## **Martyr Soleimani** is More Alive than Ever

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We should offer our condolences to the relatives of Martyr Soleimani and the people of Iran, but I want to express my joy that Iran has raised such sons. Not only in words but in his action, Soleimani testified about eternal life and one who testifies this cannot be dead and annihilated. He is rather more alive than ever. Martyr Soleimani sacrificed his life for his religious beliefs and his homeland and left this world beautifully. I do not agree with making a comparison between life and death. Martyr Soleimani lived an exalted life and sacrificed his life for his beliefs, Imam, and the interests of his country and people.

Dear Iranian friends, I would

like to share a few words about General Soleimani. He was not a hero who fought only for his country, his homeland, and his motherland. He was not a human hero; he was loftier than that. He was a great personality who sacrificed himself for the sake of his people. He sacrificed himself for his leader.

He was a very amazing personality. He was at the forefront of the struggle and resistance against the Zionist regime. He fought against modern and postmodern Western civilization. He fought against the Western version of globalization advocated by the United States and its friends. He was a friend of the Palestinians, the Yemenis, the Syrians, the Iraqis, but that is not all.

Who was he (Martyr Soleimani)? He was a person who did not give up his struggle against oppression until the end. He was concerned about the poor and needy. His enemies are the enemies of the poor people. They are the people who fight for darkness. He was a person who fought against the darkness. He was the true representative of the justiceseeking people of the world.

He had prepared himself for the

battle alongside the last Imam and the last son of the Prophet of Islam (pbuh); who will come and fights with the enemies of humanity.

His struggle had different dimensions: political dimension, social dimension, military dimension, and geopolitical dimension. He sought great jihad, but not merely military and defensive jihad. He did not fight for worldly affairs and rather, his jihad was a spiritual one. His goal was a spiritual one in essence. He fought for spiritual and metaphysical objectives and that is what made him a role model for many.

He was a religious and a divine man. Spirituality cannot be destroyed. He had a spiritual identity. Both he and Abu Mahdi Al-Muhandis and their other martyred friends were engaged in a spiritual battle. They were struggling for the reappearance (of the Imam of Time). They are alive and they will remain immortal in our minds, hearts, and souls. He was a Muslim, but we Christians consider him one of our own.

We, the true Christians, and we, the true Muslims, are all on the battlefield and are fighting a common enemy. We consider him (Martyr Soleimani) our spiritual hero. Human history is approaching that crucial moment (of reappearance of the awaited savior) and the enemies must be destroyed. And it is through spiritual power that victory can be achieved and General Soleimani paved the way for it.

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