

Imam Khomeini ^(RA) **and Islamic Unity**

- Muslims should be awake, Muslims should be alert that if a dispute takes place among Sunni and Shi'ite brothers, it is harmful to all of us, it is harmful to all Muslims. Those who want to sow discord are neither Sunni nor Shia, they are agents of the superpowers and work for them.
- If Islamic brotherhood comes to the fore among Islamic countries, such will become a great power, which none of the global powers will be able to cope with.
 - Shia and Sunni brothers

- should avoid every kind of dispute. Today, discord among us will only benefit those who follow neither Shi'ia nor Hanafi. They neither want this nor that to exist and know the way to sow dispute between you and us.
- We must pay attention that we are all Muslims and we all believe in the Qur'an; we all believe in Tawheed and must work to serve the Qur'an and Tawheed.
- The Muslims must be a united hand against all arrogance.

- If the Muslims were a united, single fist, none can rise against them.
- Do not keep saying "unity but not go after it. Be active together, you are brothers to one another.
- All Muslims are brothers and equal, none is separate from another and all must be under the banner of Islam and monotheism.
- Muslims are brothers and will not be segregated by the pseudo-propaganda sponsored by corrupt elements. The source of this matter that Shiites should be on one side and Sunni on the other is, on the one hand, ignorance and, on the other hand, propaganda of the foreigners.
- The communities themselves must be a single Um-

mah; they should assemble together and not be separated; they should not regard the borders as causes for the separation of the hearts.

- O you powerful Muslims! Beware! Know yourselves and let the world know you. Cast aside the sectarian and regional disputes, which have been created by the worlddevouring powers and their corrupt agents for the purpose of plundering you and treading upon your human and Islamic honor. Mercenary akhunds (mullahs) and the nationalists know nothing of Islam and of the interests of the Muslims. The harms of these people to Islam are no less than those of the world-devourers. They show Islam upside-down and pave the way for the plunderers. May Allah, the Most High, deliver Islam and the Muslim countries from the evil of the world devourers and their affiliated and connected agents.
- Disunity among Shias and the Sunnis is what arrogant powers want. If there happens a dispute between the Iranian nation and the other nations, or between the Sunni brothers and the Shia brothers, it will be to the disadvantage of all of us, of all Muslims. Those who want to cause disunity are neither of the Sunnis nor of the Shias. They are the agents of the Super Powers and they are serving them.
- Those who try to create disunity between Sunni and Shia brothers are the groups who plot for the enemies of Islam.

They want to help the enemies of Islam to overcome the Muslims. They are the followers of western powers, and some are also the followers of the eastern powers.

- We must be awake and know that the divine judgment says: "The believers are brothers" but (Al-Hujurat: 10). There is nothing among them other than brotherhood, and they are obliged to have brotherly conduct. It is a political point to have all the Muslim nations - nearly a billion in number - be brothers to one another, in which case no harm may befall them and none of the Super Powers will be able to transgress them. O brothers! Pay attention to this! Sunnis and Shias are brothers and should avoid all disputes.
- Today, our differences will be in the interest of those who believe neither in Shiism nor in the Hanafi or in the other sects. They want neither this nor that to be. Their aim is to cause differences between us. We must realize that we are all Muslims, followers of the Qur'an and Tawheed and that we must toil for the Qur'an and to serve Tawheed. The Muslims of the world are to join together. They (enemies) are uselessly trying to create disunity.
- The Muslims are brothers and would not be disunited by the evil propaganda of some corrupt elements. Disunity is caused by ignorance and by the propaganda waged by foreigners. They even cause disunity

among the Shias themselves. They do the same among the Sunni sects, too, placing one group against another.

- Today all Islamic denominations are facing the Satanic powers who want to uproot Islam because they do know that unity of the Muslim nations would not be in their interest. Today is the day on which all the Muslims of the whole world must come together. Today is not the day for a group in one place to say: "Only we", and another group in another place to say: "Only we". Today is the time when all are to be united on the basis of the rule of Islam and the judgments of the Qur'an. The dispute among Muslims, in whatever way it may be, is prohibited by the Qur'an. Dispute will bring them failure and effaces the attractive qualities of man. This is the command of Allah, the Generous.
- Those who try to create disunity, and yet claim to be Muslims, have not found the Islam whose Book is the Qur'an, the Islam in which ka'bah is the Qiblah. They do not believe in Islam. The ones who believe in Islam are those who accept the Qur'an, which says: "The believers are but brothers". So they must comply with what the brotherhood requires. Brotherhood requires that if some misfortune happens to one brother other brothers should sympathize with him and if anything happy happens to him, they all should be happy, too.