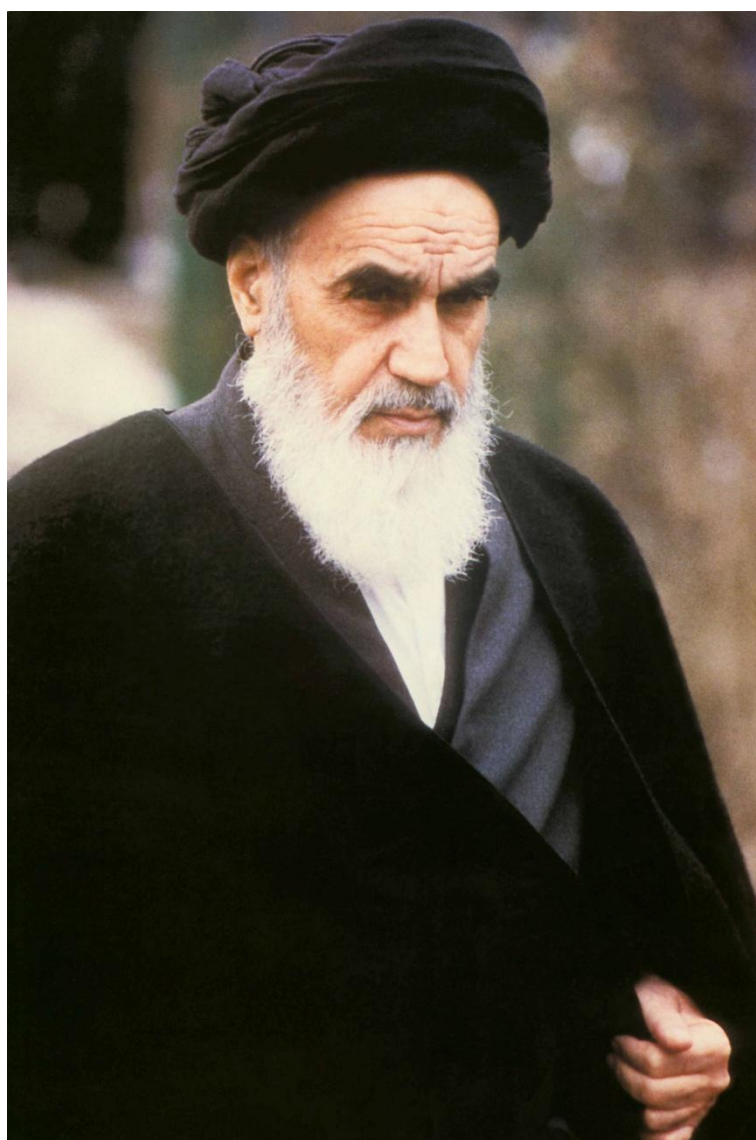


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Preface

The Dynamic Thought of Imam Khomeini (s)

Islam, according to Imam Khomeini is such a religion which has spread its mercies all over horizons of the world. The thought and words of Imam are derived from Qur'an, Hadith and high quality teachings of Islam. Islam is a school of thought which has set a mission of attaining prosperity regarding this world and the world hereafter.

Imam Khomeini with his vast and deep believes that the Muslim societies share the same sufferings and all-out efforts and serious determination is needed for to cure these epidemics. He believes that backwardness of the

Islamic countries in several arenas including economic, industrial, social and cultural is result of exploitation and cruelty of the foreign powers which cannot be compensated without divine movements for awakening of the entire Muslim community including all the Shia and Sunni Muslims .

The victory of the Islamic revolution of Iran, which was outcome of decades of intellectual efforts of Imam Khomeini regarding the arenas of revivalism of religion and reformation of society, became as a symbol and torchbearer for social uprisings and reform movements throughout the world. The evil powers and advocates of denial and blasphemy which are hit hard by Imam Khomeini in contemporary period resorted to material, military and all means in order to prevent the expansion of revolution. However, with grace of God, the almighty their efforts went in vain and produced opposite results and gradually the wave of awakening gradually transformed the Islamic countries one after another. It amounted to such a point as restricting it became impossible .

World is witnessing to great social and political changes in the Muslim countries these days. Imam Khomeini had already given good tidings about these transformations even during the era of silence and unawareness. Although the messages of that great reformist were met with less attention by political and social analysts of those days, but the world is witnessing incredibly that his prophetic predictions has turned true. A

vigorous movement now encounters the world when the youths of nations are throwing the puppets of hegemonic powers into dustbin of history. The Islamic nations are determined to take their destiny in their own hands without influence of any external powers .

But the most important point in this sensitive period is how to protect the achieved victories. A number of knowledgeable and informed people should get together and establish the Council of Experts (for the constitution). You should alert the public opinion to the fact that you should decide on the individuals who are truthful, Muslims and committed to Islam; who believe in the fact that it is this school [of Islam] that is able to make us independent. Decide on this kind of people so that they can go to the Majlis and do whatever is needed with the constitution, following which there will be a referendum and for us to go through this stage, God willing. At this very juncture where we are, there are those who oppose us. Now, my guess is that the very words that you speak have been uttered by someone in your ear without you yourself being attentive to. You said: "Listen! Our medicine has been destroyed; let's go there and lay it out." But now it is not a time for laying something like that out. Now it is not a time for us to sit down and say what condition our medicine is in or what condition our universities are in. They all have their problems. Or, to say what condition our [implementation of] justice is in. All of these should undergo reform. But the time for these is when we find a right government; a time when we can say to the world that this is the country of ours, this is the

system of ours, this is the law of ours, this is the president of ours, and this is the Majlis of ours. It is only then that other nations and the whole world will recognize us as a bona fide system. After that is accomplished, then we can delve into these sundries and see to it and what has happened; see what backwardness we have and what hardships that sinister regime of the past has created for us; they created a hodge-podge and then just walked away.

We wish victory for the Muslims in all aspects of material and spiritual perspectives and put forward some of valuable selected sayings of founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran Imam Khomeini to our readers regarding the latest developments across the Muslim World. So we take some short in this straight and human path and along with shining torch make the way enlighten for seekers of the pure Mohammadan (Peace be upon him) Islam.

God may bless us with success

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FIRST CHAPTER
THE MUSLIM WORLD CAN FOLLOW
THE PATTERN OF ISLAMIC REVOLUTION

All Muslims under influence of the holy movement of Iran

Iran's holy movement is an Islamic movement, and therefore, there is no wonder if all the Muslims in the world are influenced by it.¹

December 31, 1978 [Dey 10, 1357 AHS / Şafar 1, 1399 AH]

Grand revolution, a divine spark for people under repression

The nation of Iran, dear sisters and brothers know that the great revolution of Iran is unique and characterized by

¹ *Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 5, p. 305

* Bibliographic references have been mentioned according to Persian version of *Sahifeh-ye Imam*.

great values, chief among them being its commitment to ideology and the Islamic values for which the grand prophets rose up. It is hoped that this revolution will serve as a divine spark to cause explosion among tyrannized masses, culminating in the dawning revolution of the savior (may our souls be sacrificed for him).¹

August 1, 1981 [Mordād 10, 1360 AHS / Ramaḍān 30, 1401 AH]

Iran set to become a pattern

They do not want Islam and see Iran as the onle country presenting Islam to the world. If Islam is presented to the world, people will accept it and their interests will be at stake. They oppose Iran for this reason, not because of its population or people. They oppose it because it has turned into an Islamic country.²

Morning, March 3, 1984 [Esfand 13, 1362 AHS / Jamādī al-Awwal 29, 1404 AH]

¹ Ibid., vol. 15, p. 62

² Ibid., vol. 18, pp. 373-4

Hope of spreading and shining Islam all over the World

All we want is to implement Islam in all its essence, which is such a sweet fruit, which whoever tastes once will feel an eternal joy; we wish to make Islam and all its very precious contents, which is a light for life, in all ranks and beyond the Muslim countries; that is to say, we wish to spread Islam to countries other than the Muslim ones, and we hope to hoist the banner of Islam throughout the world.¹

August 24, 1979 [Shahrīvar 2, 1358 AHS / Shawwāl 1, 1399 AH]

Hope for spreading of light from Iran to all Islamic countries

I am hopeful that this important juncture of history which has created in Iran will spread its light toward all the Islamic countries and the oppressed of the world. I hope you will experience here such an Islamic country which foundations have been formed on basis of brotherhood. You can see a government which is fundamentally based on love and not on class differences.²

¹ Ibid., vol. 9, p. 328

² Ibid., vol. 11, p. 353

29Azar, 1358 AHS

Hope of hoisting the flag of monotheism all over the World

From here after too by the same firm fist, the same determined will you have, pace this path. God willing, you will establish the Islamic Republic with its true contents gentian with Islamic commandments in Iran and also outside Iran in all the quarters. You will hoist the banner of monotheism in your country and all the countries.¹

January 8, 1980 [Dey 18, 1358 AHS / Şafar 19, 1400 AH]

Hope to implement justice in the World

I hope that the justice under the blessed existence of Islam and the saints has hailed upon humanity we may practice thereon and disseminate it in the world at large. Our nation has had enough of tyranny since 2,500 years and since

¹ Ibid., vol. 12, p. 78

then we have had fifty years of treason and betrayal and theft.¹

May 28, 1980 [Khordād 7, 1359 AHS / Rajab 13, 1400 AH]

Exporting the Islamic revolution to other countries

I hope this uprising go beyond the frontiers and reach of all the Islamic countries. This school is for all the oppressed ones to get rid of the arrogant.²

June 5, 1980, [Khordād 14, 1359 AHS / Rajab 20, 1400 AH]

All Muslim countries will be inspired by Islamic Revolution of Iran

I want to take this opportunity to explain to you some of the characteristics of this Islamic Revolution that has occurred in Iran. We like to see these attributes in other Muslim countries and this movement that has materialized in Iran, expand to take in all Muslim countries and this

¹ Ibid., pp. 365-6

² Ibid., vol. 12, p. 399

revolution spread to all Islamic lands so that the oppressed people of the world stand up to the arrogant powers and obtain their rights. It is important to bear in mind that rights should be taken; they cannot expect the oppressors to grant them their rights .¹

August 12, 1980 [Mordād 21, 1359 AHS / Ramaḍān 30, 1400 AH]

Determination to implement Islam all over the World

However, by God's grace, there are no differences in our Islamic Republic with regard to political and ideological matters of principle. All our officials are determined to crush the enemy until the establishment of pure tawḥīd among all the Muslim nations, so that, in not very distant future, Islam is victorious throughout the world.²

July 28, 1987 [Mordād 6, 1366 AHS / Dhū'l-Ḥijjah 1, 1407 AH]

¹ Ibid., vol. 13, p. 93

² Ibid., vol. 20, p. 332

Influence of Iranian nation throughout the Islamic countries

Our nation will influence the whole Islamic countries and will cause nations to think of relieving from clutches of the East and the West .¹

20 Dey, 1357 AHS

The movement is expanding

Now most nations are with us. Our movement is being expanded and is being absorbed by other nations. These nations, which are themselves under the satanic domination of superpowers, are watching the Iranian nation standing firm against other diabolic powers. These nations are suffering tyrannies of all sorts: Egypt is run by a dictator called Sādāt ; likewise, other nations are, run by other tyrants. Nearly all nations are run by their tyrant governors. When these nations see that Iran could break ties with a super power, albeit through great losses of like, they, too, visualize some ways to terminate the superpowers' hegemony in their lands. These nations will surely succeed.²

¹ Ibid., vol. 5, p. 417

² Ibid., vol. 11, p. 336

December 19, 1979 [Āzar 28, 1358 AHS / Muḥarram 29, 1400 AH]

Hope for shining of the Islam's sun over the East and West

Oh God! Grant strength and power to the nation of Iran that brought honor to Islam in the world and created a model country which it is hoped that the rays of its sun-like radiance shines over the lands to the East and to the West of it and the oppressed of the world triumph over the arrogant oppressors .¹

February 11, 1983 [Bahman 22, 1361 AHS / Rabī‘ ath-Thānī 27, 1403 AH]

Iranian nation, a pattern for the World

I have to thank you, gentlemen, who are present here, as well as those who are not, and all strata of the nation as you are a model nation. And it is hoped that this model

¹ Ibid., vol. 17, p. 328

nation would be a cause for the revolution in Iran to take place further in the world.¹

Morning, March 28, 1987 [Farvardīn 8, 1366 AHS / Rajab 27, 1407 AH]

Setting a pattern of Islam throughout the Muslim World

We want to spread and disseminate Islam all over the world, but not at bayonet point, we would like to do so by inviting all.

We intended to introduce a model, although imperfect, of Islam in the world so that all wise people of the world—excluding those criminal by nature - and all oppressed nations understand what Islam has brought and what it plans to do. What does Islam want to do for the deprived, oppressed and afflicted people to save them. You the Persian Gulf and non-Persian Gulf governments are trying hard to prevent Islam for spreading beyond Iranian borders. However, to your humiliation. It has been able to spread beyond our borders and will do so in the future.²

September 26, 1983 [Mehr 4, 1362 AHS / Dhul-Ḥijjah 18, 1403 AH]

¹ Ibid., vol. 20, p. 241

² Ibid., vol. 18, pp. 157-8

Introducing a real face of Islam

If we say we want to export Islam, it does not mean that we fly planes to attack other countries. We have neither said such a thing nor can we do it. However, what we can do is that we want to present Islam as it is employing the media we command such as the radio and television, the press and the groups going abroad. If it is presented as it is, all will accept. Man's nature is healthy and if something is suggested, one's nature will accept. Moreover, the powerful people are afraid of this concept. Therefore, we have a great duty. No only we alone but also all Muslims, no only you alone but also all social strata in Iran and abroad who are committed to Islam have a great duty. We have a great duty, that is presenting Islam to people, and the world as it is, as ordered by God Almighty and as provided in the narrations and the Qur'an. This can be more effective than thousands of tanks and artillery. That which is accomplished by guidance transforms people's heart. This art is what Islam and its laws can manage and not tanks and artillery. The latter cannot do anything. You see that despite the fact that big powers command those powers, they are suffering defeat in the world every day.¹

Morning, February 28, 1984 [Esfand 9, 1362 AHS /
Jamādī al-Awwal 25, 1404 AH]

¹ Ibid., vol. 18, p. 364

People's attention to Iran

Make sure that if Islam were materialized in Iran as it really is, other countries would follow this procedure one after the other. There are some cases at present. The heads of some countries are trying to stunt such revolutions fearing that our revolution spreads to other areas. Their efforts are exercised in vain since it will spread to other countries. Now those coming from other Islamic countries say that they are looking up to Iran and want to establish an Islamic system in Iraq, Kuwait, Egypt and other parts. If we do the job well that is to install Islam as it is in Iran; other Muslim countries will follow us: besides, we will achieve victory. We want all Muslim countries to be Islamic and Islam to rule over the world or Islamic justice to prevail everywhere.¹

Date: September 30, 1979 [Mehr 8, 1358 AHS / Dhū'l-Qa'dah 8, 1399 AH]

Terrified of the spread of Islamic Republic of Iran

Apart from having lost their interests in Iran—they will be lost forever, God willing—they are afraid that this movement and this revolution will spread abroad and find its way into the other countries. When the people there come to understand what Islam is and realize that they

¹ Ibid., vol. 10, pp. 180-1

want it in their countries, the enemies will fear that these places will become like Iran. They are afraid that their *tāghūtī* regimes will gradually fade away, and, God willing, it will be so¹.

Date: Morning, January 4, 1981 [Dey 14, 1359 AHS / Şafar 27, 1401 AH]

Nations in agreement with Iran

Take note that wherever the power wielders and governments are against us, nations are on our side. Basically, we must think about the people not about governments, because the people and the masses are on the side of truth; because they have been oppressed and do not want to be under the domination of America and the Soviet Union.

As far as propaganda is concerned, we have been down to zero. Besides official tours, we should conduct unofficial tours so as to wake the world up. If we want to export the revolution we should do something so that people themselves can take control of the government. In other words, the third class people should come to power. Only in unofficial tours can you come into contact with the ordinary people in the street and enlighten them. The presence of one like you, without pomp and circumstance,

¹ Ibid., vol. 13, pp.485-6

is more interesting for people and more efficient for the purpose of propaganda¹.

Date: October 14, 1981 [Mehr 22, 1360 AHS / Dhu'l-Hijjah 15, 1401 AH]

This victory communicates through the Islamic countries

Date: July 19, 1979 [Tir 28, 1358 AHS / Sha'bān 24, 1399 AH]

With this faith; with this Revolution and this revolutionary spirit of yours, God willing, you shall triumph and carry the triumph to its final destination; and then God willing, it shall pass on from your own country to foreign countries and the Muslim countries².

The attention of all Muslim countries to Iran

You and all the other Iranians have succeeded in making the illustrious name of this country known to the world over. All the Muslim and non-Muslim countries are now paying attention to you and our dear people. I hope that

¹ Ibid., vol. 15, p. 307

² Ibid., vol. 9, pp. 119-20

this movement and this revolution leads to the appearance of the Master of the Age (*s*). I also hope that the message of this revolution spreads everywhere so that the oppressed (of the world) deliver themselves by taking your path that enabled you to overthrow the enemies of Islam and of the nation, and which will also enable them to prevail over the forces of arrogance¹.

Date: August 16, 1980 [Mordād 25, 1359 AHS / Shawwāl 5, 1400 AH]

Islam's gleam in the world of oppressed

I hope that this movement of Iran will become a role model for the rest of the oppressed nations. It is hoped that God will liberate the world from the hands of the arrogant oppressors and hands it over to the oppressed².

Date: July 16, 1979 [Tīr 25, 1358 AHS / Sha‘bān 21, 1399 AH]

¹ Ibid., vol. 13, p. 492

² Ibid., vol. 9, pp. 119-20

The Movement of Iran, the only hope of the world's oppressed

We always receive reports from abroad and from those who go out of country or from other personalities that we have not understood the depth of what we have accomplished in Iran. All these studies and advances only reflect the superficial aspects of the events. As we are told, we are still unaware how major transformation this revolution has created in all our values. You should know that nations, even those which are not Islamic but are categorized as the oppressed people of the world and are always under the domination of arrogant powers have pinned their hope on the revolution which has taken place in Iran¹.

Date/Time: Morning, June 12, 1982 [Khordād 22, 1361 AHS / Sha‘bān 19, 1402 AH]

The opening windows of light and hope in front of Muslims

Thank God, through the blessings of the Islamic Revolution of Iran, windows of light and hope have been opened in front of Muslims of the world. It will be so when at the spark and lightning of its events, the shower of

¹ Ibid., vol. 16, p. 311

death and annihilation would fall upon the heads of the arrogant powers.¹

Date: July 20, 1988 [T̄ir 29, 1367 AHS / Dh̄u'l-Ḥijjah 5, 1408 AH]

Islamic movement as a threat to reactionary Regimes

Obviously, the sacred Islamic movement, which has endangered the Shāh and is going to eliminate him, is also posing a threat to the reactionary regimes in other Islamic countries. Hence it is natural for them to support the Shāh².

Date: November 23, 1978 [Āzar 2, 1357 AHS / Dh̄u'l-Ḥijjah 22, 1398 AH]

The Voice of Revolution in the Islamic countries

The grand Iranian Revolution is echoing in Islamic and other countries, gaining us much pride. You noble nation have alerted the valiant youth of Islamic states. Let's hope that the glorious flag of the Islamic state will be erected in all corners of the world by your powerful hands. This is

¹ Ibid., vol. 21, p. 90

² Ibid., vol. 5, p. 80

what I implore God Almighty for. May God's peace, mercy and blessings be upon you¹.

Time: November 22, 1978 [Āzar 1, 1357AHS / Dhū'l-Hijjah 21, 1398AH]

Hope to a profound Revolution in face of anti-human world-devourers

However, the Islamic Revolution miraculously continued with its path and enlightened many of the Muslims and oppressed people of the world. It is hoped that a profound public revolution throughout the world finds reality in face of anti-human world-devourers. The Islamic Revolution proceeds powerfully, with its integrity and strength rising and its opponents facing defeat².

Time: March 19, 1983 [Esfand 29, 1360 AHS / Jamādī al-Awwal 24, 1402 AH]

The Universalization of this Movement

Now the reverberations of your movement and your revolution have spread throughout the world. This tide of

¹ Ibid., p. 78

² Ibid., vol. 16, pp. 125-6

your victory has encompassed the whole world. An Iran that was inconsequential in the world gatherings except that it was a member from among the servant members of America, today those who are fair all over the world testify that this Islamic Republic is victorious and it shall continue to be victorious¹.

Date/Time: Morning, October 17, 1982 [Mehr 25, 1361 AHS / Dhūl-Hijjah 29, 1402, AH]

The Manifestation of Islam in the world

Islam has showed a manifestation in the world and the people of the world have been attracted towards the Islamic Republic².

Time: Morning, October 5, 1983 [Mehr 13, 1362 AHS / Dhul-Hijjah 27, 1403 AH]

The Victory of Iranian Muslim Nation as a good example for the world's oppressed nations

The victory of the Iranian Muslim nation will undoubtedly set a good example for the world's oppressed nations,

¹ Ibid., vol. 17, p. 60

² Ibid., vol. 18, pp. 178-9

particularly the Middle Eastern nations, for it shows how a nation could defeat a major power by relying on an Islamic revolutionary ideology¹.

Date: November 6, 1978 [Ābān 15, 1357 AHS / Dhū'l-Ḥijjah 5, 1398 AH]

¹ Ibid., vol. 4, p. 333

SECOND CHAPTER
THE WAKENING FACTOR OF
EVOLUTION

The fear of world governments from the evolution of nations

Our nation has been steadfast in the revolution and been so far victorious. You are reckoned with in the world. In all corners of the world, the governments of the world are afraid that their nations may become like you. So far you have been triumphant. Persevere up to the final victory¹.

Date: September 19, 1982 [Shahrivar 28, 1361 AHS / Dhul-Hijjah 1, 1402 AH]

The Wakening element of evolution

You should endeavor to awaken the nations so that they would be willing to revolt and get ready for all the consequences, like Iran. Those who love their countries and Islam must awaken their nations so that this divine transition that has changed Iran, also moves those nations.

¹ *Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 16, p. 508

Everything will turn out well wherever this change takes place. If such a transformation takes place, there will be no need to fear a few corrupt people occupying the al-Aqṣā Mosque. There would be no reason to fear anymore. But if the Muslim nations split up into numerous antagonistic factions and their governments do not rule according to Islamic tenets, they should not expect to be victorious with such a mentality and such a government¹.

Date/Time: Afternoon, August 9, 1980 [Mordād 18, 1359 AHS / Ramaḍān 27, 1400 AH]

The awakening is the cause of troubles removing

We want what occurred in Iran to happen everywhere. We want this awakening that took place in Iran by which the people distanced themselves from the big powers, and sacrificing themselves cut off the access of these powers to our resources, to take place in all the nations and countries as well, this is our wish. The meaning of exporting our revolution is that all the nations, all the governments should wake up. They should deliver themselves from these troubles and this domination (under the alien powers). They should put an end to this destruction of their resources because of which they are living in poverty².

¹ Ibid., vol. 13, pp. 90-1

² Ibid., p. 281

Date: October 20, 1980 [Mehr 28, 1359 AHS / Dhū'l-Hijjah 10, 1400 AH]

Realization of Islamic objectives in the world

Muslim scientists and experts to formulate and present creative schemes and programs to replace the unwholesome economic order that prevails throughout the Muslim world, taking into account the interests of the deprived and the destitute, so that the world's oppressed and Muslims are relieved of distress and poverty.

However, realization of Islamic objectives, especially its economic goals in the world, and counteracting the sick economic system of western capitalism and that of eastern communism, is not possible without realization of the sovereignty of Islam in all aspects¹.

Date: July 28, 1987 [Mordād 6, 1366 AHS / Dhū'l-Hijjah 1, 1407 AH]

The transfer of Islam to other nations

And an Islamic government, as ordained by Islam, is set up; not the kind that materialism wants. If the kind that

¹ Ibid., vol. 20, p. 328

Islam has defined is, God willing, realized, it will bring prosperity to this nation and will also spread to all the other countries, God willing¹.

Date: July 3, 1979 [T̄ir 12, 1358 AHS / Sha‘bān 8, 1399 AH]

The uprising of Islamic nations

It is not time for Islamic nations to rise up and humble their leaders before the dignity of Islam or treating them as Iran did. Are the so-called Islamic governments asleep and unaware that nowadays the situation of people is different from the past? Do not they want to understand that eyes and ears have opened and subterfuges of eastern and western mold have lost their force? Do not they know or see that Islamic Revolution has been exported or is on the verge of being exported and that with confirmation of God almighty the flag of Islam will be hoisted across the world in not too distant future by the Islamic nations as well as the oppressed people who thirst for Islamic justice²?

Time: February 11, 1984 [Bahman 22, 1362 AHS / Jamādī al-Awwal 8, 1404 AH]

¹ Ibid., vol. 8, p. 399

² Ibid., vol. 18, p. 331

The launch of enemies' propaganda in the fear of Islam's transfer

Our people are committed conscious and will not be impressed by evil propaganda launched by the opponents of Islam in all foreign countries. I hope that these propaganda operations will not produce any effect on other nations. These propaganda campaigns have been launched against our country because they are afraid that this revolution may find its way into other places. I hope that nations will wake up and notice that all these propaganda ploys are meant to stifle Islam right here and not to let Islam find reality in other places as it is and in the sense of “neither East nor West¹.”

Date: September 1, 1981 [Shahrīvar 10, 1360 AHS / Dhu'l-Qa'dah 2, 1401 AH]

The awakening state of Muslim nations as a threat to USA

They spend most of their time to destroy the Islamic Republic.

As it was clear in these writings and statements, the US president had said that they should do something to end this war, because it was no longer in the interest of the US. You see! What sort of confession is this that a president of

¹ Ibid., vol. 15, p. 148

a country, a superpower country as it is called, makes such a confession that this war has been in the interest of the US so far. It was because the war was to disturb the Islamic Republic. Now, that they see that there was nothing they could do and that the Islamic Republic may grow into a great power and other Muslim countries might be awakened, which is a threat to the US, and is no longer in the interest of the US. Now, it has requested all people in charge to come together to stop the war and make peace¹.

Time: April 2, 1983 [Farvardīn 14, 1361 AHS / Jamādī ath-Thānī 8, 1402 AH]

No event occurs in any region without influencing other regions

In today's world, no event occurs in any region without influencing other regions. However, the level of acceptance of the people in other places depends on their own awareness and preference².

Date: November 10, 1978 [Ābān 19 AHS / Dhū'l-Ḥijjah 9, 1398 AH]

¹ Ibid., vol. 16, pp. 167-8

² Ibid., vol. 4, pp. 433-4

We will transfer all of our experiences to the world

This is the experience that we shall export, and transfer these results of the struggle against oppressors to other fighters of the way of righteousness, without in the least expecting anything from them in return. Undoubtedly, the outcome of such a transfer of revolutionary know-how would bring nothing less than the blossoms of victory, independence and implementation of the laws of Islam for the enslaved nations.

All Muslim intellectuals, with full consciousness and awareness, should set out on a mission of transforming the worlds of capitalism and communism, journey which is full of ups and downs. All freedom fighters, with insight and eloquence should demonstrate to the oppressed people of the Third World the procedure of hitting the big powers and the superpowers in the face, especially the United States of America.

I declare with confidence that Islam will humble the superpowers and strip them away of their honor and dignity. Islam will remove all the big obstacles in its way, within and without its frontiers, and one by one it will capture all the key positions throughout the world¹.

Date: July 28, 1987 [Mordād 6, 1366 AHS / Dhū'l-Ḥijjah 1, 1407 AH]

¹ Ibid., vol. 19, p. 325

We will extend our school of thought in the Islamic countries

We have been under the pressure of superpowers for centuries; now, we are liberated and headed for a bright future. This is the excellence of our nation. We do not see excellence and progress in filling our stomachs with food. We see eminence and elevation in the advancement of our religion. We are happy to declare that we are now advancing our school of thought. How can one claim that are we deteriorating? They see excellence in the filling the stomachs, but man is not a beast. He is a human being; a human being who observes and respects al human issues¹.

Date: November 26, 1979 [Āzar 5, 1358 AHS / Muḥarram 6, 1399 AH]

Hope to disseminate Islamic justice in the world

I hope that the justice under the blessed existence of Islam and the saints has hailed upon humanity we may practice thereon and disseminate it in the world at large. Our nation has had enough of tyranny since 2,500 years and since then we have had fifty years of treason and betrayal and theft².

¹ Ibid., vol. 11, p. 129

² Ibid., vol. 12, pp. 365-6

Date: May 28, 1980 [Khordād 7, 1359 AHS / Rajab 13, 1400 AH]

Taking the peaceful sleep from the eyes of world-devourers

It is out of question that Khomeinī should ever remain silent before the assaults of the devilish polytheists and the infidels who violate the sanctity of the Holy Qur'an, that of the Prophet's progeny the people of the Prophet (*s*) and the followers of Abraham, the *Ḥanīf* ('*a*) and stay a passive observer of the scenes of humiliation and contempt of Muslims. Let the superpowers and their stooges rest assured that even if Khomeinī were to be left alone on this path, he will continue to struggle against apostasy, injustice, polytheism and idolatry. With God's assistance and alongside volunteers from the Muslim world and the barefooted ones who drive the tyrants mad, I will deny be world devourers and their agents, who insist on continuing their injustice and oppression sleep and peace¹.

Date: July 28, 1987 [Mordād 6, 1366 AHS / Dhū'l-Ḥijjah 1, 1407 AH]

¹ Ibid., vol. 20, pp. 318-9

The meaning of exporting our revolution is that all the nations, all the governments should wake up

When we say that our Revolution should be exported everywhere, it should not be misunderstood that we want to conquer countries. We consider and regard all the Islamic countries as our own. We want them to be in their own places. We want what occurred in Iran to happen everywhere. We want this awakening that took place in Iran by which the people distanced themselves from the big powers, and sacrificing themselves cut off the access of these powers to our resources, to take place in all the nations and countries as well, this is our wish. The meaning of exporting our revolution is that all the nations, all the governments should wake up. They should deliver themselves from these troubles and this domination (under the alien powers). They should put an end to this destruction of their resources because of which they are living in poverty¹.

Date: October 20, 1980 [Mehr 28, 1359 AHS / Dhū'l-Hijjah 10, 1400 AH]

The meaning of Revolution exporting is to reconciling the governments with their nations

When we say that we want the Islamic Revolution to spread to other nations; not just to Muslim nations but to

¹ Ibid., vol. 13, p. 281

all those countries where the oppressive governments are against the deprived people, we mean that we would like to bring about a situation whereby the government does not behave ruthlessly and murderously, and the like with the people, and the people are not the government's enemies. We want to reconcile the governments with their nations. If the governments study Iran's present situation and observe the nation's relations with the government, I do not think that they will remain unaffected¹.

Date: August 12, 1980 [Mordād 21, 1359 AHS / Ramaḍān 30, 1400 AH].

The mission of Islam's Ulema

We retain our independence and freedom and hope that rays of the independence and freedom reach the entire world and the world-oppressed people will be liberated from the domination of arrogant powers. This is something that should be accomplished by '*ulamā*' of Islam².

Time: Morning, May 13, 1984 [Ordībehesht 23, 1363 AHS / Sha'bān 11, 1404 AH]

¹ Ibid., pp. 95-6

² Ibid., vol. 18, p. 429

The real Islam; the element of awareness

They should know and impart the authentic Islam. Awaken and inform the Islamic nation; inform them of the contrast between the Islam of God's Messenger and His *awliyā'* and the feigned Islam of Mu'āwiyah and the usurper and unjust governments of the satellite states of imperialism, which feed the people with televisions, radios and ministries; make the world aware that the Islam, which the surrogate governments are speaking of and with which they hold conference in the name of Islamic unity, is a forged and coined Islam of the 'Umayyad and 'Abbāsid rulers, which has been created to compete with the Qur'an and the lofty precepts of the Great Prophet of Islam. Thus, we can now see that the imperialists and those who used to raise the Qur'an in their hands and say: "So long as this Qur'an is prevailing among the Muslims, we cannot control them," are supporting such kind of Islam and Islamic unity so as to misguide the nation of Islam; make the Holy Qur'an obsolete; extinguish the religion of God; and pave the way for the realization of their wicked motives and imperialist objectives¹.

Date: March 15, 1973 [Esfand 24, 1351 AHS / Safar 9, 1393 AH]

¹ Ibid., vol. 2, p. 478

Awakening and tending to Islam

The widespread propaganda of the Western and Eastern governments over the years has deceived these Muslim nations and they think that the progress of the weak governments lies in their inclination towards one of the two superpowers. But when they tilted towards any one of them, they realized after some time that they don't do anything other than captivating them, taking their reserves and plundering their resources. In our time, our nation has realized that the Shāh, due to his ties with the West, particularly the United States, as well as with the Soviet Union, has squandered our resources; he has also wasted our human resources. The Iranian nation has also realized that the widespread crimes the Shāh commits are due to his ties with the superpowers. Hence our nation rose up and other countries, including the Islamic countries, have realized this bitter truth and by studying their history, they have discerned that all the problems the nations face have been created by the superpowers. Hence, they have inevitably turned their back to the superpowers. But Islam fulfils all the aspirations of man in a suitable manner and the Islamic rules—economic, political, cultural and spiritual rules—are profound and anybody who pays attention to them becomes inclined towards them. After years of ignorance, the Muslims have now awakened to some extent and pay some attention to Islam. It is hoped that their attention to Islam is enhanced and they recognize Islam as it is. If they know Islam properly, they will absolutely give up their inclinations towards the East and

the West and would sacrifice their lives for the implementation of the Islamic laws¹.

Date: January 9, 1979 [Dey 19, 1357 AHS / Şafar 10, 1399 AH]

The establishment of great Islamic government

I hope that all Islamic nations will wake up and stand united against all the propaganda and activities that foreigners had undertaken to disperse them and pit them against one another. I hope they will establish a great Islamic government under the banner of “There is no God but Allah” and make this government prevail all over the world².

Date: February 25, 1979 [Esfand 6, 1357 AHS / Rabī‘ al-Awwal 27, 1399 AH]

The link between Islamic governments

I implore God to awaken all the nations and governments and to unite all the Islamic people and governments

¹ Ibid., vol. 5, pp. 405-06

² Ibid., vol. 6, p. 234

together so that the superpowers would not be able to prevail over them and take away their resources¹.

Date: Afternoon, April 24, 1979 [Ordibehesht 4, 1358 AHS / Jamādī al-Awwal 26, 1399 AH]

An endeavor to return the glory of Muslims

Muslims must be fully alert. This is not a period in which the Muslims could benefit from living individually in different spots and having their own special style of life in that region. This is neither proper nor beneficial. This is quite pernicious at a time when the big powers are seeking an opportunity to swallow us. Muslims should wake up from their deep slumber. I am disappointed with most of the governments. But the nations should take refuge in Islam and the dominance of Qur'an. Thank God, Muslims constitute a population of about one billion and they have got very rich countries. The Muslims themselves are very potent but the erroneous propaganda that is in effect since a few centuries ago and the influence that has crept into the universities and other training places where the sons of the Muslims receive their education, have all made the Muslims feel depressed, hopeless and helpless. They have lost themselves. So Muslims should endeavor to regain their glory².

¹ Ibid., vol. 7, p. 118

² Ibid., vol. 12, pp. 318-9

Date: May 20, 1980 [Ordībehesht 30, 1359 AHS / Rajab 5, 1400AH]

Self-esteem; the main element of awakening

We must realize that we are something ourselves and that the Muslims, too, are an entity possessing personality and the ability to do things by themselves. Until we do not want to do anything, we will not be able to do it, and until we do not wake up, we will not want to do anything. We had been kept in a state of unawareness and oblivion¹.

Date: Before noon, January 19, 1981 [Dey 29, 1359 AHS / Rabī‘ al-Awwal 12, 1401 AH]

Congratulation on the Muslim's awakening

The day on which our oppressed nation as well as the other oppressed nations will succeed in gaining freedom from the world-devourers will prove to be an auspicious one. The day on which all the nations of the world will take the reins of their destinies into their own hands! And when all the governments wake up and see that despite all our manpower and our vast lands and great natural resources we have not acted according to the commands of

¹ Ibid., vol. 13, p. 532

Islam which fosters a pact of brotherhood among all the Muslims of the world and invites all of us to cling on to the “rope of God” [*ḥabl Allāh*] and to follow the path of Islam.

And I wish that in this new year, too, our nation and our government, and all our officials and the personnel of our armed forces and our statesmen, all share brotherly relations. The Holy Qur’an refers to this great blessing as the “blessing of brotherhood” which protects the *ummah* from all kinds of problems. I am hopeful that this spirit of mutual brotherhood prevails throughout this New Year and that everyone cooperates in forwarding the interests of the country and in severing the hands of the big powers from their country. I wish that all the world Muslims pay heed to the verses of the Glorious Qur’an that stress upon the unity of the Muslims, inviting them to cling to the “*ḥabl Allah*” which truly is Islam. And I hope that they shall all unite propitiously under the banner of Islam and under the luminous commands of God Almighty and succeed in severing the hands of the big powers that do not care for anything but their own interests, plundering off the resources of the weak nations. I also wish that the Islamic nations and the Islamic governments strive toward unity, brotherhood, and equality¹.

Date: March 21, 1981 [Farvardīn 1, 1360 AHS / Jamādī al-Awwal 14, 1401 AH]

¹ Ibid., vol. 14, pp. 226-7

Inviting to brotherhood and unity

If the Muslims of the world waken up from their slumber and get united with each other, no power can threaten them. Iranian authorities have always invited them to brotherhood and unity at any opportunity¹.

Date: June 5, 1982 [Khordād 15, 1361 AHS / Sha‘bān 12, 1402 AH]

The international ruffians

Muslims should think out a way and wake up; otherwise, they are international ruffians and will not let the world be in peace².

Time: Morning, December 7, 1983 [Āzar 16, 1362 AHS / Rabī‘ al-Awwal 2, 1404 AH]

Subordination to the nations

All Islamic nations must rise up and take the straight path. All governments must return and be subordinate to their nation¹.

¹ Ibid., vol. 16, p. 293

² Ibid., vol. 18, p. 240

Date: October 9, 1981 [Mehr 17, 1360 AHS / Dhu'l-Hijjah 10, 1401 AH]

You are nothing in the face of nation.

These countries should push this idea out of their mind just as they did before. They should do it now. That is to say, they should value their nations. What right does a Shaykh, a president, a king to govern a country and sacrifice a country for the interests of Israel? Governments should wake up. By passing this plan, they are burying themselves alive. From now on, the idea should not cross their mind that “we are government and nation has nothing to do with state affairs.” You are nothing in the face of people. It is the people who should get things approved².

Date/Time: Before noon, November 16, 1981 [Ābān 25, 1360 AHS / Muḥarram 19, 1402 AH]

The enemies movement against Islam

As I have time and again warned of the danger if the Islamic nation does not wake up and become aware of its responsibility; if the '*ulamā*' of Islam do not feel the sense

¹ Ibid., vol. 15, p. 286

² Ibid., p. 372

of responsibility and act; if the authentic Islam which is the cause of unity and movement of all Muslim schools of thought vis-à-vis the foreigners and the guarantor of supremacy and independence of the Muslim nations and Islamic countries remains hidden in the hands of the agents and lackeys of the foreigners under the dark curtain of imperialism and kindles the fire of differences and discord among the Muslims, then more dismal and ominous days are lying ahead for the Islamic society and a menacing threat is posing against the foundation of Islam and the ordinances of the Qur'an.

Overt and covert onslaughts of the enemies of Islam and the international aggressors against the Glorious Qur'an and liberating teachings of Islam extensively continue from every direction. Many of the governments of Muslim countries, as a result of self-alienation or as a mission, are the executors of their sinister and treacherous plans. Whether those who render lip service to Islam, organize conferences in the name of Islam or those who cancel Islam as the official religion in the Islamic countries—wittingly or unwittingly, all of them are threading the same path and that is the implementation of the sinister and imperialist motives of the enemies of Islam who want to perpetuate this deplorable condition of the Islamic society¹

Date: March 15, 1973 [Esfand 24, 1351 AHS / Şafar 9, 1393 AH]

¹ Ibid., vol. 2, p. 488

Worrying about the destiny of Islamic countries

We cannot consider ‘Arabs and their destiny as separate from us. Similarly, we cannot consider their destiny as separate from ours either. Everywhere is Islam and we are all Muslims and we are part of them; therefore we are all duty-bound to preserve Islam everywhere. We are duty-bound to guide as much as we can¹.

Date/Time: Before noon, November 16, 1981 [Ābān 25, 1360 AHS / Muḥarram 19, 1402 AH]

¹ Ibid., vol. 15, p. 370

THIRD CHAPTER
CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

West and East's interests to be in danger

No matter what the east and west may say, we will continue with our own way. I hope we can reach the destination. They are, of course, angry because of losing their interests in this country. They fear lest their interests be curtailed in other countries. That is why they are always engaged in hatching plots against us. Expectantly, God Almighty will foil all their plots¹.

Time: Morning, March 21, 1984 [Farvardīn 1, 1363 AHS / Jamādī ath-Thānī 17, 1404 AH]

Separation as a block to Muslim's dependence

You are all people of Islam and obey the Prophet of Islam and the holy Qur'an. You have common deceitful enemies who work to create discord through their wretched agents and false propaganda through their mass media

¹ *Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 18, pp. 395-6

apparatuses in the course of history, particularly in the recent century and especially in our age. They have enslaved all Islamic governments and nations and plundered their rich resources and the toils of the innocent people of your countries. They plan to bring governments under their control to serve them blindly. These subservient governments also act according to the dictates of their masters to lead their people towards consumerism, barring them from human development and industrial initiative using different satanic tricks and making the innocent people dependent on the West or East. They strip people of any opportunity to be independent and innovative, suffocating any call aimed to awaken the nations. The abject condition you observe in Islamic countries and other downtrodden countries stems from the plots of the common enemies of Islam and the oppressed people¹.

Date: August 16, 1985 [Mordād 25, 1364 AHS / Dhu'l-Qa'dah 28, 1405 AH]

Eastern rich reserves

There are many oil reserves in the East; in Kuwait for example, or the Hijāz, or in Iran. Yes, here the reserves are so great that all of these foreigners have their eyes fixed

¹ Ibid., vol. 19, p. 340

on them, and they are just being allowed to take them away free of charge¹.

Date: October 13, 1978 [Mehr 21, 1357 AHS / Dhū'l-Qa'dah 10, 1398 AH]

The world of Islam, the greatest power

If the Islamic countries, with a total population of approximately one billion people, and with the huge resources that they possess, somehow unite, they shall become the biggest power².

Date: May 13, 1979 [Ordībehesht 23, 1358 AHS / Jamādī ath-Thānī 16, 1399 AH]

The richness of Muslims

You, Muslims, have plains, vast seas and very large countries. You are rich. In spite of your being rich most of your needy people are living in poverty. This is because you are not in line with Islam. The properties of Muslims that should be spent to the advantage of Muslims, are

¹ Ibid., vol. 3, p. 518

² Ibid., vol. 7, p. 272

given by you to non-Muslims, and that, too, at a trivial price¹.

Date: October 20, 1980 [Mehr 28, 1359 AHS / Dhū'l-Hijjah 10, 1400 AH]

Concerning about the ignorance of Muslims

When our governments, Muslim nations, will open their eyes to realities? Do they not understand? Do they understand but take it for granted? If they do not understand, they are requested to pay attention to the issues and see where all misfortunes come to the Muslim nations. They need to understand the pain of the Muslims that allows the plundering of their treasuries and their living in poverty? They took oil away and our nation became poor. Such is the case everywhere. When do the Muslims and their governments want to wake up? When do they want to put aside their personal interests and enmities and serve their nation²?

Date: May 20, 1979 [Ordībehesht 30, 1358 AHS / Jamādī ath-Thānī 23, 1399 AH]

¹ Ibid., vol. 13, p. 279

² Ibid., vol. 7, pp. 392-3

The ignorance of Islamic governmental authorities

I am deeply distressed about the general situation of the Muslim countries, and especially about the situation in Iran. The Muslim governments, whether led by Muslim kings, Muslim presidents or prime ministers, under the influence of imperialism are ignorant of the aims of the Islamic religion. They are not aware of Islamic affairs. They do not want to be aware of the Islamic laws. They cannot, in their present situation, be aware of what Islam has brought for humanity and to what heights mankind will reach if the tenets of Islam are obeyed¹.

Date: September 9, 1964 [Shahrīvar 18, 1343 AHS / Jamādī al-Awwal 2, 1384 AH]

The great responsibility of Islamic authorities

Islam is now in your hands. The heads of Islam, the kings of Islam, the presidents and the shaykhs of Islam, those who have leadership in Islam should realize that God, the Blessed and Exalted, has given them this leadership and now they have a responsibility².

Date: November 14, 1965 [Ābān 23, 1344 AHS / Rajab 20, 1385 AH]

¹ Ibid., vol. 1, pp. 373-4

² Ibid., vol. 2, p. 30

The lack of maturation of the governments

What is regrettable is the lack of maturity of the governments and community leaders who, owing to the machinations of foreign powers, rise to confront one another¹.

Date: September 26, 1976 [Mehr 4, 1355 AHS / Shawwāl 1, 1396 AH]

The responsibilities of the Islamic governments

You the leaders of governments must pursue this Islamic objective and shun hostility and antagonism with your brothers. The responsibilities of Islamic governments at the court of the potent God and at the court of nations are very great. Islamic governments must cut off relations with Egypt for the great betrayal of it of Islam and the Muslims and put it in its rightful place².

Date: April 30, 1979 [Ordībehesht 10, 1358 AHS / Jamādī ath-Thānī 3, 1399 AH]

¹ Ibid., vol. 3, p. 172

² Ibid., vol. 7, p. 170

The crimes of Islamic authorities

Likewise, the heads of the Muslim countries, though we are Muslims, yet in the name of Islam there is no crime that they do not commit. You already witnessed that Muḥammad-Riḍā used to demonstrate his attachment to Islam. He got the Holy Qur'an printed. He even claimed his commitment to Islam. But irrespective to that, he behaved with Islam in a way all of you did witness¹.

Date: January 5, 1980 [Dey 15, 1358 AHS / Şafar 16, 1400 AH]

Dependence to superpowers

Unfortunately, it is evident that all the woes that we have experienced from long ago up to now have been the result of our internal quarrels; of the Islamic governments—of course, I mean the governments of the Muslim countries, and not Islamic governments. These governments are in no way Islamic. How can I call Iraq's government an Islamic government? How can I call Egypt's government an Islamic government? These governments of Muslim nations are working against the Iranian Muslims who have risen up against the United States and the Soviet Union. They set up military bases for the United States to attack the Muslims. How can we consider *Sādāt* who builds bases for America and invites it

¹ Ibid., vol. 12, p. 38

to attack Iran, an Islamic country, a Muslim? And how can we consider the Iraqi government an Islamic government when it sends weapons to Iran (for the rebels) and constantly carries out incursions into our country and works for the United States?¹

Date: August 6, 1980 [Mordād 15, 1359 AHS / Ramaḍān 24, 1400 AH]

Practice what is preached

I am hopeful that the Muslims and especially the Muslim leaders will go beyond mere lip-service to Islam—which is a cover-up for not abiding by Islamic principles—and will instead contemplate and act upon the true message of Islam².

Time/Date: Morning, March 1, 1981 [Esfand 10, 1359 AHS / Rabī‘ ath-Thānī 23, 1401 AH]

Complaining about the heads of Muslim states

We do not expect them to be otherwise, but we complain about the heads of Muslim states; we should shout at those who present themselves as followers of Islam while act in ways contrary to the text of the glorious Qur’an, the tradition of the great prophet (ﷺ) and the interests of their

¹ Ibid., vol. 13, pp. 73-4

² Ibid., vol. 14, p. 161

own countries. The problem of Muslims is the governments ruling over them and the disputes existing among them have been triggered by these governments¹.

Date: December 16, 1981 [Āzar 25, 1360 AHS / Şafar 19, 1402 AH]

The heads of the countries humiliating the nations

I advise the rulers of the Persian Gulf states not to invite further indignity for themselves and their people for the sake of an agent who is politically, militarily and economically bankrupt. I recommend them not to disclose their weakness further by seeking shelter under American protection and not to ask the wolf's assistance to protect their own interests. The moment their interests require, the superpowers will not hesitate to sacrifice these governments and their other old and loyal friends. For them, friendship and enmity, service and loyalty have no intrinsic value or worth. Their sole criterion is their interests and they do not conceal it. In fact, it will be good if some of the slavish heads of the Muslims states ask their masters—the gods of power, wealth and deceit—not to speak so often of their interests in the Persian Gulf².

¹ Ibid., vol. 15, p. 438

² Ibid., vol. 20, pp. 328-9

Date: July 28, 1987 [Mordād 6, 1366 AHS / Dhū'l-Ḥijjah 1, 1407 AH]

The disputes among the heads of Muslim states

The present differences between the heads of the Muslim states—that is, a legacy of feudalism and the age of savagery and has been created by the hands of foreigners aimed at holding the nations backward—has deprived them of the opportunity to contemplate on their interests. The spirit of disappointment and despair that has been injected on the nations and even on the Muslim leaders by the hands of imperialism has prevented them from thinking of a solution¹.

Date: November 19, 1969 [Ābān 28, 1348 AHS / Ramaḍān 8, 1389 AH]

Disputes, the origin of troubles

The Muslims must be a single hand against all the oppressors. And I hope that with the unity of expression between we and you that is by the grace of God present, and with unity of expression with the rest of the strata of Muslims and especially the Muslim governments, it shall

¹ Ibid., vol. 2, p. 253

result in the elimination of our sufferings and your sufferings and the sufferings of the rest of the strata of Muslims.

We know and so do the Muslims; rather the important Muslim governments also; everybody knows that what we have got and inherited are two problems. One is the problem between the governments themselves that unfortunately they have not been able to resolve as yet and that problem is the differences between themselves, and that they know that the source of all the sufferings of the Muslims are these differences; and we also have been counseling on this subject since approximately twenty years; we have repeatedly written, spoken and called upon the leaders of the governments to maintain this unity; but unfortunately, so far it has not been achieved¹.

Date: September 15, 1979 [Shahrīvar 24, 1358 AHS / Shawwāl 23, 1399 AH]

Rich resources; but, poverty and misery

The nations which, with enormous populations, vast lands, precious natural sources, a very brilliant history and culture as well as heavenly laws, under the bondage of imperialism, are dying of hunger, are entangled in

¹ Ibid., v. 9, pp. 546-7

nakedness, poverty, misery and backwardness, and are waiting for their death¹.

Date: November 19, 1969 [Ābān 28, 1348 AHS / Ramaḍān 8, 1389 AH]

Attending to Quran instructions

If only the Islamic countries and Muslim nations—instead of relying on the Eastern and Western Blocs—relied on Islam, set before their eyes the luminous and deliverance-bestowing teachings of the Holy Qur'an, and acted upon them, today they would not have been victims of the Zionist aggressions, be frightened by the American Phantom (jets) and subdued by the compromising inclination and Satanic trickeries of the Soviet Union.

The Muslim governments' drifting away from the Holy Qur'an has brought the nation of Islam to this gloomy and deplorable condition, and subjected the fate of the Muslim nations and countries to the compromising politics of the left and right imperialists².

Date: August 8, 1972 [Mordād 17, 1351 AHS / Jamādī ath-Thānī 28, 1392 AH]

¹ Ibid., vol. 2, p. 253.

² Ibid., vol. 2, pp. 438-9

The plots of imperialists of the Muslim world

In a bid to eradicate the foundation of the Holy Qur'an and the liberating teachings of Islam, the plots of imperialists are underway, which are somehow to be carried out any time¹.

Date: March 14, 1972 [Esfand 23, 1351 AHS / Şafar 8, 1393 AH]

Misunderstanding; the main element of troubles

Muslims have a population of about one billion, and are endowed with huge resources and have vast territories in their possession; and unfortunately, because they were not able to come to a consensus among themselves, and the hands of treachery has prevented them from being united and having unity of expression, their resources were taken away and they were able to dominate and rule over them².

Date: April 25, 1979 [Ordībehesht 5, 1358 AHS / Jamādī al-Awwal 27, 1399 AH]

¹ Ibid., vol. 2, p. 482

² Ibid., vol. 7, p. 124

The disunity of Muslims

Until now, the oppressed were disunited and with disunity, nothing can be achieved¹.

Date: August 17, 1979 [Mordād 26, 1358 AHS / Ramaḍān 23, 1399 AH]

The main problem of Muslims

Quds is not the only problem of the Muslims. It is one of the problems that Muslims have. Isn't [the situation in] Afghanistan a problem for the Muslims? Isn't Pakistan a problem of the Muslims? Isn't Turkey a problem of the Muslims? Isn't Egypt a problem? Isn't Iraq a problem of the Muslims? We must figure out what the source of the problems of all Muslims is, and how they should be resolved. Why are Muslims all over the world under pressure from governments and the superpowers? We must find the solution in order to acquire the secret of victory and free Quds, Afghanistan and all other Muslim lands.

The problems of the Muslims are because of their governments. The governments are responsible for the miseries of Muslims. The Muslims themselves are not to blame. They can solve their problems if left to their own devices; however, the problem is the governments. If you

¹ Ibid., vol. 9, p. 280

consider all the Muslim countries, you would rarely come across an instance in which the problems have not been caused by the governments. The governments have caused the problems as the result of their ties with and allegiance to the superpowers of the West and East. Thus if these governments be disposed of, the problems would be solved. And it is up to the Muslims to accomplish this¹.

Date/Time: Afternoon, August 9, 1980 [Mordād 18, 1359 AHS / Ramaḍān 27, 1400 AH]

Warning of the danger facing Islam and the Muslims

This is a danger the Muslims are facing. I am sounding a warning about the danger threatening the Muslims and Islam considering the position taken by the governments. They are sitting by and have made you fall out with one another. They incite the governments to war while deriving benefits for themselves. Why don't you study Islam and the fate of Muslims? How long should we be under foreign domination? And how long should our countries be subjected to their assaults? Why do the Muslims not wake up their slumber? The main difficulty is the Islamic governments. The governments must wake up from their sleep. If the governments wake up, the difficulties of the Muslims will be removed. They must have rapport, but there are hands at work that do not let

¹ Ibid., vol. 13, pp. 83-4

them. They have a mission and therefore, they do not allow this to take place¹.

Date: Morning of November 7, 1980 [Ābān 16, 1359 AHS / Dhū'l-Ḥijjah 28, 1400 AH]

Treason of heads of some Muslim countries

The problem lies in the neglect governments that offer their resources as gifts to them and in return bring about humiliation for themselves and their nations. The problem of all Muslims and Islam is unawareness or the knowing treason of heads of some countries.

It would be a misplaced naive if nations just sit and wait for these governments to check the progress of Israel and powers that want to humiliate them and take away their resources².

Date: December 16, 1981 [Āzar 25, 1360 AHS / Şafar 19, 1402 AH]

¹ Ibid., vol. 13, p. 344

² Ibid., vol. 15, pp. 438-9

The Superpowers; the main element of troubles

We have a problem related to Muslims and the Islamic countries that should deal with it. They and you all know that whatever has befallen Muslims is caused by the superpowers¹.

Date/Time: Before noon, January 24, 1982 [Bahman 4, 1360 AHS / Rabīʿ al-Awwal 28, 1402 AH]

Attending to the causes of sufferings

Muslims attend to the sufferings that they have and look into from where these sufferings have come and what is the reason for these sufferings and what is the way to salvation from them. The Friday-prayer leaders that have arrived in this oppressed and revolutionary country this week and shall God willing come to these sorts of gatherings at other opportunities, must investigate the reason for the diversion in thinking of Muslims and study those things that caused colonialism to dominate the Muslims and that cause resulted in colonialism to control the destinies of Islamic states and rule over all the oppressed of the world. They must evaluate these in the seminars and important conferences, discover the path, the cause and the scope of their domination, and find the solution. What must be done; what has been done and what needs to be done. However, most of the officials are

¹ Ibid., vol. 15, p. 518.

aware from what path global arrogance has entered into these countries; they entered through these same individuals of these nations; with the plans of the backward governments themselves and of governments indifferent to the interests of Muslims and those who belonged to these governments; right from the writers to the orators and sermonizers and possibly the Friday and congregation prayer leaders. With the propaganda that was apparently inspired by foreign powers, they came to the conclusion that the thing that can resist the aliens and the foreign powers is Islam. They have analyzed precisely with the study conducted by the researchers of foreign countries and they regard the only path to their salvation either to eliminate Islam from these countries or that it is devoid of any content. Many regard its elimination to be unsuccessful but they have succeeded in emptying it of its contents and hope to succeed in this respect. If the Muslims do not awaken and take note, this matter and this program shall be pursued¹.

Date/Time: Morning, January 2, 1983 [Dey 12, 1361 AHS / Rabī' al-Awwal 17, 1403 AH]

America's interfere in Muslim Countries

The sufferings of Muslims are all from these superpowers and their promptings and infusions to their servants in the

¹ Ibid., vol. 17, p. 203

regions. All the troubles that plague the Muslims are because of them and unless they are not liberated from their hands, the sufferings will not go away. One must see with what right America extends its reach from the other side of the world to this side of the world, interferes in Muslim countries, and wants to determine the destinies of the Muslim countries¹.

Date/Time: Morning, January 2, 1983 [Dey 12, 1361 AHS / Rabī‘ al-Awwal 17, 1403 AH]

Awakening the people

O the Friday prayer leaders of Islamic lands and Muslim countries, what must be done? Why have we come to this day when America should come from the other part of the world and determine the destinies of our countries and the destinies of the theologians of Islam even if it is with the help of others? Why should it openly say that it has interests in the region and interfere blatantly in the region while the Muslims sit back and watch? O the Friday prayer leaders of Islamic lands enlighten the people! Mention these “whys” to the people. These “whys” apply both to the West as well as to the East? Why does the Soviet Union interfere in Islamic states and that too, military interference? America also interferes in every manner in the countries that are under its influence or

¹ Ibid., vol. 17, p. 208

wants to bring them in its sphere of influence; it interferes both militarily and also politically—and every kind of interference. Well, this has no ‘why’ in the world¹.

Date/Time: Morning, January 2, 1983 [Dey 12, 1361 AHS / Rabī‘ al-Awwal 17, 1403 AH]

Passivity of governments

It is a disaster for Muslims who are afflicted with such governments which are quite passive².

Time: Morning, July 1, 1984 [Tīr 10, 1363 AHS / Shawwāl 1, 1404 AH]

The dispute among the superpowers around the division of the raven

If today different layers of people ranging from religious ‘*ulamā*’ to broadcasters and writers and committed clear-sighted people rise up unanimously and awaken the colossal masses of Muslim people respond to the call of oppressed countries and nations, their countries will undoubtedly be subject to destruction and all-out

¹ Ibid., vol. 17, pp. 209-10

² Ibid., vol. 15, p. 498

dependence. The Eastern disbelieving plunderers and worse than them the Western disbelievers will suck their blood and annihilate their human dignity and values.

Today, the markets of Muslim countries have been turned to centers of competition of Western and Eastern goods. Flood of luxury banal goods and toys have flown towards them. All nations have been trained in consumerism to the extent that they imagine that without these American, European and Japanese goods as well as others they cannot continue living. Unfortunately, the Holy Mecca and Jeddah and the sacred place and location of Ḥijāz, center of revelation and place of ascension of Gabriel and the angels of God have been turned to market for enemies of Islam and the great Prophet (may God's peace be upon him and his progeny) brimming with foreign goods, while these places should have obeyed the order of Islam that shattered the idols of the criminals and shouted disgust at them. A large number of the *hajj* pilgrims visiting the holy place for performance of *hajj* rituals and should cry for help for Muslims for fear of the plots of aliens prowl in search of American, European and Japanese goods and breaking the heart of the law-maker by such practices playing with the prestige of *hajj* and pilgrims.

O, respected pilgrims to the House of God! Come to your senses. O, Muslims in all lands and countries in the world! Rise up. O, prominent '*ulamā*' of the world of Islam! Come to rescue Islam and lands of Muslims and the Muslims. Turn down the tyrants of the West and the East like the Iranian nations and its government, '*ulamā*' and

great men of this land in every nook and cranny and expel the false agents and experts and their oil-sucking advisors from your land. Like the Iranian warriors prefer martyrdom to wretchedness and Islamic and human dignity to pleasures and luxuries of the few days of the world coupled with abjectness and shame and prevail over them in political and military arena without fearing their propaganda commotions as God Almighty is with you. *“If ye help Allah, He will help you and will make your foothold firm.”*¹

O, God! Your insignificant servant from an oppressed country with inconsiderable population and resources but living with Your favor conveyed his innocent cry to the Muslim and oppressed peoples of the world as much as he could, circulating the cry of come to the grief of Muslims. Unless with Your favors, no knotty problem would be unraveled nor would any pain be healed. I beg You to show Your bountiful grace towards Muslims and liberate us from the bond of the self, selfishness and servitude to idols, particularly the idol of self and rid Muslims and oppressed people of the world of the evil of the tyrants. Bring Muslims to their senses and grant courage to governments of the Muslim countries so that they would not resign themselves to abjectness and servitude despite their number and resources and commanding the jugular vein of the West and East and be converted into the voice

¹ Sūrat Muḥammad: 7

with their people. In the hope of the victory of Muslim combatants across the world over global blasphemy¹.

Date: August 16, 1985 [Mordād 25, 1364 AHS / Dhu'l-Qa'dah 28, 1405 AH]

The necessity of replacing organized programs

Unfortunately, the Muslim countries have become its victims due to weak and affiliated governments. Now, it is the duty of '*ulamā*', Muslim scientists and experts to formulate and present creative schemes and programs to replace the unwholesome economic order that prevails throughout the Muslim world, taking into account the interests of the deprived and the destitute, so that the world's oppressed and Muslims are relieved of distress and poverty².

Date: July 28, 1987 [Mordād 6, 1366 AHS / Dhū'l-Hijjah 1, 1407 AH]

¹ *Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 19, pp. 342-3.

² *Ibid.*, vol. 20, p. 340

The necessity of comprehending Hajj

The most serious problem of the Muslim societies is that they have not yet comprehended the real philosophy of most of the Islamic laws. Notwithstanding all its secrets and splendor, *Hajj* has still remained a hollow form of worship and a futile and worthless activity¹.

Date: July 20, 1988 [T̄ir 29, 1367 AHS / Dhū'l-Ḥijjah 5, 1408 AH]

Return of Egypt to Muslim Conference

It is not strange that the US and its servile agents turn no stone unturned for return of Egypt to the fold of 'Arabs. Deplorable and strange is the condition of 'Arab leaders with all those lengthy preparations, propaganda, secret and open shuttles, weird clamors and talks about plans raised in gatherings of kings, presidents senior leaders of 'Arab and non-'Arab countries, perhaps those who did not know them expected that the forum was dedicated to discuss the problems brought about by superpowers for Islam and Muslims and oppressed people of the world, exploring the solution to the international predicaments. They assembled with those formalities and summed up the entire problems of Islam and Muslims in return of Egypt that entered into negotiation with Israel to the group of 'Arabs! That day Egypt was expelled because of signing the peace accord

¹ Ibid., vol. 21, p. 76

with the Zionists; today they brought it back because of stabilizing and identifying Israel! That day Egypt was dismissed because of turning its back on the demands of 'Arabs; today Egypt was welcomed because of kissing the US hands. That day Egypt was discharged due to treason to Palestinian cause; today Egypt was brought back for collective endorsement of that treason. More deplorable and more disgraceful is that Egypt nonchalantly rejected all conditions. One of the senior Cairo officials said 'Arab leaders should acknowledge their mistake! The predicaments of Lebanon, Afghanistan and other 'Arab nations were not problems for which the so-called heads of Islamic countries would spend their dear time! How can the oppressed and respected non-'Arab, 'Arab and Muslim nations tolerate the shame that these are their leaders. It is not time for Islamic nations to rise up and humble their leaders before the dignity of Islam or treating them as Iran did. Are the so-called Islamic governments asleep and unaware that nowadays the situation of people is different from the past? Do not they want to understand that eyes and ears have opened and subterfuges of eastern and western mold have lost their force? Do not they know or see that Islamic Revolution has been exported or is on the verge of being exported and that with confirmation of God almighty the flag of Islam will be hoisted across the world in not too distant future by the Islamic nations as well as the oppressed people who thirst for Islamic justice? Therefore, would it not be better for governments to come to their senses and repent the cardinal sin they committed in Casablanca and transgressed upon the dignity of Islam and Muslims, particularly the 'Arabs and left behind

historical disgrace. Is not it better for them to return to the Almighty God lest His fire of wrath burn the good with the bad¹?

Time: February 11, 1984 [Bahman 22, 1362 AHS / Jamādī al-Awwal 8, 1404 AH]

The heads of the region and the recognition of Israel

The Iranian people and government and all Muslims committed to and aware of the interests of Islam and the world as well as the oppressed people aware of the world developments—these oppressed people of history—are disgruntled with some deeds of regional government and some other Islamic countries, considering their deeds contrary to the dignity of Islam and Islamic countries. The efforts of these countries in the form of conferences aim at nothing but opening a way for recognition of the usurper Israel and the influence of the US in the region and Islamic countries. They pave the way for the US to plunder the enormous treasures of Muslims, add fuel to the fire of war against the innocent Lebanese people and contribute to Şaddām's aggression in the war he has imposed on Iran, thus help strengthen the pillars of the usurper government of Israel. These acts are all condemned. We denounce the Morocco conference in terms of its both venue and content. They chose a venue

¹ Ibid., vol. 18, pp. 330-1

and appointed one as chairperson who shed the blood of people of Morocco at the same time when efforts were being made to accept the Camp David or Fahd peace accord. Wave of protest hit the entire cities of Morocco. Moreover, once more the host of theirs shed the blood of many innocent Muslims¹.

Time: February 11, 1984 [Bahman 22, 1362 AHS / Jamādī al-Awwal 8, 1404 AH]

The historical wrong deed of Muslim countries' heads in Casablanca

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¹ Ibid., vol. 18, p. 341

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Time: February 11, 1984 [Bahman 22, 1362 AHS / Jamādī al-Awwal 8, 1404 AH]

Sadat, an official for America

The imperialist states like America and Britain brought Israel into existence,² and we have seen what misery they

¹ Ibid., vol. 18, p. 331

² In 1907, at a conference held in Britain, the most powerful colonialist government of the day (Britain) declared to the government heads of Holland, Belgium, Portugal, Spain, and Italy that if the surrounding coasts of the Mediterranean Sea—situated between the East and the West and lying in Muslim hands—were to be taken from their grasp, then this would present a serious danger for the aforementioned countries. It was this concern that caused the colonialist governments of the day to consider setting up a government in a strategically important part of the Mediterranean Sea—a government which would be at variance with and opposed to the Islamic countries, so as to create a rift in the unity of the Muslims. Earlier in 1897, Herr Tazl, journalist and publisher of *Die Welt* newspaper—the official Zionist mouthpiece—had organized a conference in the Swiss city of Biel in order to discuss the issue of an Israeli government. He was also the author of a book entitled *Jewish Government*, in which he appealed to his own nation to help in the establishment of such a government in Palestine or Argentina. With the outbreak of World War One, American leaders, under the tutelage of the Jews, agreed to American participation in the war on the side of Britain on condition that Britain took steps to settle the Jews in Palestine and to set up an independent government for them. The collapse of the Ottoman Empire during the First World War also gave Britain the opportunity to settle a large number of Jews in Palestinian land. In 1948, America gave its open support to a state in Palestine by the name of Israel, following which the bloody war between the Arabs and the Jewish settlers in Palestine broke out. During a

have inflicted and continue to inflict on the Muslims there, and in particular on the Shī‘ah Muslims. Meanwhile, they have installed an agent in Egypt named Sādāt,¹ whose every act is devoted to serving imperialism and who, only a short time ago, visited Israel where he gave it official recognition and approved of every word the Israelis had to say².

Security Council meeting, the United Nations Organization, under the pretext of preventing further killing and bringing an end to the Arab-Israeli war, gave its approval in a written declaration to the partition of Palestine into two areas: one for Muslim residents and the other for Jewish residents. Thus, the State of Israel was officially established with the backing of the imperialist powers. The usurper Israeli government occupied a large part of Muslim land, driving 1,200,000 Muslims from their homes.

¹ Anwar as-Sādāt was born in 1918 in Egypt and having completed his basic education, entered the Officers' College where he joined the officers' corps of Jamāl ‘Abdun-Nāṣir’s group. These officers took part in covert operations and Anwar as-Sādāt was later arrested, expelled from the army and imprisoned. Sometime later he was released from prison and became a member of the Iron Guard, whose duty it was to safeguard the Egyptian king’s life and crush opposition forces. Later, on the insistence of Nāṣir, he again joined the Free Officers’ Movement which was conducting a covert operation against the ruling system of the day. In 1952, with the victory of the Egyptian revolution, Nāṣir became the President and Anwar as-Sādāt initially became Parliamentary Speaker and then, following Nasser’s illness, he became the country’s vice-president. After Nāṣir’s death in 1970, Anwar as-Sādāt, in accordance with the Constitution, became responsible for the country’s affairs for a sixty-day period, after which he was elected as the official President of Egypt. He annulled the treaty between Egypt and the Soviet Union and despite the fact that Egypt had assumed the responsibility of Arab leadership during the Arab-Israeli war, he nevertheless signed a bilateral treaty with America. When he then made a unilateral peace agreement with Israel, he in fact dashed all of Egypt’s hopes. Sādāt was eventually assassinated by a young Muslim officer named Khālīd Islāmbūlī.

² *Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 3, p. 333

Date: February 18, 1978 [Bahman 29, 1356 AHS / Rabī‘ al-Awwal 10, 1398 AH]

Egypt and reinforcing the Zionists

I don't have a favorable perspective regarding Arab states. Arab governments have not managed to protect their independence, and neither have they afforded a unity among themselves in order to get rid of Israel. The disputes among themselves and the betrayals of some heads of Arab governments have paved the way for the Zionists to remain there and become established. Recently, the head of Egypt has unfortunately done it¹.

Date: November 12, 1978 [Ābān 21, 1357 AHS / Dhū'l-Hijjah 11, 1398 AH]

¹ Ibid., vol. 4, p. 458

FOURTH CHAPTER
WHAT SHOULD BE DONE?

Find your own Muslim character

My dear brothers and sisters! You all know that the eastern and western superpowers are taking our material and spiritual property away and keep us in poverty and dependent in terms of politics, economics, culture and military. Come to your sense and find your Islamic character. Do not succumb to oppression. Intelligently disclose the sinister plots of the world imperialists with the US on top¹.

Date: September 29, 1979 [Mehr 7, 1358AH / Dhū'l-Qa'dah 7, 1399 AH]

Islamic culture of the east most progressive one

The East has an Islamic culture that is the loftiest and most progressive. This Islamic culture must meet its requirements by itself without asking the West. Formerly, medical books of the east found their way in Europe

¹ *Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 10, p. 159

producing great physicians. Avicenna's book and ¹ Razi's book ² were two of these eastern books, rendering yeoman service to medicine in the west³.

Date: October 28, 1979 [Ābān 6, 1358 AHS / Dhu'l-Hijjah 6, 1399 AH]

Muslims should know and find their culture and origin

It is my hope that the Muslims of the world learn of their afflictions and the origins thereof as we approach the turn of the century and it is my wish that by means of multilateral unity as well as reliance upon Islam and its glorious banner they sever the shackles of slavery and procure their freedom from colonialist nations. Having recognized the pains that they are enduring as well as the fact that they have seen nothing but difficulties, barbarities, and crimes from the diabolic superpowers, Muslims today must achieve a solution by uniting and seeking divine help from the Almighty and our holy religion, Islam. The solution or at least the preliminary stage toward a solution is that Muslim nations and governments, in the case that they are legitimate, should liberate themselves from intellectual dependency from the West and find their own culture and originality. In

¹ The book of Qānūn, by Avicenna, deals with medicine.

² The book al-Ḥāwī, in medicine and pharmacy, by Muḥammad ibn Zakariyā Rāzī, the famous Iranian scientist and physician. Rāzī also discovered alcohol.

³ *Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 10, p. 385

addition, they must familiarize themselves with the progressive culture of Islam as inspired by divine revelation and then continue to familiarize others with it. Asia and Africa—a continent that has awoken from its slumber by means of the Islamic national revolution and bloody uprising of the courageous Algerian people—as well as other countries in succession must be freed from the clutches of America and other colonialist powers. They must stand on their own feet and campaign vigorously against imperialist cultures. African and Asian countries as well as other enslaved states must know that the improvements associated with that which is imported into oppressed lands by Western and Eastern imperialist nations and the despotic America can never compare to the corruption and degeneration begotten thereby¹.

Date: October 30, 1979 [Ābān 8, 1358 AHS / Dhū'l-Hijjah 8, 1399 AH]

Islam; the requirement of independence

East and Islamic countries cannot lead a dignified life unless they find Islam. Muslims must look after Islam. Islam has been slid into oblivion. We do not know Islam. The West and these criminals have drummed into our heads so much that we have forgotten Islam. You cannot mend your way as long as you have not found Islam. Islam

¹ Ibid., vol. 10, p. 390

has been pushed into oblivion from Ka‘bah, the center of Islam and congregation of Muslims, to the farthest land of Muslims, Islam is not known. Nevertheless, Muslims congregate in Ka‘bah, assigned by God, as a center for Muslims’ to settle their problems during *Hajj* rituals, but fail to make Islamic use of this gathering. Such a political venue has been degraded to a place in which issues irrelevant to Muslims are treated. Islam should be found. If Muslims find *Hajj*, the policy recommended by Islam for *Hajj*, it would be sufficient for them to gain independence. Regrettably, however, we have lost Islam. The Islam being practiced now is completely separated from politics. The head has been cut. The core of Islam has been taken out and the remaining part has been given us. This is what has brought about such unfortunate circumstances for us. We do not know the head or essence of Islam. Muslims cannot restore their glory if they fail to find Islam. Islamic glory was that which took place in the early days of Islam¹.

Time: November 2, 1979 [Ābān 11, 1358 AHS / Dhū’l-Ḥijjah 11, 1399 AH]

¹ Ibid., vol. 10, p. 448

Up until the time we have lost ourselves, we cannot find independence

No nation can attain independence unless it should understand itself. Nations are unable to attain independence because they have missed and lost themselves, and surrendered to others instead. It is to a great extent regrettable that our country, which is rich in Islamic culture—has ignored these rights. It follows the West. The West in sight of a class among this nation has posed an appearance as if there were nothing anywhere except the West. In its conjecture there exists no value beyond the West. Such an attachment and dependence—mental, intellectual, and ideal—upon foreign is the real source of misfortunes of the nations, and our nation too¹.

Date: January 2, 1980 [Dey 12, 1358 AHS / Şafar 13, 1400 AH]

Relying on the original eastern culture

East has missed itself. East should discover itself. They want to impose themselves upon us in whatever way possible. So, you should fight. It is you who want to be free, independent. It is you who want to stand on the legs that are your own. All classes of the people in this country should determine to be themselves. The peasants should determine to bring out their food themselves from their

¹ Ibid., vol. 12, p. 4

lands. They should make their country self-sufficient. The factories should be self-sufficient. The people of this country should run the factories. The universities should be at their own without the need to depend upon the West. This should be the basis of everything that it should depend upon the intention of man. A man should be able to have the intention to perform a thing. Fear should not be brought about that deters the determination or intention of man. Before too, fear was created and imposed on us. For instance, the royal organizations, the king's courts were the elements of fear to us. This resulted that we were deprived of intention. We were not able to intent to contradict the existing things. So, we never gave expression to our contradiction. We even could not presume the possibility of contradicting the things. But God the Almighty desired. You had the intention. And all happened and took place. Now too it runs the same. Do not fear the West. Have the will and it will happen. Our scholars, our professors, nobody should fear West. Our youths too should not fear the West. The East should have the will and movement against the West will take place¹.

Date: January 2, 1980 [Dey 12, 1358 AHS / Şafar 13, 1400 AH]

¹ Ibid., vol. 12, p. 4

Self-sufficiency of Muslims

The Muslims of the world should unite. They should work together. They should not divide. They should not consider the borders as the separation of hearts. The borders are separate, but the hearts should be united. Muslims are strong and have a lot of potentials. They also possess lots of resources. Muslims are one billion. They can stay united. They can produce a huge power. Because they are rich in resources, they would need nobody's assistance. Rather, other countries would need Muslims' assistance¹.

Date: November 30, 1979 [Āzar 1, 1358 AHS / Muḥarram 2, 1400 AH]

Discovery of East by sticking to the school of Islam

I must say that unless the East should understand that it has an entity and existence and that it is a nation and that east too is a place, it cannot recover its independence. The big powers by their propaganda throughout a long period of time have so molded the thins that the East lost itself and humbled itself before the West and their governments. East together with its school lost the entity—as though it is nothing.

¹ Ibid., vol. 11, p. 105

The school of Islam is at the head of all the schools. It has sprung from East. But East has missed it. So unless it should understand what are its school and what itself is it cannot confront west. It should understand that it has an entity, it is a country. In whatever way they confront west, the West can foil the East at the strength of propaganda they have had. Now you should be mindful of this—to make your nation awake to the fact.

You make your nation to understand that they too have a school. They have existence. They have treasures and hoards in their lands and mines. They should know that they have taken away all the things from you. Above all this, they have created deviations among the nations. They have caused the deviation of the way for the youths. This is a deviation in a school. They have presented the school of Islam in a deviated and diverted way. The real Islam they did not present. They presented a low and vile school. The schools they have are vile and corrupt. All their schools are a failure. Here too they promoted such a school which attracts the youths¹.

Date: Afternoon, January 10, 1980 [Dey 20, 1358 AHS / Şafar 21, 1400 AH]

¹ Ibid., vol. 12, p. 108

Muslims should discover themselves

Muslims should discover themselves. They should know that they have their own civilization, their own country and their own entity, individuality and personality. The Western schools have nothing. But they have injected in the minds of our youths that such schools must be attended to. These are the same propaganda disseminated by the big powers in Iran. They have created a civilization that grips us in its vanity. They took the due advantage of this. They created such a civilization that for us, in order to take our entity and prestige away. We should go back to the initial stages of the early Islam. Muslims should return back to the place where they used to assault the big powers of that time and overrun them in spite of their being in a limited number¹.

Date: May 20, 1980 [Ordibehesht 30, 1359 AHS / Rajab 5, 1400AH]

Islam; the main element of removing oppression

And we and you will remain under oppression forever. We will succeed in liberating ourselves and our one billion-strong nation along with all our natural resources from the oppression of the big powers only when we realize the true message of Islam and when we discover our true identity and follow the commands of Allah. God Almighty is

¹ Ibid., vol. 12, p. 321

bound to grant us victory if we obey His commands. The Qur'an says: "*If ye help (the cause of) Allah, He will help you and will make your foothold firm*".^{1 2}

Time/Date: Morning, March 1, 1981 [Esfand 10, 1359 AHS / Rabī' ath-Thānī 23, 1401 AH]

With self-finding, we can attain the independence

It is hoped that we can become totally independent with the help of mutual coordination, guidance of the intellectuals and the devoted religious scholars; and by eliminating despair among ourselves and rediscovering the sense of the self and the great culture of our own³.

Date: September 23, 1982 [Mehr 1, 1361 AHS / Dhūl-Hijjah 5, 1402 AH]

¹ Sūrat Muḥammad: 7

² *Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 14, p. 167

³ *Ibid.*, vol. 17, p. 4

The oppressed people looking forward to attain independence

My advice to all Muslims and oppressed peoples of the world is that you should not sit and wait till your own authorities or rulers, or some foreign powers make a gift of freedom and independence to you. During the last century, we have observed the infiltration of the world's major powers into all Islamic countries and smaller lands. Reliable history has related this for us. None of the rulers of any of these countries have been concerned with freedom, independence and welfare of his nation. Rather the majority of such rulers have been cruel oppressors who tried to strangulate their own people. Whatever good they did was to benefit themselves or some special group. Such rulers promoted the welfare of the already well-to-do classes but never did a thing to benefit the deprived groups and slum-dwellers. These last groups were deprived even of their daily bread. The miserable and deprived groups were taken into the service of the profligate pleasure-seeking or they were made puppets of big powers, doing their best to make their countries more and more dependent on foreign powers. The rulers of such countries, who were only nominal, secured the interests of their Eastern or Western masters, turned their countries into markets for the consumption of the manufactured products of their overlords and kept their own homelands in an undeveloped condition. They are doing so even now.

O, you deprived people of the world! O, you Muslims and Muslim countries of the world! Rise up and fight for your rights! Do not be afraid of the propaganda operations

of the superpowers and their mercenaries. Drive out from your lands your wicked rulers who hand over your earnings to your enemies and the enemies of Islam. You, yourselves and the dedicated public servants should take charge of the affairs of your country. Gather, all of you, under the proud banner of Islam and fight the enemies of Islam and of the deprived peoples of the world. Advance toward an Islamic sovereign government with so many free and independent republics. If you realize this, the arrogant powers would retreat to their own places. All deprived people would come to inherit the earth and attain guardianship over it. Looking forward to the day when Allah's promise shall be fulfilled¹!

Date: Date of writing, February 15, 1983, [Bahman 26, 1361 AHS / Jamādī al-Awwal 1, 1403 AH]

Date of Editing: Āzar 19, 1363 AHS

Date of Reciting: Khordād 15, 1368

Attending to Islamic issues

And I hope they work out their disputes and that the governments pay more attention to Islamic matters, and God willing, they cut off this cancerous matter² from their lands³.

¹ Ibid., vol. 21, p. 447

² The Zionist-occupier regime.

³ *Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 4, p. 444

Date: November 11, 1978 [Ābān 20, 1357 AHS / Dhū'l-Ḥijjah 10, 1398 AH]

Establishment of a great Islamic government in the world

I hope that all Islamic nations will wake up and stand united against all the propaganda and activities that foreigners had undertaken to disperse them and pit them against one another. I hope they will establish a great Islamic government under the banner of “There is no God but Allah” and make this government prevail all over the world¹.

Date: February 25, 1979 [Esfand 6, 1357 AHS / Rabī‘ al-Awwal 27, 1399 AH]

Inviting to unity and brotherhood

If the Muslims of the world waken up from their slumber and get united with each other, no power can threaten them. Iranian authorities have always invited them to brotherhood and unity at any opportunity².

¹ Ibid., vol. 6, p. 234

² Ibid., vol. 16, p. 293

Date: June 5, 1982 [Khordād 15, 1361 AHS / Sha‘bān 12, 1402 AH]

The international ruffians

Muslims should think out a way and wake up; otherwise, they are international ruffians and will not let the world be in peace¹.

Time: Morning, December 7, 1983 [Āzar 16, 1362 AHS / Rabī‘ al-Awwal 2, 1404 AH]

Returning to the early Islam

We shouldn’t just sit down, hoping that the governments would take action. These governments only think about themselves. These Muslim governments have nothing to do with Islam. And if they ever mention Islam it is merely to deceive their people.

Our problems will persist unless we return to Islam; the Islam of the Apostle of God. We will not be able to solve the problems of Palestine, Afghanistan and other regions, unless we revive the pure Islam of God’s Messenger. Muslims must revive that faith which existed

¹ Ibid., vol. 18, p. 240

in the early period of Islam. If the governments do the same, it would be all right. But if they don't, the nations must take the matter into their own hands and deal with their governments as Iranians did with theirs so as to solve the problems. If not, just shouting that they will take Quds and gathering and voicing discontent will not stop them (the governments). Yes, of course, words are sometimes effective, but Muslims do not even take this step¹.

Date/Time: Afternoon, August 9, 1980 [Mordād 18, 1359 AHS / Ramadān 27, 1400 AH]

West and east scum

Oh, Muslims and the oppressed people of the world, stand up and take hold of your destiny. How long are you going to sit and let you destiny be determined by Washington and Moscow? How long must your Quds remain crushed by the yoke of the scums of America, the occupying Israel? How long will the lands of Quds, Palestine, Lebanon and the oppressed Muslims remain under the domination of the criminals while you stand aside and watch and some of your traitorous rulers add fuel to the fire? How long should about one billion Muslims and almost one hundred million 'Arabs with vast countries and endless resources witness plunder, oppression and genocide by the West and the East and their scum? How

¹ Ibid., vol. 13, p. 89

long will they bear the heinous crimes against Afghan and Lebanese brothers without responding to their call? How long are we going to avoid confronting the enemies of Islam, neglect firearms, military and divine power to save Jerusalem, resort to politicking and other conciliatory methods, give respite to Israel to commit crimes and be witness to genocide¹?

Date: August 1, 1981 [Mordād 10, 1360 AHS / Ramaḍān 30, 1401 AH]

Islamic duty

I hope that other Islamic countries that have entangled themselves in the confines of nature, each of whom has certain constraints, break these shackles and accordingly take steps with their Iranian brothers-in-faith in this great *Jihād* so that they would be triumphant in the *Jihād* against the superpowers. I implore God, the Exalted and Blessed, to awaken the governments that rule over the Islamic countries so as not to offer resources of their poor nations gratuitously to the big powers. They should note that today Iran has revolted and emerged victorious. It is obligatory that you, the governments and nations also cooperate with Iran so that, God willing, the bedrock of

¹ Ibid., vol.15, pp. 59-60

oppression would be eliminated and the flag of Islam hoisted in all countries¹.

Time: March 1, 1983 [Esfand 10, 1360 AHS / Jumadī al-Awwal 5, 1402 AH]

Terminating the disputes

My message for the Arab and Muslim brothers is: let us put the differences aside and shake hands of brotherhood and shoulder-to-shoulder and unanimously with other non-Arab Muslim brothers accept Islam as the only support. Having the immeasurable material resources and more important than them, the divine, intellectual resources, that is, Islam, you can be a force that the superpowers will never think to dominate and will not attack you from the left and right flanks, plundering everything of yours².

Date: November 23, 1978 [Āzar 2, 1357 AHS / Dhū'l-Hijjah 22, 1398 AH]

¹ Ibid., vol. 16, p. 77

² Ibid., vol. 5, p. 82

Unity; and removing the hand and foreigners

The holy struggles of you, the youth and the prolific Muslims of Iran—of all strata—who with the unity of expression severed the hands of foreigners, are a role model for all the oppressed. I hope that all the oppressed people, who are subjugated by the arrogant oppressors, will be awakened because of your struggles and liberate themselves¹.

Date: Morning April 22, 1979 [Ordībehesht 2, 1358 AHS / Jamādī al-Awwal 24, 1399 AH]

Harmony; the secret of victory

O, World Muslims and followers of the monotheistic ideology! Difference and disharmony is the cause of all problems with which Islamic countries wrestle. The secret of victory lies in unity of expression and harmony. God the Exalted says, “*Cling to God’s rope and not get dispersed.*” “*Cling to God’s rope*” is a call for harmony among all Muslims. Every Muslim should avoid dispersion and grouping for the sake of Islam. Dispersion is the root of all misery and backwardness. I implore God to grant dignity to Islam and Muslims and unity of expression to Muslims of the world².

¹ Ibid., vol. 77, p. 84

² Ibid., vol. 10, p. 160

Date: September 29, 1979 [Mehr 7, 1358AH / Dhū'l-Qa‘dah 7, 1399 AH]

Practicing the Islamic culture

It is my hope that the Muslims of the world learn of their afflictions and the origins thereof as we approach the turn of the century and it is my wish that by means of multilateral unity as well as reliance upon Islam and its glorious banner they sever the shackles of slavery and procure their freedom from colonialist nations. Having recognized the pains that they are enduring as well as the fact that they have seen nothing but difficulties, barbarities, and crimes from the diabolic superpowers, Muslims today must achieve a solution by uniting and seeking divine help from the Almighty and our holy religion, Islam. The solution or at least the preliminary stage toward a solution is that Muslim nations and governments, in the case that they are legitimate, should liberate themselves from intellectual dependency from the West and find their own culture and originality. In addition, they must familiarize themselves with the progressive culture of Islam as inspired by divine revelation and then continue to familiarize others with it¹.

Date: October 30, 1979 [Ābān 8, 1358 AHS / Dhū'l-Hijjah 8, 1399 AH]

¹ Ibid., vol. 10, p. 395

Seeking asylum in Islam

Oh, Muslims of the world and the oppressed of the universe! Join forces to turn to God, seek asylum in Islam and attack those arrogant people who assault the nation's rights¹.

Date: October 25, 1979 [Ābān 3, 1358 AHS / Dhū'l-Hijjah 3, 1399 AH]

The Muslims' unity; the main element of power

The Muslims of the world should unite. They should work together. They should not divide. They should not consider the borders as the separation of hearts. The borders are separate, but the hearts should be united. Muslims are strong and have a lot of potentials. They also possess lots of resources. Muslims are one billion. They can stay united. They can produce a huge power. Because they are rich in resources, they would need nobody's assistance. Rather, other countries would need Muslims' assistance².

Date: November 30, 1979 [Āzar 1, 1358 AHS / Muḥarram 2, 1400 AH]

¹ Ibid., p. 339

² Ibid., vol. 11, p. 105

Unity; the main element of being safe

I hope Muslim nations by cooperation and unity could be able to overcome the enemies within and out of their lands. Furthermore they could be able to rescue themselves from the yoke of America¹.

Date: February 16, 1980 [Bahman 27, 1358 AHS / Rabī‘ al-Awwal 29, 1400 AH]

Gaining the real independence

I hope that all the oppressed nations of the world particularly the Islamic nations rise up against the imperialist superpowers and their dominance, in particular, the world-hungry America and purge their countries from their existence by unity and co-existence and overlooking the in-between differences. As such they may gain their real independence².

Date: April 6, 1980 [Farvardīn 17, 1359 AHS / Jamādī al-Awwal 20, 1400 AH]

¹ Ibid., vol. 12, p. 154

² Ibid., vol. 12, p. 229

Unity of expression; the main element of relief from mischief

The government and people of Iran, in keeping with the commandments of Islam wanted to extend their hands of fraternity as commanded in the glorious Qur'an, to all the Muslim countries. This was in order that with unity of expression and unity between all the Muslims, the Muslim countries would be delivered from the mischief of the big colonial powers and the plots of the super-plunderers and criminals. Everybody witnessed what a miracle unity between a small population of 36 million that relied on the glorious Qur'an and the beloved Islam created and defeated all the super and small powers that supported the deposed Muḥammad-Riḍā and the great power of the monarchy¹.

Reserving validities of Islam

In your research and study of the truths of Islam in the political, economic, social, and other fields, it is necessary for you young Muslims to consider the validities of Islam and not to overlook the distinctions which separate Islam from the other schools of thought. Be careful not to confuse the deliverance-bestowing ordinances of the Holy

¹ Ibid., vol. 17, p. 259

Qur'an and Islam with the wrong and misleading schools which are mere products of the human mind¹.

Date: August 8, 1972 [Mordād 17, 1351 AHS / Jamādī ath-Thānī 28, 1392 AH]

Brotherhood with Arabs

But concerning the Arab nations, they are all our brothers and we will treat them as our brothers².

Date: November 12, 1978 [Ābān 21, 1357 AHS / Dhū'l-Ḥijjah 11, 1398 AH]

Islam as the supporter of the Arab

My message for the Arab and Muslim brothers is: let us put the differences aside and shake hands of brotherhood and shoulder-to-shoulder and unanimously with other non-Arab Muslim brothers accept Islam as the only support. Having the immeasurable material resources and more important than them, the divine, intellectual resources, that is, Islam, you can be a force that the superpowers will

¹ Ibid., vol. 2, pp. 437-8

² Ibid., vol. 4, p. 458

never think to dominate and will not attack you from the left and right flanks, plundering everything of yours¹.

Date: November 23, 1978 [Āzar 2, 1357 AHS / Dhū'l-Hijjah 22, 1398 AH]

Unity under the flag of Islam and Quran

I hope that the Muslims and the Muslim nations, in the same manner that Islam and the Noble Qur'an have decreed, be brotherly toward each other and be firm and intense in their dealings with the enemies of mankind and Muslim countries. This cannot be achieved except that these minor differences that exist between the governments are settled and they be brothers with one another. These disputes are exploited by the enemies of Islam and the Muslims. This exploitation must be thwarted by means of Islamic unity and that all come together under the banner of Islam and the Noble Qur'an because the Qur'an commands us to be "compassionate" toward one another and be "firm" with the disbelievers.^{2 3}

Date: August 15, 1979 [Mordād 24, 1358 AHS / Ramaḍān 21, 1399 AH]

¹ Ibid., vol. 5, p. 82

² It refers to the injunction in Sūrah al-Fath: 29

³ *Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 9, p. 273

Reviving Islam

Blessed is that day when all Muslim governments get in line with their people, when all Muslims get united and, together, revive Islam everywhere, and when all the Muslim countries unite in order to terminate the influence of the world powers from their countries¹.

Date: August 12, 1980 [Mordād 21, 1359 AHS / Ramaḍān 30, 1400 AH]

No aggressing to Islamic societies

According to the decree of God, we declare our brotherhood to all Muslims of the world, the governments of the Islamic countries, and the Muslim nation whatever their school is and wherever they are².

Date: January 10, 1982 [Dey 20, 1360 AHS / Rabīʿ al-Awwal 14, 1402 AH]

¹ Ibid., vol. 13, p. 93

² Ibid., vol. 15, p. 474

Kindly treating the Islamic governments

Since I would like to treat all Muslims and governments moderately and never like to treat them violently, I ask them to reconsider their view and revise their ideas¹.

Time: Morning, August 2, 1983 [Mordād 11, 1362 AHS / Shawwāl 22, 1403 AH]

Not opposing with the interests of Islam

We ask the regional states to stop protecting the enemies of Islam and humanity and not to oppose anymore the interests of Islam, which are their own interests and that of their counties and the oppressed people of the world. By cooperating and sympathizing with the Islamic Republic, they should discard the sedition-mongers and world-devourers; they should be aware that this dead party² will never be revived—“And the end belongs to the pious ones.”³

Date: August 7, 1986 [Mordād 16, 1365 AHS / Dhū'l-Hijjah 1, 1406 AH]

¹ Ibid., vol. 18, pp. 34-5

² It refers to the Ba'athist Party of Iraq.

³ *Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 20, p. 99

The Islamic governments' self-esteem-loss

As I have time and again warned of the danger if the Islamic nation does not wake up and become aware of its responsibility; if the *'ulamā'* of Islam do not feel the sense of responsibility and act; if the authentic Islam which is the cause of unity and movement of all Muslim schools of thought vis-à-vis the foreigners and the guarantor of supremacy and independence of the Muslim nations and Islamic countries remains hidden in the hands of the agents and lackeys of the foreigners under the dark curtain of imperialism and kindles the fire of differences and discord among the Muslims, then more dismal and ominous days are lying ahead for the Islamic society and a menacing threat is posing against the foundation of Islam and the ordinances of the Qur'an.

Overt and covert onslaughts of the enemies of Islam and the international aggressors against the Glorious Qur'an and liberating teachings of Islam extensively continue from every direction. Many of the governments of Muslim countries, as a result of self-alienation or as a mission, are the executors of their sinister and treacherous plans. Whether those who render lip service to Islam, organize conferences in the name of Islam or those who cancel Islam as the official religion in the Islamic countries—wittingly or unwittingly, all of them are threading the same path and that is the implementation of the sinister and imperialist motives of the enemies of Islam who want to perpetuate this deplorable condition of the Islamic society; to let Israel dominant on the lives, wealth and lands of the Islamic nation; to maintain forever

the imperialist supremacy and predominance over the Islamic world; to let the expansionist and destructive program of Zionism in the Muslim countries be implemented; and to let directing their begging hands and eyes toward the criminal imperialists as the profession of the Islamic nation and governments of the Muslim countries which have always been abject, contemptible and captive at the hands of the international aggressors, and thus, not to let them attain independence, freedom, peace, and security¹.

Date: March 15, 1973 [Esfand 24, 1351 AHS / Şafar 9, 1393 AH]

Islamic treat to the pilgrims

I hope that Saudi Arabia and the government will treat these dear ones who are against the opponents of Islam, against the US and against the lackey of the US—that corrupt man in Iraq—in an Islamic manner, without causing concern for the Iranian government and nation; otherwise, the consequences might be grave².

Date/ Time: Morning, September 5, 1982 [Shahrīvar 14, 1361 AHS / Dhu'l-Qa'dah 16, 1402 AH]

¹ Ibid., vol. 2, p. 488

² Ibid., vol. 16, p. 484

Be in rapport with one another; the divine duty

The essential condition, however, is to remain constant about truth. We must persevere in our faith. It should not happen that the false people become consolidated in their falsehood and we move away from one another in so far as the righteousness of our cause is concerned. We claim to be the followers of the true path. The Qur'an is the Book and the Ka'bah, the "*Qiblah*" [the place in Mecca which the Muslims face while praying] of the Muslims who follow the path of truth. Those who believe in Islam and the path of truth should muster for the cause of their truth. They must not allow the false people who want to come together in their falsehood, to gain victory. Our duty is to have rapport with one another—whether the people of one country or those of all the Muslim countries—in the righteousness of stand. I hope that all the nations will rapidly proceed towards truth, unity and togetherness so that they rapidly drive falsehood backwards. May God give you and us determination in following the path of the truth and may all the Muslims and the deprived people of the world emerge triumphant¹.

Date/Time: 9:30 am, August 28, 1980 [Shahrivar 6, 1359 AHS / Shawwāl 17, 1400 AH]

¹ Ibid., vol. 13, p. 164

Quran; inviting to unity

O, Muslims! Whatever religion you may have and from whatever origin, forget your homely differences and obey God and the commands of the Holy Qur'an. "*Hold the rope of God you all and do not get divided.*"¹

God has specified honor for Himself, His Great Messenger and the believers. You should rise up against the tyrannical governments who have placed your very existence under the dominance of the enemies of Islam. You should save your countries from their control and dominance. God is with you².

Date: Afternoon, February 8, 1980 [Bahman 19, 1358 AHS / Rabī' al-Awwal 21, 1400 AHS]

Rising up against Egypt

The Egyptian nation should know that if they rise up against these plots just as Iran did, they will attain victory. The Egyptian nation should not fear the martial law and not care about it. In the same way that Iranian nation broke the martial law and took to the streets, they should follow suit and drive out these American scums. The Egyptian nation should not sit and wait for this almost lost power to pull its weight together and force its influence on the

¹ Sūrah Āl-i 'Imrān: 104

² *Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 12, pp. 144-5

nation. This is the day for the Egyptian nation to rise up. Today is the day of the government's weakness and the nations' power. They should show strength and not care about the martial law, which is against all standards. They should break this martial law and take to the streets and topple this government which wants to fight Islam with bayonet. He has said outright that whoever is loyal to Islam will be suppressed. This is a duty for the Egyptian nation and for the scholars who do not depend on the government. This is a duty for scholars. Egyptian scholars should rise up and defend Islam for the sake of God. What excuse can the scholars of Egypt give for sitting and listening idle and seeing the same people region power? Prior to coming to power, this government declared that they would suppress whoever related to Islam. Today, you are victorious. Today, the Egyptian people command the power.

The Egyptian army should not give Israel the opportunity to rule over their country, and not let America and Israel control the destiny of their country. The Egyptian army should take care that if it wants to back this government that has declared to be following America and Israel and will stifle whoever speaks of Islam, it will carry this disgrace for all times. They should not bring this disgrace upon themselves. Army is very unlikely to be on the government side, except those officers who are agents of the U.S. What benefit did the Iraqi army reap out of this affiliation¹?

¹ Ibid., vol. 15, pp. 285-6

Date: October 9, 1981 [Mehr 17, 1360 AHS / Dhu'l-Hijjah 10, 1401 AH]

Threat of Islam

The Egyptian nation should not care about the threats of this oppressive regime, which has announced it will support anyone mentioning Islam. People should know that Islam is at risk in Egypt and that it is the duty of every Egyptian man and woman to rise up and to topple this government, which has from the start declared war against Islam¹.

Date: October 18, 1981 [Mehr 26, 1360 AHS / Dhu'l-Hijjah 19, 1401 AH]

Egypt requires being aware

I gave you brotherly piece of advice. You are the one to decide. I warn the governments such as the Egyptian government beware of being beguiled by US scheme to carry out adventurous acts on the pretext of the suspicious laying of mine in the Red Sea and Suez Canal. The hue and cries over the issue is so loud that it is nothing but a plot concocted by the superpowers. As everybody knows,

¹ Ibid., p. 318

the question is in a veil of ambiguity. Meanwhile the damage to a few ships and controversy of colonialist governments like the US and Britain and France is indicative of their plan to linger in the region. The greater the extent of the ado, the surer one will be of the hollowness of their claims. At any rate, if Egypt wants to confront a government and nation such as Iran that has launched a revolution to close the hands of oppressors, it should know that Muslim and revolutionary nations of the world would denounce Egypt and will not sit idly. Egypt's interest lies in non-involvement in the dispute. Egypt and countries like it should not place their destiny in the hands of the US and its friends by involving themselves in the dispute¹.

Date: August 26, 1984 [Shahrīvar 4, 1363 AHS / Dhū'l-Qa‘dah 28, 1404 AH

Acting against the obstacles of Islam honor

Through a decisive move, the Arab and Palestinian nation as well as to the Muslim and Arab nation and states should cut off the hand of this traitor; the like of Ḥusayn the Jordanian²—this treacherous peddling broker—who will not relent unless he put all the regional states under the trap of the Great Satan. The like of Ḥusnī Mubārak,³ the

¹ Ibid., vol. 19, p. 32

² It refers to King Ḥusayn, the then King of Jordan.

³ It refers to the Egyptian President.

second personification of Anwar Sādāt and other traitors to Islam must be removed from among themselves. For, it is these few people who have made them as playthings in their hands to become intentionally or unintentionally the hindrance along the path of nobility and honor of Islam¹.

Date: August 7, 1986 [Mordād 16, 1365 AHS / Dhū'l-Ḥijjah 1, 1406 AH]

Defeating Sadat

The nation of Egypt must sever the hands of this traitor from their country, and thereby, wash away the disgrace of subservience to America and Zionism from their nation. I have ordered the government to discontinue relations with Egypt².

Date: April 30, 1979 [Ordībehesht 10, 1358 AHS / Jamādī ath-Thānī 3, 1399 AH]

¹ *Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 20, pp. 98-9

² *Ibid.*, vol. 7, p. 170

FIFTH CHAPTER
SUPPORTING THE NATIONS AND
DEFENDING THE MUSLIMS

Supporting the movements

All the appraisals, fronts, and groups that campaign for emancipation from the claw of the superpowers, either left or right, I once again declare any kind of support to them¹.

Date: March 21, 1980 [Farvardīn 1, 1359 AHS / Jamādī al-Awwal 4, 1400 AH]

The liberation movements and attaining the liberated society

I once again extend my support to all the liberation movements of the world and sincerely wish that they will succeed in attaining freedom for their societies. And it is hoped that the Islamic government will come to their rescue whenever necessary².

Date: February 11, 1981 [Bahman 22, 1359 AHS / Rabī‘ ath-Thānī 5, 1401 AH]

¹ *Sahifeh-ye Imam*, vol. 12, p. 203

² *Ibid.*, vol. 14, p. 77

Islamic republic; the main supporter of Islamic combats

Assure them on my behalf and on behalf of all our people, that the Islamic Republic of Iran supports them, their Islamic struggle and programs. Assure them that we will stand by their side against the aggressors at each stage and will defend their past, present and future rights. Tell them that all Islamic nations have a stake in the power and credibility of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and the defense of the heroic people of Iran is in fact the defense of all nations under oppression¹.

Date: July 28, 1987 [Mordād 6, 1366 AHS / Dhū'l-Ḥijjah 1, 1407 AH]

Along with the oppressed

I hope you will succeed and rest assured that you will succeed. The Islamic Republic of Iran is on your side and you are on the side of all Muslims, nay on the side of all the downtrodden people of the world².

Date/Time: Morning, February 28, 1988 [Esfand 9, 1366 AHS / Rajab 10, 1408 AH]

¹ Ibid., vol. 20, p. 345

² Ibid., p. 486

Familiarizing Muslims with the religious basics

I declare that the Islamic Republic of Iran is always the patron and refuge of the free Muslims of the world, and the country of Iran, as a military and invulnerable stronghold, fulfills the needs of the soldiers of Islam and familiarizes them with the religious and training essentials of Islam as well as the principles and methods of resistance against the systems of *kufr* (disbelief) and *shirk* (polytheism)¹.

Date: July 20, 1988 [T̄ir 29, 1367 AHS / Dh̄u'l-Ḥijjah 5, 1408 AH]

Certainty of the heart to God's words

In an instinctive and gnostic state, rush to the Mash'ar al-Ḥarām and 'Arafāt; in every station, enhance the certainty of the heart in the promises of God and the rule of the downtrodden; silently and solemnly reflect on the signs of God; think for the deliverance of the downtrodden and the deprived from the clutches of the global imperialism, and in those holy stations, ask for the ways of deliverance from God².

¹ Ibid., vol. 21, pp. 91-2

² Ibid., vol. 20, p. 90

Date: August 7, 1986 [Mordād 16, 1365 AHS / Dhū'l-Hijjah 1, 1406 AH]

The cry of disavowal in Hajj

Our cry of disavowal is the cry of the people of Lebanon, Palestine and all other countries which are victims of the greed of the superpowers of the East and the West, particularly America and its protégé, Israel. Their resources have been plundered and the lackeys of the superpowers have been imposed upon them. The superpowers have stretched their claws thousands of miles across toward their lands and encroached upon their frontiers from land and sea.

Outcry of disavowal is the cry of the protest of all peoples who can no longer bear the Pharaonic dominance of America and who will not allow their screams of anger and hatred to be muffled forever in their throats, for they have resolved to live and die freely and to voice the cry of generations.

Our cry of disavowal is a call to defend the faith and dignity of nations, their resources and wealth. It is a distress call of nations whose hearts have been cut into pieces by the daggers of apostasy and hypocrisy¹.

¹ Ibid, pp. 317-8

Date: July 28, 1987 [Mordād 6, 1366 AHS / Dhū'l-Ḥijjah 1, 1407 AH]

Defending the Muslims

If from farthest part of the world one cries for help, we are duty bound to respond to his/her outcry as much as we can. We do not say we can do so and so everywhere. As much as we can, we defend the right of Muslims. By Muslim we do not mean Iranian. One, who hears the cry of Muslim for help and fails to respond, will not be called a Muslim. Failure to respond is deviation. You are not attentive. This is deflection from Islam. This is disregard for the goal of Islam. Islam has not come for Iran; Islam has come for the entire world. Prophetic mission is for all and all should obey¹.

Date/Time: Morning, April 18, 1985 [Farvardīn 29, 1364 AHS / Rajab 27, 1405 AH]

Resigning in front of sacred injunctions of Quran

The nation and the government of the Islamic Republic of Iran have resigned themselves to the sacred injunctions of the Qur'an and Islam. By the rule of the holy Qur'an, they

¹ Ibid., vol. 19, p. 230

consider themselves brothers in faith of all Islamic nations and different countries in terms of culture and geography, and seek peace and peaceful co-existence with all governments and nations¹.

Time: February 11, 1982 [Bahman 22, 1360 AHS / Rabī‘ath-Thānī 16, 1402 AH]

Unity of Ulema causing the failure of the opposers

I sincerely extend my supportive hand toward all Muslims, especially the prominent ‘ulamā’ and the great marāji‘ (may God lengthen their lives) and ask for help from all classes of the people for guarding the Islamic laws and the independence of Islamic countries. I feel certain that the ranks of foreigners and adversaries will be shattered with the unity of expression of the Muslims, especially the prominent ‘ulamā’ so that they would never dream of encroaching upon the Muslim countries².

Date: April 12, 1963 [Farvardīn 23, 1342 AHS / Dhū’l-Qa‘dah 17, 1382 AH]

¹ Ibid., vol. 16, p. 47

² Ibid., vol. 1, pp. 182-3