



Analyzing Imam's Message



On Monotheism and Hajj

In continuation of our analysis about Imam Khomeini's historical Hajj message of 1408A.H., we wish to emphasize that the most significant aspect of Hajj is monotheism. Hajj is the basis from which monotheism established by Prophet Ibrahim (A.S.), the father of the monotheistic prophets, Moses and Jesus, and the seal of the Prophets, Muhammad (S.A.W.) can be revived. The message of monotheism is conveyed through Islamic teachings, especially the Hajj rituals, to the world's Muslims and the deprived people of the world. This responsibility is included in the spread of the Religion of Truth, which is Islam. As Imam Khomeini uncompromisingly states:

"If the agents of America consider this policy as expansionism and as an idea for setting up a big empire, we will have no apprehension; rather, we will welcome it. We are intent on eradicating the roots of corruption of Zionism, capitalism and communism in the world. We have, with the Grace of Almighty God, decided to bring to their knees the systems which are based on these pillars, and to propagate the Islamic rule of the Holy Prophet of Islam (S.A.W.) in the imperialist world and, sooner or later, the fettered nations will witness it.

"We will prevent the spread of blackmail and the immunity of American agents, even if we are to resort to an armed struggle, with all our power. God willing, we will not permit that from the Ka'aba and Hajj pilgrimage, a great pulpit of humanity, from where the voice of the tyrannized masses should be conveyed to the entire world and from where the voice of monotheism should resound in the world, the voice of tyrannized masses should be conveyed to the entire world, the voice of compromise with America, the Soviet Union, infidelity and polytheism be heard.

"We pray to God to give us this power to sound the death-knell of America and the Soviet Union, not only from the Ka'aba but also from all the churches in the world."

Islam is the base for the campaign of the oppressed against the world oppressors and infidels, and Hajj is one of its pillars. A correct understanding of Hajj is necessary so that the Hajj ceremonies will again make the enemies of Islam tremble. Imam Khomeini expresses the importance of unity, self assertion and freedom from human captivity:

"The world Muslims and deprived people throughout the globe should be proud, and feel free because of the unending inferno that our Islamic Revolution had created for all the world-devourers, and they should utter the words of freedom and tolerance in their life and apply ointment to their wounds. The era of deadlock, disappointment and breathing in an environment of infidelity has come to an end, and there has emerged the nation's rose garden.

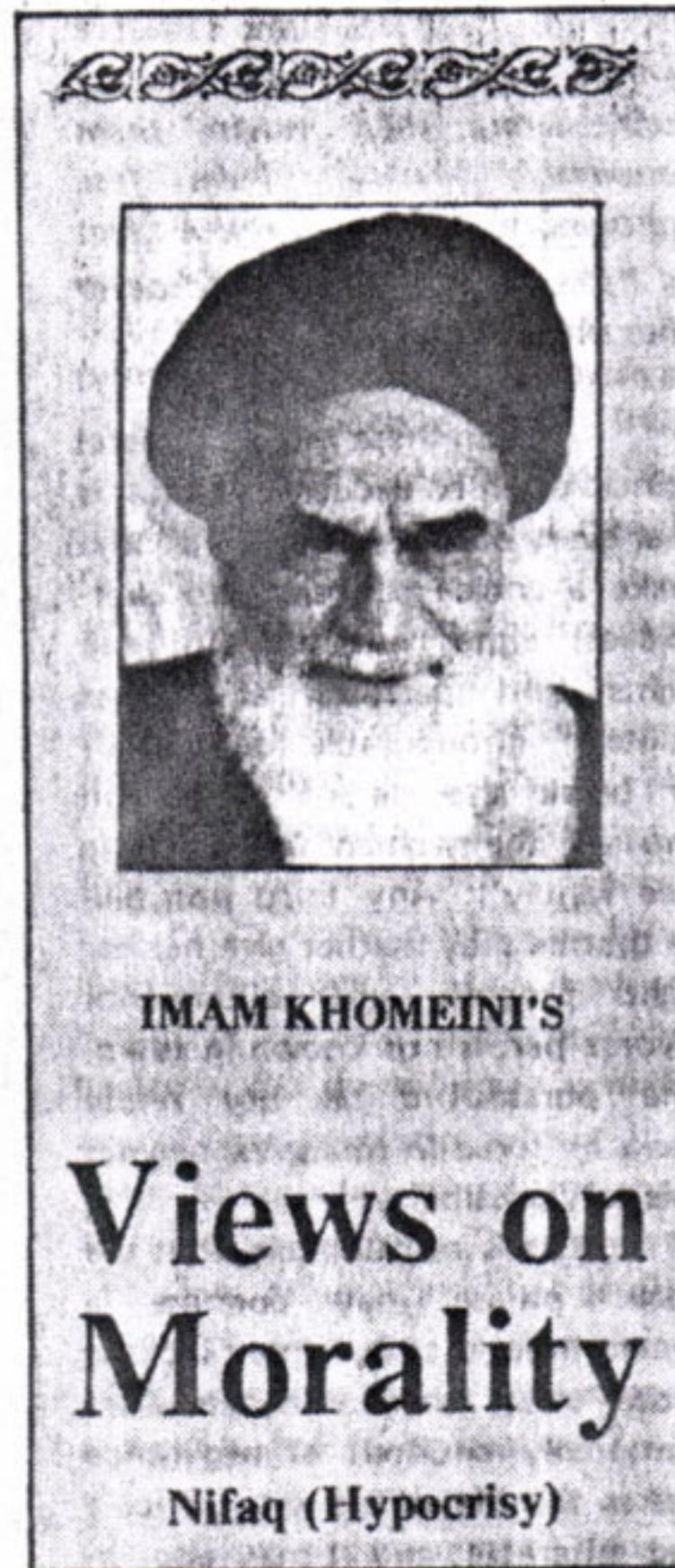
"I hope all Muslims may observe the buds of freedom, smell the fragrance and sweet scent of flowers of affection, and witness love, the pure spring of their own will. We all must come out of the quagmire of silence, where the policy manipulators in America and the Soviet Union have planted seeds of death and captivity; and we must set out for the sea from which Zam Zam has sprung, and give ablution with our tears to the Ka'aba's curtain and Allah's sanctuary, which has been smeared with the impure hands of America and her sons."

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What is the matter with us that we give ourselves the right to harass and hurt, by all possible means, our subordinates, and never hesitate to cause them inconvenience or to create problems for them? Or, if we cannot do any harm by our hands, why do we hurt them with the dagger of our tongues by using derogatory language in their presence, or, in their absence, by opening their secrets, by slandering them and making false accusations against them? Therefore, we, whose hands and tongues do not spare Muslims, our claim of adherence to Islam contradicts our reality, and the state of our hearts is opposite to what our knowledge of Islam tells us. Hence we belong to the category of *munafiqun* and the double-faced.

O you who profess to adhere to the true faith and to submit your heart to the sovereignty of the Almighty! If you have full faith in the Oneness of God, and your heart is devoted to the worship of the One and yearns for the One, what is wrong with you that you are so subdued and humble in front of the people? Why do you worship and idolize them? Is it for some other reason than that you believe them to be powerful and influential, and you imagine their power and wealth to be of some consequence?

You who profess to be a genuine monotheist and sincere piety, if you are really sincere and abstain from worldly pleasures only for the sake of God and His abode of bliss, what is wrong with you that you are so eager to hear people say in your praise that so and so is such a pious man, and are



jubilant when someone says such a thing? Why are you willing to die for the company of the rich and affluent and flee from that of the poor and needy? You must know that neither your monotheism nor your piety are genuine. Your piety and abstinence are for the sake of the world, and your heart is not sincerely devoted to God.

You who claim the gnosis of spiritual fervour, of His love and your wish to annihilate yourself in the Divine Essence, if you are sincere in your devotion to God and belong to the category of *ashab al-qulub*, men of enlightenment with a virtuous past, then may it do you much good. Other-

wise, inflated, theopathic utterances (*shathiyyat*), pretentious ecstasies, and extravagant claims reveal only your self-love and your satanic tendencies, which are opposed to the love of God and godly fervour, for God says:

Verily, My awliya, under My vault (i.e. the sky), are known to none except Me.

There is no need for you to boast about your high station in front of people. Do not distract the unsteady hearts of the creatures of God from their Creator by inclining them towards a creature of His. Do not trespass upon the house that belongs to God. Know that those creatures are dear to God, and their hearts are valuable and precious; they are to be employed in the service of God. Do not make a sport of the house of the Lord, and do not put your hands on His sanctities, for it has been said,

Indeed the house has a Master
Hence, if you are not true in your claims, you will be grouped with the double-faced and the men of *nifaq*.

O God, awaken us from this protracted spell of deep slumber, and bring us back to our senses from this state of intoxication and unconsciousness. Illumine our hearts with the light of faith and have mercy on us. We are not champions of this field. You Yourself succour us and deliver us from the talons of the Devil, for the sake of Your chosen servants Muhammad and his undefiled progeny, upon all of whom be God's benedictions.