

# Structurology of Martyr General **Qasem** **Solilemani's** School of Thought

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## Introduction

There are very few national heroes who have, during their lifetime, adhered to such virtues as honor, courage, patriotism, and righteousness and displayed self-sacrifice to protect their homeland, as a sign and symbol of the collective identity of their nation. For example, the history of Iran has witnessed such personalities as Sattar Khan, Baqer Khan, Mirza Kuchak Khan Jangali, Re'is Ali Delvari, and Amir Kabir who bravely fought to drive away the invaders from their homeland and made exemplary efforts to bring honor, dignity, and independence to their motherland.

On the other hand, human history testifies that the martyrdom of great martyrs, like the martyrs of the imposed wars on Iran - from the beginning of Islam to recent years - has been the source of awakening for their nations; encouraging them to bravely defend themselves against the invading enemies.

Thus, the sacrifices made by the martyrs have been the source of many blessings, including the revival of the serious determination and willpower of their people as well as creating awareness about their undeniable divine and human rights.

Martyr Qasem Soleimani can undoubtedly be considered the source of many unique blessings; both during and after his blessed lifetime. A close look at the history of the Iranian identity reveals that like many truth-seeking and ideal-oriented martyrs, Sardar Soleimani was the exemplar of the Qur'anic Verse "Among the faithful are men who fulfill what they have pledged to Allah: there are some among them who have fulfilled their pledge, and some of them who still wait, and they have not changed in the least".<sup>1</sup>

## 1 - Martyr Soleimani's School of Thought was an Evolved Movement

It is quite obvious that every product, both from the material and spiritual point of view, is the result of the evolution of a general trend. Now, if we were to agree that intellectual and ideological trends, right from their beginning to the end, are subject to a definite path and certain en-route stops, without going through which the intended ends will not be obtained, it can be concluded that the practical school of thought of Sardar Soleimani is a complete and evolved movement.

"Mujahidat" (divine struggle) in its Qur'anic sense - that could be perceived from various hadiths and exegesis on the Holy Qur'an - indicates that being in the path of God Almighty and



moving in the path of truth in order to perceive absolute truth call for possessing some of the above-mentioned unique char-

acteristics.

## 1-2 - The Interrelatedness of the Concepts of "Struggle" and

### “Resistance”

The starting point of the school of thought, of which Martyr Soleimani is one of the most prominent examples, is traversing the true path of closeness to God Almighty with absolute devotion and sincerity, and this can only be achieved through continuous effort. Hence, struggle and endeavor in the divine path is a movement that requires “resistance”. As a matter of fact, such a struggle is a perfect example of resistance and this is what seems remarkable and undeniable in the school of thought of Martyr Soleimani.

He spent many years of his honorable life fighting on the battlefields against the deceivers and political, religious, and ideological conspirators in the Islamic world, on the one hand - and their unthoughtful followers, on the other hand - without losing hope or even taking a step back. Being equipped with the weapon of firm faith and reliance on the benevolence of God Almighty, he always maintained a forward-looking and far-sighted vision and it was the realization of such factors that led him and his allies to victory in the brutal war launched by ISIS and Western beasts against the oppressed people of various religions and denominations in Islamic lands.

## 2 - Martyr Soleimani's School of Thought Is Dynamic and Always on the Move

### 2-1 - The Condition for the Survival of Intellectual-Practical Schools of Thought

In order to survive, a new intellectual or practical school of thought must be able to remain on the right track over time and it must not stop moving forward so that it does not fall prey to such plagues as shallowness, obscurity, and extinction, which are directly related to the passage of time.

The history of the emergence of some revolutions and new ideological-behavioral movements in each era shows that many schools of thought such as “Communism”, “Socialism”, “Marxism”, etc. experienced passionate and tumultuous beginnings but began to face decline after some time.

The lack of generative rational foundations and frameworks that could move them forward and revitalize and evolve their essence in line with “time and its requirements” resulted in the collapse of these schools of thought after a short life, and

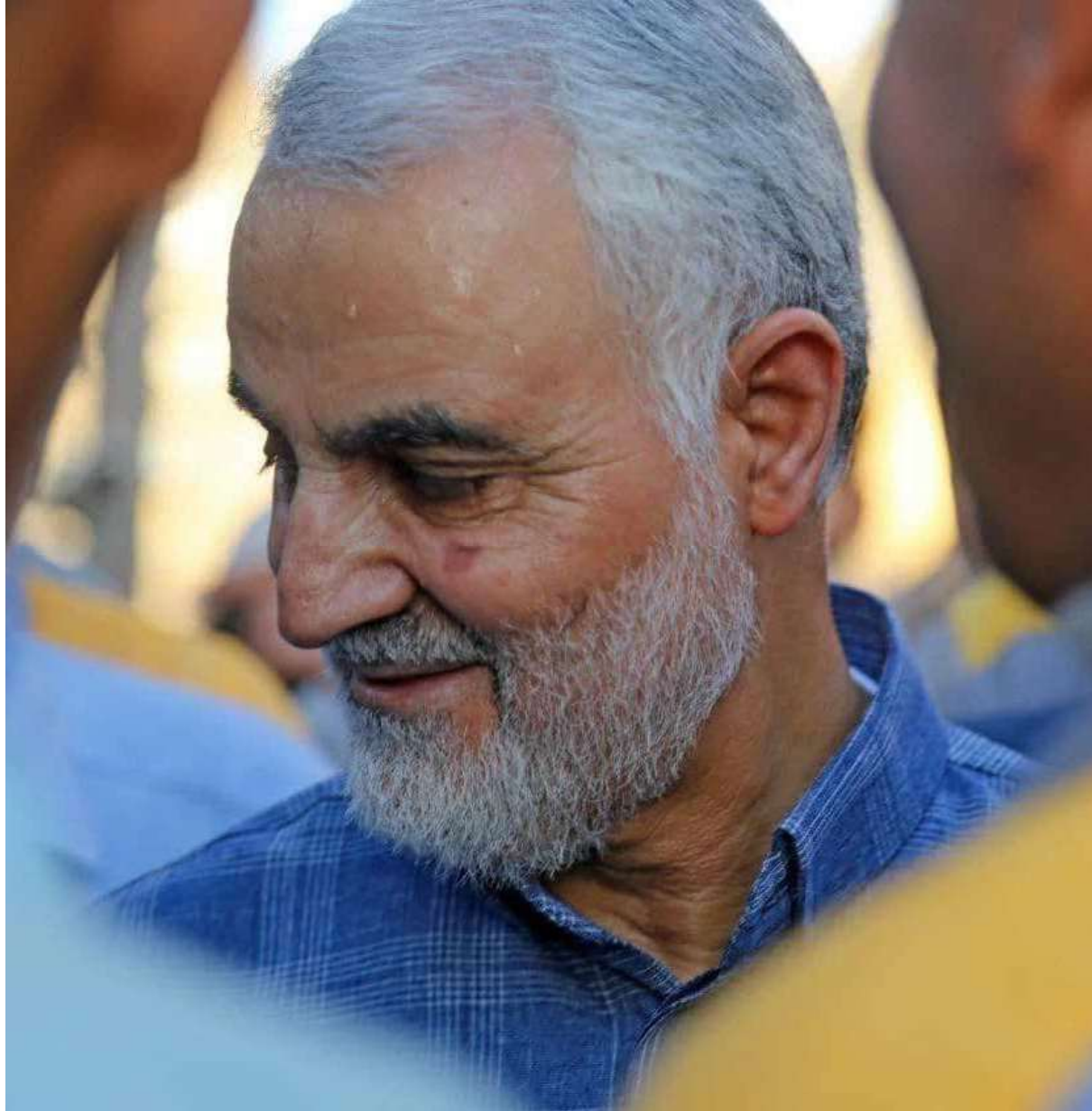
soon their hollowness and uselessness began to be manifested and, as a result, they were gradually abandoned by their fans.

The school of thought that the great and honorable martyrs were its flagbearers since the beginning of Islam and were carried forward until the time of the rise of Martyr General Soleimani is of sufficient intellectual foundations, among which mention can be made of justice and equality; moral and humanitarian values, such as brotherhood and equality among the people and their equal rights to life; rebellion against the exploitation of the oppressed and deprived; rejection of ideological and religious deviations that lead to hatred and violence among societies; struggle against superstition; and resistance towards anti-ideological illusions and all kinds of backwardness, reactionism, and mental instability, etc.

The school that Martyr Soleimani began to re-read after nearly 1400 years has strong and sound intellectual foundations and is, therefore, indestructible and far from stagnation. The concepts that form the theoretical foundations of this school of thought constitute the elements of human instinctive life, according to which the “soul” gets the power of liberation and ascension, and the “thought” begins to blossom and achieve depth. Furthermore, because it is always alive and fertile in human beings, it does not take on the color of vanity and does not suffer from forgetfulness and abrogation.

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### 3 - Martyr Soleimani's School of Thought Enjoys Primacy of Theory and Stability in Purpose

There have always been some intellectual and practical schools of thought throughout the ages that were based on genuine theories and hypotheses and survived because of being responsive to positivist methods while there were other schools of thought that joined the history as soon as they stopped being of any use to the requirements of the time.

What acts as the driving force in all philosophical, ethical, sociological, psychological, political, educational, etc. schools of thought is the power of advancing forward as well as thought-

fulness and reason, and what gets distanced from common sense is doomed to destruction. The ultimate goal of such schools of thought is to ensure man's safety, health, growth, and development, and if there is any deviation in the essence of this goal, in its true sense, it will result in a change in its original structure and will disrupt the functionality of the components of the system and will disintegrate it.

Therefore, it can be concluded that the school of thought in which martyrs, and especially Martyr Soleimani, played a role with all sincerity, has a goal that has remained unchanged (not only since 1400 years ago) from

the beginning of man's creation and human history.

That goal is the ultimate goal, and - like the soul of the school of thought of our great martyr - is imbued with the pure essence of monotheism, is original and pure in its essence, and is free from the need to rely on theories or hypotheses constructed and produced by the changing human mind. Such a school of thought has been founded since eternity and its ultimate goal has been designed for "eternality" and, therefore, it is everlasting.

1. مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ رِجَالٌ صَدَقُوا مَا عَاهَدُوا اللَّهَ. عَلَيْهِ قَوْلُهُمْ مَنْ قَضَىٰ نَحْبَهُ وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ يَنْتَظِرُ وَمَا بَدَّلُوا تَبْدِيلًا, Surah Al-Ahzab, Verse 23.