

UNITY WEEK

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We have two importance lectures which we are going to delivered. The founder of the Ahlul bait (A.S.). Islamic Dawah Centre in person of Abdur Rahim Ibn Abdul Azeez and myself, Abdur Rahim Yousuf.

IMAM KHOMEINI (R.A.) ON ISLAMIC UNITY

(1) THE SIGNIFICANCE OF MUSLIM UNITY.

... Islam has been sent forth to unite all the nations be they Arabs, Turks, Persians or otherwise in other to establish a great community called **the Islamic Ummah** in the world, and due to their great numbers no one will be able to dominate the Islamic centers and governments. The superpowers and their subservient lackies in the Islamic countries are planning to divide the Muslim people and want to sever the brotherhood among the Muslims which God, the Most High, has ordained for them. These plans are aimed at separating the Muslims under the pretext of establishing a Turkish nation, a Kurdish nation, an Arab nation and Iranian nation. Also, they have sought to bring about enmity between the Muslim people which is totally against the path decreed by Islam and the Noble Quran. All the Muslims are brothers and equal and none of them are separated from the others. All Muslim should unite under the banner of Islam and monotheism (tawhid)...

(From the Imam's message to the Arab tribesmen of Khuzistan province – December 29, 1980).

... Since the advent of Islam, Muslim scholars and thinkers have directed their efforts towards establishing unity among the Muslims in order that they be one united hand against the non - Muslims. A Muslim, wherever he resides, should promote understanding among other Muslims. Man has been advised by Almighty God in the Noble Qur'an to move towards this path. Also, the noble prophet and the blessed Imams (upon them be peace) have greatly emphasized this matter. Following their advice, the vigilant Muslim Ulama have sought to invite the Muslims to unity and monotheism (tawhid) under the banner of Islam... (From the Imam's message to a group of Pakistani visitors – November 7, 1981).

(a). **The assistance and support of God**

...If all the groups come together [and join hands in Islamic unity] within the framework of Islamic precepts, they will be protected by God [the Almighty]...
(From the Imam's message to members of the Campaign for Reconstruction—June 17, 1981).

(b) **Restoring the glory of Muslims**

... O Muslims of the world who believe in the truth of Islam ! Arise and gather under the banner of Divine unity, monotheism (**tawhid**) and under the shelter of Islamic teachings. Curtail the treacherous hands of superpowers from your countries and their abundant resources. Restore the glory of Islam. Do away with differences and lustful desires. You possess everything...

(From the Imam's message to the Hajj pilgrims—September 12, 1980).

... God willing, all Muslim will become brothers and the sources of corruption will be uprooted from their lands, and their germ of corruption, Israel will be driven out from al-Aqsa Mosque and our Islamic country [Palestine]. God willing ,we will all go to Quds and Perform the prayer of unity there...

[From the Imam's message to the participants of the Quds Congress—August 9, 1980].

© **Victory over the superpowers**

... O Muslims and deprived of the world who are under the domination of the oppressors! Arise and join hands in unity and defend Islam and your own destiny. Do not fear the clamour of the power - wielders because, God willing, this will be the century of the victims of the oppressed over the oppressors and truth over falsehood...
(From the Imam's message to the Hajj pilgrim—September 6, 1981).

(3) **" UNITY OF EXPRESSION", THE KEY TO THE VICTORY OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN**

Do not believe that Iran had arms; Iran's only arms were rocks, clubs and fists. However, its spiritual arms were its faith in religion, its faith in God, Most Blessed, Most High, and its reliance upon the same source of power and the Unity of Expression...
(From the Imam's message to the participants of the Quds Congress – August 9, 1980).

... When the Iranian nation came together, united and observing Islamic brotherhood, the superpowers could not confront them. Thus they went their own way and left [Iran]...
(From the Imam's message to members of the Campaign for Reconstruction – August 18, 1980).

(4). **SOLVING DISCORD – A VICIOUS SCHEME OF THE SUPERPOWERS**

the Islamic or non Islamic countries – and want to separate the Muslim nations from each other. That is why their spokesmen who claim to be Muslim but in fact are in agreement with Zionism, are endeavoring to create disunity among the Muslim brothers. These are political plots designed by the big powers in order to be implemented by their lackies in the Islamic countries...

(From the Imam's message to members of the Campaign for reconstruction – August 18, 1980).

... Those who want to exploit the Islamic countries [for their own benefit], determine the best possible ways of achieve their goals by creating discord and division among them. The agents of the big power do not want unity between Sunnis and Shi'ites to materialize. Notice that in the wake of the declaration of Unity Week by Ayatullah Montazeri with all its value and benefits, a cry resounds from the Hijaz [Saudi Arabia] that commemorating the birth anniversary of the Prophet of Islam (upon him be peace) is a sign of polytheism... (From the Imam's message to the Friday congregation prayer leaders of Bakhtaran and Ilam provinces—December 29, 1981).

... Regarding the origin of the difficulties confronting the Muslims, we acknowledge that due to some hands involve in the matter, the Sunni and Shi'a brothers do not possess the unity they need in order to confront the infidels and the polytheists. These hands continue to be active because many disputes still exist between Pakistan, Indian, Bangladesh and in other region. Obviously, these disputes resulted in the weakness of the Muslims while strengthening the dominators. We expect them (the religious leaders in those countries) to strive hard in their own countries and between the neighbouring government to eliminate their disagreements in order that the Muslims become united against the infidels and polytheists.

The world oppressors want to eliminate Islam so that they can destroy our Islamic virtues. It is not the time to fight among ourselves while the Muslims are entangled with the infidels, polytheists and hypocrites. If the one billion Muslims, with these large countries, were politically organized and united in one front, it would certainly be impossible for the powerful colonizers, to invade their countries... (From the Imam's message to some of the Muslim leaders of Bangladesh – September 9, 1982).

... They (America and other big power) treat all the oppressed nations as if they were lower than animals.

Therefore, if you (regional and other Islamic leaders) do not come together and observe brotherly Islamic unity among yourselves, you will not be able to withstand these oppressive powers whose sole objective is to sap and plunder your resources, the result of which is the current humiliation and poverty of your nations while you remain silent still waiting for Washington to alleviate your plight. Note that these powers would

never be so imprudent and would rather sow discord among us. I have repeatedly cautioned you against disunity and discord...

(From the Imam's message to a group of high - ranking military and civilian officials – March 21, 1983).

...Another point which must necessarily be noted as the world's Muslims and oppressed rise up against international plunderers and world-devourers is that the oppressive powers are implementing their vicious plots either through creation of terror by means of their propaganda loudspeakers, or through their treacherous, native mercenary agents. But if, through their vigilance and unity, nations stand against them, these powers cannot succeed.

There are many examples in this regard and living proof in our own region are nations of Iran and Afghanistan...

(From the Imam's Message to the Hajj pilgrims on the occasion of ' Idul - Adha – September 3, 1983).

5. THE AGENTS WHO CREATE DISCORD

(a) Advocates and agents of the superpowers

...Those who try to sow discord among our Sunni and Shi'ite brothers are, in fact, serving the enemies of Islam and intend to prepare the ground for them to dominate the Muslim. They are pro-American and some of them are even pro-Soviet...

(From the Imam's message to members of the Campaign for Reconstruction – August 18, 1980).

...Let the Sunni brothers in the Islamic countries know that evil agents attached to the great satanic power do not want unity and that which is good for Islam and Muslims. It is necessary that Muslims prevent this and not listen to their hypocritical propaganda...

(From the Imam's message to the Hajj pilgrims – September 12, 1980).

...We would like to have brotherly relations with all the Islamic governments even though they are misled. We encourage them to return and give us their hand in brotherhood. We care for their dignity and respect and loathe to see these governments acting as servants to the U.S. or to the Soviet Union. They (the Islamic regimes) only have to treat their nations favourably and act in accordance with Islamic guidelines, they will then realize that their nations will support and protect them, making them immune to all dangers, as in the case of Iran...

(From the Imam's speech on the occasion of Hajj – August 16, 1983).

...O Muslims of the world! Rely upon the culture of Islam and fight against the west and westoxication. Stand upon your own two feet and assail the eastern and western oriented intellectuals. Seek your own identity. Know that hired intellectuals have brought

Islam, that which has already happened to you will recur...

(From the Imam's message to the Hajj pilgrims – September 12, 1980).

(6) CAUSES OF DISSENSION

(a) Nationalism

...What they (the enemies of Islam) want to prevent is our unification as brothers in faith. They insist that Muslims assume different identities and adhere to different goals wherever they are. One of these identities is labelled 'nationalism' whereby one group of Muslims insists on the promotion of Persian values, while another insists on Arab, Turkish or other values. The idea behind nationalism is to enable every nation and the speakers of various languages to oppose other nations and people who speak different languages.

(b) Racism

...From among the schemes which the planners have devised and which the agents of imperialism are propagating in order to create disunity among the Muslims, is the issue of ethnic superiority and nationalism which the Iraqi government has for years been actively spreading. Some other groups have chosen the same line and have pitted Muslims against each other or have gone to the extent of making them enemies of one another.

© Worldly desires

...Is it not time to put aside our worldly desires and to join hands in unity and drive the enemies of humanity out of the scene and put an end to their disgraceful lives which are full of tyranny and oppression?....

(From the Imam's message to the Hajj pilgrims – September 6, 1981).

(7) FOUNDATIONS OF UNITY

... I hope that at this juncture when the entire world has undergone a profound transformation, when the oppressed people are waking up, and when many of the world's countries have achieved independence from other countries, we, the Muslim nations, if united will constitute the largest population in the world, and possess the largest share of the world's resources and who have great and prominent personalities among ourselves, will readily achieve Islamic Unity under the shelter of Qur'anic teachings. At the same time, we must all unite under the banner of Islam and monotheism (**tawhid**) as our countries are internally independent. We must not allow the agents of the superpowers' to govern our countries and subdue us under their own banner...

(From the Imam's message to the diplomats of Islamic countries – January 25, 1981).

... If, God willing, that unity which is enjoined by Almighty God and his Prophet (upon him be peace) is established among Muslims and the governments of Islamic states,

thus becoming the greatest power in the world. But this has not yet materialized. However, Islamic governments of the region and the neighboring states are indeed able to establish a reserve army of tens of millions and a standing army of over 10 million to defend Islamic states which could surpass all powers.

(8) ELEMENTS FOR ESTABLISHING UNITY

(a) Confronting Zionism

... If, on the Day of Quds, all the Islamic countries and nations uprising and cry out not only for Quds but also for all the oppressed Islamic countries, they would be victorious....

(From the Imam's message to the participants of the Quds Congress –August 9, 1980).

(b) Hajj rituals

...Mecca is a social issue and people from all the Muslim countries are obliged to go there and attend the different gatherings in complete unity. What is the real reason behind this? God does not need our servitude. Rather God, the Most High and Beneficent, desired that people congregate and it is incumbent upon them to discuss the problems confronting Islam...

(From the Imam's message to a group of visiting clergy and orators – November 5, 1980).

...We must destroy the idols through our cries, complaints against injustice, disclosures and through the active participation of Muslims in demonstrations in Mecca. And we must reject evil, the greatest of which is the Great Satan [the U.S.]. In this way we will be able to perform our Hajj according to the pattern presented by Abraham, Muhammad (upon them be peace) and Mahdi (may God hasten his appearance); otherwise it will be said about us that 'there is a lot of noise and talk but few real Hajj pilgrims'... (Ibid).

...The kind of Hajj which Allah, the Most High, has commanded and which Islam has prescribed, is that when Muslims are taking part in this ceremony, they should awaken and unite other Muslims and make them understand why one billion Muslims are still under the domination of the two superpowers?

...Islam has placed much emphasis on alliance and the unity of purpose and expression. It has enjoined people by words and in practice to closely maintain their ranks and has proclaimed certain days for the purpose of solidifying the unit of the people, such as; Ashura and Arba'in (day of the martyrdom of Imam Hussein and the fortieth day following the commemoration of the Imam's martyrdom, observed as days of mourning by the Muslims)...

(Ibid).

short time.

Send our regards to our Iranian brothers and sisters. May God, exalted, grant a favourable end to this struggle for to the Muslims and to Islam.

Yours In Islam

Mallam Abdul Rahim Yousuf

Chief Missionary.

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The founder

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