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Building bridges across a deep divide

Beyond Mischief and Division to Truth and Re-Unification; The New Islamist' Vision Inspirations of Imams Hassan Al Banna and Khomeni

Abstract

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The dynamic movement of the Muslim Brotherhood was born soon after the fall of the Islamic Caliphate in 1924. Imam Al-Banna formulated an ingenious and comprehensive program that sought to establish an authentic Islamic state and society. He dreamt of unity among the Muslim peoples and he nurtured the Islamic personality of the individual.

The Muslim Brotherhood was opposed by the Arab regimes in power and its members suffered many difficulties. The challenges, which included long prison terms at first curtailed the success of the movement.

When the Iranian revolution began, it immediately captured the hearts and minds of the Muslim youth activists of the Brotherhood who were impressed by the knowledge, charisma, and courage of Imam Khomeini and his leadership. The fact that the Iranian people were able to come out in massive support of a spiritual and political revolution rekindled hope anew in the hearts of the youth of the Muslim Brotherhood. The dreams and aspirations of Imam Hassan Al-Banna that were shared by Imam Khomeini, the dream of an Islamic state; were not far off.

However, the Arab regimes, encouraged by some Western nations began to distort the reality of the revolution and to cause schism and conflict between the shia and sunni Muslims. Unfortunately, this campaign succeeded in alienating Muslim Brotherhood support for the Islamic revolution in Iran.

Today, after the overwhelming success of Imam Khomeini's revolution and the establishment of a true Islamic state in Iran, Muslims from all over the world are re-evaluating the attitudes that distanced them from their brothers and sisters in Iran. Now that the affects of the western campaigns of hate and division, Muslim against Muslim separatism and corruption have been identified and dispelled, there is a recognition that there should be no divisions over past injustices committed by those who we understand were outside the Sunni and Shia original schools of thought.

Today, the hearts and minds of the people are ready to accommodate re-unification, and the goals and objectives established for us in the Qur'an and Sunnah of our beloved Prophet (saaws). We can begin to speak of the real unity of the Muslim nation. The