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IMAM KHOMEINI (R.A) IDEOLOGY AND WORLD POLITICS.

In every era, the world have had individuals who were figured out among many to reign a top the peak of charismatic borne by the thoughts of such persons, which picked them out among many, as heroes of their age. But, even heroes- themselves-of whatever time or age, knows before hand that among heroes, there were some stand out to be more outstanding.

Similarly, his eminence, the grand Ayatollah Ruhullah al-Musavi-Al-Khomeini, popularly known globally as Imam Khomeini, stands out to be the most outstanding hero this world had from the crusaders period to date. The Imam, as he has been referred to by those whom he had influenced through his purposeful call, was a man of foresight and wisdom.

Born at a period when the Britons were amassing the lands of the world and its resources, thus converting it to be the Queen of England's property in the 1900's the Imam was raised in an environment of spiritualism and belief in the existence of an only deity worthy to be worshipped-Allah. His father Ayatollah Seyyid Mustapha Musavi, being a cleric, was killed at the age of forty-two years by some assassins and left behind the burden of raising the young Khomeini to the child's mother.

Khomeini's mother by name Hajar was described by those who knew her as a faithful woman who was herself the daughter of another renowned cleric. Khomeini's mother and his paternal aunt, Shiba together shouldered the responsibility of bringing up the young Khomeini until at the age of fifteen when Khomeini lost both mother and aunt. But this heaviest, Khomeini never allowed to gain control over him rather it further help strengthen his spiritually and the desire need for Islamic knowledge. After piling introductory studies at home from his senior brother Ayatollah Pasandidah who taught him logic, Arabic grammar and introduced him to other fields of religious subjects, Khomeini left for Arak where a popular center for theological studies was cited, to continue seeking for knowledge. One scholar who had influence over Khomeini was Sheik Abdul Karim Haeri Yazdi who was very much respected in the theological circles in Arak. But when the Arak center was transferred to Qum and on the death of Ayatollah Haeri the young Khomeini had already gathered enough knowledge in the fields of astronomy, philosophy and mysticism, that he was soon to be seen commanding respect among students and scholars of various classes.

However, one outstanding aspect of Khomeini's character impressed those in the

Importantly, the courage with which he laboured to change the dogmatic thinkings of the conservative Ulama to a more radical line of thinking.

Stood out to be his most precious contribution to not only the study circles in Qum and Arak but the entire Muslim world.

From a very early age in life, the young Khomeini surprised well versed scholars in the study circles by his stress on the performance of religious rites by Muslims and putting himself forward to be observed as the case was, with the prophet of Islam, Muhammad (Peace be on Him and his progeny)- and, stated out boldly his abhorrence of tyranny and tyrants. The young Imam stood up to his religious expectations by laying much emphasis on the exposure of the world's tyrants by religious clerics which further helped in bringing respect to the clerics in Qum and other places.

IMAM KHOMEINI (R.A.) VIEW ON SUPERPOWER AND ADVICE TO THE MUSLIM BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN THE WORLD

The leader of the revolution and founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran Imam Khomeini told a large group of visiting officials, among them President Khamenei and Prime Minister Musavi that the Islamic government would not bestow to the superpowers or cowed down by their threats at any cost.

He said the superpowers and especially the United States did not hesitate to describe anti-U.S. governments in the world by such qualifying terms as "savage" or barbaric, when terms uttered by the United States had broad connotations utterly divorces from their literally denotations.

Imam Khomeini said since the victory of the Islamic Revolution the United States had uninterruptly resorted to a policy of intimidation for suppressing the Persian Gulf states and pushing the republic to a compromise on its declared principles.

He said the United State expected that Iran Compromises the very principle whereby it did away with the America presence in Iran would forever seal the doom of the nation and of the revolution.

Addressing himself to the Persian Gulf states, the leader of the Islamic Republic Revolution also warned the Persian Gulf Sheikdoms against being lured into the trap of the United State nothing that any form of reconciliation with us in the name of peace and foe sake of stability in the region or whatever other motive would mean to have agreed to be trampled upon and forever crushed under the boots of a supercilious world power with proven records of tyranny throughout the world.

He said on the surface Washington might promise peace and security to the Persian Gulf Shiaks on such and such conditions, whereas, after the Sheikdoms had met those conditions, they would only find themselves being exploited and humiliated.

Imam Khomeini also bitterly criticized Ronald Reagan for hiding his feeling behind a vincer of political games and labeling the Iranians by such and such terms not because the Iranians were really 'savage' but they were not milk-cows to let the United States milk them.

The Imam said the Iranians had held their ground and successfully survived the tidal waves of the post revolution situation in Iran mainly because they hated to witness the comeback of Americans to Iran and that a change to any alternative policy would doubtless defeat the purpose for which Iran's Muslim people had struggled.

It is undeniable and required no reminder that the great religion of Islam, the religion of divine unity, destroys polytheism, unbelief, idolatry, and self-worship. It is the religion of man's essential nature, which liberates him from the bonds and fetters of material nature and from the temptation of demons in jinn and human form, both in his inner being and in his outward life. It is a religion that provides guidance for conducting the affairs of state and a guide to the straight path, which is neither Eastern nor Western. It is a religion where worship is joined to politics and political activity is a form of worship.

Another duty that must be fulfilled in this vast gathering is to summon the people, as well as Islamic groups to unity, overlooking the differences between the various Muslim groups. Preachers, speakers, and writers must undertake this vital step and attempt to bring into being a front of the oppressed and derived peoples. Such a united front proclaiming the slogan; "La ilaha illa Allah", could then proceed to deliver the Muslims from their servitude to the diabolical powers represented by the foreigners, the imperialists and exploiters, and overcome all their problems on the basis of Islamic brotherhood.

Dear sisters and brothers, in whatever country you may live, defend your Islamic and national honour! Defend fearlessly and unhesitatingly the peoples and countries of Islam against their enemies - America, International Zionism, and all the superpowers of East and West. Loudly proclaim the crimes of the enemies of Islam.

My Muslim brothers and sisters! You are aware that the superpowers of East and West are plundering all our material and other resources, and have placed us in a situation of political, economic, cultural, and military dependence. Come to your sense; rediscover your Islamic identity! Endure oppression no longer, and vigilantly expose the criminal plans of the international bandits headed by America!

Today the first qibla of the Muslims has fallen into the grasp of Israel that cancerous growth in the Middle East. They are battering and slaughtering our dear Palestinian and Lebanese brothers with all their might. At the same time, Israel is casting dissension among the Muslims with all the diabolical means at its disposal. Every Muslim has a duty to prepare himself for battle against Israel.

Today our African Muslim countries are writing beneath the yoke of America imperialism and the foreign powers and their agents. Muslims Africa calls out for help against its oppressors. Now, the philosophy of the hajj contains within it the answer to these cries for help. Our circling the House of God indicates that we seek aid only from God, and our stoning of the pillars is in reality a stoning of demons, whether in jinn or human form. When you cast your stones at the pillars, vow to God that you will expel the superpowers-those demons in human form - from our beloved Islamic land. Today

continents of the globe this message from God: "Refuse all servitude except servitude to God".

O Muslims, followers of the school of *tauhid*, the ultimate reason for all the afflict the Muslim countries is their disunity and lack of harmony, and the secret of future victory will lie in unity and the creation of harmony. There is a verse in which God Almighty says: "Hold fast to the rope of God all together and fall not into disunity" (Qur'an, 3: 103). Holding fast to the rope of God means creating harmony among the Muslims.

In conclusion, I hereby call upon every Muslim here present to fight for the establishment of the truth and dear Nation of Iran, to firmly adhere to the straight divine path bestowed upon them by the All mighty God. All power belongs to ALLAH and every thing is from Him. He is the Lord of their victory and blessings.

I am very happy indeed and thank ALLAH for the entire Iranian representative in Nigeria, both Abuja and Lagos. My best regards goes to my both friends, M.H Ahmadi, cultural counsellor, for the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran and his partner Mustapha Masu'meh, for their moral, academic, entertainment and financial supports-always.

I count much on opportunity given me and my friend Sheik Yusuf Abdul Raheem to present a paper in English for the on - going Imam Khomeini's remembrance day and Unity week. May ALLAH (SWT) bless every one of us.

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