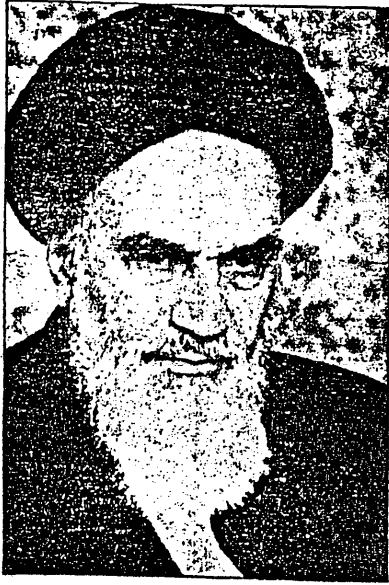


IMAM KHOMEINI ADDRESSES OFFICIALS OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC:

IT IS HOPED THE GOVERNMENT OF IMAM MAHDI (A.S.) WILL SOON BE ESTABLISHED



except himself. Or for instance, the sentence "...then he drew nigh and came down..." (mentioned above) is not something to be realized and touched by anyone except the very person who has experienced it spiritually (i.e. Mohammad (S.A.W.)). Or take this very great prayer of Sha'abanah which seems at the first look simple, but it is very deep in fact and persistent asceticism and self-purification is needed so that one can perceive what "God's conversation with His servant," (for example) is and what our Imams have intended and meant in these prayers.

I have not seen any prayer except this one (Sha'abanah) to have been offered repeatedly by all of our innocent Imams. This is an evidence of the greatness of this prayer. What existed between them and the Exalted God? What do such sentences as "Bestow upon me ultimate emancipation towards you," and "And in Your hand, not in anyone else's hand, lie my abundance, shortcoming, benefit and loss" mean?

Well one may say superficially "Our everything lies with Him." But realizing and perceiving the fact that no loss and benefit befall us other than from the issues that we do not have access to. Pray to the Exalted Lord to give us success in this noble month and in the great month of Ramadan so that even a small portion and manifestation of these issues enter into our hearts and at least we believe in the fact that what such issues as "falling down senseless" and "God's conversation with the human being" are. So that we won't deny them and won't say: these are the words of devils.

All of these issues are mentioned in the Quran in a delicate manner and have also been cited from the innocent

the other hand, Mr. Reagan says these helpless Baha'is are peace-loving people busy with their own worship and perform their own religious duties and Iran has arrested them for the very reason that their creed is opposed to Islamic Republic's beliefs. If they were not spies you (Americans) would not have complained. You support them because they are a group performing duties in your interest. Otherwise we know you; we know the U.S. that its benevolence has not blossomed to cry out and appeal to the whole world for Baha'is who have been entangled, in their words, in Iran.

The people know you (Reagan). You compelled the Iraqi regime to do to Iran and Iraq everyday what the Mongols did not do. The Iraqi regime has recently arrested an esteemed group of ulema of that country such as Ayatollah Sayyed Yusuf and I know what a righteous and pious man he is, together with a large number of the children and elder members of this family. It seems that this act by the Iraqi regime is to take vengeance on the late Ayatollah Hakim's family. If you were benevolent you had better said even one word, though implicitly, to question the Iraqi regime for such action or the mass media should have said one word even as criticism vis-a-vis the actions of the Iraqi regime against Iran and Iraq themselves.

Have you (Reagan) studied what the Baha'is have done and have you studied their cases before speaking or do you know divination? If we had no proof that they are the U.S.'s spies except Reagan's supporting them and if we had no proof that the Tudeh party is made up of spies, except Russia's supporting them, it would have been sufficient evidence for us to arrest them. But we tell you that neither the Tudeh party nor the Baha'is were tried and sentenced to imprisonment by our courts merely on charge of their being the Tudeh Party's member or 'Baha'is'. But they have been involved in many issues. The workers of the Tudeh party came themselves before the television

knowledge and branches of learning do not get to their aim without scholarly and scientific discussion and debate, political issues, too, cannot be rightly determined and concluded without discussion and exchange of views and nobody can stop that. But some time the tone is not one of criticism but a tone undermining the Islamic Republic, though it is dictated and given to the person and he doesn't understand this aspect. We are

Is it right to weaken these committed individuals by undermining the government? It is right to say things to benefit the enemies and weaken the people? This is the thing that causes one to cry and say: Sit at your own place! That is enough! The previous system can no longer return. But don't say he is (Imam referring to himself) is against criticism. Not Criticize but do not conspire. I am against conspiracy. Everyone is against it. We are against undermining the

God favors this country and Imam Mahdi (A.S.) favors this country. Therefore with trust in the Exalted Lord and the favors of the Holy Spirits we should not let any fear enter our hearts as we have no fear.

I have frequently said that fear is in the heart of a person who does not believe in the other world. Do these youths of ours who come here and say "We want to be martyred," fear death? Do these who ask one insistently to pray the God to bestow martyrdom upon them fear death?

Those who are busy serving the people and are subject to harm at any moment do not fear and continue their service. Fear is in the heart of one that has not accepted the other side of existence. But one who has realized that there is another side and that this world is a road leading to the other world has no more fear. His desire is to reach his destination.

"O God! Grant me utmost emancipation towards Yourself (Audience: Amen!) And do not harm at any moment brighten the eyes of our hearts such that they will be able to observe Your Light! Until the eyes of the hearts tear the curtains and join the ocean of grandeur! And our souls fly in the sky of Your glory and holiness! (Amen!) (from the Sha'abanah Prayer)

May God make Islam and the soldiers of Islam victorious and remove the hand of the corrupt enemies from this country.

And peace be upon you as well as Allah's mercy and blessings.

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against such a tone and it is not free. Conspiracy is not left free but criticism is: People are free to write, say, and criticize. But if they plot and seek to undermine the Islamic Republic and the organizations of this Republic, then it will be obvious that there are hands at work directing these issues.

This government is working with utmost care under such conditions that anybody who intends to take a positive action cannot carry it out with high level of efficiency. The government has employed all its powers and endeavors for the sake of this nation. So is it right to accuse its premier and its ministers of willfully doing certain things wrong? If they really have constructive criticism, well, they can criticize and say that is wrong and this is right. But overlooking all the activities and actions that this hardworking cabinet and the Majlis have carried out and saying that "nothing has been done for this nation so far and just like the previous time our everything is dependent and ever more dependent than then, show that some hand is at work behind to make this nation

Islamic Republic, for it is to undermine Islam. Where is a Muslim not oppose to this?

Anyhow, I hope God will make this Eid auspicious for you all and you will keep up your activities with this belief that the Exalted Lord favors this country.

This a country that is exemplary in being committed to Islam. This is a country whose government and people, whose Majlis and spiritual scholars have all joined hands to establish Islam here and God willing, everywhere.

Be sure that the Exalted

On the Occasion of the Birth Anniversary of Imam Mahdi (A.S.)

We are living in a world ravaged with oppression and cruelty. Our era is a dark one. And there are evidences indicative of the increasing failure of light vis-a-vis darkness. Yet, while the oppressors are still thirsty for blood and the oppressed are in any degree of ignorance or are entangled in such weakness that they have no for-

The principle of "messianism" which is considered in sociology as a very profound and important subject stands for the principle of the human society's belief in the promised messiah.

VICTORY OF TRUTH
Therefore, history tells us that societies have always followed the conclusive victory of truth.

TEHRAN, (Kayhan Int'l)— On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Imam Mahdi (A.S.) the President, Majlis Speaker, Prime Minister, Chief Justice and other high ranking officials of the Islamic Republic of Iran called on the Leader of the Islamic Revolution, Imam Khomeini at the Jamaran Mosque here Saturday.

The meeting started by President Khamene'i congratulating the Imam on behalf of the country's officials and the people then the Imam of the Ummah delivered the following speech:

"In the name of Allah, the Compassionate, the Merciful. Reciprocally, I congratulate the honorable audience and the oppressed people of the world, especially the great nation of Iran, on the occasion of this great Islamic Eid.

I hope, God willing, this turbulent ship of humanity shall reach the coast of rescue and salvation and the

in a graveyard or with a dead person inside a mortuary. Because the essential reasoning and meaning that the mind has understood has not yet reached the heart. But those whose job is to wash the dead, for example, and have to deal with the dead frequently, do not fear the dead, for they have repeated this action and the fact has penetrated their heart.

The case is exactly the same in the Islamic issues and intellectual matters. There are many intellectual matters which have been proved with strong reasoning but have not affected the

The people know you (Reagan). You compelled the Iraqi regime to do to Iran and Iraq everyday what the Mongols did not do. The Iraqi regime has recently arrested an esteemed group of ulema of that country such as Ayatollah Sayyed Yusuf and I know what a righteous

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oppressed people of the world shall win over the cruel oppressors under the special auspices of Imam Mahdi (A.S.). It is hoped that the great and comprehensive government of Imam Mahdi (A.S.) will soon be established and the eyes of all of us and all the Muslims of the world become bright with the light of his being.

The recent two months i.e. Rajab and Sha'aban and the upcoming auspicious month of Ramadan bring about many blessings for those who can benefit from them. Of course, the origin of all these blessings is Mab'uth, the beginning of the Prophet's mission. In the month of Rajab there came the great Eid-ul Mab'uth and the birth anniversaries of Imam Ali (A.S.) and some other Imams. In the month of Sha'aban there are the birth anniversaries of Imam Hussein (A.S.) and Imam Mahdi (A.S.) and in the auspicious month of Ramadan Quran has been revealed to the great heart of the Prophet of Islam.

The dignity and value of these three months go beyond the limit of tongues, expressions and minds. From the blessings of these months are the prayers which have been narrated from our prophet and Imams. We are now in the noble month of Sha'aban and the "Sha'abaniyah" prayer is from the greatest prayers and theological teachings that have been narrated and those who are familiar and devoted to prayers can benefit from it to the extent of their understanding.

The titles of the theological and mystic issues are simple titles and everyone imagines to have understood them. Also the issues reasoned in the Quran, though they are precise, yet they can easily be understood after reasoning. But the thing which is more difficult is to conduct the result of these titles and reasonings to the heart that is called faith. There may be many thinkers who have not reached this grade of faith. This is an issue which should be inspired and conveyed into the heart with persistent repetition and asceticism.

You observe that a dead person does not harm anyone necessarily. But all but few persons fear if they are alone

and pious man he is, together with a large number of the children and elder members of this family.

people, because they have penetrated the mind as the result of reasoning but which have not yet penetrated the heart. Thus one does not have faith in them, though his mind has understood them. And there are many mystical issues in the Quran and in the prayers of our Imams (A.S.), including this very Sha'abaniyah prayer the titles of which may be understood by philosophers and mystics to some extent. But as long as they have not gained a sublime mystical sense, they cannot find out and realize them.

(For example) that great verse in the Quran which says, "...then he drew nigh and came down; till he was (distant) two bows' length or even nearer; And He revealed unto His servant (Sura Najm) well, exalted and philosophers have spoken much on it, but that mystical sense has diminished. One imagines that he understands the topics of these issues but neither a mystic nor a philosopher nor a scientist can comprehend what the matter is.

(Or as another example) the issue of "falling down senseless before God's glory" which has been referred to in the Sha'abaniyah prayer and which has been first mentioned in the Quran is not something to be rightly perceived and touched by anyone other than Moses: "And when Moses came to Our appointed trust and his Lord had spoken unto him, he said: My Lord! Show me (Thy self), that I may gaze upon Thee. He said: Thou wilt not see Me, but gaze upon the mountain! If it standstill in its place, then thou wilt see Me. And when his Lord revealed (His) glory crashing down, and Moses fell senseless. And when he woke he said: Gory unto Thee! I turn unto Thee repentant, and I am the first of (true) believers.

But what kind of senselessness and fainting Moses fell into no one can understand

Imams in our prayer books, of course not with the delicacy of Quran but still very delicately. And all the persons who later used these expressions took them from the Quran and narrations intentionally or unaware. Of course there are few who can ever realize the truth and depth of these issues, let alone experiencing and lasting them which is something far beyond our mind.

I hope the Exalted God will undo the malice of the corrupt oppressors from this nation which has today moved and risen for His sake, so that the nation will attain its noble aim. But as long as the superpowers are sitting on the throne of power realization of these aims is something which seems a little difficult.

I don't know whether or not you heard the U.S. President's speech which was broadcast over the radio. He appealed to the whole world to help the "Bahai's who are in Iran and who are not spies and who are not doing anything but conducting religious ceremonies (?!)" He said because of performing their religious ceremonies, Iran has sentenced 22 of them to death. He has appealed to the whole world for help saying: "They are not spies but are a people who are not involved in any issue!" And he (Reagan) says all these things benevolently. Even if Reagan didn't remark on these issues, then, perhaps someone naive would imagine that these are a people busy with their own work and their own affairs that they think are worship though their beliefs are corrupt. And now that Mr. Reagan has said and testified that they are involved in merely religious ceremonies, we have further reason to doubt them.

When the Tudeh party is arrested, Russia raises its voice that Iran has unreasonably arrested and jailed a number of innocent people who were in favor of the Islamic Republic and supported and followed it. On

the other hand there are satans inside the country who are either their (the superpowers) agents or are stupid or dislike the Islamic Republic and say "There should be something else, basically" and there are also really committed persons who agree with the aspirations of the Islamic Republic and have common points of view with you gentlemen, but the foreign powers and the satans take advantage of their suppleness and benefit from them.

When I say such words should not be uttered here and these I do not mean that there is suffocation. They are free to say and criticize whatever and as much as they want. But criticism is different from plotting. The tone of plotting differs from the tone of criticizing. Criticism is from the constructive issues. Just as the Islamic

people and drive them out of the social scene, so that others take their place. We are against this. Every Muslim opposes this. Every religious scholar is against this. Every human being opposes this. The people have endeavored, sacrificed their young ones, and offered everything for the sake of Islam. Now that owing to the blood of these people and the martyrdom of these dear youths Islam has reached a stage that it wants to grow and fix its foothold as it has been successful. You have started again and want to undermine the government organizations by saying: That is a plotter, this one is a communist, that is a capitalist, that is such and such, and similar absurd words that are uttered repeatedly. If you have right criticism, well, say write! Write and sign that this or that is not right. Although the government has done a great deal, nevertheless this is wrong and there is deficiency here. And if you see once that a certain court or a certain minister has violated the law intentionally, prove your claim with reasons and that government will be called to account.

But it is not right to sit at a corner and write and slander and publish repeatedly. If you tell the truth, why don't you sign your writings. One should not imagine that the persons who are involved in running the affairs of the country have reached prosperity and comfort. What have they got except trouble and work? What exists for these spiritual scholars of Qom other than trouble and spending their time in judicial and executive affairs instead of spending it in scholarly and scientific issues? What have they been given to the struggling ulema of Tehran except for the fact that they endeavor and tolerate hardships for the sake of the Islamic Republic? What have these courts and public prosecutors offices, these judges, this Majlis and this Council of the Guardians of the Constitution, ... and these Guard's soldiers and policemen who are sacrificing their lives for you for Islam and for the Muslims received other than trouble and hardship?

to sugar victory, shouldn't anyone say that there will be a bright day for this dark night? Here we discuss hope as opposed to despair, consciousness as opposed to a blind existence, faith as opposed to disbelief and the existence of God as opposed to a void.

Even a brief glance at the history of mankind will tell us that those who are conscientious and have faith in God have never separated themselves from the fate of the human race, and that it is those who transgress that have done as they wished and created this miserable situation. And it is only the sweet association of faith in God and its accompanying hope that, despite the constant implementation of cruelty and oppression that pictures a day when oppression will be defeated by a just system when all people regardless of creed and color shall live in peace and brotherhood.

In this world there is no being superior to man and everything is moving submissively and without resistance in a pre-determined course. Therefore, man should not expect such a miracle from any being other than a human and certainly man must not allow himself to become enslaved to mean carnal desires. For what would be changed then? Man must recognize Truth and falsehood clearly and not become entangled in any weakness or conceit or waver in the struggle against falsehood. He must by no means think in terms of "I" but "We", for Imam Mahdi (A.S.) is the symbol and manifestation of all those human abilities that have been suppressed in humiliation and slavery.

GOLDEN ERAS
Every culture has two common characteristics: One is that every civilization and culture (even the most backward and primitive societies) — on the basis of its fables and myths — has had a "golden era" even in the darkest past when justice, calmness, love and peace existed but later vanished and gave its place to an era of corruption, darkness, and tyranny.

The other characteristic is its belief in the occurrence of a great emancipating revolution in the future and the return of the golden era: an era of victory, justice and equality.

This is the belief of all human societies and it manifests the instinct of society, for society itself as a living being and the living human being lives in anticipation and hope. And if it were not so, it would not have such a movement and would surrender to whatever exists.

justice and the freedom of humanity in the future and sociology, too, under the title of messianism believes that every society in its nature cherishes this belief in various forms as the natural and instinctive reaction of its structure.

In human sciences and anthropology a general principle has been inferred from messianism called futurism. Futurism stands for a school of thought and an ideology based on the future and drives its followers towards the future.

Futurism is one of the most advanced ways of viewing human life and the movement of history. For it is against such principles as "conservatism," "status quo," "classicism," and "traditionalism" which all call their followers towards immobility and stagnation.

Without a belief in the inevitable establishment of "utopia" and looking forward to a day that such a perfect society will be established what motive will a human who believes in truth have for keeping up his struggle?

PRINCIPLE OF ANTICIPATION

In Dr. Ali Shari'ati's words: "If we do not look forward to change what befell Imam Hussein (A.S.) and his companions will be the end of the story for us and it will no longer have a reaction in the nature, history, essence and life of mankind."

This opinion is both against faith in the truth and contrary to the positive effect that the individual life of a responsible human being can have upon the society.

Undoubtedly without belief in the principle of anticipation, the unjust realities dominating societies will bring about all those profound questions before all those who have a religious world view that "if there is certainly no bright future for mankind, then what is the role of religion in the fate of the human being with all the omens that they give for the annihilation of falsehood and the survival of justice?"

From what was discussed above, it becomes clear that in all eras of history, the principle of "expectation" and the "anticipation" of a savior who will establish a society of justice with his revolution, has been a familiar and well-known concept for the adherents of various religions, especially Christianity, Judaism and Islam. But reality in most cases has been expressive of something contrary to the spirit of anticipation. That is to say the anticipator cannot always be included in this definition.

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TRANSLATION (FROM PERSIAN)

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KHOMEINI'S RADIO MESSAGE

[text in [] added by translator]

I do not know whether you have heard the speech by the President of the United States which was broadcast by some of the radio stations, asking help from the the world for the Bahá'ís in Iran, [saying] that they are innocent, that they are not spies, that they are only practising their religious rites and nothing else, and that Iran has condemned 22 of them to death just because they are observing these rites. He asked the help of the world, [saying] that these people are not spies, and that they are a kind of people that do not interfere in anything. He [Reagan] says these things because he is a lover of humanity. If he [Reagan] had not said this, well, we would have simply thought that these [the Bahá'ís] are also a kind of people - even though their beliefs are corrupt -- but that they are minding their own business, and are busy with their own worshipping -- what they regard as worship - and even that is a pretence, and the truth is that they do not even do that. And after testifying to this, we could still believe that they are not doing anything but practicing their religion. On the other hand, when the [members of the] Túdih party are captured, Russia raises its voice, that they [the Túdih] support the Islamic Republic, and agree with it; that they supported the Islamic Republic like the rest of people, and are still supporting it; that the Government of Iran has wrongly captured and imprisoned them. On the other hand, Mr. Reagan says that these poor Bahá'ís are a quiet and peaceful people, busy with their own worshipping, practicing their rites, and they have been captured because their beliefs are contrary to theirs [that of the Muslims]. If they are not spies, and Iran is only paying attention to them because of religious matters, or captured them for that reason, you [the U.S.] would have not raised your voice. You only do this because this is a group that you benefit from. We know you. We know America. It is not that you have become all of a sudden humanitarian, that just because 22 Bahá'ís have been captured in Iran, you raise a voice like this and cry to the world calling on it to come to their aid. The people know you. You are the one who made Iraq heap on this country what the Mongols even failed to do.

Iraq, has captured a group of great scholars like Áyatu'lláh Áqá Siyyid Yusuf -whom I know well to be a decent and good man - with a group of children, and members of this family, in order to take revenge from the late Áyatu'lláh Hákím. If you are humanitarian why didn't you ask them [the Iraqi's] why they did this? Is there one word in your public medium against what Iraq is doing to Iran? Do you, who support the Bahá'ís on the basis of your humanitarian feelings, know what they have done? Have you seen and read their files, or are you just omniscient? If we didn't have any other proof that they are spies of America, the support of Reagan would have been enough; and if we didn't have any other reason that the Túdih party are spies, the support of Russia would have been enough. However, we tell you that we did not condemn and imprison the Túdih for being Túdih, nor did we condemn and imprison the Bahá'ís for being Bahá'ís. These people have problems.

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The Túdihs came and said what they had to say - they have a long history; and the Bahá'ís are not a religion [sic], they are a [political] party, a party which was previously supported by England, and now the United States is supporting them. These [the Bahá'ís] too are spies like those [the Túdihs]. If they were not spies they would have been like other groups - who also have errant beliefs - like Communists, etc. However, our courts have not imprisoned them because of their errant beliefs. Nor the Túdihs, as long as they had not plotted [against the Government], and as long as their involvement in plotting had not increased -- of course their activities were under surveillance, because they have a history -- only when their plottings - in their own corrupted minds of course - were to come to fruition - only then did our dear Pásdárs catch them. God willing, in time they will be punished for their deeds.

The Bahá'ís also should be put in their place and be quiet. If they have religious rites, well, they can observe their religious rites. The courts do not question why they are observing their religious rites. Just like other official religions which exist here - all of which we consider as our opponents - they are never questioned why they observe their rites. This, however, is not the issue. The issue is that Mr. Reagan supports them, and that the others are being supported by Mr. Russia. This is because they have a special situation that they [the Bahá'ís] benefit from them, and provide benefit for them. They [the Bahá'ís] report on our affairs, they spy on the people of Iran, and act as spies between the people of Iran and them.