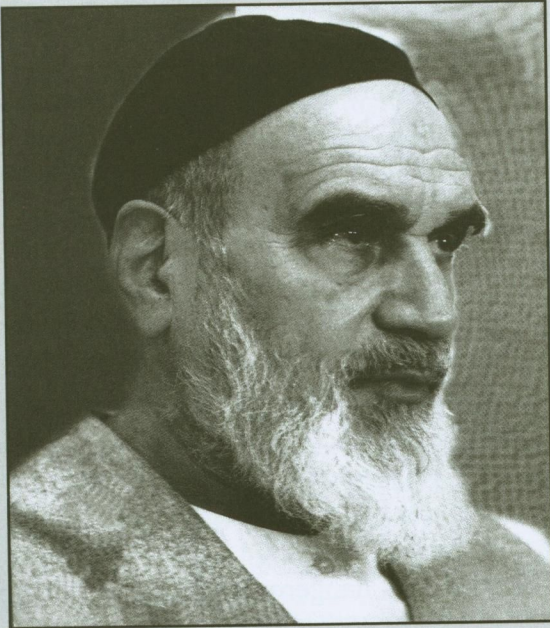


# To liberate humankind and establish justice



## Imam Khomeini(ra) on the role of Divine Prophets

*In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful*  
Philosophy of the mission of divine prophets in Qor'anic culture is constituted on two fundamental pillars: call to God and monotheism and administration of justice in society. In fact, the spirit of the message of prophets is monotheism which is characterized by two theoretical and practical dimensions. Theoretical unity signifies unity of God in all fields; practical unity is nothing but realization of those beliefs crystallized in the form of social justice. In Surah Ahzab, verses 45 – 46, God says: "O Prophet! Lo! We have sent thee as a witness and a bringer of good tidings and a warner and as a summoner unto Allah by His permission, and as a lamp that giveth light". Also in Surah Hadid, verse 25 reads: "We verily sent Our messengers with clear proofs, and revealed with them the Scripture and the Balance, that mankind may observe right measure."

In this verse, God describes the mission of prophets and revelation of the Book along with Balance to dispense justice, although they were not fully successful in their mission. Due to existence of power-wielders, arrogant people, resistance and enmity of Mammonists, these divinely goals were not actualized multilaterally in any period. However, all prophets were successful in impressing human communities. Anything that has happened or is happening in this world, any form of correct education, every thoughtful man and reformist coming to this world, have been directly or indirectly guided by the instructions of these chosen men of God.

Imam Khomeini (r.a) is among the few individuals who knew well the doctrine of divine prophets, and being fully acquainted with all its angels. The vast expanse of his theoretical, practical and empirical knowledge of prophets to most argumentative reasoning and philosophical arguments, profundity of his knowledge of fiqh and usul and the minutest rules and religious fundamentals dealing with obligations and vocational duties as well as individual, social and collective rights, types of state crafts, methods of management and administration of government, complex scope of international relations and colonialist and exploitative tricks derived from those teachings.

Using this comprehensiveness in the age when religion had been slid into oblivion and almost all material and spiritual powers of the world took religion as something of the past, thinking of substitutes for it, the Imam (r.a) managed to awaken a nation and establish a government having its roots in religious thought and laws derived from divinely law.



For this reason, the Imam is, in the real sense of the word, the biggest reviver of religious thought in the contemporary age. His thought and action not only injected a fresh life into the Muslims and Islam, but other schools, inclinations and divine religions also got a new life. Al deprived and oppressed people, inspired by the Islamic Revolution, emerged in every nook and cranny of the world.

Among the totality of the dimensions of Imam Khomeini (r.a) character, one of the most salient distinguishing him from other thinkers of the world of Islam is his attitude towards history and his understanding inspired from the life and uprising of prophets and immaculate Imams. If we want to enumerate the features and major headings of the revolution of divinely prophets from Imam Khomeini's viewpoint, we arrive at the following summary:

### **Attributes of prophets:**

#### **Obedience and submission:**

Prophets had no conflict with each other. If all prophets come together at one place, they will have no difference with one another.

#### **Asceticism and simple existence:**

You see that the prophets were the greatest human beings and had the simplest life. They were greatest of all and all recognized their greatness.

#### **Benevolence to people:**

Prophets and Imams knew the ways and consequences, grieved for man and made sacrifices to save people.

Prophets sought that why the man who should naturally have a healthy nature, should be like this.

#### **Invitation of Prophets:**

##### *Method of invitation:*

Prophets (a) began from nothing to invite and rise up against arrogance; their big invitations began from units being extended to groups.

Those who take over the helm of people's guidance and consider themselves to be a guide of way of prosperity, should invite people by this noble quality (humbleness) and bear in mind the lifestyle of prophets and Imams (a) who got along with people despite their lofty stations.

#### **Aims of invitation:**

Prophets of God were sent to educate men, produce real human beings, keep man aloof from evil, foul, corruption and moral wickedness and acquaint him with virtues and good manners.

When prophets fought against the opponents of monotheism, their goal was not to fight and wipe out the other party; their main goal was to spread monotheism in the world and the religion of truth the world over.

#### **Guidance:**

All prophets are teachers and all human beings students. Prophets have a school in which they want to guide this biped, which is the worst of creatures and if let free is the most dangerous one, towards the right path.

This straight path, presented by prophets to mankind and by the Holy Prophet (SAW), the last of prophets and noblest of creatures, to people and invited people to it and guided people to the path of humanity and protected them against all forms of disbelief and infidelity and rid (relieved) of all darkness to absolute light-you young adults should continue the same path.

#### **Justice**

Basically, prophets of God (peace be upon them) were delegated to serve the creatures of God, rendering spiritual and instructional (to right way) services, and bringing out man from darkness and leading him to light. They served the oppressed and struggled to dispense individual and social justice.

The efforts made by prophets and the wars they used to fight against the opponents of the right path and particularly the wars and the goal was not expanding the territory. The aim was to create a just system in which God's commands would prevail.