

Title: Imam Khomeini's Factual and Practical Sketch

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Abstract

Humanity's perfection lies within God's names, for God alone is perfection immaculate and anything but God is incapable of reaching ultimate perfection. The prophets endowed with God's authority and Prophet Muhammad's Household are real life manifestations of God's names, individuals that cannot be rivalled by no one else. "لاقياس بال محمد من هذه الامه احد و لا يسوى بهم". Following in their footsteps are the caliphs endowed with Prophet Muhammad and his household's authority over mankind, obeying them in practice, thereby extending the same authority over people by their proximity to Prophet Muhammad's character sketch. His holiness, Ruhullah Khomeini better known as Imam Khomeini, is the latest and greatest of regents sent in Prophet Muhammad's place. One whose every action is fused with righteous and just virtues. The Twelve Imams are the earthly manifestation of God's greatest names and their regents are all blessed with a spark of what is endowed in their essence. Imam Khomeini as the latest regent is also blessed with that spark and henceforth was given a mandate to spread the knowledge and understanding that came before him from Imam Sadiq and Imam Baqir and shall continue after him until its ultimate revelation at the hands of the last Imam, Imam Mahdi, following the end of his occultation. The greatness of Imam Khomeini's character is comparable to that of immovable mountains with its summit reaching heavens and the seat of the maker's understanding. Its valleys are rife with fountains of knowledge and rivers of moral messages ready to quench the thirst of those willing to brave the journey. Although it is nigh impossible to pour the entirety of oceans of knowledge gleaned from Imam Khomeini within a vase such as this paper, we have tried to analytically and succinctly provide the readers with a portrait of Imam Khomeini's character. This thesis seeks to explain Imam Khomeini's journey through a deep exploration of his thought and system of beliefs to provide his disciples with a plethora of cues that guides them toward spiritual perfection. Keeping Imam Khomeini's name and legacy alive is a responsibility that must be borne by all men whose heart beat for guiding humanity toward the ultimate goal of creation.

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