

COMMENT

DEATH: NOT FOR KHOMEINI

Death is the great examination to which all souls must be prepared, so as to pass over with confidence. Death in the end is realisation, but itself not the end. It is the bridge to the world of reality. It is the gateway to the realisation, of man's beginning, desires and actions.

Human beings live by history which (from the level of man) is realisation that cannot be effaced by death. Death verities it to become a treasure well kept and often visited and consulted. History as realisation is therefore important, since it is not just a conglomeration of events, but also a combination of personalities who are the forces behind events. More so that most events are borne of human desires and actions. In actual fact, the figures are much more synonymous with history. Without them there might be no events. These are personalities who are the movers of history and they never die. They stand immortal throughout the course of history. One, in this age was *Imam Ruhullah Khomeini*.

That *Imam Khomeini* died came as a big shock. It was not expected in spite of profound believe in the naturalty and inevitability of death. But the love for the Imam kept saying that *this great personality will be an exception to the rule of death; that Imam Khomeini will not die*. In our prayers we daily implored Allah: *Oh Allah! Oh Allah! Preserve the life of Khomeini till the arrival of Mahdi*. Thus we found it strange and shocking to bear that the Imam is no more. But is he really dead? No! As long as the history and the legacy left by *Imam* remains and followed the realisation of his beginning, desires and actions, the Imam shall continue to live.

In this age, history of man will not be adequately and correctly written without bold and golden pages dedicated to *Imam Khomeini*, the leader of the Islamic Revolution and founder of the Islamic Republic.

This was a man who changed the cause of history and opened a new way for the man of this age. *Imam Khomeini* did what was considered impossible and demystified the efficacy of wrongly cherished philosophies and ideas. The considered obsolete and insignificant came to be well appreciated and boldly discussed; and it gives energy to the hitherto idle and oppressed people of the world. Today the world has come to accept the reality; that man is not motivated by matter but more by the desire to satisfy his creator. Thanks to *Khomeini*.

Imam Khomeini left this world a satisfied guide and dedicated leader of the oppressed people of the world. And he was full of prayers for us on his death bed. He left not until the message had been well delivered; that Islam has come to free the world from the worship of beings and things created for the complete submission to the Almighty Allah. He has successfully told the world and practically demonstrated that Islam is the message of war against all forms of oppression and injustice. It is a message of freedom and liberation for the oppressed. The leadership of *Imam Khomeini* has clearly demonstrated also that it is indeed possible to establish functioning Islamic states in spite of the present kufr global power structure. What it takes is complete submission to Allah and unreserved determination to commit all sacrifices in the course.

Imam Khomeini's life was one of struggle. He struggled within and without and through his radiating exemplary life, revolutionary Islam now has a global mark, felt far beyond the artificial geographical lines of Iran. It is now truly identified as the message of light against global kufr darkness. And the oppressed, thanks to the indelible words of the *Imam*, can now confidently identify his enemies and friends in the world. He is also equipped with the best way to get freed.

Imam Khomeini has done his duty in the world and perfectly too. His was one torch which lit the path of the Muslim and the oppressed people of the world for a return to Allah and total freedom for the oppressed people. In his will he wrote: *I have done my duty which is to give guidance. Hope is that you will listen to this advice. Here then comes our fears. Will the world listen to the advice of this great leader?*

May we call on the *Ummah* world over, to follow the golden examples of *Imam Khomeini's* great sacrifices, the decisive leadership, the uncompromising stance against oppressors, the steadfastness, the sincerity of purpose and purity intended to revive Islam and liberate the oppressed. We want to see them leading the vanguards for Islamic change in their various countries.

To those who chose to eulogise the splendid achievements of the *Imam* only after his physical demise, we call for true change of heart and dedication to the truth of Islam. Their support for the Islamic Movements world-wide is highly expected. We hope that they will sincerely follow the divine path exemplified by *Imam* for total freedom of the *ummah* from the arrogant imperialist powers.

The enemies in the garb of Islam, especially the Arab reactionary rulers and their ilk in all Muslim countries should not see the death of *Imam Khomeini* as the end of the global Muslim struggle against un-Islamic and anti-Islamic institutions. His death in-sha Allah shall rather invigorate this commitment.

We cannot but be joyed by the quickness with which a new successor, Ayatullah Ali Khamenei, was chosen to lead the Islamic Revolution. This is a permanent death to the global kufr plots and expectations of leadership crisis in Iran. It is also a practical demonstration of the incontestable leadership of the Islamic Republic for the *Ummah* and a bright hope for Islam as a destined global power.

We call on the entire followers and supporters of *Imam Khomeini* throughout the world to give their allegiance and support to Ayatullah Ali Khamenei. His orders must be considered as orders of *Imam Khomeini*. Record shows that Ayatullah Ali Khamenei is *Imam Khomeini's* favoured person for the post. He is also a pious *faqih*, a dedicated servant of the Islamic Revolution and a committed follower of *Imam Khomeini*. This puts on him great task of strict adherence to the lines of the beloved *Imam Khomeini*, which include the global mobilisation of Islamic resources for Islamic Revolution. He is aware that the scope of the *Imam* he succeeds reaches far beyond Iran. It is indeed a great task and we ask Allah to ease it for him.

Finally, we call on the blessed Iran to be extra-vigilant. The enemies consider post-Khomeini Iran a fertile era for the implementation of their global conspiracies against Islam and the oppressed people of the world. Let every Iranian Muslim understand that Iran is the hope of this age and foil all attempts to side-track the cause of the Islamic Revolution. The Muslims out-side Iran will not relent their support for Iran. May Allah assist us to overcome our enemies.

While expressing our condolences to the entire human race over the death of *Imam Khomeini*, we congratulate the Muslim world that a great personality like *Imam Khomeini* was a product of Islam. May his soul rest in peace.

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