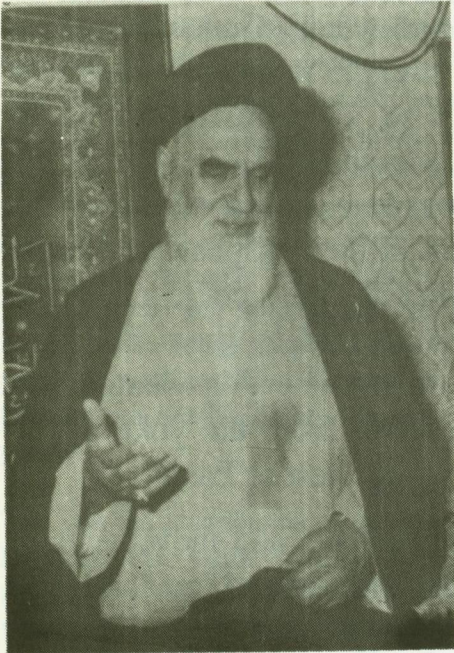


## IMAM KHOMEINI AND MARXISM



*Imam Khomeini*

### PREDICTION OF THE COLLAPSE OF THE WORLD MARXISM POLE IN IMAM KHOMEINI'S MESSAGE TO GORBACHEV (By: Hamid Ansari)

Gorbachev, the last head of (former) Soviet Union, had undertaken certain changes and reforms in the world's Communist pole. Yet, the political analysts and leaders of the western world were doubtful and pessimistic about the reforms. None could believe that the changes would uproot the 70-year old system of atheist communism in the (former) Soviet Union. The most that could be supposed to occur under those conditions was that Kremlin leaders might ignore some of the direct links between the Eastern block countries and the (former) Soviet Union. This, in order to reduce the internal economic difficulties and develop a new order from the communist camp with limited Soviet leadership and more undertaking by the (former) Soviet Union's satellites themselves. But Khomeini, with an insight incomprehensible to the materialist reckoners, as early as 11/10/1367(4 January 1988), in a letter addressed to Gorbachev, presaged as follows:

*"From now on. Communism may be looked up in the museums of political history of the world!"* In his letter, Imam Khomeini also presented the most profound analyses of the current soviet changes and interpreted them as *"the sound of bones of*



*President Gorbachev*

*Communism breaking up!"* It is a wonder that in this letter another forecast, is documented with valid warnings that reveal s Imam Khomeini's keen acumen for evaluation of the political condition of that day. His Holiness, the Imam has been explicit in warning that the Russians were rolling over to the pseudo-green garden of Western capitalism, and being deceived by the USA by referring to the failure of the communist in their anti-religion policy and by posing deep philosophical; and mystical issues, Imam Khomeini urged Gorbachev to approach God and religion instead of pacing hope in the materialism of the west. The Imam has specified: *"The basic problems of your country is not the issue of ownership, economics or liberty. Your problem is a lack of true faith in God; the same problem that has driven, or will drive, the west to worthlessness and dead end!"*

Unfortunately, Russian leaders did not take these warnings and advices of the Imam seriously. America and European corporations turned the modern Russia into their economic aspirations and a new type of exploitation is forming up, the future prospects of which, is nothing but darkness and dead ends, unless the people of this country wake up!

It is interesting to note that at the time of deliverance of Gorbachev's response to Imam Khomeini, Shevardnadze, Soviet foreign minister was surprised to see that the man who has warned and sent a message to the worlds number 2 nuclear power, was sitting in a 3x4 meter room of a small adobe house in Jamaran, with utmost simplicity and without the least vestige of

ordinary ceremonies and quite calm and as solid as a mountain with a Quran, a namaz (prayer) rug and rosary by his side, plus some newspaper and an ordinary radio.. Shevardnadze's astonishment increased when he noticed that a second wooden chair was not available for the high ranking Russian who accompanied him and perforce he had to experience sitting on the floor, if it were only for one time! Perhaps, when an old pious man who was serving the Imam handed, as the only catering to the guests, a cup of tea, and two cubes of sugar to Shevardnadze, the Foreign Minister of the World's Eastern Pole, he may have thought that all this was uncommon and intentional; but that was not true. During his entire life, whether alone, in estrangement or in exile or during his religious and political leadership, until the moment of his heavenly departure, the Imam did not abandon his simple and pure living, and never thought of changing his way of life in respect to this world's high positions, no matter how great these might have been.

## Imam's Historic Message to Gorbachev *"Verily the system sanctioned by Allah is Islam"* (AL QUR'AN)

*In the Name of Allah, the Most Merciful, the Most  
 Compassionate*

His Excellency Mr. Gorbachev, Chairman of the presidium of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republic, with the best wishes for the happiness of your Excellency and the Soviet people.

Since your assumption of responsibility it has been felt that Your Excellency, in analyzing the world political events particularly the issues pertaining to the Soviet Union, have found yourself in a new era of reassessment, transition and encounter, furthermore since your pluck and audacity in dealing with the world realities is quite likely to disrupt the dominant balance of interests across the world, I found it necessary to draw your kind attention to the following points.

Although it is quite likely that your new attitudes and decisions be confined to the resolution of party disputes as well as some of the problems confronting the Soviet people, yet your courage in reviewing a school of thought that has, for many solid years, imprisoned the world revolutionary youth within iron fences, is praiseworthy. But if you are thinking beyond these boundaries, the first issue that will undoubtedly help you achieve success is to review the policies adopted by your predecessors about enhancing atheism and irreligion, which has doubtless dealt the most devastating blow to the Soviet people. Rest assured that this is the only formula whereby you can tackle world issues realistically.

It is possible that the improper policies and practices of the former communist leaders concerning the Soviet economy have helped the western world seem more appealing, however, the fact is lying somewhere else. If you wish to put an end to the economic woes of socialism, and

communism by simply resorting to the core of western capitalism you will not only ease the pains prevalent in the Soviet society, but will also call on others to offset the mistakes you commit, because if Marxism has met with a stalemate in its economic and social aspects, the West, too, has become embroiled. It is likely that on some aspects you have not conventionally turned your back on Marxism in public interviews; however you yourself may well be aware that in reality things are different.

The Chinese leader inflicted the first blow on communism but you dealt the second and ostensibly the last blow to it. Today we observe a communism of all sorts across the world.

I, however, sincerely call on you not to get trapped in the prison of West and Arch Satan while breaking away the iron curtains of Marxist idealism. I hope you will have the privilege of wiping off the last residues of 70 years of perversity of the world communism from the chapters of history and your fatherland.

Today, even government's normally considered as your allies who are eager to secure the interests of their peoples and motherland will never be able to convince themselves of squandering the under and over ground resources their countries to prove the validity of communism, the signal for whose failure has already been heard by its proponents.

His Excellency Mr. Gorbachev

When after seventy years the call to prayer - Allah - o - Akbar, "God is Great" and testimony for the Prophetic Mission of the Seal of Prophets (May Allah's blessings be upon him and his progeny) - was heard from the minarets, of mosques in some of the Soviet Republics, moved all the followers of the genuine Islam of Mohammed (May Allah's Blessings be upon him and his progeny) to tears, hence I deemed it necessary to mention this point to you so that you can once more rethink both material and Divine world views.

Materialists regard sense as their recognition criterion and anything that is beyond the sense does not lie within the domain of knowledge and that they also consider existence as equivalent to material being hence anything devoid of matter is regarded as non-existent. Then, naturally they consider the world of the unseen, such as the existence of the exalted Almighty, Divine, Revelation Prophetic mission and Domsday as totally mythical.

While the basis of knowledge is Divine worldview is composed of "sense" and "reason" and anything, which is "traditional" falls within the domain of knowledge, though not sensible.

The Glorious Quran finds fault with the fundamental of the material world view and to those who believe, God does not exist, otherwise He would be seen; or in the Divine world;" We shall never believe in thee until we see God manifestly" (11:55) addressed as follows:

“ No vision can grasp Him, but His grasp is over all vision: He is above all comprehension, yet is acquainted with all things” (VI-103). We can temporarily do without the arguments presented by the Holy Quran regarding Divine revelation, prophetic mission and doomsday, which from your point of view are just entangled in the subtleties of philosophers. I would suffice it to provide you with a couple of simple, natural and immediate examples, which can benefit even the politicians.

It is crystal clear that the matter and the body, whatever they are, are not cognizant of themselves. Each side of a stone statue or the material statue of man is unaware of the other side whereas it goes without saying that man and animals are quite aware of the in environments. They know where they stand, they perceive what is transpiring around them and what a commotion is widespread across the world; hence there is something called supramatter which is detached from matter and that does not die and lives on when matter is dead.

In compliance with the dictates of its nature, man desires any perfection in its absolute form, and you are well aware that man is desirous of becoming omnipotent in the world, hence it is not interested in any power which is imperfect.

Even if he enjoys full command over the universe and it is said that there is another world, he naturally wishes to wield power and control the other world too.

Man, however learned, and if he hears about other sciences he is naturally keen on learning those sciences as well. Therefore he naturally develops interest in omnipotence and omniscience both of which are attributes of Almighty God and that we are all consciously or unconsciously, attracted by, though we ourselves may not be cognizant of it. Man is eventually desirous of reaching out to the Absolute and getting dissolved in it. In principle the intense interest in eternal life, which is inherent in any person, is indicative of an immortal universe and immunity of death.

If your Excellency would like to conduct researches about such subjects, you can order the scholars to consult, besides the books of western philosophers, the writings Al Farabi and Avicenna (peace be upon them) in peripateticism, because such studies will prove that

the Law of Causality upon which any knowledge hinges is “ rational” and not sensible and the comprehension of the universal terms as well as the general laws upon which any argumentation is based is also rational, not sensible.

In this connection, the noble writings of Al-Sohravardi (peace be upon him) on philosophy of illumination could be consulted. He masterfully elucidates the fact that matter and every material object is in real need of sheer “ light” which is totally free of any sensibility and the intuitive conception of man of his essence is definitely far away from “sense perception.” Your Excellency can also ask the scholars to consult the celebrated work of Sadrol Motalehin (may Allah be pleased with him and may Allah unite him with the prophets and the pious) in transcendental philosophy so that it will be clarified to you that the reality of knowledge is verily an entity divorced from matter and that any kind of thought is detached from matter, hence it won't be restricted by the laws of matter.

I will no longer bore you with details hence I won't mention names of the books of great thinkers particularly Mohi Aldin Ebn Arabi. Should your Excellency wish to fathom the subtleties presented by this great scholar, please dispatch some of the highly intelligent Soviet experts who are well prepared for such issue to Qom so that in a few years by the grace of Allah they will acquire knowledge of these subtleties and that without this journey such awareness will not crystallize.

His Excellency Mr. Gorbachev

Now after mentioning these points and preliminaries, I call on your Excellency to seriously inquire about Islam, not because Islam and Moslems need your inquiry but because it is the exalted and universal values of Islam that can give comfort and save all nations and it can also resolve the basic problems confronting humanity. A profound investigation into Islam could, forever, rid you of the issue of Afghanistan and other problems of this type. We treat Muslims across the world as Iranian Muslims and furthermore we share common destinies. By granting relative religious freedom to some of the soviet republics you practically proved that you no longer think that religion is the opiate of society. Is the religion that has made Iran as adamant as a mountain against the superpowers the opiate of the society?

Is the religion that is desirous of administration of justice in the world and of freedom of man from the material and spiritual shackles the opiate for the society? In fact a religion that puts the material and spiritual capitals of Islamic and non-Islamic countries at the disposal of the superpowers and other powers and also shouts at the people that the followers should refrain from politics is indeed the opiate of society. This is no longer the true religion but in effect it is called American-sponsored religion by Iranians.

In conclusion I explicitly announce that the Islamic Republic of Iran as the greatest and strongest base of the Islamic world can fill the faith vacuum pervasive, in your system. Anyhow Iran, as in the past, believes in and respects good neighbourly and bilateral relations.

*"Peace and blessing be upon those who seek truth"*

*Rohollah al- Mossavi al-Khomeini.*

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**Nations and disciples of Jesus Christ, the spirit of God, arise! Rise and defend the honor of Jesus Christ and Christian nations. Do not allow your enemies to misuse the divine teachings and oppose heavenly decrees and misrepresent Christian nations and Christian spiritual leaders to the oppressed nations of the world!**

All deprived people of the world, arise! Rise and unite. Push the oppressors off the stage because the earth belongs to God and the deprived are its inheritors.

American people! Do not listen to the propaganda of Presidents because their only thoughts is to attain power. Rest assured that our youth threat the spies fairly because Islam commands one to have mercy upon captives, even if they are oppressors or spies.

American people! Demand Carter to hand over the criminal, the deposed Shah, to Iran. He is the key to the release of the spies. Christians! Pray and ring your church bells and ask God to render your Presidents with justice and equity. Blessed are those who seek and pray for justice.

*Peace be upon you, and the Mercy and Blessings of God.*