

Imam Khomeini Is A Leader Who Emerges Every Thousand Years Once

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Q. Usually Imam Khomeini (RA) is recalled as a charismatic leader, what characteristics have resulted in development of such character in Imam Khomeini?

A) I think that the charismatic leadership of Imam Khomeini (RA) is the result of his deep and heart faith in god and the good features bestowed upon him by the Almighty God. Imam Khomeini lost his parents very soon, as his father was martyred by the regime. He experienced many problems and difficulties which helped him to become a great and experienced man. He learnt how to find a way to get rid of any bottleneck. Relying on his honesty, justice, faith and kindness, this great man succeeded to mobilize his people in order to realize the duties had been defined for him.

Q. Please explain about Imam Khomeini’s thoughts and the Islamic Republic of Iran role in awakening the Muslim nations of the region.

A) The initial goals and purposes of Imam Khomeini are defined based on performing his religious and ethical duties, the duties which resulted in his exile from his country and living far from the homeland for many years. Also, it can be said that his initial goals were parallel with the Iranian people, which it was very important in the victory of the Islamic Republic. According to his own planning, not only development of oil and gas industry, technology and agriculture, but also developments of spiritual dimensions of people’s life have been considered. Dependency of the country, even through its smallest needs, to foreign countries and interference of other powers in the internal affairs of the country and opposition of the regime with the people’s religious culture made it clear that the country needs fundamental and substantial reforms, and the flag

of these changes and reforms was in the hands of Imam Khomeini. Lack of social and speech freedoms, discrimination and inequality were among problems which convinced Imam Khomeini to call for and mobilize Iranian People; as his anti-imperialistic plan was welcome warmly by people.

Q. What are the most important Ideals of Imam Khomeini in your idea?

A) One of great ideals of Imam Khomeini was releasing not only Iranian people, but also all Muslim and oppressed nations, from the western ideology and strengthening their own culture and introducing to other countries. Using his works including articles and books, he tries to share his ideas and opinions with other people and reassured hearts and mobilized everybody univocally towards his great goals.

Q. The Islamic Republic of Iran is considered as one of successful revolutions in the contemporary epoch, can you enumerate some reasons for the success of Imam Khomeini?

A) The main condition for being a constructive and successful revolution, it needs to do not divert from its basic plan. If it moves ahead in the main route without mistake, the development of the country would be continued and will survive as a successful revolution in the history. In answer to your other question, I said that relying on divine graces helped Imam to be successful, moreover, Imam and the revolution both supported people, who used to live in a dire condition. He showed Iranian and the world people the way of development based on Islam. For me, Imam Khomeini is a great historical figure who born any thousand years once. He is the man who awakened the Muslim World. I can say that he is the sole international leader who became able to explain about the importance of Quranic virtues in terms of social and political considerations for the ordinary people. Actually there is no ruler in the world who can avoid wealth, but in his meaningful and spiritual life, with contentment and avoiding greed, Imam became the popular leader of the mass. Imam told all oppressed nations, "Defend your rights, avoid the tricky measures of the world tyrants who have no honesty and justice."

Q. How you analyze the principles of ethics and action in Imam Khomeini's thought and practice? How can explain the relationship between ethics, spirituality and its social effects in strengthening humanistic interactions and cooperation by Imam Khomeini's manner of life?

A) I respect ethical and spiritual principles of both thoughts and practice of Imam Khomeini (RA). Imam's greatness signs can be seen through his life. Those who were contemporary with Imam, describe him as a mindful, aware and hardworking but kind man. The relationship between ethics, spirituality and its social effects in strengthening humanistic interactions and cooperation by Imam Khomeini's manner of life can be seen in his performance. In his domestic and foreign politics, it can be seen that both thinking and practice of Imam Khomeini has had a great social influence on strengthening spiritual and humanistic interactions. To describe him, I can say that Imam Khomeini's lifestyle was a unique phenomenon in the history of mankind.

Q. Imam Khomeini invites all youth to keep human values and to pay attention to great concepts such as independence, freedom and awareness and to avoid deviations, especially in the academic centers where "human making" centers, what do you think about this social advice of Imam Khomeini?

A) I agree completely with the late leader of Iran. The future of any nation depends on its youth. The youth future in turn is formed by the greater generation. The governments need to pay a special attention to train youth in universities and schools.

Q. Please explain about the effect of spiritual, philosophical and comprehensive aspects of Imam Khomeini's character on pervasiveness and inspiring specificity of his revolution in the international area.

A) It is clear that the imperialism representatives intend to disguise spiritual, philosophical, scientific and political aspects of Imam Khomeini's character in the international area. I think that the great phenomenon of Imam Khomeini is not restricted to a certain period of time. Despite his demise, his brilliant ideas are alive. Imam Khomeini showed people that imperialism is strange with mankind and need to get rid of it.

Thank you for your time.