

# **The Renewal of Islamic Values from the Viewpoint of Imam Khomeini and Abul A‘la Maududi**

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## **Abstract**

Revival or renewal of the Islamic values was brought about after the ideals of Islamic culture and civilization began to lose significance because of external and internal factors. Imam Khomeini as a Shia thinker and Abul A‘la Maududi as a Sunni philosopher made considerable efforts to revive those Islamic values which had lost their prior significance. Such revivalism had its own characteristics and was made on a range of topics including: philosophy of monotheism and negation of servitude before any existence other than God; the Islamic government and its capacity to provide human needs according to the conditions of time and space; the struggle with Taghout or corrupted governing systems; releasing men from the clutches tyrannical regimes; Islamic unity free from racial considerations; scientific movement flourished in old Islamic culture and civilization along with a critique of fundamental principles in Western culture and philosophy. The researcher however tries to underline the similarities and differences between the views of these two great thinkers who are known as the leading figures of the movement in contemporary era.