranks of pilgrims to the sanctified House of God and the shrines of the Prophet (pbuh) and other infallible Imams at Baqi and return home with a haversack of vice.¹

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Anyhow, the Iranian pilgrims must bear in mind that all their deeds and

¹ From Imam Khomeini's message to the world Muslims on the occasion of the devotional-political Hajj Congress and *Id al-Qurban* (Feast of Sacrifices) dated Aug. 28, 1984—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 19, pp. 26-7.

behaviors at all stages of Hajj are closely watched by both the friends and enemies of our revolution. The enemies try to find a pretext, however minor, to misrepresent the piety and heavenly honor of our people, and the friends and adherents of the revolution are anxious to learn about the manners and particulars of this nation whose fame, by God's favor, has captured the world over, and Hajj is the best rendezvous for association of the Islamic nations, where Muslims from all over the world will become acquainted with one another at a House that belongs to all Islamic communities and followers of Abraham and abandoning their differences of race, color, nationality and personality return to their original home and display to the world the perspective of a Muhammadan community and pleasantness of Islamic brotherhood by observing Islamic noble ethics and avoiding disputes and luxuriousness.¹

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I request the respectable Iranian pilgrims to consider from what country they are departing and towards whom they are proceeding. They are departing from a country whose nation has risen up for the cause of dear Islam and to replace the tyrannical ordains with the luminous precepts of Islam, for which, men and women and the old and the young sacrificed all their possessions; dear dedicated youths—whose divine values we are unable to apprehend—were martyred, disabled or captivated; a nation who, willingly, relinquished their properties and lives for the cause of God and welcomed the bereavement of their dear ones. They are proceeding towards the House of Almighty God, the chief aim of hopes of the glorious prophets and the exalted saints and the revelation spot and alighting place of Gabriel, the entrusted, and the angels of God; they are advancing towards God, so that every move and repose of theirs be Godly; towards the altar of the dear Ishmael who instructed us how to sacrifice everything for the cause of God; towards Muhammad's Medina, so as to become Muhammadan and to learn how to live, how to strive and how to traverse towards the beloved; towards the shrines of their glorious Prophet (pbuh) and the highly esteemed saints who had not minded the world and its allurements, not in the least, nor had they thought of anything except God's commandments and not sought except His gratification; then beware where you are going! Your responsibility is great, indeed. Your actions and deeds, are, in addition to being in the

¹ From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims, dated July 27, 1987—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 20, pp. 343-4.

presence of Almighty God and observed by God's friends (saints) and angels, before the eyes of thousands of pilgrims coming from the Islamic countries across the world, and possibly at times they might be influenced by the vast promulgations of the enemies of Islam and Iran, that are busy, day and night, with alleged fabrications about Islam and the nation of Iran and its servants, misrepresenting the risen people of these territory, hoping either to make some world Muslims believe or throw them into confusion.

And, amongst our dear people, there are the disabled, the living martyrs, the survivors and the martyrs' families, who keep watchful eyes on your deeds, and now, there you are with your heavy responsibility of divine trusteeship, your Islamic obligation and your conscience and natural disposition. You will either—thanks to the martyrs' bloods and the reputation of Islam and your dear innocent nation—be prideful proclaimers of justice and missionaries of Islam and the Islamic Republic by actions and words and in addition to getting the spiritual reward of pilgrimage to the House of God and the shrines of God's friends (saints) especially the glorious Prophet (pbuh), you will be blessed by the mercy of Almighty God and the benediction conferred by God's remainder—may our souls be sacrificed for his arrival—and drowned in Almighty God's graces and blessings both in this and the other world, or, God forbid, be the proclaimers of Satan and promoters of the promulgations of the enemies of Islam and a cause for disgrace of Islam and the Islamic Republic and the martyrs and sufferers of your nation in which case you will be rejected as non-confidants.

Now, you dear ones are faced with a choice between seeking eternal prosperity and obtaining the consent of God and His favorite ones, or, eternal villainy and privation. I hope, by the blessings of the well worth whiles and the holy stations and our deprived people's benediction that escorts you, you will be of the first class and bring honor and pride for Islam, the martyrs, the disabled and your nation and country, repel the enemies of Islam and Muslims, disappoint the foes, hold them in contempt, while enlivening the friends. Although you know what to do and what not to do, but I just hint the most important things as the discharge of my duty and an ultimatum:

Strictly observe the Islamic and humane character and behavior towards all the pilgrims, from any class, color, language, country and ethnic group they might be; show patience at all times, states and happenings; treat every body with generosity; be lenient and peaceful when facing up to harshnesses and affectionate against mistreatments and for Almighty God's gratification, exercise forbearance, in any mishap, by whoever it might be, open heartedly

and generously, since those holy stations and noble shrines are not places of dispute and fight.

Behave in such a way that shows that you have come from the country of Imam Sadiq (pbuh), which itself is a worthy service to Islam and the Islamic Republic and to your fellow citizens, and be assured that you will enjoy the gratification of this practice upon returning home, in addition to obtaining God's consent and that of the glorious Prophet (pbuh) and God's remainder (may my soul be sacrificed for his arrival), who is present and witnessing.¹

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¹ From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims, dated Aug. 6, 1986—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 20, pp. 94-7.

CHAPTER 13

HAJJ, THE FOCUS FOR STRIFE AGAINST WORLD ARROGANTS

In cooperation with the other pilgrims from over the world, convert the sanctified Mecca into the focus for crying out against the tyrants, as this is one of the secrets of Hajj and God Almighty is free from want of human worships and “LABBAYKS”.¹

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I would like to congratulate all the world Muslims on the occasion of the grand Islamic Feast of Sacrifices; a festival that reminds the conscious man of the Abrahamian altar, the altar that teaches the descendants of Adam and God’s chosen ones and the saints, the self-sacrifice and crusade for the cause of Almighty God. None but the glorious prophets, the highly esteemed saints and the consecrated servants of God can comprehend the depth of the monotheistic and political aspects of this act. This father of monotheism and idol-breaker of the world taught us and all the human beings, that sacrificing in the cause of God has its political and social values before its worship and monotheistic aspect.

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Sacrifice yourselves and your dear ones in order to enact and promote God’s religion and divine justice. He taught us all, that Mecca and Mina are the

¹ From Imam Khomeini’s message to the pilgrims and Muslims of the world on the occasion of *Id al-Qurban* (Feast of Sacrifices) dated Sept. 2, 1983—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 18, p. 97-8.

altars of the attached devotees, and the sites for promoting monotheism and negating polytheism, as, attachment to one's life and dear ones, is also counted as polytheism.

He taught the descendants of Adam to strive in the cause of rightfulness and to convey to the world inhabitants, from this exalted place, the lesson of devotion and self-sacrifice; to tell them that one must lose his self-possession in the cause of righteousness and enactment of heavenly justice and to cut off the hands of the pagans, and relinquish every thing and even sacrifice a dear one such as Ishmael (God's Sacrifice) so that justice be eternal.

This idol-breaker and his dear son, the second idol-breaker, prince of the prophets, Muhammad Mustafa (Lit., the Chosen One) (pbuh), taught the humankind that all the idols, of any kind, must be broken and Kabah, as the metropolis and wherever extended there from, to the last spot on earth, to the last day of the world, must be cleansed from the contamination of idols of any kind, whether a sculpture, the sun, the moon, an animal, or a human being; yet what idol can be worse and more dangerous than the tyrants, throughout history, from the time of Adam to the time of Abraham until the time of Muhammad (pbuh) up to the last of the time when the final idol-breaker will call for monotheism?

Aren't the superpowers of our time some big idols that summon the world inhabitants to their obedience and worship? Don't they impose their rule by force, hypocrisy or money?

The sanctified Kabah is the sole center of breaking such idols. Abraham, God's intimate, in early times, and Muhammad (pbuh), God's beloved and his dear son, Mahdi, the promised, (may my soul be sacrificed for him), late in the era, voiced and will voice the call for monotheism.

God Almighty said to Abraham: "And proclaim among men the Pilgrimage and they shall come unto thee on foot and upon every lean beast, they shall come from every deep ravine."

And He said: "And do thou purify My House for those that shall go about it and those that stand, for those that bow and prostrate themselves;"

It means a purge of all the filths, above all of which is polytheism which is said at the part of the noble verse.

And we read in Surah "Repentance": A proclamation, from God and His Messenger; unto mankind on the day of the Greater Pilgrimage; "God and

His Messenger are disgusted of the idolaters.”

Mahdi, the expected, is said, in different religions and by all the Muslims in unison, to raise the cry of monotheism from Kabah. All raise their cries from Kabah and Mecca and we must imitate them and raise our cry for unison of words and call for monotheism from that sacred place and break the idols by our cries and calls and by airing our grievances and divulgements and expel the devils on whose top is the grand Satan, so as to have performed the Hajj ritual as Abraham, Muhammad and Mahdi have done, otherwise we will be subject to the saying that:¹

“How great in number are the lamenters and how few the real pilgrims”.

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All you, O! Dear pilgrims to the sanctified House of God! You who have rushed towards God’s House, the monotheism center, the revelation place, Abraham and Muhammad’s station—the two idol-breaking supermen and protesters against the tyrants—and made yourselves reach noble stations that had been thirsty lands and water less high lands at the age of revelation but they were alighting site of God’s angels and rushing spot of God’s soldiery and station point of God’s prophets and pious servants. You should fully appreciate these great intelligentsia, equip yourselves, at this idol-breaking center, for breaking big idols that are developed as satanic powers and cannibal plunderers and never fear these faithless powers. Depend on Almighty God, swear allegiance of unity against the forces of polytheism and mischief and avoid separation and dispute.²

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And obey God, and His Messenger, and do not quarrel with each other and so lose heart and your power depart; and be patient; surely God is with those who are patient.

In the logic of world arrogants one showing disgust at the pagans shall be accused of paganism, and the “mufti’s” and “mufti sons”, those descendants of BalAm Baura will sentence him to death.

No wonder that, in the course of the history of Islam, the same sword of

¹ *Ibid.*, pp. 86-8.

² From Imam Khomeini’s message on the occasion of the Arafah Day, dated Nov. 20, 1979—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 10, pp. 338-9.

paganism and infidelity that was once concealed under the pilgrim's garb of Yazidiyans and the hired functionaries of Omayyads—God's curse upon them—for the massacre of the best truthful children of the Prophet (pbuh), Abi-Abdullah al-Husayn (a.s) and his faithful supporters, once more comes out of the garbs of the heirs of BANI-SUFYAN and cuts the clean and pure throats of the followers of Imam Husayn (A) in the hot environ of the Karbala of Hijaz, at the sanctuary altar, and accuse them of the same calumnies as the Yazidiyans did against the truthful children of Islam, as they called them gentiles, atheists, polytheists and whose bloods may be shed with impunity. They have accused their followers just the same. We hope, God willing, to calm down our heartache, in due course, by revenging ourselves on America and the Saudi dynasty and leave the scar of privation from the sweetness of these grave crime, on their hearts, and thereafter, we will enter the Holy Mosque after celebrating the victory of righteousness over blasphemy and infidelity and the liberation of Kabah from the clutches of the incompetent and the untrustworthy.¹

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Muslims, when they go on Hajj pilgrimage must perform a Hajj that is lively, pounding and condemning the criminal Russia and America. Such will be an acceptable Hajj.²

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The pilgrims to the House of God and the enthusiasts for meeting God are departing from their houses of egotism towards God Almighty and His precious messenger at a time when the dignified Mecca is prepared to embrace the justice seeking Muslims, and welcome their pounding cries against the super tyrants and super plunderers of the time, and looks forward to receiving them.³

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¹ From Imam Khomeini's message on the occasion of the anniversary of the sanguinary massacre in Mecca and acceptance of Resolution No. 598, dated July 19, 1988—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 21, pp. 75-6.

² From Imam Khomeini's speech addressing the minister and executives of the Ministry of Islamic Guidance and the Hajj and Pilgrimage Organization, Imam's representative and supervisor of Iranian pilgrims and the caravan clerics on Aug. 16, 1983—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 18, p. 53.

³ From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims, dated Aug. 15, 1985—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 19, p. 333.

Stone pitching site looks forward to receiving the self sacrificers who come from a country whose brave people have fearlessly expelled big, little and medium satans, and now at this site, they are going to pitch stones at and expel the group of satans from the metropolis and its surroundings which is the whole world.¹

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You must bear in mind that the final remedy lies in the union of all the Muslims, and their general agreement, to cut the hands of the superpowers off the Islamic countries and to materialize the slogans given at these sacred stations and honored shrines, when returning home.²

God willing, we will not let the voice of compromise with America and Russia profane and polytheism be ringing in the ears from Kabah, the grand pulpit mounted on the lofty height of humanity, where the grievances of the oppressed must be aired instead and the call for monotheism resounded. We ask Almighty God to bless us with the power to resound the death of America and Russia, not only from Kabah of Muslims, but also, from the church bells across the world. Let the Muslims and the oppressed of the world feel free and boast of the endless peril that our Islamic revolution has created for all the world plunderers, proclaim their liberation and free will to control their own lives and destinies and redress their grievances, as the period of dead ends and disappointments and breathing in profane environs has come to an end and the flower-beds of the nations are revealed. And I hope that all Muslims will spectate the blossoms of freedom, the fragrant spring breeze, the fresh flowers of love and affection and the abounding limpid fountains of effervescence of their own free will.

We must all, pull ourselves out of the marshy lagoon of silence and immovability in which the American and Russian politicians have sowed the seeds of death and bondage, set off for the ocean from which “ZamZam” has sprung and cleanse, by our tears, the curtain of Kabah and God’s sanctuary that have been stained by the unclean hands of the untrustworthy America and the American breed.

O! Muslims of all countries across the world! Since you have been subjected to gradual death under foreign dominion, you must overcome your fear of death and benefit from the enthusiast martyrdom-seeking youths who are

¹ Op cit.

² *Ibid.*, p. 341.

prepared to break the fronts of the pagans. Do not try to continue your present situations, but think of escape from captivity and deliverance from slavery and attack against the enemies of Islam, as your honor and vitality is subject to striving and your first step is will power and determination to deny yourselves of the dominion of the pagans and polytheists, especially America. Whether we be in Mecca or not, our hearts and souls are with Abraham and in Mecca. Whether they close the gates of the Prophet's Medina to us or not, our bonds of love towards the Prophet will never break or be weakened. We pray facing Kabah and die facing Kabah and thank God, we remain steadfast in our loyalty to God, as we laid the foundation of expressing disgust at the pagans, with the bloods of many thousands of martyred dear ones and did not await the support of a few mean rulers of the Islamic or non-Islamic countries. We, the deprived and the barefoot are the ever oppressed people of history. We have none but God, and will never abandon fighting the tyrants, even if we are mutilated a thousand times.¹

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Dear Brothers and Sisters! In whichever country you are, defend your Islamic and national honor against your enemies, i.e. America, international Zionism and the eastern and western major powers without any circumspection and disclose the tyrannies of the enemies of Islam.

My Dear Muslim Brothers and Sisters! You are aware of the fact that all our material and intellectual interests are being plundered by superpowers of East and West leaving us in poverty and dependence politically, economically, culturally and militarily. Come to your senses and regain your Islamic personality. Do not yield to cruelty and disclose the sinister conspiracies of international plunderers, above whom stands America.²

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We are duty-bound to exclaim our disgust at the pagans as our first stage of fight and proceed to the next stages, and at any period it calls for its appropriate style of demonstration and planning. We must see what we should do at a time like today when the chiefs of paganism and polytheism

¹ From Imam Khomeini's message on the occasion of the anniversary of the sanguinary massacre in Mecca and acceptance of Resolution No. 598, dated July 19, 1988—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 21, pp. 82-3.

² From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims, dated Sept. 28, 1979—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 10, p. 159.

are threatening the existence of monotheism and have trifled with all the national, cultural, religious and political representations of the nations.

Should we sit idle at home and practically tolerate the satans and the Satan breed, by erroneous analysis, belittling humankind, and inspire the spirit of inability and helplessness in Muslims, and prevent the society from achieving purity which is the ultimate aim and extreme perfection, and convince ourselves that the fights of the prophets against idols and idolatry had been limited to wooden and stone-made lifeless sculptures, and, suppose that, God forbid, a prophet such as Abraham who pioneered idol breaking had abandoned the battle-field when confronting the tyrants? Whereas, all his idol-breakings and fights against Namrudiyan, and the moon, the sun and star worshippers, had been the prelude to a grand emigration and all the emigrations, sufferings, dwelling in a dry desert, building the House and sacrificing Ishmael were the prelude to a prophetic mission, in which, the last of the Prophets (pbuh) repeats the words of the first and the last institutors of Kabah and proclaims his eternal mission by saying: "I disgust he whom you associate with". Should we present an otherwise analysis, we would have to judge that at the present time there is no idol and no idolatry at all, but which reasonable human being is there who has not recognized the modern idolatry in its special forms, charms and tricks, and be uninformed about the dominion of idol houses like the white house, over Islamic countries and lives and chastises of Muslims and of the third world.

Today our cry of disgust at the pagans is an outcry against cruelty of the tyrants, and an outcry of a people who are in agony of the transgressions of the East and West, at whose top, are America and its affiliates, a people whose homeland and possessions have been plundered. Our cry of disgust is the outcry of the oppressed and wronged nation of Afghanistan, and I am sorry that Russia did not follow my advice regarding Afghanistan and invaded this Islamic country. Once more I admonish them to leave the Afghan nation alone. They can determine their destinies and insure their independence. They do not need Kremlin's guardianship or America's custody, and, certainly enough, upon withdrawal of the foreign troops they will never yield to other dominions, and will strike down on America if it decides to intrude.¹

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¹ From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims, dated July 27, 1987—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 20, pp. 316-7.

CHAPTER 14

WARNING AGAINST CONSPIRACIES OF THE WORLD ARROGANTS DURING HAJJ

The Muslims attending these noble stations, of whatever nation or sect they might be, must be well aware that the main enemy of Islam and Quran and the glorified Prophet (pbuh) are the superpowers, especially America and its corrupt offspring, Israel who have covetous look upon the Islamic countries, and spare no crime and conspiracy to plunder the enormous underground and on-the-ground treasures, and their secret of success is sowing seeds of dispute among Muslims, in any way possible.

They may employ their hired mullahs to disunite the Shiites and Sunnis during the Hajj ceremonies, and fan the flames of this satanic plot so much so, that some simple-minded people may believe them, and thus, they cause separation and disorder. Our brothers and sisters of both sects must be on the alert and know that those blind-hearted stipendiaries intend to take away Islam, Quran and the Prophet's tradition in the name of Islam, Quran and Prophet's tradition, or at least pervert them. Our brothers and sisters must bear in mind that America and Israel are against the essence of Islam because they consider Islam, the Holy Book and Prophet's tradition as obstacles in their way of plundering, and Iran, following the same Book and tradition has risen up, made revolution and gained victory. Today, conspiracy against Iran and Hizbullah is indeed aimed at abolishing Islam, the Book and the Prophet's tradition, and Iran is no more than a pretext. They were quite satisfied with Iran at the time when the Shah was submissive toward them, made Iran dependent on them in everything and followed their Islam abolition plans. But they oppose today's Iran that has curtailed their hands

from its interests and expelled their military advisors and affiliates from the country. On the other hand, they know that Islam is their real enemy except that Islam which is fabricated by some governments and the still worse (false clerics) mullahs. They approve of such an Islam and, it reciprocally supports them and defends their interests and it stems from the standpoint that is to suffocate the pleading cries of the Iranian Hajj at the center of revelation and alighting place of: A proclamation, from God and His Messenger, unto mankind on the day of the Greater Pilgrimage: "God and His Messenger are disgusted of the idolaters."

And pronounce them blasphemous. Therefore, at this time interval, it is the divine obligation of the Hajj pilgrims to deny any saying they might hear from the speakers, that could smack of creating disunity and separation among the lines of Muslims and to consider crying out disgust at the pagans as their obligation, so that Hajj becomes Abrahamian (ABU'L-ANBIYA'), and Muhammadan (pbuh), otherwise the saying: "How great in number are the lamenters and how few the real pilgrims" will be applicable to them.¹

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At the threshold of the gathering of world Muslims and the time for general accord of various Muslim sectarians for deliverance of their countries from the unclean clutches of superpowers and at the threshold of withdrawing the hands of East and West from Iran by unison of words and dependence on God Almighty, under the banner of Islam and monotheism, the arch-Satan summoned his chicks to sow the seeds of separation amongst Muslims, by any imaginable trick, and draw the monotheist people and religious brothers into discord and hostility and pave the way for their increasing domination and plunder.

The arch-Satan fears the promotion of the Islamic revolution in other Islamic and non-Islamic countries and withdrawal of his unclean hands from his domineered countries. Since he did not profit by economic blockade and military invasion, he tried other tricks in order to misrepresent our Islamic revolution before the world Muslims and cause Muslims to fight with one another, so that he can continue his tyranny and plundering. That is why at the exact time of Iranian strives for word unison amongst the world Muslims,

¹ From Imam Khomeini's message to the world Muslims on the occasion of the grand devotional-political Hajj Congress and *Id al-Qurban* (Feast of Sacrifices) dated Aug. 28, 1984—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 19, pp. 28-9.

to hold to the glorious Islam and Unitarianism, one of the mischievous men of America and a friend of the dethroned and annihilated Shah was instructed to obtain a verdict (fatwa) from the jurisprudents (muftis) of the Sunni sect, judging the Iranians as pagans, and some of these men said: "The Islam that Iranians introduce is different from our Islam". True, the Islam of Iranians is different from the Islam of those who support American men such as Sadat and Begin and shake hands with the enemies of Islam, in spite of God's ordain, and spare no efforts or calumnies to separate the Muslims.

Muslims of the world must make known those seditious people and neutralize their mischievous plots.¹

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In all these rituals and noble stations, the prerequisite for attaining natural ambitions and humanistic aspirations is unification of all Muslims, at these stages, and word unison of all Muslim groups, regardless of their ethnic languages, colors, territories or paganish tribal prejudice, and to clamor unanimously against a common enemy who is the enemy of Islam and it has slapped him in the face at this period of time. He considers it an apparent obstacle to his plunderings and tries to remove it by means of seditious acts through his stipendiary agents above whom are the jealous, worldly and courtier *akhunds* (false clergies) who are assigned to carry out his sinister intentions at any place and time particularly during Hajj season and its divine rituals. At all stages and ceremonies of this worship which is intended, mostly, for the congregation of Muslim peoples from all over the world in favor of the benefit of the deprived people of the world—and what benefit may be above withdrawal of the hands of the plunderers, from the Islamic countries... the pilgrims must be on full alert for the counter-Islam and Quran deeds of these mischievous agents and seditious *akhunds*, and expel those who do not care for Islam and the interest of Muslims—no matter how they are counseled—because they are more devil and meaner than the pagans.²

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It is quite obvious to us and all thinkers and inquirers who are aware of the mischievous intentions of the Al-e Saud administration why they accuse us

¹ From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims, dated Sept. 11, 1980—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 13, pp. 207-8.

² From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims, dated Aug. 6, 1986—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 20, pp. 90-1.

of discord and call us separationists, who have, since our victory, cried out for Muslim unification and considered ourselves sympathetic towards all Muslims in pains and gains, and worse than that, they accuse the pilgrims who have lovingly journeyed to make a pilgrimage to the Prophet's shrine and God's sanctuary, of mobilization and organization for occupation purpose of Kabah, burning God's sanctuary and destruction of Medina and allege the presence of our military and civilian officials as evidence and grounds for their claims. In the logic of Al-e Saud a military man, the revolutionary guards (Sepah Pasdaran) and the state executives of Iran must be alienated from Hajj and such pilgrims made by military or state officials are amazing to them and considered conspiratorial. In view of the world arrogants the state executives of the Islamic countries must only travel to the West. Hajj is no business of theirs. American functionaries take the burning of American flag as the burning of God's sanctuary and the slogan of "Down with Russia, Down with America and Down with Israel" as enmity with God, Quran and Prophet (pbuh), and misrepresent our military executives being dressed in pilgrim's garb, as leaders of a machination.¹

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¹ From Imam Khomeini's message on the occasion of the anniversary of the sanguinary massacre in Mecca and acceptance of Resolution No. 598, dated July 19, 1988—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 21, pp. 78-9.

CHAPTER 15

THE COURTIER CLERICS AND HAJJ

An auspicious and blessed feast-day is indeed, the day when, by awareness of Muslims and devoutness of religious scholars, the entire Muslims of the world are delivered from the dominion of tyrants and world plunderers, and this great aim is achieved only when different dimensions of Islamic ordains can be presented to the oppressed nations and the nations are well acquainted with the unrecognized Islam, provided that the opportunities for such fateful event are not missed, and what opportunity is higher and loftier than the magnificent Hajj congress, provided by Almighty God for Muslims, but regretfully, the different dimensions of this great and fateful religious duty have remained in a state of ambiguity due to perversions of unfair Islamic ruling cliques and mean courtier *akhunds* and unsound understandings of some turbaned men and the sanctimonious, in all Islamic countries; the unwise who oppose even the establishment of an Islamic government and consider it worse than an arrogant government; the imprudent who have restricted the grand religious duty of Hajj to a hollow superficial performance and consider discussing the difficulties of Muslims and Islamic countries illegitimate and parallel to blasphemy; the dependents of the subversive and tyrannical governments who ill-judge the cries of the oppressed people congregated at this center of vociferation, as profane and non-Islamic, the jugglers who have cornered Islam into the confinements of mosques and worship places and pronounced any concern shown for Muslim affairs as non-Islamic and against the duties of Muslims and their *ulama*.

And, regrettably, the scope of their subversive propaganda has gone and is going so far that any intervention in social and political affairs of the Muslim

community is considered against the duties of the clergymen and religious *ulama* and intervention in the politics an unforgivable sin. They have also confined the Friday Mass Prayers to a meaningless performance and considered passing beyond this limit as violating Islam.

It fits to be said that Islam is forlorn and unappreciated and the Muslim nations are alienated from and unacquainted with the facts of Islam.¹

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The prerequisite for attaining innate aspirations and humanistic ideals, is to ensure unification of all Muslims and unison of words at all the rituals and stages of Hajj, regardless of different ethnic languages, colors, territories or tribal prejudice and to outcry, in unison, against the common enemy who is the enemy of Islam and has been slapped in the face, at this period of time. He considers Islam an outstanding obstacle to his plundering and tries hard to remove this obstacle by means of seditious acts and tricks through his hired elements, above whom are the jealous, worldly and courtier *akhunds* (false clergies), who are assigned to carry out his sinister intentions at any place and time, particularly during Hajj season, in the course of religious observances. At all the stages and observances of this divine worship which is intended, mostly, for the congregation of Muslims from all over the world in favor of the benefits of the deprived people of the world and what benefit could be more valuable than withdrawal of the hands of the plunderers from the Islamic and Quran activities of these mischievous elements and seditious *akhunds* (false clergies), and expel those who do not care for Islam and for Islam and for the interest of Muslims, if you only counsel them, because they are worse than the devil and meaner the pagans.²

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Pilgrims of different countries who, have certainly, journeyed under strict control and threat of their governments, will miss their real friends, brothers, supporters and co-fighters. Al-e Saud, in order to gloss over their last year's terrible crime and also to justify their offence of "obstruction on Quds path" and prevention of Iranian pilgrims from Hajj, will bombard the pilgrims with

¹ From Imam Khomeini's message to the world Muslims on the occasion of the grand devotional-political Hajj and *Id al-Qurban* (Feast of Sacrifices) dated Aug. 28, 1984—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 19, pp. 20-1.

² From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims, dated Aug. 6, 1986—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 20, pp. 90-1.

their constant propaganda, and the courtier clerics (*akhunds*) and stipendiary Muftis—curse upon them—in the Islamic countries, especially in Hijaz, will make pretences and give false speeches through mass media, in order to corner the pilgrims in an awkward position, unable to think and inquire about the real philosophy of Hajj and/or find out about the pre-planned massacre of God's guests by the arch-Satan, in which case the pilgrims mission is, doubtlessly, grave.¹

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Regrettably, this negligence is common among the Islamic governments, so much so, that the mischievous hands of superpowers have prevented their peoples and statesmen from intervention into politics to the extent that Muslims' interference in politics or even pronouncing slogans against the bloodthirsty enemies of Quran and Islam are condemned as being criminals, by the courtier preachers, and they are being imprisoned and tortured.²

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God Almighty and the glorious Prophet (pduh) proclaimed, on the Hajj Day, that God and His Messenger are disgusted at the pagans, a proclamation, from God and His Messenger, unto mankind on the day of the Greater Pilgrimage: "God and His Messenger are disgusted at the idolaters."

American friends and the courtier *akhunds* who safeguard the interests of the arch-Satan, were not present then, to decree that, God forbid, God and Prophet (pbuh) are contradicting the correct Hajj rituals and that Hajj ought to be away from such issues. The day when God's friend, the glorious, Imam of the time—may God Almighty hasten his noble advent—arrives and proclaims justice and clamors against tyrants and pagans, the same *akhunds* will be to excommunicate him and support the tyrants.³

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¹ From Imam Khomeini's message on the occasion of the anniversary of the sanguinary massacre in Mecca and acceptance of Resolution No. 598, dated July 19, 1988—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 21, p. 76.

² From Imam Khomeini's reply dated Oct. 9, 1981, to the letter of Khalid Bin Abd al-Aziz, King of Saudi Arabia—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 15, p. 292.

³ From Imam Khomeini's message to the world Muslims on the occasion of the grand devotional-political Hajj and *Id al-Qurban* (Feast of Sacrifices) dated Aug. 28, 1984—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 19, p. 25.

The Muslims must fill the entire sphere with love towards God and hatred and practical disgust at the enemies of God and never listen to temptations of the devils and the dubiousities of the skeptics and of the petrified and the perverted, and never neglect this holy monotheistic global religion of Islam, as, the world plunderers and enemies of the nations will not hold their peace henceforth and will resort to all kinds of tricks and deceits in different appearances and the false clerics, the courtier and stipendiary preachers, the nationalists and the hypocrites will resort to incorrect philosophies and subversive ideas and will take up and think to disarm the Muslims and beat the solidarity, magnificence and power of Muslim peoples—Gods blessing be upon him and his progeny—and many a time may, some ignorant ascetics, say that the sanctity of the House of God, the glorified Kabah will be broken by slogans, demonstration, parades and exclaiming disgust at the pagans, and that Hajj is a place for sole worship and not a battlefield. Or, many a time, some disgraced clerics may suggest that strive and struggle and disgust is the world-seeker's job, and interference in politics, especially during Hajj, is below the clerics' and *ulama*'s position. These suggestions are part of the conspiracies and instigation of the world plunderers with which, the Muslims must seriously confront by all their means and possibilities, and defend divine values and Muslims' interests, and consolidate and strengthen their lines for fight and holy defense, and do not give those ignorant low spirited ones the opportunity to attack the Muslim fronts of belief and honor.¹

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The pilgrims to the House of God, regrettably, some very foolish or very mischievous *akhunds* are found among them, who at this interval, have written articles and published papers where they discredited the Shiites and the Shiite Imam, at a time when the intellectual and the learned men of different sects convene to think of the expediciencies of Islam. At such a time they publish such papers, as though they feel a danger to America and cry out for help. That foolish *akhund* who discredits the sacred things of Shiites at this point of time, intends to stir people to rise and say something in confrontation and cause disunity, at a time when efforts are being made for Muslim unity. What can Islam do with such ideas and such deeds? What can Islam do with such *akhunds* who keep up the genteel appearance of clerics

¹ From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims, dated July 27, 1987—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 20, p. 315.

and are scattered amongst the population? It is a big awkwardness that in such a situation one says that, since I saw the youths attracted to this congregation and to Iran, I felt myself obliged to proclaim that they are polytheists, they are Magains and they are so and so and they profane the sanctities. He only serves the colonialists, serves the major powers and hinders the progress of Muslims. We must think for such problems. Muslims must think for these problems and such people who try to break Muslims' unity.¹

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Amongst the issues worth recommending, though mentioned before, is that, while crying out disgust at the pagans and tyrants during parades and demonstrations, so as to make the cries of the oppressed Muslims and tyrannized nations reach the ears of the world inhabitants and awaken the sleeping ones and stir the silent to rise against the tyrants and while trying to quiet down the false preachers who, contrary to the commandments of God and Quran and the prophets (pbuh) tradition, support the international bloodthirsty tyrants, particularly the courtier stipendiary *akhunds* who put their pens to paper or deliver speeches trying to put out Gods light and the torch kindled for deliverance of the oppressed of the world tyranny, the pilgrims must take care to regard orderly behavior and Islamic conduct and avoid self-fabricated slogans that might stem from saboteurs to dishonor the Hajj pilgrims, especially the Iranians.²

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Sowing the seeds of dispute between Muslims sects is a crime committed by the powerful who benefit from discord among Muslims, and their Godless functionaries including courtier preachers who are even more shamefaced than the kings themselves, and fan its flame daily, devise new plots every time hoping to destruct the foundation of unity among Muslims.³

¹ From Imam Khomeini's speech addressing the President, Majlis Speaker, Head of the Supreme Court, Prime Minister, civilian and military officials, and the ambassadors of the Islamic countries on the occasion of the *Id al-Qurban* (Feast of Sacrifices) dated Sept. 5, 1984—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 19, p. 50.

² From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims, dated Aug. 15, 1985—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 19, pp. 339-40.

³ From Imam Khomeini's message to the world Muslims and the pilgrims to the House of God, dated Sept. 5, 1981—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 15, p. 170.

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Devout clerics must warn the Muslims of the grave danger threatening the Islamic communities by some mischievous clerics and courtier *akhunds*, since they are the ones who try to justify the cruelty of tyrants and prevent the oppressed from asserting their rightful rights, and whenever they can, excommunicate the freedom-seeking strivers.

May God Almighty save all Muslim nations from the mischief of the wicked and the impious.¹

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May God Almighty help you gain victory in confrontation with subversive propaganda of mass media, and worse than that, the courtier *akhunds* who attack the Islamic Republic of Iran by their pens and words.²

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¹ From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims, dated July 27, 1987—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 20, p. 339.

² From Imam Khomeini's command to Hujjat al-Islam Karrubi, dated July 18, 1985—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 19, pp. 321-2.

CHAPTER 16

DISGUST AT THE PAGANS

Airing disgust at the pagans, being a pillar monotheism and a political necessity of Hajj, must be performed with as much grandeur and non-Iranian pilgrims should coordinate with Hajj executives and with my representative, H. E. Hujjat al-Islam Karrubi, to partake in all observances and make their pounding vociferation of disgust at the world arrogants, pagans and heathens with the criminal America at their head, resound by the side of the House of God, and do not neglect expressing hatred and spite against the enemies of god and his creatures. Can devoutness be realized without showing love and loyalty towards truth and wrath and spite against falsehood? Far from it! that, the purity of monotheist be gained except by utter spite against pagans and hypocrites and what house is more appropriate than Kabah, the sanctuary of security and purity, where one can oppose any aggression, cruelty, exploitation, slavery, low-mindedness and inhumanity, by action and words, and to renew an oath of allegiance to and to break the goddess idols and diverse Lords and revive the reminiscence of the greatest political move of the prophet (pbuh) because prophets tradition of airing disgust at the pagans will not become obsolete, and not only disgust at the pagans is not limited to Hajj observances, but also the Muslims must fill the entire sphere with love and respect towards God and do not lend an ear to temptations of the devils and the dubiosities of the skeptics and to the petrified and the perverted, and never neglect the holy monotheistic global call of Islam, as doubtlessly, the world plunders and enemies of the nations will not hold their peace and will resort to all kinds of deceits in illusive appearances. And the false clerics and courtier stipendiary preachers as well as the nationalists and hypocrites will resort to unsound philosophies and interpretations and subversive ideas and

will take up anything to disarm the Muslims and beat the solidarity and dignity of Muslim peoples, and many a time, some ignorant ascetics may say that the sanctity of the House of God, the glorified Kabah, will be broken by airing slogans, going on demonstrations and parades and voicing disgust at the pagans. And, that Hajj is the site of mere worship and not a battlefield. Or, many a time, some disgraced clerics, may suggest that, strive and struggle and voicing disgust, especially in the course of Hajj rituals, downgrades the clerics' position. All such suggestions are part of conspiracies and instigations of the world plunderers with which the Muslims must fight seriously, by all their means and possibilities and defend divine values and Muslims' interests. They must consolidate and strengthen their lines for fight and holy defense, and do not give those ignorant low-spirited ones the opportunity to attack the Muslim fronts of belief and honor, and join divine soldiery, from whatever homeland they are, particularly from God's Kabah and the dear pilgrims are to proceed to a loftier Kabah from this holy land of love and wisdom and "Jihad" and like the master of martyrs, his holiness Abi Abdullah al-Husayn (A) proceed from Hajj garb to war garb and from circumambulating Kabah to circumambulating the Owner of the House and from ZamZam ablution to martyrdom ablution and to change into an undefeatable people and solid stronghold, so much so, that neither one of the East or West superpowers can confront with, As, undoubtedly, the spirit and message of Hajj is nothing except that the Muslims must learn their lessons for both, the inner warfare as well as warfare against blasphemy and idolatry.¹

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Airing disgust at the pagans during Hajj is a political devotional cry that is ordained by God's Messenger (pbuh). Now we must ask that stipendiary amhund who considers that slogans of "Down with America, Israel and Russia" contrary to Islam: Is following the Prophet and obeying Almighty God's commandment contrary to Hajj observances? Do you—American *akhund*—and your equals, reprove the Prophet's act an God's commandment? And consider following his highness and obeying Almighty God's commandment a sin? And then you claim you purify Hajj observances of disgust at the pagans?

And make the commandments of God and His Messenger fall into oblivion

¹ From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims, dated July 27, 1987—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 20, pp. 314-6.

because of your own worldly interests? And excommunicate spiting and cursing the enemies of Islam and the war wagers against Muslims?

We hope the Saudi government will not lend an ear to temptations by these heathen *akhunds* and come into agreement with Muslims, let them—especially the Iranian, Palestinian, Lebanese and Afghani pilgrims who have been transgressed by the pagans—be free to air disgust at the pagans and introduce the common enemy of all the world oppressed people, in union.¹

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Airing disgust at the pagans is not limited to a particular occasion. It is an eternal precept, whereas, the pagans of ancient Hijaz have been exterminated. And the uprising of people is not limited to a certain time and place. It is a prescription for all times and places, and at this annual general congregation, an important worship, forever to the Doomsday. And for the same reason is the emphasized instruction of the infallible Imams (pbut) to observe, for ever, lamentation over the Master of the oppressed and crying over the oppressed state of the Prophet's household and oppressiveness of the Umayyads, although the Umayyads have been exterminated. It is the clamor of the oppressed against the oppressor. This clamor and cry must be kept alive. As its blessings in Iran today is apparent in warfare against the Yazidiyans. It is necessary for the pilgrims to the Sacred House of God to voice their disgust at the pagans, at this mass congregation and uproarious multitudes as loud as possible, and shake their brotherly hands as much as possible and do not sacrifice the lofty expedencies of Islam and Muslims to factionalism and nationalism and attract the attentions of Muslim brothers to unison of words and abandoning paganism prejudice which is in the interests of the world plunderers and their affiliates. Thus, they can receive Almighty Gods help and His promise will, hopefully, include them. But if, God forbid, they follow the functionaries of the world plunderers, on top of whom are the stipendiary separatist *akhunds*, they will have committed a great sin and will be subject to the wrath of the Almighty, the omnipotent, and will remain tied in chains and bonds of the superpowers, and we must take refuge in God from that.²

¹ From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims and the world Muslims on the occasion of *Id al-Qurban* (Feast of Sacrifices) dated Sept. 2, 1983—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 18, pp. 91-2.

² From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims, dated Aug. 6, 1986—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 20, p. 94.

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Thank God today, Iranian and other Muslim nations have found their way and the multitude of pilgrims from Iran and other Islamic countries have gathered around the Sacred Mosque, the center of gravity of Islam, the alighting place of Gods angels and the descending place of revelation, to carry out their Islamic and Quranic duty that is to vociferate their disgust at the pagans which had been carried out by the last of Messengers (pbuh) during the greater Hajj pilgrimage, though our master, Ali ibn Abi Talib and if, God willing, the majority of pilgrims, from any group and sect, who have convened at this sacred place, respond to Gods call, and all of them in unison, condemn the tyrants, then palaces of tyranny will collapse.

If the representatives of on billion Muslims of the world, voice their hatred of the trespassers on the rights of the oppressed and Muslims territories, by their names and fames, and demand withdrawal of their transgressions, no power will be able to resist.

If the Islamic nations and governments, being so great in number and possessing so many reserves that are of vital necessity to the major powers, confront them strongly and do not fear from the rigmarole and tumult of the palace residents, do not yield to the spurious propaganda of the super-criminal hired mass media, and depending on the infinite might of the omnipotent and being grateful to his blessings, clamor against the world wicked powers and threaten them with closing their borders to them and cutting off the supply of oil and other things, they will undoubtedly yield to the powers that we have but we do not appreciate it ourselves.¹

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Among the notable issues fit to be emphasized is that the pilgrims must voice their disgust at the pagans so pounding and effectively, through general parades and demonstrations, in such a manner that the cries of oppressed Muslims and tyrannized nations reach the ears of the world inhabitants and awaken sleeping and stir settle down the false preachers who, contrary to the commandments of God and Quran and the prophets tradition, support the international bloodthirsty tyrants, particularly the hired, courtier *akhunds* who write articles and deliver speeches aiming at putting out gods light and the torch kindled for deliverance of those oppressed by the world tyranny.

¹ From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims, dated Aug. 15, 1985—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 19, pp. 335-6.

Take care to regard orderly behavior and Islamic conduct and avoid airing any self-fabricated slogans that could possibly stem from subversive suggestions of some saboteurs in order to dishonor the Hajj pilgrims, especially the Iranians.¹

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We must discharge our Hajj duties the same way as we did before. The pilgrims must parade and demonstrate just as they did three years ago. Re-assignment of Mr. Musawi has not changed our policy. Hajj rites are to be performed just the same, and governments must forbear it. We cannot deviate from the duty that Islam and Quran have prescribed for us. Our policy on Hajj is just the same as it was before. Every time we pilgrimage, we will do the same unless they prevent us from attending which is a different case then.

I hope the pilgrims this year are more populated and will discharge their duties better.²

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This year, God willing, one hundred and fifty thousand pilgrims will journey to Mecca from Iran and will carry out their duty to voice disgust at the pagans, America and Israel. It is impossible that our pilgrims go to Hajj and do not partake in a demonstration against the world arrogants. Essentially, disgust at the pagans is one of the political observances of Hajj and without it our Hajj will not be regarded as Hajj Al-e Saud must know that if they do otherwise, they will be confronted with the entire Muslims of the world and if they act properly, it will be to their own benefit.³

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We strongly insist on the fact that Muslims, must at least at the House of God and divine sanctuary, feel liberated from all the bonds and ties of the tyrants, and be able to voice their disgust at the pagans through a grand parade and

¹ From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims, dated Aug. 15, 1985—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 19, pp. 339-40.

² From Imam Khomeini's speech addressing the head and members of the Assembly of Experts, on July 15, 1985—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 19, p. 319.

³ From Imam Khomeini's speech addressing the Minister of the Islamic Guidance and the Head of the Hajj and Endowments Organization on Apr. 10, 1988—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 21, p. 22.

make use of any possibility for their liberation.¹

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By voicing disgust at the pagans we intend to free the compressed energies of the world of Islam, which will be done one day, by, Gods help, with the hands of the children of Quran, and God willing, one day all the Muslims and sufferers of the world will clamor against the tyrants and prove the superpowers and their hired servants the most detested being of the world.²

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Our airing of disgust is the clamor of the Muslims of Africa, the clamor of our religious brothers and sisters who are scourged cruelly by the disgraced unintelligent racist, just because they were black.

Our airing of disgust is the clamor of the Lebanese, the Palestinians and all the nations to whose reserves the superpowers specially America and Israel have covetous looks pillaged their assets and imposed their servants on them, seized their territories and occupied their land and sea borders.

Our airing of disgust is the clamor of all the humankind who can no more forbear the arrogance of America and its domineering presence, and do not want their cry of wrath and hatred remain depressed and suppressed and are determined to live free and die free and be outcriers for the generations. Our disgust outcry to defend our ideals, honor and chastities, an outcry of defending our reserves, wealth and assets; it is the pained outcry of nations who have been stabbed in the heart by the hypocrites.

Our disgust outcry is the cry of poverty and indigence of the hungry. the deprived and the barefoot, whose labor fruits and results of hard toil have been plundered by the international pillagers and treasure hoarders, who have greedily sucked the bloods of the poor farmers and workers, either in the name of capitalism or in the name of socialism and communism; those who have linked the world economic artery to themselves and deprived the

¹ From Imam Khomeini's message on the occasion of the anniversary of the sanguinary massacre in Mecca and acceptance of Resolution No. 598, dated July 19, 1988—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 21, pp. 79-80.

² From Imam Khomeini's message on the occasion of the anniversary of the sanguinary massacre in Mecca and acceptance of Resolution No. 598, dated July 19, 1988—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 21, p. 80.

nations from receiving their rightful rights.¹

Now, as regards the honorable Iranian pilgrims, they have truly demonstrated their dignity and intelligence, and political and social growth, during recent years' Hajj rituals and thus, honored the Islamic Republic of Iran. This year, too, in addition to heeding the Hajj necessary rites and observances and benefiting from the grand grace of pilgrimage to the revered Mecca and splendid Medina and the shrines of the glorious Prophet (pbuh). Her Holiness Zahra (s) and the infallible Imams, they are to partake in the pounding parade for disgust at pagans, in full cooperation and firm consolidation, giving slogans and attending scheduled programs, and to make the best use of this sacred devotional-political congregation that shows the power and dignity of Muslims and the dear Islamic country of Iran. And by meeting with people from other countries, or, with the Saudi functionaries, in good humor and humane character, during their parades, they must enlighten them on the necessity of attending such congregation. They must avoid any opinionatedness and self interest that can bring dishonor on this grand gathering, or any dispute and insolence. Although the honorable pilgrims will alertly nullify the plots and conspiracies, however, many a time, there might be people, who, trying, to disrupt the splendor and magnificence of Hajj gatherings and spoil the countenance of the revolution, take disorderly actions. Of course it is improbable that the Saudi government or officials, while hosting the pilgrims to the House of God and the noble Prophet's (pbuh) shrine will prevent this demonstration of the power of Islam and Muslims vis-à-vis paganism and the practical political initiative of our nation for the sake of Muslims' grandeur.²

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It is hoped that the Saudi government will properly cooperate with the Iranian pilgrims who do nothing but complain of the wicked tyrants who encroach upon Islamic countries and in unison with them condemn the pagans trespassing on the sanctity of Islam so that Hajj observances will be performed this year in a way agreeable to God and His Messenger (pbuh).³

¹ From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims, dated July 27, 1987—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 20, pp. 317-8.

² From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims, dated July. 27, 1987—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 20, p. 343.

³ From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims and the world Muslims on the occasion of *Id al-Qurban* (Feast of Sacrifices) dated Sept. 2, 1983—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 18, p. 92.

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The Saudi Arabian police, the Hajj officials and the Saudi government must bear in mind that the Iranian pilgrims who come from a revolutionary country, previously tyrannized and plundered by the East and West and have risen up, by Gods grace, freed themselves from the clutches of the superpowers gained their independence and liberty and replaced the Americanized royal tyranny with an Islamic peoples system and either expelled or imprisoned the American and Russian advisors and spies, are the guests of God and his messenger and any insolence to them will be insolence to their great hosts, particularly that these guests have come to say “LABBAYK” (Lit at Thy service), to Abraham and Muhammad (pbuh) which is in fact “LABBAYK” to god Almighty.

Treat those who have migrated faraway lands towards god and his Messenger, with love and affection and a scene of Islamic fraternity, so do not harm the guests of God and His Messenger.

They have come to perform the Hajj rituals and utter their disgust at the polytheists and the pagans at whom God and His Messenger are disgusted.

Pay respect to these devout guests. Take advantage of a powerful Islamic system to suppress Israel, the enemy of Islam and Muslims, withdraw America the head of the enemies of Islamic countries and change the revered Mecca into the center of clamor against the tyrants, through cooperation with the pilgrims from all over the world, as this is one of the Hajj secrets and God is free from want of the “LABBAYKS” and worships of humankind.¹

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Some people had not realized the grounds for the Islamic Republic of Iran’s insistence on organizing disgust parade until the bitter, and in a sense, sweet event of last year. They questioned themselves and others as to the necessity of demonstrating and clamoring during Hajj season in such a hot weather, and what harm will it do to the world arrogants? And many a time, some simple-minded individuals might have thought that the so-called developed world plunderers not only can tolerate such political demonstration but also, permit their opponents to proceed even further, and adduce the public

¹ From Imam Khomeini’s message to the pilgrims and the world Muslims on the occasion of *Id al-Qurban* (Feast of Sacrifices) dated Sept. 2, 1983—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 18, pp. 97-8.

demonstrations organized in the so-called free western countries, as evidence. But it must be clear that those kinds of demonstrations do not harm the superpowers. It is the Mecca and Medina demonstrations that can be followed by the Saudi Arabian oil cut off. It is the disgust parades in Mecca and Medina that can end up in destruction of the sincere devotees of Russia and America, and thus is exactly why it is prevented by massacring the noble free minded men and women, and it is by the grace of these disgust demonstrations that the simple hearted will realize that they must not yield to Russia and America.¹

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¹ From Imam Khomeini's message on the occasion of the anniversary of the sanguinary massacre in Mecca and acceptance of Resolution No. 598, dated July 19, 1988—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 21, pp. 83-4.

PART 4

***DIRECTIONS AND
RECOMMENDATIONS BY IMAM
KHOMEINI REGARDING HAJJ
OBSERVANCES***

CHAPTER 17

THE DUTIES OF THE JURISPRUDENT'S DELEGACY TO HAJJ AFFAIRS

H. E. Hujjat al-Islam Haji Shaykh Muhyiddin Anwari and H. E. Hujjat al-Islam Shaykh Fadlullah Mahallati—may God prolong their diffusions:

Since the season for performing one of the grand Islamic precepts with its magnificent humane, spiritual, political and social contents, i.e. pilgrimage to the Sacred House of God is nearing, it is necessary that this holy duty be purged from paganish vestiges and return to its real Islamic origin. Therefore, I am appointing you to supervise the pilgrims to the Sacred House of God. So, you should select a pious and devout body and superintend all the affairs pertinent to Hajj, so that, God willing, this holy worship is performed with spiritual contents, while the Islamic Republic System being in power.¹

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H. E. Hujjat al-Islam Haji Shaykh Muhammad Rida Tawassuli Mahallati—may God prolong his diffusions:

You are hereby appointed as supervisor of the pilgrims to the sacred House of God to ensure better performance of this magnificent worship and conduct all the affairs relevant to this divine duty and Islamize the caravans and their activities, and in coordination with H. E. Haji Sayyid Ali Hashimi Golpaygani and other authorities, to select a body of pious and devout

¹ From Imam Khomeini's message on duties of the pilgrims, dated Sept. 19, 1979—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 10, p. 61.

individuals and superintend all the affairs pertinent to Hajj. Also, should any matter call for the cooperation of an organization like “Hilal Ahmar” (Red Crescent) and so on, appointment of their executives must meet your approval and you are bound to select faithful devotees for such cooperation.¹

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Regrettably, many Muslims have slid the political dimension of this noble devotion—Hajj—into oblivion, due to their own deviation or misunderstanding of some elements, or, the conspiracies made by some self-seeking executives. I hereby appoint you as my representative to supervise the dear Iranian pilgrims, so that, considering your sound political insight, you manage the pilgrims’ affairs in all concerns and call the Muslims to union and unison, in your sermons and at religious ceremonies, for revival of this grand divine tradition. Inform them of what happens in the dear Lebanon, the struggling Iran and the oppressed Afghanistan by the world tyrants and plunderers and familiarize the respectable pilgrims from different homelands with their responsibilities confronting international plunderers and pillagers.²

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I hope you bear in mind the magnificent humane, spiritual, political and social contents of Hajj and enlighten the dear pilgrims as to “the annual revolutionary congregation” dimension of Islam. It is deemed necessary to mention that all paganish vestiges must be omitted from the preliminaries of this grand journey. May God support you.³

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¹ From Imam Khomeini’s command to Hujjat al-Islam Tawassuli Mahallati, dated July 17, 1980—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 13, p. 37.

² From Imam Khomeini’s command to Hujjat al-Islam Tawassuli Mahallati, dated July 17, 1980—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 16, p. 400.

³ From Imam Khomeini’s command to Hujjat al-Islam Karrubi, dated July 18, 1985—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 13, p. 37.

CHAPTER 18

THE NECESSITY OF PILGRIM'S COOPERATION WITH THE JURISPRUDENT'S DELEGACY TO HAJJ AFFAIRS

I demand earnestly that Iranian pilgrims as well as other pilgrims regard orderly behavior and peace, act according to my representative H. E. Hujjat al-Islam Musawi Khoeyniha, regard all Muslims as your brothers and treat them as a devout Muslim deserves to act.¹

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It is necessary to be careful to avoid any disorderly acts and improper speeches, and every body to keep a watchful eye on his friends and companions, partake in the programs scheduled by my representative, H.E. Hujjat al-Islam Musawi Khoeyniha and do not infringe the schedules, otherwise it will result in disorder and disturb the pilgrims.²

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Since it is imperative, in this blessed journey, that all caravans and groups act in full coordination and harmony, in their Islamic-political programs and avoid any disorder and non-Islamic conduct, the honorable pilgrims as well as the caravans are required to follow the recommendations of the Hajj superintendent, H.E. Hujjat al-Islam Musawi Khoeyniha, otherwise if, God forbid, each caravan or group acts independently, without coordination, it

¹ From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims and the world Muslims on the occasion of *Id al-Qurban* (Feast of Sacrifices) dated Sept. 2, 1983—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 18, p. 91.

² From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims and the world Muslims on the occasion of *Id al-Qurban* (Feast of Sacrifices) dated Sept. 2, 1983—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 19, p. 322.

may result in a catastrophe and some deviations occur that misrepresent the revolutionary Islamic Republic of Iran, which is a grave sin and entails a great responsibility before the Creator and the creatures, and I hope the dear pilgrims—may God Almighty support them—control themselves and their companions to protect this magnificent divine worship from the taint of vice and mistake.¹

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The honorable *ulama* being on this journey, both those who have journeyed on my request and the others will of course confirm you, and the pilgrims are required to heed your directions and follow your procedures, so that this magnificent worship be performed with regards all its contents and its numerous dimensions.

It is obvious that all executives who are concerned with this religious duty of Hajj and pilgrim's affairs will have to cooperate with you and heed your directions.²

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State officials, who are concerned with Hajj, for any reason, are required to take any action with coordination and by approval of these gentlemen.³

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¹ From Imam Khomeini's message on the occasion of *Id al-Qurban* (Feast of Sacrifices) dated Sept. 19, 1982—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 18, pp. 96-7.

² From Imam Khomeini's command to Hujjat al-Islam Khoeyniha appointing him as supervisor of the Iranian pilgrims, dated Aug. 4, 1982—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 16, pp. 514-5.

³ From Imam Khomeini's command to Hujjat al-Islam, Messrs. Iravani, Hashimi Golpayegani, Tawassuli, Jalali, and Tahiri Khorramabadi, dated June 9, 1981—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 16, pp. 410-11.

CHAPTER 19

THE DUTIES OF CLERICS IN THE HAJJ CARAVANS

I would like to remind the clerics as well as the organizers of the caravans, and all the pilgrims to the sacred House of God, that the Hajj of this year is different from the ones of previous years. During the previous years, especially in recent years, pilgrims journeyed along with paganish caravans or those recruited by and served the tyrant. Therefore, any vice or disorderly act, whether committed by the clerics or by the organizers, was counted as the offense of the tyranny. It did not harm Islam, but caused more strengthening of Islam. This year, just as all administrations must change into an Islamic state, it is most important that Hajj caravans be careful. All eyes are watchful to see the difference between this year and the years before. People want to know whether those who claim that the paganish regime has vanished and an Islamic republic has come instead, those who are selected by the *ulama* of different cities and those who are delegated by the Islamic government, are they really proving to be as their titles require? Or is it just a baseless claim and pretence?

Today, you must prove to fulfill a great responsibility, the responsibility to safeguard the honor of Islam. During the previous arrogant regime, had a turbaned man made a mistake, it would have been attributed to the tyrant. But today, they do not say he belongs to the arrogant regime. They say he belongs to Islam. If, God forbid, in this Hajj pilgrimage you are going on, each time you appear before the eyes of Muslims from all over the world, your appearance is not different from the time of the princes of the devils, it will be relayed to the world that the pretense is Islamic but the meaning is paganish. Thus, you can either disgrace Islam or, God willing protect its honor.¹

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As to the Hajj and the gentlemen who are going with the Hajj caravans, the reality of Hajj is that you must go and study people's pains. See how the poor feel, and feel their problems. If Hajj is to make you expect a more luxurious life, that is not a true Hajj then. The Hajj that Almighty God has ordained is that you go there and see how others live. In the past, once we went there we saw things that the pilgrims today do not see. Traveling between Mecca and Medina, sometimes our car was stopped in the midst of the barren desert, coming out from under in the bushes, were children in the nude and partially clothed women and men in miserable unexplainable conditions who were begging. Being aware of such miseries, one must not expect much of comfort

¹ From Imam Khomeini's speech addressing the clerics and the heads of caravans, 9 Sept. 29, 1979—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 10, pp. 174-5.

from the caravans. In the past they used to travel on donkeys. No housing had been accommodated for them and they had to find a dwelling themselves. And their round trip took them fourteen months. Now, in two or three hours you arrive there by a comfortable plane and your accommodation provided for you beforehand. Now you are a Haji and you are a Muslim, you are dutiful to come to the rescue of the oppressed people of the world. Do not overexpect, so that God Almighty rejects your service, and then there will be entanglements. You honorable clerics must advise the pilgrims to overlook any shortages they come across. The organizers of Hajj have done what they could, have done their best and are still trying, in spite of all the difficulties there, to provide you with the best possible accommodations. It is not that they have failed to try more. It is that they could not do any more. They could not tell you not to pilgrim because they have not been able to provide high class accommodations, no, you should go and think more of the pains of the indigent.

Anyway, it is the duty of the clerics accompanying the caravans, I mean, one of their duties. Another one of their duties is to acquaint them with Hajj problems. Many a time people pilgrim to Hajj, take the efforts but are not familiar with Hajj problems. There, they get into difficulties and when they return home, after a few years they begin to inquire if their Hajj service had been faultless or not? Whether they are considered Haji or not?

You gentlemen must form discourse sessions for people and apprise them of the incumbent and the forbidden acts in Hajj, not necessarily the normal etiquettes. It is not necessary. And people are dutiful to attend these sessions, listen carefully and learn the problems of Hajj, so, they will not get in trouble later on, and remain doubtful as to the correctness of their service. When you learn the problems, everything will be done perfectly. This is another one of the duties of the clerics to be carried out there. And people must pursue to comprehend the Hajj problems, not just be satisfied with performing Hajj and that's it. No, this is different from other places. When you pilgrimage to a shrine, you will not get in trouble. But here, it is different. You may remain MUHRIM, and will have to repeat your pilgrimage. Ignorance about Hajj problems creates problems. So, try to learn them for your own benefit and to be away from errors. This is one of the issues.

Another issue worth mentioning is that the clerics of the caravans should appraise the pilgrims that their political moves in Hajj must be orderly. Self-opinionated acts will result in anarchy, and has always been considered incorrect. Everything must be done in some order. For example, they want to

congregate for some purpose. Alright, some one is in charge of Hajj affairs. He should draw up the program and they follow it. Individual or group self-opinionated acts, with the difference that exist in opinions, will cause disputes, and worse than that, it may, at times, disgrace the Islamic Republic. They must avoid things that dishonor the Islamic Republic. Many propagandists all over the world are now busy promulgating rumors against the Islamic Republic. Why should, then, we give them a pretext and let them increase their mischievous propaganda? This is another necessary issue that is to be considered by every body, that is, all must act orderly, so that, their worship be not mixed with vice; all be Islamic, and all be worshipful and devotional; parades and slogans be all devotional and not vicious; everything be for the sake of God, not that every one does as he wishes and insults whom he wishes. No, that is not the way. These issues must proceed according to properly planned programs.¹

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Dear respectable *ulama*! Try to acquaint the pilgrims with their duties so that Hajj will be performed as prescribed by the holy canon.²

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I would like to advise the pilgrims to the sacred House of God to try to learn the Hajj rites and rituals from the clerics accompanying the caravans, and make no performance without their guidance. Many a time your service may be nullified due to negligence and never be made up for, or, you remain in the state of "IHRAM" and put yourselves and your relatives in trouble. This is a religious obligation not to be neglected. And I would like to point out to the honorable clerics that in addition to teaching the problems to the pilgrims very clearly and generally understandable, through several sessions, they should also watch them while performing their rites, and guide them when necessary.³

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¹ From Imam Khomeini's speech, addressing the caravan clerics, personnel of Public Prosecutor Offices, headquarters and branches, Islamic Revolution courts and the Armed Forces Public Prosecutor's Office, on Aug. 21, 1982—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 16, pp. 427-31.

² From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims, dated Aug. 16, 1986—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 19, pp. 336-7.

³ From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims, dated Aug. 16, 1986—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 20, p. 91.

The honorable clerics, managers and organizers of the caravans and other executives, considering their great responsibilities in managing and directing the pilgrims and considering the exceptional conditions of the Islamic Republic, they should make every endeavor to have the Hajj services performed properly and orderly, teach the Hajj rituals and problems to the pilgrims with generosity, and make plans for their activities, both the literates and the illiterates.

Do not forget your constructive role and the everlasting effects of Hajj in the destiny of human beings, as, in that spiritual atmosphere, all hearts are prepared for transformation and perception of truth. Therefore self-opinionatedness in Hajj affairs, especially on its religious problems and rituals, must be avoided, and the Hajj problems must, knowingly, be expounded, and when necessary, to better comprehend, reference should be made to authorities, because, in Hajj rituals new problems are many, and, God forbid, incomplete explanation of the problems may render all the efforts void, and cause hardships to the pilgrims.

The honorable clerics, while clearly expounding the religious problems and instructions, should avoid irresolution that could put the pilgrims in a state of uncertainty and doubt, and remember that overextensions in the rites and ceremonies will end up in reluctance and carelessness with necessary duties.¹

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¹ From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims, dated July 27, 1987—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 20, p. 334.

CHAPTER 20

THE DUTIES OF THE CARAVAN MANAGERS

You must be models of good deeds, representing the Islamic Republic of Iran, whether as clerics, caravan heads or Hajj pilgrims. This year your pilgrimage is an example of the Islamic Republic Hajj, not of the paganish regime Hajj. You have a great honor and a greater responsibility. All of us are responsible before Islam. Today not only you, but also all strata of the nation and the government are responsible before Almighty God and Islam. We claim that the paganish regime was abolished and the Islamic Republic replaced it. We must prove that things have changed. Every thing has undergone a complete transformation. If we see that no transformation has occurred in the government, in the pilgrim caravans and in yourselves, the clerics of the caravans, then what difference there is? It will be just the same then; the same paganish regime but only under a different name. We must make sure that, God willing, the contents have changed.

The paganish regime has changed to an Islamic-Humane regime, all in all. Keep a close eye on yourselves, regard this journey as a journey towards Allah and bear in mind that, you can gain a great honor before God Almighty, or, God forbid, lapse into decay.¹

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The clerics, the heads and the organizers of Hajj caravans, considering the great responsibility they have undertaken to manage and direct the pilgrims, and considering the exceptional conditions of the Islamic Republic of Iran,

¹ From the speech of Imam Khomeini's addressing a group of caravan clerics and heads, on Sept. 29, 1979—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 10, pp. 176-7.

must make utmost efforts to properly organize and conduct the Hajj pilgrimage, generously teach the Hajj rituals and problems to the pilgrims, both, the literate and the illiterate. They must not ignore their constructive roles and the lasting effects of Hajj on the lives of human beings, because in such a spiritual environ, the hearts are prepared to be transformed and embrace the truth. Therefore avoid opinionatedness in the Hajj affairs, particularly in teaching the Hajj problems and rituals, and expound them with full awareness and refer to canonical reference books and learned theologians if necessary, because, many a time, new problems arise during Hajj, and imperfect and erroneous explanations may, God forbid, nullify the service and entangle the pilgrims.

The dear clerics should be careful not to irresolute the pilgrims while expounding the problems, as, they may fall into unnecessary doubts, and bear in mind that overextension in religious services will result in reluctance towards necessary religious duties.¹

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¹ From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims, dated July 27, 1987—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 20, p. 334.

CHAPTER 21

THE NECESSITY OF ORDERLINESS IN HAJJ

It is necessary to regard orderliness in performing Islamic observances, appropriately, and avoid any self-fabricated slogans that may stem from suggestions by the perverts in order to cause disorder, and disgrace the participating pilgrims of Islamic countries, particularly the Islamic Republic of Iran. And follow the slogans instructed directly by the authorities, especially Hujjat al-Islam Karrubi, my representative, may God Almighty assist him, and never deviate from them. Do not follow those who try to give disorderly slogans; advise them, and if they insist, expel them. Do not make willful parades, and you should know that any damage done to the reputation of the Hajj pilgrims through deviation from the circumscriptions will make you reprehensible before and reprimanded by God Almighty.

You should know that an important philosophy of this magnificent congregation of Muslims from all over the world, at this sacred station and alighting place of revelation is the conjunction of the world Muslims and unification of the followers of the Prophet (pbuh) and the believers in the Holy Quran, against the pagans of the world. And if, God forbid, the conduct of some pilgrims interrupts this unity and causes separation, it will provoke the Prophet (pbuh) and bring about punishment from Omnipotent God.¹

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I would, positively require the pilgrims to the Sacred House of God, to observe orderliness and peace, and follow the instructions of my representative, H. E. Hujjat al-Islam Musawi Khoeyniha. Consider all Muslims as your brothers and treat them in a manner that is expected from a devout Muslim.²

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I would recommend the noble Iranian pilgrims, who carry the message of Islam and Quran as well as the message of the Islamic revolution, that they should show moderation towards all Muslims, even the Saudi functionaries, at all those noble stations, at Mecca and Medina, and do not confront them at those sanctuaries. Treat them all, with Islamic and humane behavior, dissuade them from harshness by giving them friendly advice and amicable counsel, and as ordained by God Almighty, be moderate towards the

¹ From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims, dated Aug. 15, 1985—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 19, pp. 339-40.

² From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims and the world Muslims on the occasion of *Id al-Qurban* (Feast of Sacrifices) dated Sept. 2, 1983—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 18, p. 92.

ignorant, and keep a watchful eye on your own moves and quiescence, and on those of your friends'. And if the opponents treat you contrary to the orders of the Holy Quran, do not reciprocate so as to be considered obedient to and reputable before God Almighty.

And you should know that, in large gatherings such as political parades, one may become excited, and many a time, may lose his temper and follow an improper slogan given by a troublesome pervert, unknowingly, in the Hajj parades and demonstrations that are to be performed quietly and peacefully, and this against Islamic criteria, but they, through their sensational appearance impose deviation among people. It is necessary that the honorable Iranian pilgrims carefully consider these points, and the organizers of the demonstrations properly formulate all the slogans, and those knowledgeable about political and social issues develop proper slogans, through consultation with my representative Hujjat al-Islam Musawi Khoeyniha, and enlighten people to follow these slogans only and avoid responding to uncontrolled slogans, and must maintain their orderliness and peace.¹

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Amongst other issues to be related to people by the caravan clerics is the fact that the political demonstrations performed during Hajj must be methodically organized. If every one, willfully, does as he wishes, that is anarchy and this is always wrong. Every thing must be done in order. If they want to gather together for a certain purpose, this is fine. But they must coordinate with the authorities in charge of Hajj affairs. Because every individual has his own taste, and tastes are diversified, and that is what causes problems and disgrace for the Islamic Republic.

We must avoid disorderly acts that may dishonor the Islamic Republic. Propagandists, almost everywhere in the world, are busy spreading rumors against us and the Islamic republic. Why should we do something to give them a pretext for propagation. This is another important problem that should be pointed out to the pilgrims, so that everything be carefully programmed according to proper criteria.²

¹ From Imam Khomeini's message on the occasion of the grand devotional-political Hajj Congress and *Id al-Qurban* (Feast of Sacrifices) dated Aug. 28, 1984—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 19, pp. 29-30.

² From Imam Khomeini's speech, addressing a group of Hajj caravan clerics, personnel of

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In the parades and demonstrations, follow the instructions of those in charge, for timings, arrangements, slogans and so forth. Maintain Islamic orders and etiquette and do not permit any body to give self-fabricated and uncontrolled slogans, as, the enemies of Islam and the Islamic Republic may penetrate into your lines to cause separations among you, and defame you and disgrace your nation and religion by suggesting wrong and non-Islamic slogans. In any case you are required to listen to the instructions of and follow the slogans suggested by my representative Hujjat al-Islam Karrubi and other officials, and avoid the rest.¹

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In this blessed journey, it is necessary that full coordination and cooperation exist among all the caravans and groups, so, in the course of Islamic-political activities, any disorderliness and non-Islamic conduct must be avoided. The honorable Hajj pilgrims and caravan heads are required to follow the teachings of the manager of Hajj affairs, Hujjat al-Islam Musawi Khoeyniha. If, God forbid, each group or caravan acts independently with no coordination, a tragedy may happen and some deviations occur that misrepresent the Islamic face of the Islamic Republic and the revolution of Iran, and this is a great sin bearing a great responsibility before the Creator and the creatures.

And I hope the dear pilgrims (may God Almighty assist them), will take full care not to mix this magnificent divine worship with vices and wrongdoings.²

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It is necessary for all to be careful not to let disorderly acts or unsound words be done or said. Every one should keep an eye on his or her companion, and to follow the Islamic-humane programs as scheduled by my representative Hujjat al-Islam Musawi Khoeyniha and do not deviate from them, so no

Public Prosecutor Offices, headquarters and branches, Islamic Revolution courts and the Armed Forces Public Prosecutor's Office, on Aug. 21, 1982—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 16, p. 430.

¹ From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims, dated Aug. 6, 1986—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 20, p. 97.

² From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims and the world Muslims, dated Sept. 19, 1982—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 16, pp. 514-5.

disorderliness occurs and no inconvenience is caused for the pilgrims.¹

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¹ From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims and the world Muslims on the occasion of *Id al-Qurban* (Feast of Sacrifices), dated Sept. 2, 1983—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 18, pp. 96-7.

CHAPTER 22

LUXURIOUSNESS AND EXPENDITURES INCONSISTENT WITH THE PHILOSOPHY OF HAJJ

Of the goods that are exposed to the pilgrims in Hijaz, what is American, is against the Islamic ideals and basically against Islam to buy, and is assisting the enemies of Islam and promoting the wrong, and it must be avoided. It is unfair to let our dear youths sacrifice and die in the fronts while you help the war criminals and mock at the Islamic Republic and the oppressed nation of Iran. You can buy suitable things for yourselves and your relatives, from Iran, so you will not be assisting the enemies of Islam.

I just discharged my duty and now you are to beware not to support and help the enemies of God and His Messenger while going on pilgrimage to the House of God and thus, disgrace your nation and country. These are issues pointed out before and repeated now, owing to their importance.¹

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Those who spend large amounts of money, un-necessarily, on souvenirs or luxurious receptions, had better use this kind of expenditure upon returning home to help the disabled and the destitute, so God Almighty will reward them and bless them.²

O! Dear clerics and heads of the caravans and all the pilgrims! Beware not to

¹ From Imam Khomeini's message to the pilgrims, dated Aug. 6, 1986—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 20, p. 97.

² From Imam Khomeini's message regarding the duties of the pilgrims dated Sept. 19, 1979—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 10, p. 63.

make this journey a journey of trades. The journey towards Allah, not towards worldly objects, does not smear it with worldliness.¹

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This year, since many brothers and sisters having suffered from losses and hardships imposed upon them by the paganish regime in the course of revolution, and many disabled revolutionaries are in bad need of help, it is most appropriate that those who want to perform recommended pilgrimage, use the relevant expenditures on elimination of the needs of such brothers and sisters which is considered more rewardable by Almighty God, than performing the nonobligatory Hajj pilgrimage.²

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¹ From Imam Khomeini's speech on Sept. 29, 1979 addressing a group of caravan clerics and heads—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 10, p. 175.

² From Imam Khomeini's message regarding the duties of the pilgrims dated Sept. 19, 1979—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 10, pp. 62-3.

PART 5

***THE SANGUINARY HAJJ
MASSACRE OF THE PILGRIMS
IN 1987***

What I am going to appraise today is the lamentable mishap that occurred in Mecca. From the beginning of the uprising, for God's sake and for deliverance of the nation—may it please God—we have had many martyrs, both before and after the revolution. We had grand martyrs during the dynastic tyranny and afterwards, as you have observed; we have had invaluable martyrs.

But the Hijaz mishap is something else; different from other mishaps. At that time we beat and were beaten. We have had martyrs everywhere. During the reign of Rida Shah, those who remember can relate what sufferings we had had. And in the time of Muhammad Rida, you all can remember the conditions we were in, and what martyrs we had. But that was all martyrdom, although it was grave too. But the case of Hijaz is something else. We saw what happened on the Quds Day, but the sanguinary Friday of Mecca is another thing. On the Quds Day case we tried to deliver the noble Quds from the hands of the usurpers and they claimed to possess it. But they did not do a sacrilege to it. Of course, the noble Quds must not be left in their hands; it must be handed over to its real owners. Many dear ones, the dust of whose feet is worthier than the whole beings of the palace dwellers, have been martyred in the recent explosions and assassinations. During the imposed war by Saddam, we also lost so many dear ones and suffered a great deal of damage. But again, all that is different from the case of Hijaz. We are still not fully aware of what has happened, and the world is still unaware. In Hijaz, the sanctity of the most sacred stations of both the Muslim and the non-Muslim world was broken. Kabah is held in reverence, not only by us, the Muslims of the world, but also by all nations who believe in a religion. Kabah had existed from the beginning. All the prophets have performed services in it. Breaking the sanctity of Kabah is no simple action to be ignored. If we overlook the Quds mishap, if we overlook the crimes of

Saddam, if we overlook all those who have mistreated us, we cannot overlook the issue of Hijaz. That is another question; it is different from any other question.

And it is necessary to keep this day alive; the day they betrayed Islam. And now Muharram is nearing. Muharram is our month of lamentation, over the martyrdom of the prince of the martyrs, who left Mecca in order to observe the sanctity of Mecca—may all be sacrificed to Mecca. And now this sacred sanctuary is overtaken by a group of impious people who do not know what they are to do and cannot understand what has been imposed upon them and the Muslims. It is a shame on all Muslims to let the sanctity of Mecca, the divine sanctum and the most sacred heavenly station, be so broken and the Muslims be seated so silently. It is up to the Muslims to keep the memorial alive. In Muharram, all the preachers, the mourners and the mourning paraders must deal with this fact as their top matter of discourse that Imam Husayn (A) was martyred in the cause of Godly justice, devotion to God, fulfillment of pilgrimage service and protection of the sanctity of the House of God. And now we remain seated idly watching what? What are we supposed to do?

Of course, I must point out that I never mean that we must bother those who are here, the Saudis, the Kuwaitis or the others. They are sheltered by us and must be kept safe, and I am sure our youths have goodwill. But let me tell you that there might be others among you with evil intentions, and want to smear the nation and the government of Iran. You must be careful. The Saudis and the like are not those whom we want to punish. The problem is much above this. We must, with all our might, the Muslims must, with all their might and the other peoples, those who believe in God, must, with all their might, confront and fight against this problem, in a way they deem appropriate. We must die of the shame that this grave crime was committed before our eyes, and after all, they claim to be in the right.

This plot, has doubtlessly, been preplanned. Without doubt, this plot has been devised beforehand. They had imposed it upon Al-e Saud to do such a silly thing and disgrace themselves in the world, though it has already been and will be disgraced, and we indeed wonder what we should do? God Almighty will protect His House, and they will be slapped in the face, by the Muslims, by the faithful and by the people of Hijaz. The people of Hijaz had no hand in it. It was committed by groups related to this wrongful party and this wrongful government. The plot has been devised beforehand. It was unprecedented that King Saud sends me a message and thanks me by saying

that it will be calm there. He never did so before. He did it only this year. Why?

Why did he send this message this year? It was a show. He thus tried to show his goodwill. The best evidence that their plot had been pre-planned is their way of action. They admitted to it themselves. They said: “The Iranians wanted to set Kabah on fire and arrange for Qom to replace Kabah”—such a foolish claim. Thus, it becomes clear that the plot had been devised beforehand. Their only pretext was that the Iranians have come to destroy Kabah. We are prepared to take our revenge. The problem is not just their massacre of the innocent pilgrims; the real problem is their desecration on Mecca. The Hijaz calamity has different dimensions; but the most critical one is breaking the sanctity of a sacred place and the Muslims will not remain silent. Hereafter, Fahad and his likes will realize what had been imposed on them, and what calamity had occurred. The Muslims know their proper course to pursue. The people of Hijaz know very well, too. Had this happened in Taif, it could have been tolerable, but not in God’s sanctum.

We have had so many martyrs in wars and so on, and will have the same in future, too. But this happened at the sanctuary, the sanctuary that God ordained to be so from the beginning, which is now usurped by them. They came to be servants of the two sanctuaries, but now have become traitors to the two sanctuaries. Who has appointed them as servants to the two sanctuaries? How dared they change the name Hijaz to Saudi Arabia? These are all complicated problems and we do not know how to clear ourselves from this disdain. I had really been patient with the problems, with the war problems and with everything. But this has rendered me impatient. It is something different.

What we hope is that God Almighty will solve the problems. I pray to God to help us not to be indifferent to this case, in this month of Muharram.¹

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What which I must relate to the dear pilgrims is that America and Al-e-Saud have illustrated the incident of Mecca as a sectarian dispute, and a fight of powers between the Shiites and the Sunnites, and misrepresented the Iranian leaders as ones who are dreaming of reigning over a great empire; so, many,

¹ From Imam Khomeini’s speech addressing the President, Prime Minister and the cabinet on the occasion of the government week, on Aug. 22, 1987—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 20, pp. 368-71.

who are unaware of the political trends in the Islamic world and the sinister conspiracies of the world plunderers, would think that our cries of disgust at the pagans and our strive for freedom of nations is in fact an attempt to gain more political strength and to expand our Islamic geographical sovereignty.

It is not surprising to us and all thinkers and the learned people who are aware of the mischievous intentions of Al-e Saud if they accuse the government of Iran, which has, from the early days of its victory, cried out for unity of the Muslims and shares the sorrows and joys of Muslims all over the world, of trying to separate the Muslims, or, more than that, accuse the pilgrims who have lovingly gone for pilgrimage to the divine sanctuary and the Prophet's shrine, of troop expedition to capture Kabah, burn God's sanctum and destroy the Prophet's Medina, adducing as their evidence, the participation of our military and civilian officials in the pilgrimage. In the logic of Al-e Saud, the military personnel must be alien to Hajj. Such pilgrimages by military and civilian executives are questionable to them, and suspected of conspiracy. In the eyes of the arrogants, the executives of the Islamic countries must only journey to Europe, not to Hajj. The protégés of America consider burning the American flag as burning the sanctuary, and giving slogans against America, Russia and Israel, as enmity to God and Quran and the Prophet (pbuh), and our officials in pilgrims' garb as leaders of the plot.¹

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And those who emigrate in God's way and were slain, or died, God shall provide them with a fair provision; and surely God is the best of providers.

H. E. Hajj Shaykh Mahdi Karrubi, may his diffusions be prolonged:

I heard your perseverance message and that of the dearer-than-our-soul pilgrims, from the side of the wronged Kabah and the blood-stained sanctuary of God. Convey my sincere greeting and that of the Iranian nation, to all the dear ones, who, in the vicinity of God's House and sanctuary, were impudently offended by the hired agents of the arch-Satan, criminal America. This grave incident wounded not only the Iranian nation but certainly all the freedom-loving people and Islamic nations of the world. But to a brave and valiant people such as the Iranians, who as a nation have gone through years

¹ From Imam Khomeini's message on the occasion of the anniversary of the sanguinary massacre in Mecca and acceptance of Resolution No. 598, dated July 19, 1988—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 21, pp. 78-9.

of revolutionary experiences and thrown off the fraudulence mask of American aides such as Shah and Saddam who made assaults on the Imam Husayn mourners and burned the mosques, such offenses are not unprecedented and unexpected. Thus, once more the dirty hands of America and Israel came out of the sleeves of the hypocrite heads of Arabia and the traitors to the two Sanctuaries and took aim at the hearts of the dearest Muslims and guests of God and the claimants of “SIQAYAT AL-HAJJ WA IMARAT AL-MASJID AL-HARAM” (Lit., Watering the pilgrims and edification of the Sacred Mosque) and shed the blood of Muslims on the streets of Mecca.

While we are deeply sorry and mournful for this unprecedented massacre of Muslims and followers of Abraham the Hanif, and practitioners of the Holy Quran, we thank God that our enemies and political opponents are among the witless and foolish, because they could not foresee how their blindly actions have strengthened us and promoted our revolution, and disclosed how innocent and oppressed our nation has been, in a way matchless by hundreds of means of propagation or thousands of clerics and missionaries sent to the farthest points of the world to illustrate the difference between the just and the unjust governments, so clearly and openly. How better could we unveil the ugly faces of American servants and prove that there is no difference between Muhammad Rida Khan, Saddam and the heads of the reactionary Arabian regime, in fighting against Islam and Quran, and that they are all servants of America and assigned to demolish the mosques and prayer niches, and put out the flames of rightful cries of the nations?

How better could we prove to the world that those presently entrusted with the keys of Kabah are unfit for hosting God’s servants and guests, and that they can do nothing except ensuring the interests of America and Israel, and presenting to them the interests of their own country? If we wanted to prove to the world that the Al-e Saud government, those Godless Wahhabis, are like a knife that has always penetrated into the Muslims’ hearts from their backs, we could not do it so well as the feeble and debilitated Saudi executives have done it so cruelly and fiercely, and indeed they are the real heirs of “ABI-SUFYAN” and “ABI-LAHAB” and they, as followers of “YAZID”, outran his offences.

The Islamic Republic of Iran has, thank God, made so many truthful and loyal friends and supporters from different races and nationalities, including Arabians, who testify to our righteousness and give evidence on the bloody massacre of the Muslims committed by the so-called servants of the two

Sanctuaries and can transmit the bitter facts of the day of the incident to the world. And worse than that, is the immediate support of Saddam, King Husayn of Jordan and King Hasan of Morocco for the crimes of Al-e Saud, as though Arabia had conquered a great stronghold and achieved a tremendous military victory by machine-gunning hundreds of innocent defenseless men and women and running over their pure bodies. So they congratulate one another while the world is lamenting and the Prophet's (pbuh) heart broken.¹

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Al-e Saud government has undertaken the control of the pilgrims which gives us all confidence that the Mecca incident is not apart from the principal policy of the world plunderers to extirpate the freedom-loving Muslims of the world.²

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“God has indeed fulfilled the vision He vouchsafed to His Messenger truly: You shall enter the Holy Mosque, if God wills, in security.”

In spite of a year passing since the disastrous and cruel massacre of the defenseless Hajjis and pious monotheist pilgrims by the servants of America, the atrocious Al-e Saud, the city of God and the creatures of God are still filled with consternation. Al-e Saud, by killing the guests of God and shedding the bloods of the best servants of God, not only stained the sanctum but also the whole world of Islam, with the bloods of martyrs and put the Muslims and the free people into mourning.

Last year the Muslims of the world, for the first time, celebrated Id al-Qurban (Feast of Sacrifices) by the martyrdom of the children of Abraham (A)—who had returned from tens of battles with the world plunderers and their tails—at these altar of love and the “Mina” of divine acquiescence. A place where America and Al-e Saud, contrary to the ways and customs of nobility, massacred numerous men and women among the fathers and mothers of the martyrs and the disabled, and at the last moment they flogged the half dead bodies of the aged and the thirsty mouths of the oppressed, so to revenge

¹ From Imam Khomeini's message to Hujjat al-Islam Karrubi regarding the sanguinary tragedy of Mecca, dated Aug. 2, 1987—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 20, pp. 349-51.

² From Imam Khomeini's message on the occasion of the anniversary of the sanguinary massacre in Mecca and acceptance of Resolution No. 598, dated July 19, 1988—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 21, p. 80.

themselves on them! But upon who and for what guilt? Revenge on people who had departed from their own home to the House of God and the House of people! Revenge on people who had carried the haversack of Divine deposit of strive on their shoulders! Revenge on people who Abrahamwise returned from idol-breaking! Those who had broken the Shah! Who had broken Russia and America! And smashed paganism and hypocrisy! The same ones who, after traveling through a long way, have come, bareheaded and barefoot, to cry:

To please Abraham; have come to God's feast, to wash the dust off their faces by ZamZam water and quench their thirst by the limpid Hajj rituals to regain energy for more responsibilities and in the course of their eternal progression, not only at the Hajj "MIQAT" but also in the "MIQAT" of their action, and rid themselves of the veils of attachment to the world. The same ones who, in order to salvage the deprived and the servants of God, denied themselves the comfort seeking people, dressed themselves in martyrdom garb and made up their minds not to be slaves to America and Russia, nor accept the servitude of anyone except God. They had come to tell the Prophet (pbuh) that they are not tired of striving and know very well that "ABI-LAHAB and ABI-JAHL" are lying in ambush for revenge. They wonder if "LAT and HUBAL" are still in Kabah? Yes, more dangerous than those idols, but under new pretence and deception.

They know that today the sanctum is not a place for the people, but for America, and he who does not say "LABBAYK" to America but proceeds towards God is subject to revenge. Revenge on pilgrims whose whole existence and their revolutionary moves and actions revive Abraham's rituals and are really going to perfume the atmosphere of their country and their lives with the fragrance of the charming tune of "LABBAYK, ALLAHUMMA-LABBAYK".

Yes, in the logic of global paganism, whoever tries to enact disgust at the pagans is accused of idolatry and the "Muftis" will sentence him to death.

After all, same sword of blasphemy and hypocrisy that was concealed under the deceitful Hajj garbs of Yazidiyan and the hired ones of the Ommayyads—God's curse be upon them—to kill the noblest children of the Prophet (pbuh) that is, "IMAM HUSAYN" (A) and his faithful companions, must come out once more to cut the pure and purged throats of the followers of Husayn (A) in the hot weather of Karbala of Hijaz at the altar of the sanctuary, and accuse them just the same as the Yazidiyan had been accusing

the true children of Islam and misrepresented them as dualist, atheist, gentile and whose blood may be shed. We hope, God willing, that we take our revenge upon them in due time and leave on their hearts, the scar of privation, from the sweetness of this grave crime, and then we will enter the Holy Mosque after celebrating the victory of righteousness over blasphemy and infidelity, and liberating Kabah from the grasp of the incompetent and the untrustworthy.

And as to the pilgrims of other countries, who have, surely, performed Hajj under control and threat of their governments, will not see again their friends, their brothers, their supporters and co-fighters. Al-e Saud, in order to gloss over last year's terrible crimes and to justify their offence of "obstructing on God's path" by preventing the Iranian pilgrims from entering Hajj, will bombard the pilgrims with their constant propaganda, and the courtier clerics and hired Muftis in the Islamic countries, specially Hijaz, will make pretences and give false speeches using the mass media of communication, with an endeavor to corner the pilgrims and disable them from thinking and studying the philosophy of Hajj and inquiring about the preplanned commitment of the arch-Satan in killing the guests of God. And the responsibility of the pilgrims in these circumstances is indeed too heavy. The biggest pain of the Islamic communities is that they have not yet realized the real philosophy of many divine precepts, and Hajj, with all its secrets and its magnificence has still remained as a false worship and a fruitless move.¹

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¹ From Imam Khomeini's message on the occasion of the anniversary of the sanguinary massacre in Mecca and acceptance of Resolution No. 598, dated July 19, 1988—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 21, pp. 74-6.

In the Name of Allah, the All-beneficent, the All-merciful

H. E. Hujjat al-Islam Haj Shaykh Karrubi—may God prolong his diffusions:

After expressing my thanks and appreciation for the indescribable perseverance of the wronged pilgrims to the Sacred House of God against the assault made by Al-e Saud, the disgraced men of history and the blind lead servants of the world plunderer America and my thanks for your brave and devotional perseverance who, while being captive in the hands of the blood-thirsty Al-e Saud, unveiled the ugly face of those criminals of history by issuing fiery messages and giving interviews and disclosing this unforgettable infamy of America and its wicked agents, I hereby appoint you, who, thank God, have always been a pioneer among the strivers of Islam, as my representative superintending the Hajj affairs of the Iranian pilgrims as you did in previous years.

The unprecedented and unforgettable felony of breaking the sanctity of the divine sanctuary that wounded the hearts of all the devout Muslims of the world is no easy matter to be forgotten or remain silent about.

I hereby express my gratitude to all the executives and organizers of Hajj pilgrimage for their sincere efforts and to Hujjat al-Islam Imam Jamarani for his devoutness and perseverance who exalted the Islamic Republic of Iran and delighted the souls of the martyrs, and pray to God, to grant you success in the cause of Islam and its luminary precepts and bless the souls of the martyrs of Mecca who, by dedicating their bloods, raised the red flag of monotheism and prophecy of Muhammad (pbuh), and to grant their survivors who have achieved a great honor, patience and reward.¹

¹ From Imam Khomeini's reply to Hujjat al-Islam Karrubi's letter requesting permission to

The Iranian pilgrims will, God willing, show patience and perseverance, accomplish their observances and with full confidence, tranquility and acquiescence, celebrate the victory of blood over swords and the martyrdom by the side of the House of God, and those who go to the luminated Medina, will relay the greetings of the martyrs of Kabah and the injured at God's sanctuary, to the Messenger of God and the infallible Imams (peace be upon them) and congratulate them for this great victory. And will proceed along their way firmly and with confidence and tolerate what difficulties created by America and Arabia on God's account and defend the Prophet (pbuh) and praise God for accepting the Hajarwise and Ismailwise sacrifices of this great nation by the side of His House, praying to God to let our martyrs associate with the martyrs of the early days of Islam, bless their survivors with patience and reward and the injured with recovery and throw back the wickedness of the aggressors to themselves and punish them by His divine torment.¹

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The Islamic Republic of Iran is grateful to the free Muslims of the world who, in spite of political strangulations, unveiled the vicious secrets of America and Arabia through conferences, interviews and lectures. The Muslims must bear in mind that, unless they change the equilibrium of world forces to their own benefit, the interests of the foreigners will always be preferred to theirs and every day the arch-Satan of Russia will create a new mishap, under the pretext of protecting their own interests.²

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Really! Had the worldwide Muslim mobilization been organized, could any one dare commit so much presumptuousness and wickedness against the spiritual children of God's Messenger (pbuh)?³

continue the management of the Iranian pilgrim's affairs, dated Sept. 8, 1987—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 20, pp. 378-9.

¹ From Imam Khomeini's message to Hujjat al-Islam Karrubi's on the subject of sanguinary massacre of Mecca, dated Aug. 2, 1987—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 20, pp. 353-4.

² From Imam Khomeini's message on the occasion of the anniversary of the sanguinary massacre of Mecca and acceptance of Resolution No. 598, dated July 19, 1988—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 21, p. 83.

³ From Imam Khomeini's message on the occasion of the anniversary of the sanguinary massacre of Mecca and acceptance of Resolution No. 598, dated July 19, 1988—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 21, p. 89.

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And who can you find that is unaware of the fact that the use of force and bayonets and military expedition against the pilgrims to the House of God, and so much mobilization, and resorting to groundless pretexts for fighting with defenseless men and women and mothers and wives of the martyrs, and the disabled, indicates nothing but the weakness, wrath and inability of America and hopelessness of its submissive servants. Undoubtedly, America and Arabia had taken advantage of the armless condition of Muslims at pilgrimage by the House of God and assaulted the files of our brave men and women, in a cowardly manner. The Saudi government must know for sure, that America has stained its reputation in a way that will not be cleansed, to the very last day, not even by “ZamZam” or “KAWTHAR” water, and the blood that streamed over Hijaz land from the heart of the great ocean of our nation has become ZamZam of guidance for those thirsty for the pure politics of Islam; so, the present nations and the future generations will be saturated but the tyrants drowned and killed, and we have charged all these crimes against America, and will call them to account in due time and revenge Abraham’s children on the Nimrods, the satans and the Korahs of the time. I emphasize once more, that this is the price of our independence, liberty and Islam-seeking and “the no east no west” ideology.¹

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The massacre of the pilgrims to the House of God was committed out of conspiracy, to maintain the policies of the world arrogants and hinder the influence of the pure Islam of Muhammad (pbuh). The tainted and shameful record of the indolent rulers of Muslim countries shows the pains and sufferings they have inflicted upon the half-dead body of Islam and Muslims.²

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“Do you reckon the giving of water to pilgrims and the edification of the Holy Mosque as the same act of one who believes in God and the Last Day and struggles in the way of God? Not equal are they in God’s sight; and God

¹ From Imam Khomeini’s message to Hujjat al-Islam Karrubi on the sanguinary massacre at Mecca, dated Aug. 2, 1987—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 20, p. 351.

² From Imam Khomeini’s message on the occasion of the anniversary of the sanguinary massacre at Mecca and acceptance of Resolution No. 598, dated July 19, 1988—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 21, p. 80.

guides not the nation of the oppressors”.

One would think this noble verse has been descended at this very age and as though it is for Al-e Saud and the like, in the course of history, and for the great striving nation of Iran and the pilgrims to the sacred House of God at present time and their like at all ages. God Almighty says: O! You blind-hearted! Have you evaluated your watering the pilgrims and repairing the Holy Mosque equal to belief in God and The judgment Day and striving in the cause of God? Never, they are not equal to you, and God will not guide the tyrants. Haven't the Saudis and their likes, in the course of history, compare the value of their giving water to the pilgrims and decorating the Sacred Mosque, with that of the Muslims who believe in God and The Judgment Day, and sacrifice themselves and their striving youths in the cause of God and those who rise up to repel God's enemies from the sanctuary of Islam and the sanctum of God? And, haven't the present day Saudis stepped beyond their limits in showing their superiority to the Muslims and mistreating the strivers worse than their master, America, whereas God has specified, in this verse, the belief in God and The Judgment Day, and has preferred striving in the cause of God and fighting against the enemies of humanity, and taught all the Muslims that the value of crusade is above all other values? And where God says: “And God will not be a guide to the nation of the oppressors.”

Doesn't He want to indicate that the present day Saudis and those of all ages are no more than wicked tyrants, who are unable to accept guidance and that God will not guide them? Is there any greater cruelty to the Righteous One and His creatures and to the Prophet and his noble followers than what the Saudis did with Kabah, God's sanctum, and with its pilgrims who sacrificed all their possessions in the cause of God and Islam? Was the guilt of these strivers who obeyed God's command anything besides disgust at the pagans who were the lords of Al-e Saud, King Husayn, King Hasan, the unblessed Mubarak and Saddam? Is silence before this historically unprecedented tyranny anything but consent to this crime and partake in the tyranny of the tyrants? At any rate, Al-e Saud are not qualified to be in charge of Kabah and Hajj affairs and the *ulama* and Muslim intellectuals must think of a remedy for it.¹

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¹ From Imam Khomeini's message to Hujjat al-Islam Karrubi's on the sanguinary massacre of Mecca, Aug. 2, 1987—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 20, pp. 352-3.

The Prophet of Islam is not in need of luxurious mosques and decorated minarets. The Prophet of Islam is after the glory and honor of his followers, who are regrettably disdained as a result of erroneous policies of the subordinate rulers. How can the Muslims of the world forget the atrocity of massacring hundreds of clergymen and thousands of Muslim men and women from different sects during the shameful life of Al-e Saud and the massacre of the pilgrims to the House of God? Can't the Muslims see that, today the Wahhabi centers have become centers of espionage and conspiracy where the aristocratic Islam, the Islam of Abisufyan, the Islam of the dirty courtier clerics, the Islam of idiot sanctimonious people, the Islam of misery and humiliation, the Islam of superiority of wealth and power, the Islam of deception, compromise and bondage, the Islam of dominion of capitalism and in a single word, the American Islam is promoted on the one hand, and submissiveness to their lord, world plunderer America, on the other?

The Muslims do not know where to turn with their grief that Al-e Saud, the so called servants of the two sanctuaries, assures Israel of their willingness not to use their weapons against it and to prove their truthfulness, they severed relations with Iran. How warm should the relations of the heads of Muslim states with the Zionist be to exclude from their agenda at the heads of Islamic states' conference even an outwardly opposition to Israel. Had they had an iota of pride and Islamic and Arabian ardor, they would have not contented themselves with such a dirty political agreement and self-subjection and country betrayal.

Aren't such moves disgracing the Muslim world? Isn't remaining as a silent bystander, a sin? Isn't there a Muslim who would uprising against all this disdain?

Really! Should we remain seated idly and watch the heads of the Islamic states ignore the feelings of one billion Muslims and support all the atrocities of the Zionists and once more, recall Egypt and its like to the stage?

Can anyone believe that Iranian pilgrims had revolted to occupy the House of God and the Prophet's sanctuary and tried to steal Kabah and transfer it to Qom?

If people can be convinced that their rulers are real enemies of America, Russia and Israel, then they will believe all the propaganda against us.

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If we wanted to prove to the world Muslims that the present caretakers of

Kabah are not qualified to host the guests of God and can do nothing except securing the interests of America and Israel and presenting to them the interests of their own countries, we could not do it any better than the way they did.

And if we wanted to prove to the world that the Al-e Saud ruling clique, those mean and Godless Wahhabis, are like daggers that stab the Muslims in the back, we could not do it any better than what they, the inexperienced and embolic Saudi rulers, did with all their cruelty and hard-heartedness, and they really, as the heirs of ABI-SUFYAN and ABI-LAHAB and followers of YAZID, have outdone their predecessors.¹

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¹ From Imam Khomeini's message to Hujjat al-Islam Karrubi's on the sanguinary massacre of Mecca, Aug. 2, 1987—*Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 20, p. 350.

PART 6

***SELECTED WORDS OF IMAM
KHOMEINI (PBUH) ON
THE ABRAHAMWISE HAJJ
PILGRIMAGE***

DISGUST AT THE PAGANS

1- Principally, disgust at the pagans is a political duty of Hajj and without it, one's Hajj will not be regarded as Hajj. (Vol. 21, p. 22.)

2- Exclamation of disgust during Hajj services is a politico-devotional exclamation that is ordained by the Prophet (pbuh). (Vol. 18, p. 91.)

3- A spiritless Hajj, an inactive, a disgustless Hajj, a Hajj without calling to unity and the Hajj that does not abolish blasphemy and idolatry is not considered as Hajj. (Vol. 21, p. 78.)

4- Today our exclamation of disgust at the pagans and the idolaters, is an exclamation given by a people who have been overwhelmed by the aggressions of east and west, on top of whom is America and her tails, and their homes and all their possessions have been plundered by them. (Vol. 20, p. 317.)

5- Our exclamation of disgust is an exclamation given by all people who can no longer endure the haughtiness of America and her domineering presence in the area. (Vol. 20, p. 318.)

6- Our exclamation of disgust is the exclamation of poverty and indigence given by the hungry, the deprived and the barefoot whose fruits of labor have

been plundered by international plunderers and wealth hoarders. (Vol. 20, p. 318.)

7- Our exclamation of disgust is an exclamation for defense of our school, our honor and our chastities. It is an exclamation for defense of our resources, our wealth and our assets. It is the exclamation of pain by nations who have been stabbed in the heart by the daggers of blasphemy and hypocrisy. (Vol. 20, p. 318.)

8- Muslims, after partaking in the parades of disgust and announcing their union with the brave nation of Iran, must think of repelling the colonialists from their own countries and from the Islamic territories. (Vol. 20, p. 319.)

9- Thank God, we have been steadfast in discharging our obligation to God and founded the pillars of disgust at the pagans, by means of the bloods of thousands of martyrs from among our dearest ones. (Vol. 21, p. 83.)

10- In the logic of the world arrogance, whoever tries to enact disgust at the pagans will be accused of blasphemy and the Muftis—those descendants of “BALAM BAURA”—will sentence him to death. (Vol. 21, p. 75.)

11- It is necessary that the pilgrims clamor their disgust at the pagans as high as possible, in this tremendous congregation of human beings. (Vol. 20, p. 94.)

12- The Sacred House of God and the glorious Kabah embraces dear pilgrims who saved the Hajj service from political isolation and essential deviation, and directed it to Abrahamian and Muslim Hajj, revived it, broke down the idols of the East and the West and disclosed the real meaning of people's uprising and disgust at pagans. (Vol. 19, pp. 333-4.)

13- By exclaiming disgust at the pagans, we intend to free the compressed energies of Muslims world, and by God's help, this will be accomplished one

day, by the hands of the children of the Holy Quran. (Vol. 21, p. 80.)

14- We insist that Muslims should feel free, from all the bonds of the tyrants, at least when they are at the House of God and at the divine sanctuary and in a magnificent demonstration, freely exclaim what they abhor and try to use any means possible to free themselves. (Vol. 21, pp. 79-80.)

15- If, God willing, all the pilgrims, from whatever group or sect they are, from the world over, who have congregated at this noble place, respond to God's call and all in unison, condemn the tyrants and the cruels, the palaces of tyranny will fall down. (Vol. 19, pp. 335-6.)

16- It is the demonstrations and parades at Mecca and Medina that will end up in demolition of the servants of Russia and America. (Vol. 21, p. 84.)

17- It is impossible that our pilgrims go to Hajj but do not demonstrate against world arrogance. (Vol. 21, p. 22.)

18- It is the demonstrations at Mecca and Medina that will result in the cut-off of Arabian oil. (Vol. 21, p. 84.)

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POLITICAL DIMENSIONS OF HAJJ

19- Of all the dimensions of Hajj, the abandoned one is the political dimension of this glorious service, for desertion of which, the hands of traitors have been and are still at work. (Vol. 19, p. 23.)

20- One of the great philosophies of Hajj is its political scope for diminishing of which, criminal hands from all sides are at work, and their extensive propaganda have regretfully affected the Muslims, so much so that many regard Hajj no more than a mere prosaic worship, unconcerned about the

expediencies of Muslims. (Vol. 18, p. 51.)

21- Many Political aspects are considered in gatherings, mass Prayers and Friday Prayers, specially the invaluable congregation of Hajj, including acquiring information about essential and political problems of Islam and Muslims. (Vol. 10, p. 159.)

22- All Muslim brothers and sisters must bear in mind that, the chief view point in the philosophy of Hajj, is instituting mutual understandings and strengthening fraternity among Muslims. (Vol. 10, p. 61.)

23- The way those courtier *akhunds* (clerics, or tutors) say, Hajj must be free from any political aspects. They are thus, condemning God's Messenger (pbuh). (Vol. 18, p. 51.)

24- O, Orators! O, Writers! Apprise your brothers in faith, of the social and political problems of your regions and ask for help while gathering in grand congregations at ARAFAT, MASHAR, MINA, MECCA and MEDINA. (Vol. 10, p. 340.)

25- This fully political congress convened by Abraham and Muhammad (may God praise them both) in which people from every corner and spot congregate, is for the benefits of people and to rise for social justice, and is the continuance of idol-breaking and demon-breaking of Abraham and Muhammad (pbuh), and Pharaoh's abolishing of Moses. (Vol. 20, p. 89.)

26- We should know that one of the important philosophies of such a grand congregation from all over the world, at this sacred station and alighting place of revelation is in conjunction with world Muslims and strengthening unity among the followers of the Prophet (pbuh) and Quran, against the world demons and pagans. (Vol. 19, p. 340.)

27- The purpose of Hajj is for Muslims to inquire about each other's

problems during the preceding year and to try to solve them. (Vol. 18, p. 51.)

28- Hajj is the best place of meeting for Muslim nations where Muslims can get acquainted with their brothers and sisters in faith, from all over the world. (Vol. 20, p. 344.)

29- The hands of evils must be withdrawn from Kabah which is the sanctum of Muslims and the sanctuary of Islam. (Vol. 16, p. 513.)

30- The arch-Satan as well as the medium and the little ones must be repelled from the sacred sanctuary of Islam, Kabah. (Vol. 16, p. 513)

31- Hajj, since the day it came into existence, its political importance has not been less than its devotional. Indeed, its political aspect is itself regarded as devotion. (Vol. 18, p. 51.)

32- O, Muslims, O, oppressed of the world! Join hands, face God Almighty and refuge in Islam and fight the arrogants and the transgressors of the rights of nations. (Vol. 10, p. 339.)

33- God willing, we will not let the voice of compromise with America and Russia, blasphemy and idolatry be heard from Kabah, the grand pulpit that is mounted on the lofty roof of humanity, where the voice of the oppressed must be conveyed to the whole world and the sound of monotheism be resonant with. (Vol. 21, p. 82.)

34- Today the world of Islam is entangled in the hands of America. You should carry the message of God to Muslims of different continents, the message to submit to and worship none but God. (Vol. 10, p. 160.)

35- In this glorious divine congregation that cannot be convened except by the imperishable power of God, Muslims must inquire about the overall

problems of the Muslims, and try to solve them with popular conference. (Vol. 15, p. 169.)

36- In this holy congregation of Hajj confer, firstly about the essential problems of Islam and secondly, about the particular problems of individual Islamic countries and see what goes on, by the hands of colonialists and their functionaries inside these countries. (Vol. 2, p. 324.)

37- O! Pilgrims to the House of God! Make the information on the Left and Right conspiracies, especially the plunderer America and the criminal Israel, reach the ears of the world inhabitants. (Vol. 10, p. 340.)

38- The House which is built for people's rise, for all of them, congregation in such a House must be made for the same great purpose. (Vol. 19, p. 24.)

39- Many a time, ascetic ignorants may say that the sanctity of the House must not be broken by slogans, parades and exclamation of disgust. Hajj is the place for worship and praise and not a battlefield; and many a time impudent learned ones may suggest that strife, fight and disgust are of worldliness and world seeking affairs; and engagement in political issues, especially during Hajj is below the dignity of the clergy and *ulama*; suggestions that stem from secret policies and instigations of the world plunderers. (Vol. 20, p. 315.)

40- The people of each country must apprise the Muslims of the world, at this sacred gathering, of the entanglements of their country. (Vol. 2, p. 324.)

41- The Hajj that God Almighty wants us to perform, the Hajj that Islam wants us to perform is that which, when you pilgrimage, you try to enlighten the Muslims and make them unite. (Vol. 18, p. 54.)

42- This Sacred Mosque, as well as other mosques, have been headquarters for wars and centers for political and social issues in the time of the Prophet

(pbuh). (Vol. 18, p. 52.)

43- This glorious House has been built for people's rise and public movements and for popular benefits. (Vol. 19, p. 24.)

44- Hajj is the nucleus of divine cognizance, where the essence of Islamic politics applicable to all instances of life, must be sought for. (Vol. 21, p. 77.)

45- Of the duties necessary in this grand congregation, is inviting people and Muslim societies to union, and trying to eliminate differences between all groups of Muslims; a duty that should be performed by orators, preachers and writers. (Vol. 10, p. 159.)

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THE PHILOSOPHY OF HAJJ SERVICES

46- Circumambulation around the House of God means that you should not submit to other than God, and "RAJM AQABAH" (Lit., stoning at Aqabah) means repelling the satans of both, humankind and jinni. (Vol. 10, p. 160.)

47- By touching The Black Stone, you should swear allegiance to God, to be against the enemies of God and his messengers and the saints and the freemen; and do not submit to them, whoever and wherever they might be. Free your hearts from trepidation and timidity, as, the enemies of God, and, on top of them, the arch-Satan, are contemptible, though superior in tools of assault and crime. (Vol. 20, pp. 89-90.)

48- Where can we air our grievance that Hajj has become deserted, as the Quran has. (Vol. 21, pp. 77-8.)

49- Millions of Muslims journey to Mecca every year and step where the Prophet (pbuh), Abraham, Ishmael and Hagar had stepped; but no one questions himself, who have Abraham and Muhammad (pbuh) been? What

have they done? What purpose they have and had and have they expected from us? (Vol. 21, p. 78.)

50- Repeated “LABBAYKS” are true of those who have heard God’s call, wholeheartedly, and responded to Almighty God’s invitation in full. (Vol. 19, p. 22.)

51- Since the whole community of Islam, of any race or nationality, must all become Abrahamian and attached to the mass of the followers of Muhammad (pbuh), in order to become one and to act as a single entity, it requires that such unification be regulated, practiced and organized through Hajj. (Vol. 21, p. 77.)

52- Go to the Holy Monument (MASHAR AL-HARAM) and (ARAFAT), in a state of conscientiousness and cognizance; and at each station, add to your confidence in God’s promises as to the domination of the oppressed; and meditate upon divine signs, silently and quietly; think about deliverance of the oppressed from the grasp of the world arrogants, and pray to God at those noble stations, to lead us to the ways of deliverance. (Vol. 20, p. 90.)

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THE SANGUINARY HAJJ

53- The extraordinary atrocity of breaking the sanctity of the divine sanctum that burned the hearts of devout Muslims of the world is not something to be forgotten or overlooked. (Vol. 20, p. 378.)

54- Now the sanctity of Mecca, the divine sanctum, and the most sacred divine sanctuary was so broken, it is a shame on Muslims of the world to remain seated idly and watch. (Vol. 20, p. 369.)

55- Today the sanctum is safe but not for people; it is safe for America, and whoever does not say “LABBAYK” to America and faces towards God, will

be subjected to revenge. (Vol. 21, p. 75.)

56- The blood poured over the land of Hijaz from the heart of the ocean of our nation, has acted as the “ZamZam” of guidance for those thirsting for pure politics of Islam, which will quench the present nations and future generations, but drown and kill the tyrants. We have put all these crimes on the account of America and will one day, call them to account and take the revenge of Abraham’s children on the Nimrods, the satans and the Korahs. (Vol. 20, p. 351.)

57- The massacre of the pilgrims to the House of God is a plot to retain the policies of the arrogants and restrain the pure Islam of Muhammadan from domination. (Vol. 21, p. 80.)

58- In the Hijaz issue, the problem is that the sanctity of the most sacred sanctuaries of Islam and of the world was broken. (Vol. 20, pp. 368-9.)

59- I assure the dear brave nation of Iran that the Mecca incident will be the source of great changes in the world of Islam and provide suitable causes for uprooting the corrupt regimes of Islamic countries and expelling the false clerics. (Vol. 21, p. 84.)

60- Breaking the sanctity of Kabah is not something to be easily overlooked. (Vol. 20, p. 369.)

61- If we overlook the Quds problem, if we overlook Saddam’s atrocities, if we pardon all who have wronged us, we cannot overlook the Hijaz incident. (Vol. 20, p. 369.)

62- We must not entomb this shame that while we are living and witnessing, such a grave offence was committed; yet, they claim to be in the right. (Vol. 20, p. 370.)

63- Mecca mishap is not separate from the fundamental policies of the plunderers in extirpating the free Muslims. (Vol. 21, p. 80.)

64- God willing, we will take our revenge upon America and Al-e Saud in due course and leave on their hearts, the scar of privation from the sweetness of this grave crime, and then enter the Sacred Mosque upon celebrating the victory of the righteousness over blasphemy and hypocrisy and liberating Kabah from the grasp of the incompetent and the untrustworthy. (Vol. 21, p. 76.)

65- What is important is that the pilgrims be aware where they are going and whose invitation they respond to; whose guests they are and what the etiquette of this feast is, and they should know that any kind of self-love and self-conceit contradicts Godliness and contrasts with departure towards God, and nullifies the spirituality of Hajj. (Vol. 19, p. 337.)

66- I should remind the honorable pilgrims not to neglect for a while, associating with the Holy Quran at all these glorious stations during their pilgrimage to Mecca and Medina. (Vol. 20, p. 91.)

67- Mecca is a place where the prophets have served and now it is entangled in the grasp of an impious group who do not know what they should do. (Vol. 20, p. 369.)

68- The glorious Kabah is the sole center for breaking these idols. (Vol. 18, p. 87.)

69- The Sacred House of God is the first house built for people, the house of the public. No personality, no government and no family may have a priority right in it. (Vol. 19, p. 24.)

70- The spiritual achievements of Hajj, being the eternal assets of man and which lead one to the horizons of Unitarianism and adoration may not be

attained unless the devotional precepts of Hajj are properly and precisely performed and the respectable pilgrims and clerics of the caravans make every endeavor to learn and teach the Hajj rituals. (Vol. 19, p. 25.)

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71- A large number of the pilgrims to the sacred House of God who are supposed, at that holy site, to clamor against the plots of the foreigners, negligently prowl in the bazaars looking for American, European and Japanese goods; and thus, break the heart of the institutor of the religion. (Vol. 19, p. 344.)

72- O! Honorable clerics, caravan managers and pilgrims! Beware not to change your pilgrimage into a business travel, and engage yourselves in trades, It is a journey towards God and not to worship Mammon. Do not smear it with worldly goods. (Vol. 10, p. 175.)

73- Of the goods presented to the pilgrims in Hijaz, to buy the ones that are American is opposing the ideals of Islam; it is assisting the enemies of Islam and promoting the unrighteousness, and it is essentially against Islam. (Vol. 20, p. 97.)

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Glossary

1- The First Temple

Surah Al Imran, part of verse 96.

2- Rise and ...

Surah al-Muddathir, verse 2.

3- “Say: There is no God but Allah, you shall be salvaged”. This was an address made by the great Prophet (pbuh) to the heathens and polytheists.

4- The Wahhabis:

The Wahhabi sect was founded by Muhammad bin Abd al-Wahhab Najdi (late 12th and early 13th century A.H.L.), ascribed to the British colonialism. According to the Wahhabis, all Islamic sects are polytheists and heathens. They consider homage to the tombs of the prophet and Imams as heresy and idolatry. They, utilizing Muslims resources, are quite active in cultural propagation and act as executive agent to carry out the destructive conspiracies of the super powers.

5- The sanguinary Hajj of the year 1366 [1987] This means the fierce assault of Saudi police against the demonstrators with disgust at the pagans, which was performed by Iranian and non-Iranian pilgrims to the Sacred House of God in 1366 hundreds of pilgrims were martyred for the guilt of their disgust at America and Israel.

6- Ihram: A costume worn by Muslim pilgrims to Mecca consisting of one piece of white cotton wrap around the waist and hips and another over the shoulder and restrictions that must be observed by a pilgrim so dressed. It takes place at a certain place called MIQAT.

7- TALBIYAH: Means repetition of the following words during IHRAM:

لبيك اللهم لبيك ان الحمد والنعمة لك والملك لا شريك لك لبيك.

8- The Thorough Name:

Is the name that embodies all the Divine Names and is conversant with all the Divine Name and that is the word ALLAH whose manifestation is the most honorable Prophet (pbuh).

9- MashAr (MashAr al-Haram):

Is a place where the pilgrims pass the night, when returning from ARAFAT and perform their evening, night and morning prayers.

10- Their living martyrs ...

“Living Martyrs” is an expression used to denote the disabled ex-service men during the imposed war and those of the revolution. They paced themselves towards martyrdom but Divine will did not decree their martyrdom. They sacrificed their limbs for the cause of God and thus attained the reward of martyrdom. The living martyrs are called “JANBAZAN” meaning “Sacrificers” and enjoy a loft prestige in the revolution Islamic society.

11- NAFS AMMARAH (carnal spirit).

Means the animal nature of human being which is also called “carnal desires”. The Prophet (pbuh) said: There is no enemy worse than the carnal spirit and the felicity of every body in this and the next world depends on his/her overcoming this enemy. That is, if man succeeds in the struggle between the spiritual and animal aspects and controls and adjusts the carnal spirit he/she will be able to attain any degree of spirituality.

12- The blessed tree of “No West”:

Surah an-Nur, part of verse 35.

13- Your journey from here on will be “WAFD” traverse towards God:

The term “WAFD” stands for travelers. Here, it refers to the intention of the pilgrims accession to God.

14- MIQAT:

This is a place where the pilgrims enter into pilgrims grab.

15- Abu-Lahab:

Abu-Lahab, who has been cursed by Almighty God in the Quran, was the son of Abdul-Muttalib and uncle of the Prophet (pbuh). He showed his deep hostility to the Prophet and insisted on rebutting his prophetic invitation and molesting him, sparing no word or act in doing so.

16- Abu-Jahl:

The term Abu-jahl means “father of ignorance”. It is a title given by the Prophet (pbuh) and the early Muslims to “Amr bin Hisham bin Mughayir,” known as “Abul-Hakim” who converted to Islam.

17- Abu-Sufyan:

Abu-Sufyan, chief of Quraysh tribe was a tough enemy of the Prophet (pbuh). He led the pagans and heathens in opposing Islam and molesting the Muslims. He never believed in Islam until after the victory of Muslims and their rule over Mecca, and even then, his faith had been superficial and never in his heart, as was narrated.

18- Economic Blockade at “Shib Abi Talib”:

“Shib Abi Talib” was a valley in the midst of Mecca mountains where there were some lowly houses. During the early days of Islam, the Quraysh tribe wrote a covenant, hung it inside Kabah and swore to treat Muhammad (pbuh) and his followers according to the following commitments to the last moment of their life: (1) to boycott any transaction with Muhammad (pbuh) and his followers, (2) to break any relationship and association with them, (3) to refrain from concluding any marriage contract with Muslims, and (4) to support the opponent of the prophet (pbuh) in all occurrences.

The sole supporter of the Prophet (pbuh), his uncle Abi Talib, invited all his kinfolks to station in the Shib at which time they suffered a full blockade imposed on them by the heathens. This period taking three years, against the heathens with the least possible provisions.

19- Stand steadfast

Surah ash-Shawra (council), verse 15 and Surah Hud, verse 112

20- Other Events:

By the victory of the Islamic Revolution of Iran, Americans lost one of their most sensitive strategic areas in the world and their control over its immense

reserves. And in order to repose them, they tried all kinds of tricks, like assisting the internal insurgents, military attack (known as Tabas attack) and organizing a coup d'état, not benefiting from any of them, Americans made the adventurous Iraqi regime to impose a war on Iran. In this war hundreds of thousands of lives were lost, hundreds of thousands were disabled, injured, taken captive or made homeless and billions of dollars of damage sustained, but Americans and their enslaved servant Saddam could not attain any of their goals.

21- Mahdi, the Promised ...: It is narrated that his Holiness Mahdi (Aj) the 12th Infallible Imam at the time of his advent in Mecca, the glorified “Qiblah” of the world Muslims, will stand by Kabah and begin his rise against the wrong and the unjust from there.

22- و اذن في الناس-

Verse 27, Surah Hajj.

23- : و طهر بيتي

Part of verse 27.

24- Surah at-Tawbah (Repentance):

This is one of the seven lengthy surahs of the holy Quran. It is the ninth surah and contains teachings on disgust at the pagans, and fighting with the heathens, accounts given on the hypocrites, encouragement of the Muslims to fight and condemn those who violate their duty to take part in crusades.

25- و اذان من...

Surah at-Tawbah (The Imran), verse 3.

26- ان اول بيت

Surah Al Imran (The Imran), verse 96.

27- Stoning at Aqabah:

Aqabah is a district between Mina and Mecca where the “Jamaran” which is to be stoned by the pilgrims is located.

28- The Black Stone:

This is a piece of black stone installed on Kabah wall, near the entrance, 1.5 meter above the ground. The Hajj pilgrims, while circumambulating, try to

touch it for good omen.

29- Perambulating between Safa and Marwah (say): Safa is a hill in Mecca, extended from Abu-Qubays Mountain, east of “Masjid al-Haram”, (the Sacred Mosque). Marwah is a mountain located southeast of Mecca and north of Safa. Strolling between Safa and Marwah as a Hajj pilgrimage duty, is termed “say”.

30- Arafat:

Arafat is a plain, 21 kilometers north of Mecca. The pilgrims remain in Arafat from noon time to the sunset of the 9th day of Dhul-Hijjah (the Arafah Day), as a necessary Hajj ritual.

31- Mina:

Mina is a place in the eastern mountains of Mecca, on the way to Arafat where the pilgrims sacrifice their offering on the 10th of Dhul-Hijjah.

32- Jamarat:

There locations in Mecca (Mina) are termed as JAMARATUL-AWLA, JAMARATUL-WUSTA, and JAMARATUL-AQABAH, where the pilgrims must cast stones.

33- Umm a-Qura wa ma hawlaha (the metropolis and its surroundings):

What is meant by Umm a-Qura is Mecca and this term is taken from verse 7, Surah ash-Shawra (council).

34- The Sacred book that is ...:

Part of verse 84, Surah an-Nahl (The Bee).

35- From the Divine “MAQAM-JAMI”

“MAQAM-JAMI” refers to divine unity and “the first light” is, as an “Illuminati” term, the “Nearest Light” and “the Foremost thrown light” “JAM AL-JAM” is the perfect human being who observes Gods presence in all the creatures and in the existence, and that refers to his hilliness the glorified prophet (pbuh), the great Messenger of Islam.

36- “MAN KHUTIBA BIHI”, (He who was addressed): This phrase is derived from the narratives that monopolize the real and comprehensive apprehension of Quran was revealed.

37- Muhammadan... inquisition:

Muhammadian full revelation means inspiration of the complete facts of Quran to the prophet (pbuh). Thus the full Muhammadian revelation is one of the grades of the revelation of Quran to the heart of the prophet (pbuh). This is not revelation of Quran by logical apprehension; rather, it is inspiration, an oracular inspiration and visual. There fore, the prophet (pbuh) only can understand the facts of Quran and the full revelation is particular to the prophet only.

38- ADDABANI RABBI:

This is derived from a narrative by the prophet (pbuh) who said: “ADDABANI RABBI FA-AHSSANA TADBIRI” (lit., god has fostered me and perfected my fostering)

39- HUDAN-LILMUTTAQIN” (Lit., It is a guide for the righteous):

Part of verse 2, Surah al-Baqarah (the cow). It means the Quran.

40- At “WUQUFAYN” ...

WUQUFAYN are two pillars of Hajj. One is WUQUF (half) at Arafat and the other is wuquf at mashAr.

41- Secure Rope of:

Surah Al Imran (The Imran), verse 103.

42- The Secret of Abrahamian-Ishmaeli Altar:

This refers to the highest degree of self-denial and sacrifice of two Godly humans for the cause of faith. The explication of sacrificing Ishmael by his father has come in Surah Saffat, verse 102. Abraham (A) being too old, had no children. His supplications and prayers to God, for a pious offspring resulted in the birth of Ishmael (A).When he reached the age of puberty his father addressed him one day and said: “My dear son! I have dreamed that I should sacrifice you to God; what is your opinion? Ishmael replied: “Do as you are ordered to do, you shall find me a patient servant, may it please God”. Abraham placing a knife on Ishmael’s throat saw that the knife would not cut. According to Quranic verses, this had only been a heavenly trial for him.

43- The arch-Satan, the medium one and the minor one (AWLA, WUSTA and UQBA):

See footnote 32

44- ولاتنازعوا...-

Surah al-Anfal (The Spoils), part of verse 46.

45- انما اعظكم...-

Surah Shiba, verse 46

46- BAQIYYATULLAH:

See footnote 21

47- وجهت وجهي...-

Surah al-AnAm (The Cattle), verse 14.

48- و اذن من الله...-

Surah at-Tawbah (Repentance), part of verse 3.

49- واعتصموا...-

Surah Al Imran (The Imran), verse 103.

50- Sadat:

The executed Egyptian president who paved the way for compromise between Arab states and Israel by his signing the disgraceful Camp David accord in 1978. HE WAS SHOT BY A Muslim officer by the name of Khalid Istanbuli.

51- Begin:

Minachem Begin, the then Prime Minister of Israel was the leader of the terrorist group "Arghun" who was responsible for Hotel Dawud explosion and the Deyr Yasin massacre. He wrote in his memoir: "Before the formation of the Israeli government, I believed that every Jewish has to move to the promised land of Palestine or submit to death. Therefore I exploded several boats carrying emigrant Jewish passengers from Europe whom I could not convince to take the route to Palestine, I killed them all and threw myself in the waters."

52- The dethroned and executed Shah: This means Muhammad Rida Pahlavi, the former Shah of Iran who fled the country as recommended by America when people's revolts heightened on the 16th of April 1979. On 14 of September 1941, he replaced his father who was dethroned by the heads of

the Allied states and had reigned over the country for 37 years. His whole period of reign was influenced, first by the British colonialists and then by the American imperialists who pillaged our material and intellectual assets.

53- Saddam:

The Iraqi President, Saddam, being instigated by America and European countries and encouraged by the reactionary Arab States, imposed a war on Iran and committed many crimes.

54- You probably have heard ...

This refers to the invasion of Afghanistan by the Russian troops which was not condemned by some clergymen in a meeting they held.

55- A day to be observed as the Quds Day:

As per Imam Khomeini's command, the last Friday of Ramadan was nominated as Quds Day. On the 7th of August 1979, Imam Khomeini in an address to the Iranian nation and the world Muslims said: "I expect all the world Muslims and Islamic states to join hands to cut off the hand of this usurper (Israel) and his supporters. I ask all the Muslims to adopt the last Friday of Ramadan, that is also a divine predestination day that can determine the fate of the Palestinians, as the Quds Day on which they should announce the world Muslims' supports for them. I ask Almighty God to make Muslims triumph over the heathens".

56- ان تنصروا ...

Surah Muhammad, verse 7.

57- ان تقوموا ...

Surah Shiba, verse 46.

58- Baytullah al-Haram ...

Surah Al Imran (The Imran), verse 96.

59- اجعلتم ...

Surah at-Tawbah (Repentance), verse 19.

60- It is a Sanctuary ...:

Surah Al Imran (The Imran), verse 97.

61- Untrue report:

This refers to the American AWACS.

62- Replacement of Mr. Musawi.

This refers to Hujjat al-Islam Sayyid Muhammad Musawi Khoeyniha who was appointed by Imam Khomeini (pbuh) as supervisor of Hajj Affairs from the 5th of August 1982 to the 16th of August 1986.

63- The Arch-Satan:

The first man who used this title to denote the satanic and arrogant Qualities of America was Imam Khomeini (pbuh). On the day after the American spy den was seized, in a speech delivered, he named the American Government as arch-Satan.

64- I appoint you as my representative:

This refers to Imam Khomeini's command, appointing Hujjat al-Islam Khoeyniha as his representative.

65- Baqi:

This is a cemetery near Mecca where the holy bodies of Her Holiness Fatimah Zahra (s), Imam Hasan (A), Imam Ziyun al-Abidin (A), Imam Baqir (A) and Imam Jafar as-Sadiq (A) are buried

66- Imam as-Sadiq (A):

Hadrat Jafar Muhammad Sadiq (A) is the 6th infallible Imam of the world Muslims (83-148 A.H.L.). The role of His Holiness in reviving the genuine Islamic sciences, forming theological seminaries and fostering devout forces during his particular living condition was exceptionally valuable so much so that the ShiAh sect was attributed to him and is know as Jafari sect.

67- The Feast of Sacrifices:

The Feast of Sacrifices on the 10th of Dhul-Hijjah is a great feast day when the Hajj pilgrims are required to sacrifice lawful livestock. In fact this sacrificing practice is in imitation of the great hero of monotheism and idol-breaker of history, Abraham (A) who took his Ishmael to the love alter.

68- واذن في الناس-

Surah Hajj, verse 27.

69- وظهرت مني ...

Surah Hajj, verse 26.

70- و اذان من ا...

Surah at-Tawbah (Repentance), verse 3

71- ما اكثر الضجيج...

This is a saying of one of the infallible Imams in response to a friend in the course of Hajj services and refers to the great number of Hajj pilgrims and it means: "How great in number are the lamenters and how few the real pilgrims".

72- ولاتنازعوا...

Surah al-Anfal (The Spoils) verse 46.

73- BalAm Baura:

BalAm Baura, a contemporary of Moses was first a pious man whose prayers to God used to be accepted but was tempted by Pharaoh's promises, deviated from the right path and lost all his standings to the extent that he opposed Moses. The cruelty of the BalAm-type people is that they dispose of their spiritual and intellectual gains that could be of honor and dignity for themselves and their societies and make them available to the tyrants and wealth hoarders for worthless rewards and degenerate both themselves and their societies.

74- The Yazidiyans:

This refers to the followers and relatives of Yazid bin MuAwiya (26-62 A.H.L.). Yazid became caliph after his father's death in year 60A.H.L. He was a young lad without any wits, uprightness and virtue and well-known for debauchery and immorality. The reign of Yazid lasted three and a half years. In his first year he martyred Husayn bin Ali (A), in the second year pillaged Medina, the capital burial city of the Prophet and in the third year he attacked Mecca.

75- The Umayyads:

The caliphate dynasty after the first four began with the Umayyads in year 40 A.H.L. [662 A.D.] and lasted until the year 132 A.H.L. [750 A.D.]. MuAwiya bin Abu-Sufyan (the founder of Omayyad dynasty) and his

family revived the Aristocratic mannerism and hereditary monarchical system that was openly against Islamic ideologies. The history is full of sorrowful events occurred in the world of Islam during Umayyads' time including relentless massacre and torture of the supporters of the Prophet's (pbuh) family and martyrdom of Imam Husayn (A).

76- Hadrat Abi-Abdullah al-Husayn (A):

Imam Husayn (A), the son of Amir al-Muminin Ali (A) and Fatimah (s), Prophet's (pbuh) daughter (s). (The third infallible Imam) was born in the fourth year after Hejira [625 A.D], in Medina. His early fostering had been in the Prophet's lap. The teachings of his noble father and his constant involvement in the politico-military events revealed his supreme personality. In year 61 A.H.L., he rose up against the government of Yazid bin MuAwiya and in spite of fewness of his forces, he confronted Yazid's army of tens of thousands, which happened in Karbala. In this sanguinary epic, Imam Husayn (A) and his children and supporters, who numbered 72, were all martyred and his kins taken captive.

77- Bani Sufyan:

See footnote 17.

78- Al-e Saud:

The term Al-e Saud is the surname of the Wahhabi religious rulers who have reigned over Arabia since year 1147 A.H.L. (1735 A.D.) and changed the name of the "Arabian Peninsula" to "Saudi Arabia". According to Wahhabi belief, all Islamic sects including Sunni and ShiAh are polytheists and heathens and counted as idolaters. The fruit of their 269-year reign over the Arabian Peninsula has been but poverty, dependence and material and intellectual deprivations. The heads of this dynasty have always carried out the colonialist intentions of England, and recently, of the imperialist America.

79- انى برى...

Surah al-AnAm (The Cattle), verse 19.

80- اذان من...

Surah at-Tawbah (Repentance), verse 3

81- ما اكثر الضجىح-

See footnote 71

82- On of the... men:

This refers to Anwar Sadat, former president of Egypt who gave shelter to the dethroned Shah and supported him.

83- Al-e Saud... Last years crimes:

See footnote 5

84- صد عن سبیل

Surah al-Baqarah (The Cow), verse 217.

85- و اذان من...

Surah at-Tawbah (Repentance), verse 3.

86- The Hypocrites:

This refers to the members and supporters of Mujahidin Organization founded in 1344 [1945] to revolt against the Shah. Due to its leaders' ignorance of the principles and all-inclusive instructions of Islam, this organization followed an ideology of eclecticism and within a short time after the Revolution they began to confront the revolutionary forces, martyred many rightful servants of the nation and dedicated clergymen, exploded many bombs throughout the country, set fire on many houses and crowded public busses and shed many bloods. This group spared no efforts in the way of over-throwing the Islamic Republic System. As a result of several efforts by the revolutionary forces, they were suppressed and a number of them fled abroad. They, once claiming to be anti-imperialists, and afraid of being discovered by the previous regime, today are spending their last shameful days in the lap of the imperialists. The terrorist Mujahidin Organization is known by the public as "Munafiqin" or hypocrites; a term that expresses their inner wicked character.

87- Hujjat al-Islam Karrubi:

H. E. Hujjat al-Islam Haj Shaykh Mahdi Karrubi was appointed in charge of the Islamic Revolution Martyrs Foundation by Imam Khomeini on 17 March 1980. He was later appointed as Imam Khomeini's representative in Hajj Affairs as of 16th August 1985, and held this position until his ascension.

88- الست بربکم

Surah al-Araf (The Heights), verse 172.

89- اذان من... 89-

Surah at-Tawbah (Repentance), verse 3.

90- Master of Martyrs:

Hadrat Imam Husayn (A) after refusing to swear allegiance to Yazid (Caliph of the time) left Medina for Mecca. After four months residing in Mecca, the people of Kufah invited him and promising to swear allegiance to him. On the other hand, the conditions that existed in Mecca by Yazid's agents made him set off for Kufah on the 8th of Dhul-Hijjah of year 61. A.H.L., though being the time for Hajj service. He, refusing again to swear allegiance to Yazid, was confronted by Yazid's army in Karbala which imposed an unequal war on him on the 10th of Muharram of year 61 A.H.L. Hadrat Imam Husayn (A) and his 72 supporters persevered to the last moment and were and were martyred.

91- Our Master Ali bin Abi-Talib: Late in the ninth year of Hegira, the angel of revelation (Gabriel), advised the Prophet (pbuh) that he should send someone to Mecca, during Hajj season, to recite a number of verses from Surah at-Tawbah (or Baraah) along with a four-article declaration. He called Hadrat Ali (A) and related the matter to him. Ali (A) went to Mecca and on the Feast Day of Sacrificas, recited 13 verses from Surah Baraah along with the declaration of Prophet (pbuh) in the magnificent Hajj congregation, most bravely and in a loud voice.

92- Hadrat Zahra (s):

Hadrat Fatimah Zahra (s), the daughter of the Prophet (pbuh) and wife of Ali (A), suffered a lot of pains and toils caused by mishaps and breechings of some particular individuals after the ascension of the glorious Prophet (pbuh). After a whole life struggling and enduring so much grief and pains for the cause of Islam, Her Holiness, shouldering a haversack of vexing grief and hardships, departed for the eternal world and her holy body was buried by Hadrat Ali (A) secretly at night, away from the sight of the enemies of Islam, in the Baqi Cemetery.

93- كل فج... 93-

Surah Hajj, verse 27.

94- Shaykh Muhyiddin Anwari:

He and martyr Mahallati were appointed by Imam Khomeini (pbuh) as supervisors of Hajj Affairs, on 20 September 1979.

95- Shaykh Fadlullah Mahallati:

He was one of Imam's friends and his representative in the Revolutionary Guards Corps (Sepah-e Pasdaran-e Inqilab). He together with a number of Iranian executives attained martyrdom in a plane crash caused by a missile launched from Iraqi fighter aircraft.

96- Shaykh M. Rida Tawassuli Mahallati: He is one of the close friends of Imam Khomeini (pbuh) who was appointed in charge of Hajj Affairs on July 18th 1980.

97- Hujjat al-Islam Haj Sayyid Ali Hashimi Golpaygani:

In a fireman issued by Imam Khomeini (pbuh), appointing Hujjat al-Islam Tawassuli in charge of Hajj Affairs, he was also recommended for cooperation.

98- Your instructions:

This refers to Hujjat al-Islam Karrubi who was appointed by Imam Khomeini as in charge of Hajj Affairs.

99- Confirm you:

This refers to Hujjat al-Islam Khoeyniha who was appointed by Imam Khomeini (pbud) in charge of Hajj Affairs.

100- Lamentable mishap:

See footnote 5.

101- Rida Shah:

Rida Khan, father of the former Shah (Muhammad Rida) carrying out British plans, staged a coup d'état in 1299 A.H.S. [1920 A.D.] and succeeded to the throne in 1304[1925].

Before the coup d'état, he was commander of a Cossack unit in Qazvin. His early actions included prohibition of Quran and religious teaching in schools, the setting up of mass prayers and performing religious services throughout the country.

102- The Quds Day:

See footnote 55.

103- God's House

A similar wording is ascribed to Abd al-Muttalib when Abrahah intended to destroy Mecca. Abd al-Muttalib, in meeting with Abrahah, demanded the return of his 200 camels taken away by Abrahah's army. Abrahah replied: "Your bright and luminous face made you as magnificent as the whole world in my eyes; but your little request lowered your magnificence". Abd al-Muttalib replied: "I am the master of the camels and the House has its master who will protect it". The story of the elephant riders is told in the 105th Surah of Quran.

104- King Saud:

This refers to King Fahd, king of his time.

105- Fahad:

King Fahad is the king of Saudi Arabia. To discern the degree of Al-e Saud's dependence on superpowers, particularly America, their old and historical enmity towards the Shiites of Ali (A), their double faced positioning regarding the heroic combats of Palestinians, their massacre of the Iranian pilgrims and others by the side of the House of God, their breaking the sanctity of God's sanctuary, their suppression of the Arab Combatants inside and outside Arabian Peninsula and their wasting away the Muslim treasures and other cruelties are worth mentioning.

106- Ta'if:

This is a city in south Hijaz at a distance of 24 kms. to the east of Mecca

107- والذين هاجروا -

Surah Hajj, verse 58.

108- Husayn of Jordan:

The present King of Jordan, King Husayn has been by the side of Saudi King, Saddam and other reactionary Arab rulers opposing the Islamic Revolution of Iran. His treacheries to the Palestinian ideals, his massacring of the Palestinians and his cooperation with Israel has blackened his face in the eyes of world Muslims.

109- Hasan of Morocco:

King Sultan Hasan, the second king of Morocco is one of the tyrants who, like the kings of Jordan and establishment of the Islamic Republic as a threat

to his throne and spared no efforts to oppose the Revolution.

110- لقد صدق ...

Surah al-Fath (Victory), verse 27.

111- اذن في الناس-

112- ZamZam water:

ZamZam is a well at Mecca, to the southeast of Kabah, 24 meters deep from which the pilgrims drink as blessing.

113- Lat and Habal:

Lat was an idol at Taif temple, worshipped by Thaqif tribe of Quraysh, who resided in Taif. Lat had been a grand idol, worshipped by pre-Islamic tribes, the greatest one after Ozza. Las had also been used as name for the sun. This idol had been placed on a cube-shaoe stone. After Thaqif tribe had accepted Islam, the Prophet (pbuh) ordered Abu-Sufyan bin Harb and Mughayrah bin Shabah to destroy the idol and instructed the construction of Taif Mosque in place of Lat temple.

Habal was an idol in Kabah worshipped by the two Arab tribes: Bani Kunayah and Quraysh, during the period of paganism, prior to Islam. This idol had the shape of a human, made of red agate, placed inside Kabah, and was destroyed together with other idols when Mecca was seized.

114- Hujjat al-Islam Imam Jamarani:

He was Imam Khomeini's representative at Hajj and Charitable Bequests Organization and is still the representative of Wali-ye Faqih in the same Organization:

115- Nimrods and Korahs:

Nimrod was the title of the King of Kalda (Baby Ionia) contemporary of Prophet Abraham (A) who was his obstinate enemy. Korah was a famous wealthy man contemporary of Moses.

116- اجعلتم ...

Surah at-Tawbah (Repentance), verse 19.

117- والله لا يهدى

Surah at-Tawbah (Repentance), verse 19.

118-The unblessed Mubarak:

The present Egyptian president who keeps insisting on the disgraceful Camp David accord following Anwar Sadat, after he was assassinated. He is one of the subservient servants of America.

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