

THE ROLE AND IMPACTS OF ISLAMIC REVOLUTION OF IRAN ON THE POLITICAL LITERATURE AND CULTURE OF THE WORLD

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1. Firstly I would like to give all thanks and praise to ALLAH for granting us a well learned scholar, teacher and leader in the form of grand Ayatollah Rohulah Khomeini. We all know that Imam Khomeini was born at the right time and emerged very prominently at the time when the whole world was under subjugation by the so called western and eastern powers. The western imperialist block and eastern communist blocks were on each other's throats fighting for the control of the world that belongs to ALLAH.

2. when the first and second world wars were fought and subsequently giving birth to a monster in the form of UN that would have all big nations subscribe to, our beloved Imam Khomeini was busy learning and grasping all the Islamic fundamental laws that would give rise and sustain a revolution that is unparalleled in the history of the 20th century. A revolution that would help in awakening all Islamic nations and individuals from their deep slumber amid all the persecution and torturing of ALLAH's creatures by the kufur. A revolution that shook the whole world and even reached the shores of Robben island where our South African political heroes were incarcerated by the brutal, evil regime of the usurping foreigners.

3. The UN as it has been known since its formation after the 2nd world war is serving only the interests of the western powers. They are allowed to invade, attack and kill the people of any nation they perceive to be their enemy even without any provocation. All the 5 big nations that sit in the security council of the UN are there to rubber stamp any unjust wars that America and her alliance want to wage. They are giving a green light to the sanctioning and harassment of other countries that are against their tyranny and economical oppression. Our beloved Imam Khomeini pointed to such atrocities when he wrote in his last will and testament that all oppressed nations of the world must organize themselves, unite and cut off this evil hand of the western and eastern power mongers.

4. Let me bring it to your attention that most of the nations and their people who were covered by the veil of ignorance took authority to be truth instead of truth to be authority, including most of the so called Islamic countries. Until the emergence of Imam Khomeini and the revolution they started realizing that in fact they are the puppets and stooges of the evil western imperialists. Although they managed to suppress the uprising of their nations of course with the help of their masters but they couldn't stop them from seeing and thinking about the unfolding events of the great revolution. The Muslim monarchs, presidents and muftis are aware that they are no longer serving ALLAH but their chosen masters. They would never say it openly to their masses because they fear to upset the "master" and to lose their

luxurious palaces and positions. They wait for nothing but the chastisement of ALLAH as we saw recently what happened to the likes of Mubarak and Bin Ali.

5. A lot of us owe a big thanks to the revolution of Iran for our guidance to the path of ALLAH. I'm a direct product of the revolution and its impact to the world because I only embraced Islam after carefully studying the works of Imam Khomeini and what he stood for in relation to the Islamic teachings. I was a staunch communist as I grew up in a very volatile country where oppression was the order of the day. We saw communism and socialism as the only just systems that would bring equality and emancipation of the oppressed masses of the world. We believed in GOD but only as an abstract being that would not come to our rescue quicker. Some claimed that they did not even believe in HIM. I came into contact with Islam when I was coming out of a military prison for fighting against injustices and tyranny.

6. I remember my friend Ibrahim gave some Islamic books to go and read when I was still fuming and aggrieved. One of those books was the last will and testament of Imam Khomeini, which I read very carefully. He also gave me some news papers and copies of the "crescent international" magazine. I came to know and understand how Imam Khomeini was critical of the Shah and their corrupt regime, not only in monopolizing the wealth of the country to benefit his family and relatives but as well as reducing Islam to be a performance of rituals (bidah). Islam was thrown into the gutters and no longer recognized as the religion that has to form the basis of government and judiciary systems. But Imam Khomeini through his strong believe in ALLAH (swt) and following the teachings of Muhammad (saw) shown steadfastness which eventually gave birth to a revolution that would free Muslims around the world.

7. His theory of valeyat-e-faqih (government of the jurists) which he developed and refined during his teachings even during the days of his exile was the bedrock upon which the Islamic nation should be based. If we study carefully what Nabi established during his prophet hood and reign in Medina, is exactly similar to what Imam Khomeini wanted the ummah to achieve through this revolution. The Islamic revolution sought to unite all Muslim nations and remind them of the mission which Nabi (saw) had brought into this world. All nations were to realize that because we are the representatives of ALLAH (swt) on earth and created by HIM we therefore have to live in accordance with HIS laws. Human beings must not chose to live by the laws of other human beings and neglect the laws of our Creator as we witness it happening with these secular governments of modern world.

8. The governments of different nations are aware that the Quran contains perfect principles and laws from ALLAH which are supposed to be the basis of their constitution. Most of the nations including those in the western block take full cognizance of how affairs are conducted within the Islamic republic of Iran. They are aware that Islam demands truth and justice to be applied in all sectors of the nation irrespective of race, gender, wealth or position. The main problem is the Muslim nations that follow the sunnah of the Umayyad which deviated centuries ago from

the sunnah of Nabi (saw) as recorded in authentic hadith. Some of the secular governments and their scholars would have liked to study more about the Islamic system of governance but are confused by these Muslim monarchs and tyrants who rule the Islamic countries. They will really account to ALLAH on the day of qiyamah for misleading their followers because of worldly possessions.

9. Let us concentrate on the impact the revolution had on the oppressed nation of Palestine. We all know that Israeli is a cancer that was imposed upon the Palestinians by Britain and America to usurp the holy land and give it to the Zionist criminals who had no land to stay. The PLO under the leadership of the late Arafat tried to negotiate peace and living side by side with this cruel heartless Zionists but they always proved to be ruthless and massacred a lot of poor Palestinians. The 7 days war was also waged and Israeli managed to repel the attack with help of their western war machinery. But above all they remain dominating the Middle East for decades because of the cracks within the Muslim Ummah. Their war planes and army tanks are using the oil that is coming from the same Islamic nations that claim to be enemies with Israeli. Some of these countries even have secret councils with Israeli openly defying the instruction of ALLAH (swt) in the holy Quran when HE says “do not be friends with kufur and never seek protection from them”.

10. The situation has deteriorated so much so that even the price of oil from these countries is controlled by the dollar rate, which is the currency of the most evil country on the face of the earth. The same country that is denying the freedom of Palestinians by voting against all resolutions in favor of them in the UN assembly. To this day Israeli is expanding its territory deeper into Palestinian land while Muslim countries are watching helplessly. They are very afraid of this monster because they lost faith and trust in ALLAH. They even obey their masters when they tell them what kind of weapons they are allowed to possess and what they must not have. All these atrocities against humanity happen on the world that belongs to ALLAH (swt) as a result of Muslim leaders who have become hollow trunks that awaits final death. Imam Khomeini revived the spirit of resistance against evil powers and tyrants by reminding us of the sacrifice of Imam Husain who refused to obey Yazid even with all his military might. All the martyrs who died with Imam Husain in Karbala are how we Muslim should behave when we are faced with the oppressors.

11. The revolution in Iran was a culmination of many years of teaching the people to return to the law of ALLAH on earth. It was forced to go underground when the Shah realized it was a threat to his power and used security forces to clamp it down. But by then the people had already heard and understood the message of the revolution. Imam Khomeini made it clear that the revolution belonged to all the nations of the world where poor and helpless masses were suffering oppression from their leaders. He encouraged the lay men to start thinking deeply and realize the tyrants for who they are mere “paper tigers”. They need body guards all the time because they are aware that the people do not love them as a result of their hypocrisy. The revolution encouraged a number of other uprisings in different countries that also brought about freedom to the oppressed people.

12. In the next two last pages we will highlight some of the organizations that were formed in the wake of the revolution. Their achievements and what the future might hold for them and their nations. There is also a great deal of ideological shift which the revolution impacted on big nations like Russia and China. These countries still form part of the UN Security Council but have strong ties with countries perceived to be “terrorists” by the western powers. It also assisted and encouraged other countries like North Korea and Cuba to resist conquest by the west.

13. First on the list of great achievements is the formation of Hezbollah in Lebanon. This organization was formed in 1982 as a direct product of Islamic revolution survived all the tragedies and attacks by the evil Israeli forces. It emerged as a real force to be reckoned with in the last few decades. Their absolute faith in ALLAH against the tyrant helped them to put up a fierce battle against Israeli army for many years until they withdrew from south Lebanon in May/2000. They are still a small force on earth that managed to expel the American marines from Lebanon in 1982 by killing more than 200 of them in one attack. Something which a big Muslim army failed to do in the past 6 decades against Israeli occupation. Again in July/2006 Hezbollah fought a 34 days battle with Israeli army until the UN intervened. They also have a great political leader Hassan Nasrallah who was directly influenced by the revolution. This guerilla army was also responsible for training APLA soldiers, the armed wing of the PAC who fought for the liberation of South Africa.

14. The Hezbollah with their charismatic leadership will eventually succeed in uniting the nation of Lebanon with its diversity. The formation of Palestinian groups like HAMAS came after realizing that the only language the Israeli understands is war and that can bring liberation to their people. Politically they will keep their sworn enemy on its toes because they cannot confirm their next move. Despite the fact that majority of Muslims were indoctrinated by their leaders and Imams to perceive Ahlul Bait followers (Shia) as enemies, the masses in many countries start to realize who are the truthful. Most of them have lost faith and trust in their political leadership hence we witnessed the sporadic revolutions in Sunni countries that toppled a few presidents who were in power for many years. During the Muharram month when we commemorate the martyrdom of Imam Hussein and his followers these events reverberate even in the corridors of palaces and unsettle the hypocritical Muslim leaders and their masters.

15. The political thinking of the minds that are curious steadily absorbs this ideology and spread it across their societies and nations. Our main task as followers of Ahlul Bait is to intelligently disseminate this revolution to the ignorant people who still think that the Islamic revolution was only about Iran. We have to engage them vigorously as I recently discovered when I was in Sudan from one of my friends from Kenya who did not know how our beloved Imam Ali was martyred by the Muslim hypocrites who followed Muawiya. I also had a lot of debates with some Muslims from Arab countries who proved to be ignorant about authentic Islamic history and did not have a single clue about the twelve Imams and how they were assassinated by the Umayyad Caliphs.

16. The revolution had a great impact in changing the attitude and political thinking of Muslim scholars around the world. We started realizing that Islam is not about performing five pillars of bida and concentrating only on the hereafter. We are now aware that it is upon our shoulders to establish what ALLAH (swt) commands us to do in the Quran. We must seek the help of ALLAH (swt) to propagate Islam, and to stand up against leaders who oppress the world like our predecessors who sacrificed their lives in Karbala. The Muslim Ummah is uniting steadily and the forces of shaytan start to realize that their days are numbered inshallah.

17. When Imam Khomeini invited MikailKorbachev to embrace Islam he really meant it that he should save his soul from the final doom of *jahanama*. He further invited the Army generals of Pakistani to a meeting in Qum where they discussed a lot of burning issues about the future of Middle East and the Islamic state. During the imposed war with Iraqi he bought military weapons from Russia and other Eastern block countries but made it clear that we don't support communism. That is how we should behave as Muslims towards those who are not aggressive to us. Imam Khomeini further sent his students to go and study science and technology in foreign countries. The result of that good foresight is of course what we witness in Iran today becoming one of the powerful countries in technology and military hardware. Russia was also requested to build nuclear power stations for Iran in order to advance their nuclear technology. Today the western nations are having sleepless nights due to that nuclear project because they never anticipated such major achievements from an Islamic nation.

18. China, North Korea, Pakistani, India and other eastern countries are having nuclear war heads in their arsenals but the UN is not worried. Now that the Islamic Iran develops their own nuclear technology the whole western countries and UN are deeply concerned and worried. Why? They are exposing themselves to be the worst hypocrites and oppressors the world has ever experienced. They claim to be concerned about the safety of Israeli but that same country has thousands of nuclear war heads. They are the aggressors in that region but expect us to trust them, how on earth is that possible? Those countries that are constantly defying the UN like North Korea, Cuba... and who stood the test of time bring some balance of power in a world that is ruled by criminals. Therefore we are having some solidarity with them in order to frustrate these enemies of ALLAH (swt). Their dream has turned into a nightmare and they now realize that it is impossible to rule the world using tyranny, intimidation and coercion.

19. Economically all European countries will eventually collapse and be swallowed by the evil system which they created themselves. ALLAH says in the Quran" they plot schemes but HE is the main planner". The behavior and morals of the youth and general population in the west is appalling so much so that even the mental professionals do not have remedy for the daily tragedies. Islam is rapidly spreading all over the world threatening their evil empire that is bound to collapse only a matter of time. The impact of the revolution cannot be reversed an inch but to the contrary all nations of the world are exposed to the fact that Islam stands for truth and justice in which all people will live equally and in harmony.

20. In conclusion I would say that every Muslim where ever he/she may be must constantly fight jihad Akbar for us to be righteous and propagate truth in our societies and nations. We must learn from our beloved Imams how they suffered and persevered but their message finally reached our generation. We must never fear and obey the tyrants no matter how powerful they may appear to be, because the only Most powerful is ALLAH. We must remember that the Islamic mission did not stop with the death of Nabi but is upon us if we claim to be his followers. We are the only generation that can bring about positive change to the religious, political and cultural behavior in this world. We ask ALLAH to make us the helpers and front runners of the Mahdi (pbuh) who is still in occultation.