

Islamic Revolution a Step towards the **Revival of Islamic Civilization**



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The victory of the Iranian Islamic Revolution under the leadership of Imam Khomeini (RA) was a turning point in the history of contemporary Iran and the Islamic world. By dismantling the system of monarchical tyranny and breaking the dominance

of global arrogance over the Islamic world, this Revolution revived new hope and motivation in the hearts of the free-thinking people of the world. By the same token, with its new approach to religion and politics, this Revolution presented a new

model of religious sovereignty to Muslims and other nations of the world.

Perhaps the most pivotal goals of this Revolution - from the viewpoint of Imam Khomeini (RA) - could be summarized as follows:

A) Establishing an Islamic government based on the teachings of Islam, and

B) Revival of Islamic civilization and confronting global arrogance

From the viewpoint of Imam (RA), Islam is a comprehensive, living, and dynamic school of thought that can meet the needs of today's human society. The main foundation of his idea for the realization of divine sovereignty and the revival of Islamic civilization should be sought in the comprehensiveness of Islam as a religion and the compatibility of Islamic rules and values with the needs of society.

Imam Khomeini (RA) believed that from the viewpoint of the political philosophy of Islam, the government is a divine issue - that is formed on the basis of the will of people and their public participation - and should, thus, be managed on the basis of fairness and justice and its goal is to ensure the worldly and other-worldly salvation of the masses. Similarly, In the social sphere, Islam considers morality, value orientation, justice, and freedom as the central foundations of society and seeks to meet the needs of individuals, families, groups, etc. on the basis of such ideals as people's participation and strengthening of healthy social relations. As regards culture, too, Islam emphasizes the preservation and expansion of Islamic culture, the promotion of moral and social values, the preservation of Islamic identity, and the promotion of religious teachings in society.



The main goal of Islamic thought with regard to culture is to create a society with a dynamic and sublime Islamic culture that lives on the basis of Islamic values and principles and deals with the cultural development of the society. In the same way, in the economic field, Islam considers the economy a means for meeting the material needs of society by paying attention to the principles and foundations of the Islamic economy in order to create a fair and stable economic system, which is based on the fair distribution of wealth, fair participation in common interests, and observance of economic and social rights of all members of the society.

Keeping these principles in view, in the opinion of the late Imam Khomeini (RA), the formation of the Islamic government in Iran has been the starting point for the revival of Islamic civilization. He believed that the Islamic government, based on lofty divine and human values, creates a moral, just, independent, self-sufficient, free society with a dynamic and sublime Islamic culture. He also believed, by creating a political system based on Islam, that this Revolution presented a new model for Islamic government, which has been formed on the foundations of religious democracy, social justice, and national independence.

The establishment of the Islamic system in Iran has played several important and influential roles in the revival of Islamic civilization, which is briefly discussed hereunder:

Islamic Awakening and Awareness

With its slogan “Independence, Freedom, Islamic Republic”, the Islamic Revolution of Iran created a wave of Islamic awakening and awareness in the Islamic world. The establishment of the Islamic system in Iran showed that Muslims are capable of achieving their lofty goals and can overcome tyranny and colonialism.

Introducing a New Model of Islamic Government

Iran’s Islamic Revolution introduced a new model of Islamic government to the world. Being based on Islamic values, this model created a free society with a rich Islamic culture and a fair and stable political-economic system in Iran and revived the hope in the hearts of the Muslims for the realization of a New Islamic Civilization.

Strengthening Islamic Unity and Solidarity

One of the main goals and important achievements of this Revolution was promoting unity and solidarity among Muslims and all the oppressed of the world. The victory of the Islamic Revolution showed that, through unity and empathy, Muslims can overcome their problems and challenges.

Revival of Islamic Identity

By reviving the Islamic identity in Iran, the Islamic Revolution laid the foundation for the revival of Islamic civilization in the world. This Revolution showed that Islam is a living and dynamic school of thought that can respond to the needs of today’s human society.

Strengthening Resistance towards Global Arrogance

The victory of Islamic Iran against domestic tyranny as well as the enmities and grudges of foreign arrogant powers, and especially the courageous resistance shown by the Iranian nation during eight years of imposed and unequal war, as well as all kinds of cruel sanctions, etc., has proved that the Muslim nations and the deprived people of the world can stand up against global arrogance and defend their own rights.

