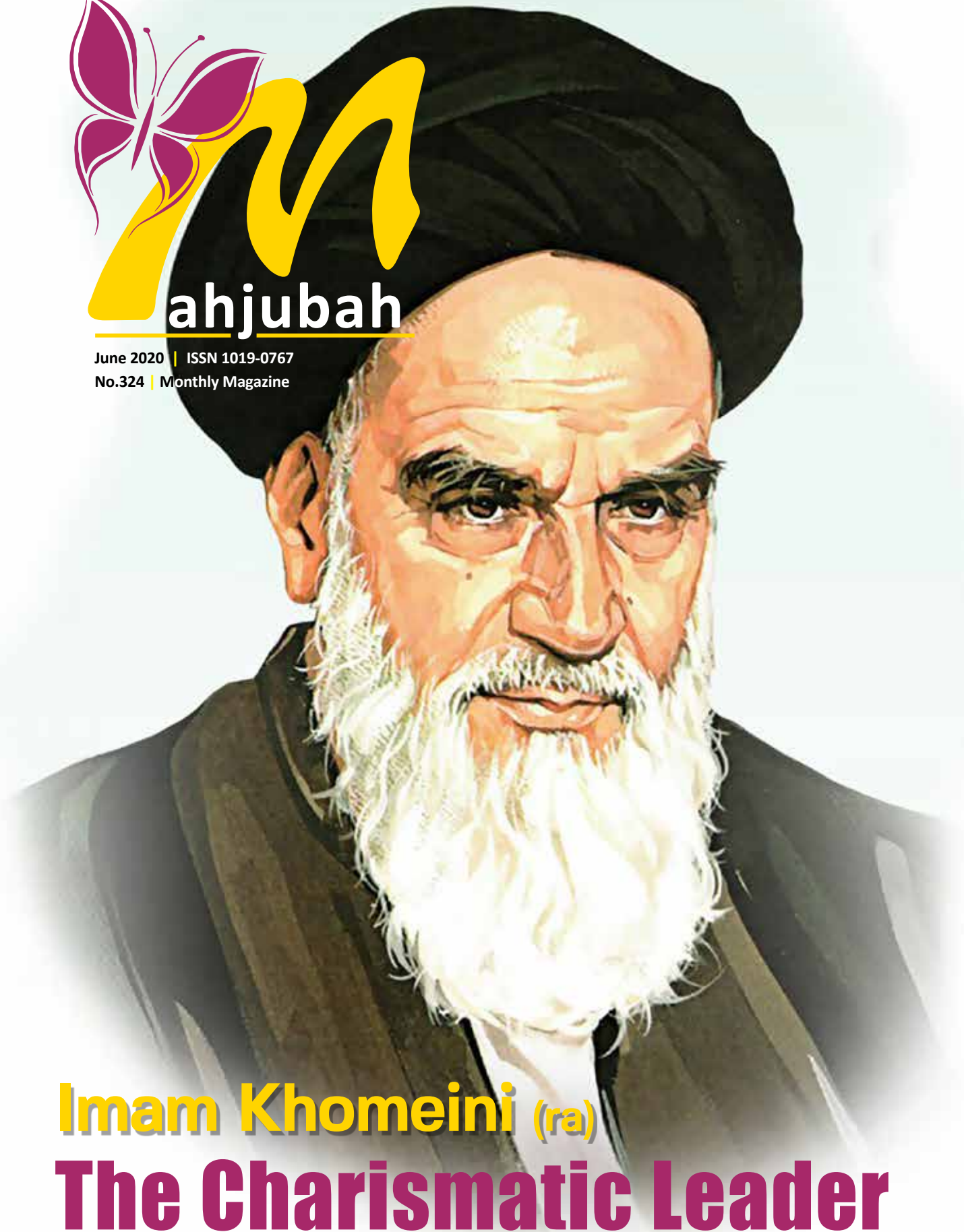




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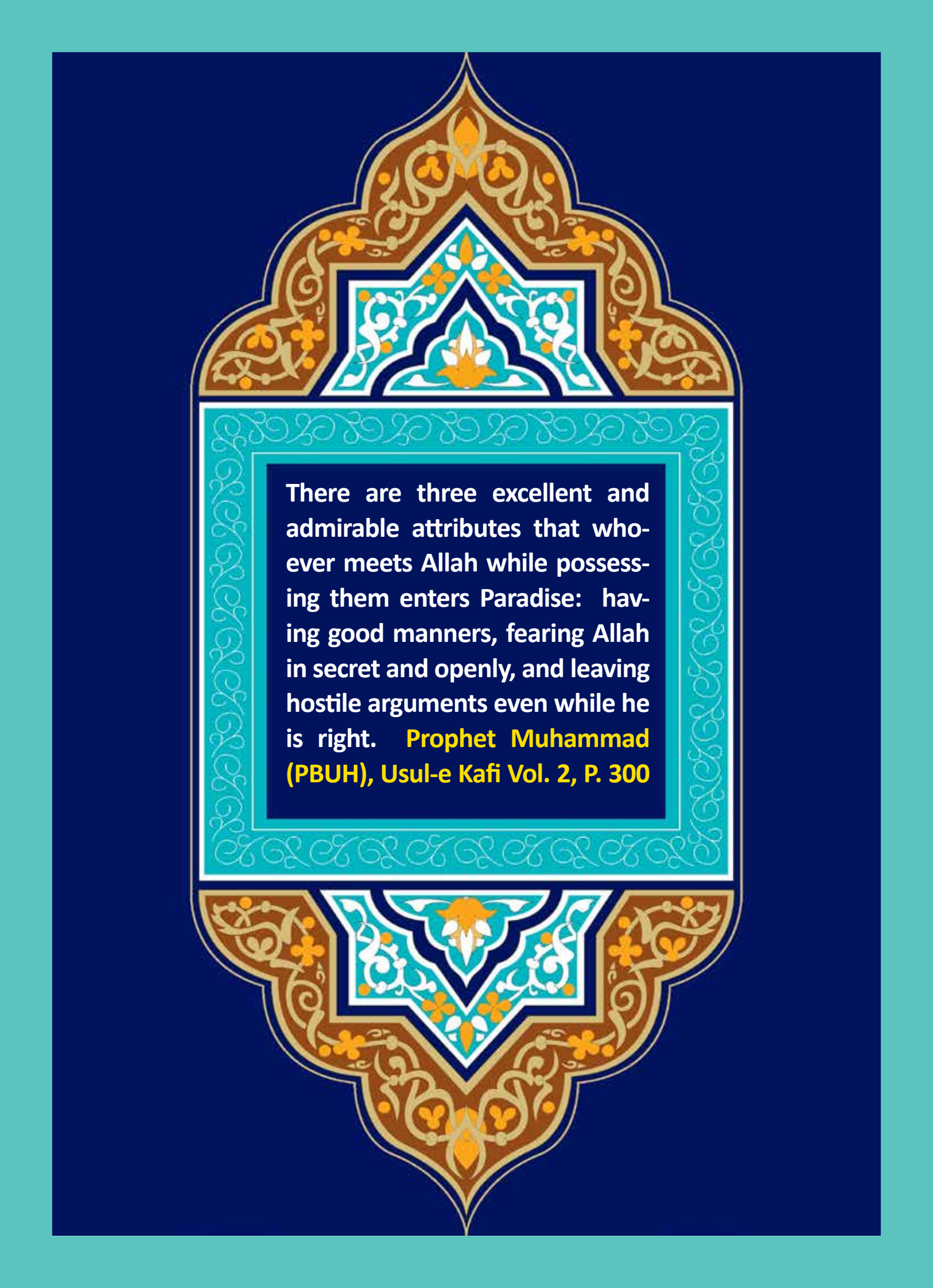
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There are three excellent and admirable attributes that whoever meets Allah while possessing them enters Paradise: having good manners, fearing Allah in secret and openly, and leaving hostile arguments even while he is right. **Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), Usul-e Kafi Vol. 2, P. 300**

**A Winner works harder than a loser;  
A Loser is always too busy to do  
what is necessary.**





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Editorial

## *In The Name of God The Compassionate The Merciful*

As you know, Imam Khomeini (ra), through his heroic rise against the anti-God regime of the Pahlavi and revealing their evil nature to not only the Iranian people but also the whole world, revived Islam, the true, unadulterated Islam of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), the very Islam which teaches the Muslims that they should neither oppress nor surrender to oppression. Of course, Imam Khomeini (ra) was not just for his own country. Rather, being a true follower of the Holy Qur'an, he was also careful about his duty of enlightening the other world peoples and fulfilled this task splendidly too. No wonder, now, after 31 years have passed since his demise, not only the Iranian nation but also many other world nations revere him as a great man of God and a truthful revolutionary leader. And as his righteous successor Ayatullah Khamenei has said: "This Revolution is known nowhere in the world without Imam Khomeini (ra)'s name."

This is an undeniable reality, since Imam Khomeini (ra) opened the door of honourable, humane life to the world peoples. He taught them that resistance against tyrants and oppressors will bear the fruit of freedom and most important of all, true power lies just in God's hand, that He will help those who strive in His way, as He has said in His Last Book- the Holy Qur'an.

This year as the 31 years before, on 14th of Khor-dad (June 3) we commemorate the anniversary of the demise or more properly departure to heavens of Imam Khomeini (ra) and pray to Allah to give us more and more strength and faith to follow in his blessed footsteps.

*Mohammad Assadi Movahed*

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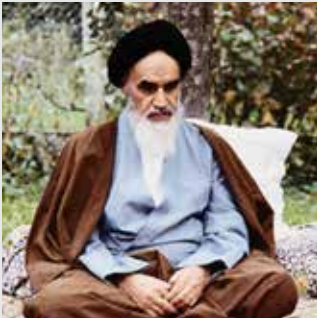
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# A Glance at Imam Khomeini's familial lifestyle

By: Mahnaz Bahrami

As we know, the various aspects of Imam Khomeini's (ra) lifestyle are full of invaluable lessons, for all who desire to lead an Islamic way of life. Here, we present some accounts of his manners and conduct at home and in his marital life for the benefit of couples, in particular young

couples who need to learn how to live according to Islamic teachings. As narrated by his family members, Imam Khomeini (ra) was most modest towards his wife in all conditions (as well as towards the others), based on religious teachings, including this Hadith of Prophet Muhammad

(PBUH): "The most virtuous of people are those who are modest while they are in a superior position to the others." This Hadith teaches us that when in power and position, one should regard modest conduct as most needed and obligatory. As we know, Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)



was always himself the perfect symbol of modesty. His Holiness would sit and eat on the ground, would milk the sheep with his own hands and would accept the invitation to food offered him by bondsmen and acted most kindly toward his family members.

And as we see, Imam Khomeini (ra) as an offspring and perfect pupil of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), has been very modest, compassionate, forgiving and respectful towards his family, in particular towards his wife. It has been narrated that Imam Khomeini (ra) would never order anyone at home to even bring him a glass of water and rather, he would do that himself even when he was in the position of the leader of the

Islamic Revolution and founder of the Islamic Republic system of Iran. His respectful conduct towards his wife throughout their marital life has been very remarkable, as his wife has said about that: "Imam would invariably hold me in great respect. He would invariably offer me the best seat in the room, and would never start eating unless I came and started eating first. Also he wouldn't let me do the housework in his presence and rather would either do that himself, or tell our daughters to do that. And Imam never spoke the least unkind, disrespectful word at home. He ate simple food (often bread and cheese or an egg or a little soup) and would even make the tea himself when

the family members were asleep or busy. And Imam also helped me in taking care of the children greatly; when our children were infants and needed care at nights, he would take turns with me in sitting up and looking after them, himself sitting up for two hours looking after the children while I slept, and then me sitting up for two hours while he slept."

Besides being contented with simple food, Imam was also careful about living a luxury-free life, advising his wife to be the same too, for example, to mend the rugs and clothings as much as possible instead of buying new ones in order to avoid even the least bit of wasting. Also, there had been great mutual trust between Imam



Khomeini (ra) and his wife, so much so that as quoted by one of their close family members, when Imam Khomeini (ra) was exiled by the treacherous Pahlavi Shah to Turkey, his special seal which was a very significant item for such a religious leader and authority had been entrusted by him to his wife who faithfully kept it a secret. Later, when Imam Khomeini (ra) moved to the holy city of Najaf from Turkey, he sent a letter by someone to his wife (who was then in Iran and later joined Imam in Najaf) to deliver the seal to a person (named by him in the letter). She did as Imam had said and the seal was carried by that person to Najaf and delivered to Imam Khomeini (ra). It was then that the people around knew how much Imam Khomeini (ra) trusted his wife. Certainly, mutual trust in marital life is of the utmost significance and indeed the basis of suc-

cess, love and happiness.

Regarding the proper upbringing of children, Imam Khomeini (ra) has been a symbol of Islamic knowledge and practice since he really believed in Divine teaching, including the words of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) who said: “A pious offspring is a flower from the flowers of Paradise, so parents should try to raise their children properly...” Accordingly, Imam Khomeini (ra) was very careful about training and educating children and advised all “to be honest to children so they will grow up to be honest persons. Parents are children’s role-models. If we behave properly to them and in their presence, they will learn proper behavior. Act upon what you tell the children and fulfill any promise you give them.”

And Imam would tolerate playfulness of children with a jovial smile, and showed much love and affec-

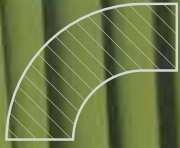
tion towards them, both his own children (and grandchildren) and those of the others. He believed that children should be allowed to play and have fun and that restrictions and limits should be defined for them upon growing up enough to understand the same. In fact, as per Islamic teachings, he knew that being patient and forgiving in the face of the playfulness of children (which may seem annoying sometimes) brings great reward from Allah as he had said to one of his own family members who complained about her child’s playfulness: “I am ready to change the Divine reward you will get in return for tolerating your child’s playfulness for the Divine reward of my own acts of worship...” This shows how Imam believed in what he preached. May Allah bless Imam Khomeini (ra) and guide us to follow in his footsteps and act upon his Divinely – inspired teachings. Amen.



# The Glorious Man

By: Nayyereh Towhidi

Imam Khomeini(ra) lived what he said,  
by so doing, the foundation of Islamic rule he laid.  
He brought us out of darkness into the light,  
He taught us to rely on Allah's Might.  
Fearing no human force, he preached freedom, piety  
really for those away from such light one should feel pity.  
It was the Divine light he lectured by,  
It was the human soul he lifted so high.  
Manliness he learned from Imam Hussein (AS),  
from that eternal fountain of Divine rain.  
No wonder he rose so heroically, so fearless  
He was an offspring of Fatimah (SA) – the matchless.  
He faced the devils with no fear from any,  
He knew God's help is great and many.  
He brought freedom and dignity to Iran,  
since he was a true follower of the Holy Qur'an.  
That very Qur'an revealed and protected by the Gracious,  
for man's salvation and release from the clutches of the vicious.  
And the way opened by him is to be continued by the noble,  
Sure, to defeat the bullies they are able.  
Waiting for the Rise of the great Saviour,  
They resist aggressors whom humanity abhor.  
May Allah hasten the Rise of Imam al-Mahdi to save all,  
to bring justice and good to the world and for all.



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# Lifestyle, the Way We Live



Excerpts from remarks of the supreme leader of the Islamic Revolution – Ayatullah Sayyid Ali Khamenei, addressing Iranian youth:

Lifestyle is indeed very significant. One of the dimensions to progress in Islamic sense includes the style we choose for living, our social conduct and our method of behaving. These are in fact interrelated and very important.

Looking at the subject from a spiritual viewpoint according to which human's goal should be salvation, we realize that we need to attach great significance to our lifestyle. Even those who do not believe in spirituality, in the eternal salvation and in the hereafter life, should regard lifestyle as significant, since for their worldly welfare which demand emotional, moral well-being, having a sound lifestyle is a must.

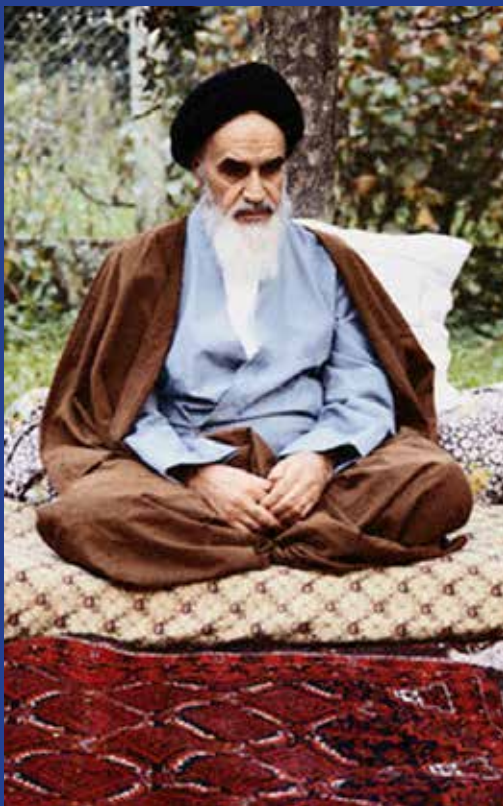
Islamic lifestyle forms the main and chief part of the Islamic civilization. Taking all-sided progress to mean the new Islamic civilization-building, we can realize how to fulfill the goal of progress, in the Islamic sense. As we believe, the Iranian nation and the Islamic Revolution aim at creating a new Islamic civilization which is a sound, rightful goal. This has two parts; one instrumental and the other basic. Both deserve great attention. The instrumental part includes the very values we today emphasize in connection with our country's progress; knowledge, invention, industries, politics,

economy, political and military strength, international credit, propaganda and propaganda tools. These all form the instrumental part of the civilization. They are the means. Certainly, in spite of pressures, threats and sanctions, our country has made great progress in this part, inventions and social advances included. But the basic part is what constitutes the text of our lives; the lifestyle. In fact lifestyle is the real and main part of civilization and includes, among other matters, family issues, the style of marriage, the kind of housing, forms of dressing, consumption models, way of nourishment and cooking, recreations, the matter of script, of language, of business and livelihood our conduct at work, at university, at school, and in connection with political activities, in sports, in the media which we have access to, and our conduct towards our parents, our spouse, our children, our employers, our employees, the police, the governmental officials, as well as our conduct in trips, and in relation to friends, enemies and foreigners, and our efforts at self-purification. These all form the main parts of the civilization, namely the context of human life.

As a matter of fact, our social conduct and lifestyle depend on and are influenced by our view towards life, on how we interpret life. Any goal we define for life and for ourselves naturally defines a lifestyle, linked to itself for us. Yet, we

should always keep in mind the main point, namely Iman (true faith in God). Without Iman, no true progress is possible in any aspect of our life. Obviously different people might have different beliefs; some may believe in Capitalism, some in Communism, some in Socialism, and act as per their particular thoughts. Yet, pure monotheistic faith is what leads us to Islamic lifestyle and Islamic civilization, for building which we need to seriously avoid imitating the West; namely those who try to impose lifestyles on the world nations. Today, the Western civilization is the unique manifestation of this bullying and imposition. This, of course does not mean that we aim at hostility and conflict with the West nor does it originate from sentiment and personal hostile feelings, as some might wrongly imagine. The fact is that we have no prejudice against the West, and yet are alert in the face of the West's enmity and plots.

No doubt, imitating the West results just in loss and great miseries, as we observe in the case of nations who imitated the West and suffered the consequences, even those countries which apparently gained some wealth and industrial advances. It is because the Western culture is an aggressive culture and ruins the cultures. In fact, the Westerners ruined the native cultures and basic, social foundations and changed the nation's history, language, scripts wherever they stepped into.



# Balance in Imam Khomeini's life

*An interview with Ayatullah Sayyed Mahdi Tabataba'i, a man of Islamic knowledge and ethics about Imam Khomeini (ra)*

**Q:** Would you please explain your outlook towards the lifestyle of Imam Khomeini (ra) and his special characteristics which continue to enlighten the truth-seeking people in the world!

**A:** Imam Khomeini (ra)'s lifestyle was the lifestyle of a perfect Muslim, one who had perfect knowledge of Islamic teachings and decrees. The late Imam as we all know was born to a religious family. His father had been well-known as a religious character and his mother was also known as a pious knowledgeable lady. Certainly, the late Imam (ra)'s character had

been deeply influenced by his devout family and his true faith exhibited this fact most brilliantly. Also, his having received religious knowledge from great theologians contributed to the elevation of his spiritual and intellectual level and as he himself has mentioned, he studied religious ethical learnings under experienced masters including the late Shahabadi and the late Qazi.

As testified by all, the late Imam Khomeini (ra) was the symbol of modesty, moral conduct and politeness in his words and actions toward his family

members and the others, thus demonstrating his religious knowledge in action and fully.

Being very patient, tolerant and broad-minded has been clearly shown by him in various phases of his life; including in exile and also when he returned to Iran and became the leader. In fact, neither hardships, nor power could affect his exalted soul. In all conditions, his manners were quite in conformity with his faith. Everybody was impressed by his superb manners, and truly ethical conduct which continued to enlighten the people to the last moment

of his blessed life. It should be mentioned here that not everybody may succeed in acting quite properly; keeping his temper and mild manners when he is in power and has to deal with various persons or groups who may be stubborn and disgraceful. Yet, the late Imam Khomeini (ra) proved perfectly successful in this connection, too.

**Q:** In your opinion, how much Imam Khomeini (ra)'s lifestyle and morality influenced the course of his political-religious leadership of the Islamic Revolution, the victory of the Revolution and the establishment of the Islamic government? Do you think leaders' personal qualities and manners can play a role in such events?

**A:** Yes, tremendously. Imam's spiritual, charismatic character penetrated the hearts and created love which in turn urged the people to follow and obey him. His virtues impressed the people, including his family members deeply. Moreover, Imam Khomeini (ra) possessed great foresight which quality is very needed in political affairs. In fact, he was great and excellent in every respect.

**Q:** How would Imam Khomeini (ra) behave in the face of various views and conducts on the part of different people and groups some of whom were obviously against his beliefs and policies?

**A:** He behaved in accordance with the teachings of the Holy Qur'an and the Ahadith of the Infallible (AS) in all situations. As we read in the Holy Qur'an (48: 29) the true followers of Prophet





Muhammad (PBUH) are “harsh towards disbelievers and merciful among themselves”. Imam Khomeini (ra) acted upon this Divine teaching perfectly and invariably. Likewise, as taught by the examples of the Infallible (AS), Imam Khomeini (ra) was most lenient and forgiving in so far as Islamic decrees permitted, as we read in Narrations about Imam Riza (AS).

**Q:** How do you think we can model our lives after the Imam Khomeini (ra)’s lifestyle in our society today?

**A:** We need to follow in the footsteps of Imam Khomeini (ra) and copy his lifestyle perfectly. No doubt, his words and manners have all been in accordance with those of Ahlul-Bait (AS) and so life-giving. In fact, we

need to put his teachings and accounts of his ways and manners in books so people will be enlightened by them.

**Q:** How do you think Imam Khomeini (ra) was able to create balance between his conduct as a political leader and as a leading Islamic jurisprudent; talking seriously when necessary and showing affection and leniency towards the people?

**A:** Firstly, being a Faqih (well-versed in Islamic teachings) gives one such an ability as we have observed in the conduct of certain other prominent theologians like the late grand Ayatullah Boroujerdi and Mirza-ye Shirazi.

We should do our best to copy his lifestyle always. We should remember that he would careful-

ly survey each issue and problem and took thoughtful, deliberate decisions, without undue haste and without delay, and that he would urge and encourage everybody to contribute towards the fulfillment of the tasks according to their abilities. Also as per Islamic teachings, he would never give any room for misinformation to be spread and tried to settle disagreements as peacefully as possible. In the family environment, Imam Khomeini (ra) was the symbol of kindness, tolerance and compassion, and most important of all, he was always with God and for God. He talked and worked for God as per God’s teachings, and attributed all success to God.

Thank you very much for the time you gave us.

- God won't ask what kind of car you drove, but will ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.
- God won't ask how many promotions you received, but will ask how you promoted others.
- God won't ask the square footage of your house, but will ask how many people you welcomed into your home.
- God won't ask what your job title was, but will ask if you reformed your job to the best of your ability.
- God won't ask about the fancy clothes you had in your closet, but will ask how many of those clothes helped the needy.
- God won't ask what you did to help yourself, but will ask what you did to help others.
- God won't ask about your social status, but will ask what kind of class you displayed.
- God won't ask how many friends you had, but will ask how many people to whom you were a true friend.
- God won't ask how many material possessions you had, but will ask if they dictated your life.
- God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived, but will ask how you treated your neighbors.
- God won't ask what your highest salary was, but will ask if you compromised your character to obtain that salary.
- God won't ask about the color of your skin, but will ask about the content of your character.
- God won't ask how much overtime you worked, but will ask if you worked overtime for your family and loved ones.
- God won't ask how many times your deeds matched your words, but will ask how many times they didn't.

# Things God Won't Ask

# Woman's most Valuable Ornament

By: Nayyereh Towhidi

*I am a Muslim woman,  
Hijab is my crown of honour.  
With the crown, I feel like a queen,  
Wearing that crown, for years I have been.  
My crown glitters brightly on my head,  
I won't take it off even in my death-bed.  
Pearls of chastity adorn my being,  
Bells of glory for me they ring.  
Made of the pure gold of faith is that crown,  
Faith in my Loving God – Allah – The One.  
I am afraid of no opposition,  
since awakening is my sacred mission.  
Being the queen of the land of faith,  
Indecent clothing I forbid and hate.*



Islam regards each woman as deserving the position of a queen, of course in the elevated spiritual sense, of the term, not in its worldly materialistic sense, which might represent arrogance and undeserving powers. These who have good knowledge and understanding of the Islamic commands and teachings and of the philosophy behind the same realize how happy and prosperous women can be in a truly Islamic society and how in turn the other members of the society would benefit from such happiness and prosperity granted to that very significant part of the society. Certainly those who desire to have the women as play-things in their hands are severely opposed to the Divine decrees and try hard to present distorted portraits of Islam, because they have well understood that Islam strongly protects and guards women against all form of abuse and exploitation. They are particularly against Islamic decrees regarding chastity and covering (hijab) and thus constantly struggle to make women believe that hijab (Islamic covering) is an oppression on women, while in reality Islam, being the most Perfect Divine faith, teaches women to guard their chastity as every queen guards her realm. Likewise, a Muslim woman is taught that her beauty and Physical attraction is precious and sacred Divine gift and thus has to be protected and not exposed to the men other than their husbands, and that exposing the costly jewel

of their physique to the gaze of the non-mahram men is in fact betrayal of their own realm of reign (as a queen) and also transgressing the realm of other queens who deserve to have their husband protected against the harmful attractions by the other women. Really how happy and protected human societies would be if all the women knew their own value and the value of their God-given assets. No doubt the miserably broken-up family units would never exist in such blessed societies in which Divine teachings rule. So, let's pray to Allah-The Almighty



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to guide all of us towards His Path and remember that the Lady of Ladies in Paradise, Her Holiness Fatimah (SA) has said: "Hijab is a woman's most valuable ornament."

Now, let's read an article by Martyr Ayatullah Murtada Mutahhari: The fact is that the covering or its new expression, hijab, is not concerned with

whether or not it is good for a woman to appear in society covered or uncovered. The point is whether or not a woman and a man's need of her should be a limitless, free association or not.

Should a man have the right to satisfy his needs with every woman and in every place? Islam, which looks at the spirit of the problem, answers: No. Men are only allowed to satisfy their sexual desires with their legal wives within a marital situation based upon the laws of marriage which establish a series of heavy commitments. It is forbidden for men to have any physical relations with women they are not related to by marriage.

It is true that the question externally appears to be, "What should a woman do?" Must she leave her home covered or uncovered? That is, the person about whom the question is raised is a woman and the question is often expressed in very heart-rending tones, "Is it better for a woman to be free or condemned and imprisoned in the modest dress?" But something else lies at the root of the question. That is, should men be free to take sexual pleasure from women in any way they choose or not?

So the depth of the question is whether or not the seeking of sexual pleasure should be limited to the family environment and legal wives or is the freedom of seeking sexual fulfillment something that should be satisfied in society at large?

Islam defends the first theory. According to Islamic precepts, limiting sexual desires to the family environment and legal wives helps to maintain the mental health of the society. It strengthens the relationships between the members of the family and fosters the development of a perfect harmony between a husband and wife. As far as society is concerned, it keeps and preserves energies to be then used for social activities and it causes a woman to attain a higher position in the eyes of man.

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The modest dress in Islam is rooted in a more general and basic issue. That is, Islamic precepts aim at limiting all kinds of sexual enjoyment to the family and the marital environment within the bounds of marriage so that society is only a place for work and activity. It is opposite of the Western system of the present era which mixes work with sexual enjoyment. Islam separates these two environments completely.



## Recommendations about Coronavirus

Certain Recommendations by the Leader of the Islamic Revolution to the people about coronavirus

Referring to the outbreak of the coronavirus in the country, His Eminence Ayatullah Khamenei, the leader of the Islamic Revolution stated: "God has commanded us to feel responsible regarding our health as well as the health of the others. So, what prevents the outbreak of this disease is a Hasanah (a good rewarding act) and what makes it spread more is a Sayyiah (a bad, punishable act)."

The above was part of the remarks made by Ayatullah Khamenei on the eve of 'the natural resources week' when he planted

two saplings as the years before and then gave a lecture in which, referring to the covid-19 pandemic he said: "Once again, I express my sincere thank to the dear physicians, nurses and the medical staffs who are in fact making Jihad (struggle) in the way of God through their great efforts....."

Also, I would like to express my gratitude to the families of these committed medical staff - the families of physicians, nurses and all those engaged in medical treatments for their patience and tolerance in the face of the ceaseless work of their dear ones...." The esteemed leader also prayed for the recovery of the sick, for God's blessings upon the deceased, and

for patience for their survivors. Then, he advised all to follow the advice and directions given by the authorities regarding the prevention of the infection and added: "These directions shouldn't be ignored, since God has commanded us to act responsibly concerning our health and the others' health and so we should regard anything which contributes to the health of the society and prevents the spread of this disease as Hasanah (good) and anything which causes its spread as Sayyiah (a sin)."

The esteemed leader of the Islamic Revolution also called upon all to turn to God and appeal to Him, saying: "Of course this affliction is not a particularly great one, since there have been greater afflictions before, but I hope that the prayers arisen out of the pure hearts of the youth and the pious will serve to repel severe afflictions, since appealing to God and asking the Holy Prophet (PBUH) of Islam and the Infallible Imams (AS) for their intercession with God can solve many problems. The seventh Du'a (prayer) of *Sahifeyeh Sajjadiyyah* is a particularly good and meaningful prayer and through the beautiful expressions of that prayer and concentration we can talk with the Creator...."

Besides, the esteemed leader called upon all the authorities to fully cooperate with the health ministry which is in the forefront of fighting against the pandemic and said: "The armed forces and the departments affiliated to the leader's office are also duty-bound to do their best in this regard."



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# Women's Status in the Family and Society as Viewed by Imam Khomeini (ra)

By: Abbas Cheraghcheshm

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The remarkable powerful presence of the Muslim Iranian women in the various scenes of the struggle for the cause of Islam and the rule of Qur’anic decrees should certainly be regarded as the most glorious manifestation of their honourable characters among the many achievements of the Islamic Revolution. Shoulder to shoulder with men, the Iranian women, both young and old defended Islam and worked for their Islamic country. Imam Khomeini (ra) as the leader of the Islamic Revolution has repeatedly mentioned the praiseworthy role played by the Muslim Iranian women in various fields. Here, we invite the esteemed attention of the readers to certain opinions expressed by Imam Khomeini (ra) about the status of women in the family and in the society:

Imam Khomeini (ra) in accordance with the teachings of the Holy Qur’an firmly believed that: In respect of human rights, there is no difference between man and woman; since both are human beings and so women have the right to have a voice in deciding their fate like men. Any difference which exists between men and women (in Islamic decrees) has nothing to do with

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As inferred from his numerous speeches on this subject, Imam Khomeini (ra) believed that women’s role in education and the promotion of Islamic teachings is of the utmost significance and repeatedly emphasized: “In this movement (the Islamic Revolution of Iran), our women have a greater role than that of men..... Their role in educating and training has been most outstanding ....”

Likewise, Imam Khomeini (ra) attached great significance to the family unit, to the women’s role as wives and mothers and stated: “The mother’s lap is the first school for the child.” , “Woman is the origin of the realization of human ideals.” , “The manifestation of affection and compassion in a mother’s luminous eyes is a ray of the mercy and affection of God – the Lord

of the worlds. The Almighty God has mingled mother's hearts and souls with His Divine Mercy's light in a way none can describe."

And in the words of Imam Khomeini (ra), his belief in the vital role of training by mothers is quite obvious, as in his addressing them: "Proper Islamic education should start from your lap, since children are impressed and taught by their mothers first and best. They will not be impressed by their father or teacher as much as they are impressed by you - mothers."

Undoubtedly, children are first influenced by their mothers' character and behavior, so mothers need to educate themselves as per God's teachings in order to be able to successfully fulfill their duty as responsible mothers, raising righteous children.

Also Imam Khomeini (ra), through his exalted knowledge of Islam, regarded man and woman to be complementary to each other in the creation system, each being duty-bound to fulfill his/her role in accordance with his/her God-given particular capabilities. To Imam Khomeini (ra) the differences in their physical abilities and in their related roles, and responsibilities could not be taken as the superiority of one over the other in their creation and rather the differences should be regarded as owing to Divine Wisdom and quite natural and needed for human survival and happiness.

And as per the teachings of the Holy Qur'an and the Infallible (AS), Imam Khomeini (ra) viewed the criteria for humans'

honour to be their adherence to Divine values and their endeavor towards acquiring humane virtues be them men or women. And Imam Khomeini (ra) well knew that for human happiness, corruption should be removed and kept away from both men and women, as he remarked in a speech (he made a few days before the victory of the Islamic Revolution in Iran): "We will give the women all sorts of freedom and of course we will prevent corruption both in the case of men and women." Obviously such thoughts, and viewpoints presented by Imam Khomeini (ra) are quite the opposite of the deviated views of those who say that a man, even a sinful one should not be blamed, while a woman even after having repented is blameworthy.

Women's political participation and the right to have a say in

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their country's life has been one of the issues considered of great significance by Imam Khomeini (ra) who declared that in the Islamic Republic of Iran women



should vote just like men and should be given the right to take part in the political and social affairs of their country. In fact, Imam Khomeini (ra) held that without women's active presence the Islamic society will not be able to fulfill the goal of all-sided progress. He has stated: "The whole Iranian nation, in particular the women should try to rebuild the ruins left us (by the ex-regime) the brave, committed Iranian women, should shoulder to shoulder with the honourable Iranian men make the effort to build our dear country – Iran, just as they have endeavored to build their cultural, scholarly abilities. As you can see, every city, town and village in Iran, owes its cultural, scholarly progress to the Islamic, dedicated women. "...



To endeavor in the field of the culture in the broad sense of the word is part of the duties of the Muslim women as per the teachings of Islam. As you know, during those years (the years of the rule by oppressive regimes) the culture of Islam was the target of attacks and distortions. Now, this culture should be revived and for that revival, you respected ladies should strive and be active in scientific, cultural fields just as men are... Active, committed monitoring the Islamic society and what is going on there is a religious obligation of all members of the society, in particular the women. All people, in particular women should be attentive to social and political issues and should monitor and express their views on the functions of

the parliament and also on what the government does.”

Also regarding Islamic Hijab (Islamic covering) Imam Khomeini (ra) has made enlightening remarks and repeatedly advised the women to guard themselves in the face of the plots hatched by those who aim at exploiting women in the world through pushing them towards indecent wearing and immoral conducts and emphasized: “Women should perform their social activities while acting upon the religious decrees and guarding their own chastity and the chastity of the society as a whole ....

“Chastity and Hijab are signs of honourable character and honourable women are those who are chaste and moral. Having an honorable character leads to

many virtues and praiseworthy qualities in one, such as modesty, self-control and piety. The Iranian ladies proved that they have not been and will not be deceived by the plotters and guard themselves in the fort of chastity and faith, and that they will raise righteous men and chaste, dedicated women who will never step into the evil ways presented by the world domineering powers for ruining their country.....”

No doubt, exalted minds present the ways and methods of removing obstacles in the way of human progress and happiness. And this is also what Imam Khomeini (ra) did for the true progress and happiness of the Muslim women. His illuminating messages and guidelines led the Muslim women towards finding



Most importantly, Imam Khomeini (ra) emphasized the women's role as wives and mothers: "....women educate human beings which task is the same as the task of Divine Prophets (AS). A mother's lap is the best and most valuable school for raising children. Women are in fact entrusted with the greatest work in the world, namely with raising and training children and delivering them to the society. The Holy Qur'an, though enjoining respect and care for both parents, when talking about the pains they take for their children, mentions mothers' pains and this shows how honourable mothers are to God and how significant their role should be regarded. As a matter of fact, women's educational and training role is above that of men in the society, since women besides being an active part of the society themselves, raise children who in turn will become active men and women in human communities. So, as educators, women have two basic duties: one educating themselves and the other educating their children and pupils. Certainly, due to close contact with the child, both during pregnancy and also in the first years after the birth of the child in which a child's character is essentially formed, a mother impresses the children's bodies, minds, souls, thoughts, values as the first role-model and so she should herself be virtuous, pious, purified, well-mannered and benevolent so her lap becomes the origin of all good."Source: Sahifeyeh Noor

their real, God-given identity, educating themselves and elevating their souls and of course contributing to the progress and wellbeing of their society. Let's now read part of a speech delivered by Imam Khomeini (ra) a few years after the victory of the Islamic Revolution and the establishment of the Islamic Republic in Iran: "Today all classes of nation are engaged in learning and teaching, ladies included. Today, large numbers of Iranian ladies are studying in theological centres in Qom and other places, learning religious knowledge, and also teaching. This has been one of the achievements of the Islamic Revolution. Before, women had been restricted to such an extent that they could express no scientific or ideological idea in even a gathering of ten people. Now the Iranian women can while observing Islamic rules, teach and propagate Divine decrees and values not only all

over the country, but also abroad and we need to work more to make up for the failures imposed upon our nation by the past oppressive regime. They wanted to keep our nation backward in every respect. Now, the situation has changed so that Muslim ladies are active alongside their Muslim brothers in every field of knowledge and science and God-willing in the field of industries too."

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# Family, Individual, Society

The family unit is the most fundamental social unit and is in fact a sacred centre which is created through marriage and which grows through the birth of children to the married couples.

Marriage is the natural, proper and no doubt ordained by God way of the satisfaction of the sexual instinct and is a factor behind the fundamental in-born urge placed as a trust by God in human beings' nature. Certainly, family units should be built upon healthy, pure basis; mutual affection, sympathy and mutual trust. The units such constructed are the most loved by God – The Most Merciful Who in His last Book of Guidance has said that He has placed affection and mercy between married couples. (Chapter 30)

In Islam, family members have both rights and responsibilities. The father is responsible for the support of the family members, meeting their needs for food, clothing, shelter and other necessities of life and of course

education of the children and also responsible for the management of the family's various affairs in a wise, appropriate manner. As for the mother, she needs to keep the family environment warm and tranquilizing, and to raise the children in the proper manner. Both man and woman should impart piety to their children, no doubt. In fact, husbands and wives have complementary roles, while having their particular roles as per their physical, mental and emotional characteristics. They can and should cooperate with each other in making the family unit an ideal environment for the growth of virtues. That is why our religion emphasizes faith, piety and good-temper as the criteria to be considered in choosing a spouse.

Since, families' health and conduct directly influence the society; it is very significant to find out and fight against causes of deviations and/or break up of families and to prepare the ground for the proper edu-

cation of individual members of the families. No doubt, cultural assault and soft war are the most destructive weapon employed by colonialists in their efforts to misguide human societies; they use satellites, TV networks, the internet, cell phones, books and magazines to influence the world people, particularly the young people, thus deviating them from humane values and pushing them towards immorality, consumerism, secularism and so towards slavery. Under these critical conditions, no responsible informed Muslim can remain indifferent. Rather as per the commands of the Holy Qur'an and the teachings of Infallible (AS), we are duty-bound to do our best to nullify the efforts of such cultural aggressions and to propagate the life-giving teachings of Islam, otherwise we will suffer disgrace both in this world and the Hereafter for not defending Divine values in the face of the propagators of satanic ways.

# Enlightening

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**Q: Please introduce yourself to our readers.**

**A:** My name is Azarmi Dukht Safavi. I am professor of Persian Language and Literature in Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), India. I have been teaching and researching for 36 years now. I have established the Institute of Persian Research at AMU in 2006. It is the first and unique centre of its kind that takes up interdisciplinary researches to bring to light the

variety possible in Persian researches and its role in Indian history, culture and modern Indian languages. My other activities include: Extension Lecture, Orientation Programmes, Cultural Programmes, Publication of important Persian manuscripts hitherto unpublished about India's composite culture.

**Q: Would you please let us know if you have ever met Imam Khomeini (ra)?**

1. I had the great and auspicious opportunity of meeting Imam Khomeini (ra) in 1980 A.D. when I was invited to Iran to participate in the "International Seminar on Women" organized by the Imam's daughter, Khanum Zahra Mustafawi Khomeini. Women delegates were also invited to Shemiran to pay their respects to the Imam. He blessed us with his presence. He spoke to us about the role and responsibilities of women in an Islamic society and how she can change the face of an entire generation. His words were so inspiring kind and compassionate and his personality was so comforting that most of us, including myself, could not refrain from crying. After that, some of us, including me, were taken to his residence to meet his esteemed wife and other family members. That was the most memorable and cherished time of my life. All of them were extremely gracious and kind and were very happy to know that I was teaching Persian language and literature at the Aligarh Muslim

University in India.

**Q: How did you find his personality?**

**A:** I was impressed by his remarkable understanding and interpretation of the Islamic thought; clarity of vision and a deep insight into the social and intellectual dimensions of the Islamic ideology. He has been a great scholar, a profound Gnostic poet and a Pathfinder for Muslims in the modern world.

**Q: Have you read the books written by him?**

**A:** Yes, I have read the Imam's Persian Diwan and some of his books e.g. Islam and Revolution, Islamic Jurisprudence, etc.

**Q: How far do you think his personality has impressed the world?**

**A:** Imam had an electrifying presence and a majestic and towering personality. He could mesmerize and impress the world with his deep wisdom and vision, simplicity of behavior and sublimity of ideas. Imam Khomeini's impact on human thought and society is indisputable and has been acknowledged all over the world. It signifies:

- Protest against injustice and tyranny,
- Co-existence and humanitarianism,
- Safeguarding rights of the destitute and poor,
- Freedom from violence and suppression,
- World wide spread and promotion of the Islamic ideas, etc.

# Interviews



**Q: Please introduce yourself to our readers.**

I am Nasera Sharma: creative writer, journalist, teacher and translator. I also write for children. I have got around 18 awards in which one was for children's writing in 2000. I introduced Rustom as a national hero of Iran to Indian children and other Persian classics like Anwar-e-Suhaili, Kalila-wa-dimna and folklores of Iran. (Selected stories)

**Q: Would you please let us know if you have ever met Imam Khomeini(ra)?**

Yes, I got the great opportunity to meet him in

1981 in his house in Qum. I was the first luckiest lady journalist to meet him after he became Imam and had an interview with him. He gave special message to Indians for Sunni-Shi'a unity. (Just for your information: before coming in power he had given interview to Oriana Fallaci and other journalists).

**Q: How did you find his personality?**

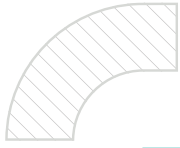
I clearly remember that when I stepped in his courtyard with his son, Mr.Ahmad Khomeini, I saw a tall man in white clothes standing outside the room and a lady was standing with her son, asking the Imam to bless the boy because he got scared during his sleep and cried all night. After that he put his hand on the head of the child and recited something and got back to his room. I was shocked to see his humble and affectionate aura. I entered the room after five minutes. I sat down in front of him on the carpet. The room was very simple. He asked someone if I knew Farsi (Persian), so, I answered him that I knew Persian and we started talking in Persian. I was so thrilled for being sitting in front of a person who has created history. He was not talking like a political personality; he was talking like a family head, soft and affectionate.

**Q: Have you read the books written by him, if yes, please share with us your opinion about them?**

Yes, I have read two of his books, thesis and autobiography and both these books are full of knowledge and precious.

**Q: How far do you think his personality has impressed the world?**

He was such a great man whom the whole world was surprised by and wanted to know about the man who challenged America. He gave the new spirit to the nations exploited by capitalism. He was the new wave for not only middle east but for the whole world.



# Those Whom Allah Loves Most

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*"The day when every soul will find what it has done of good brought forward, and what it has done of evil; it will wish there was a far space between itself and it (evil). And Allah warns you to beware of Him; and Allah is Compassionate with His servants."* The Holy Qur'an (3:30)

*"They ask you what they should spend. Say: Whatever of wealth you spend, is for the parents, relatives, orphans, the needy and the traveler, and whatever good you do, Allah is surely Omniscient of it."* The Holy Qur'an (2:215)

A man once asked the Messenger of Allah (PBUH): "What people does Allah love most?" He said, "They are the most useful ones to people." (Wasa'il al-Shi'a, p.6) It is also narrated from the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) that he said: "All mankind belong to Allah, therefore the most favored by Allah is the one who is good to his or her own family." (Ibid) It is also narrated that the Messenger (PBUH) said: "Whoever guides (others) towards good is like the one who does it." (Ibid) It is also narrated that: "*The doer*

*of good is better than good itself and the evil-doer is worse than evil itself."* (Tuhaf al-Uqul)

It is also narrated that the Prophet (PBUH) said: "Do not do anything of good so as to be seen by people, nor give it up because of shyness." (Ibid p.41.)

It is narrated from Imam Ali (AS) that he said: "Speak much of good in order to be known by it and do good to be identified with its followers." (Mishkat al-Anwar, p.144, 2nd edition) Ideologies, laws, systems, ideas



and theories created by human beings in the fields of ethics, politics, sociology, economic, psychology and the arts, etc... all express their author's ideological, psychological and social inclinations.

It is also obvious that the nature of human creation is various. People generally differ among themselves in their psychological, ideological, ethical and social background and education.

Therefore, some ideologies and theories reflect the twisted and complex ethics of their authors and originators who produced these ideals either under the influence of their environment or by inheritance and education. Thus, we see some of these ideologies bear the spirit of spite and revenge; while others are characterized by chaos and disorder...still others reflect the greedy and selfish nature of

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their originators. In every aspect they mirror the nature, personality, disposition and psychological state of their authors.

The main difference between Islam and other ideologies is its being the Message of Allah to mankind and a call to reform humanity towards following the Divine Path.

Therefore, Islam through its laws and principles expresses the perfectness of the Great Creator, Who is the source of good, knowledge, mercy, love, and beauty in this world. His characteristics are made clear by the call of the Prophets and messengers in the spirit of goodness, love and peace.

Thus among the foundations on which the moral and social system of Islam is built, is its call to do good, to make the human being a source of power, and reformation in this world. Islam frees him from the wicked tendencies which cause him to refrain from doing good to people and society.

A major social problem for the human being is created by his selfishness, desiring good only for himself and sometimes forbidding that good be rendered to others.





This wicked tendency which the Holy Qur'an collectively describes as greediness is condemned. The Qur'an also condemns whoever is characterized by it, considering him to be among the criminals and the aggressors who stand against human principles and life itself, and promises him intense punishment in the hereafter, as it views greediness, as the source of all tribulations, the root cause of poverty and aggression, hatred, spite, covetousness, deprivation and sufferings in this present life. The Almighty Allah has said: "Do cast into hell every ungrateful, rebellious one. Forbidder of

good, exceder of limits, doubter." The Holy Qur'an (50:24-25) The Almighty has also said: "...and reconciliation is better, and souls are prone to avarice. And if you do good and be God-fearing, then surely Allah is Cognizant of what you do." The Holy Qur'an (4:128) For the same reason, Islam considers prosperity and success as a protection against such harmful moral sickness. The Almighty Allah has said: "...and whoever is saved from the greediness of his soul, these it is that are the successful." The Holy Qur'an (64:16) When the Messenger (PBUH) talks about good and its doers in society, he wants to

teach Muslims and Islamic society that an Islamic society is a cooperative one... The social service performed by a scientist, farmer, doctor, teacher, thinker, social reformer, and one who participates in charitable projects, or helps the poor and the needy; all these works are considered good deeds to which generous people in society contribute. Therefore, those who are doing good and are inspired in their work by knowledge of Allah and who like to do good seeking His pleasure, these are the best people because of their social usefulness.

The glorious Prophet (PBUH) has guided our social preferences through his example, i.e. serving the society and encouraging social advancement while seeking Allah's pleasure.

The Islamic view which sees society as one family and creation (the human being, animal, plant) as belonging to Allah and depending on Him. It aims to shape this world with all its individuals and elements into a unity and completeness, to deepen the cultured comprehension and consciousness of man and to confirm his role in serving to develop the world. Thus man is in need of mutual good advantages to help his brother progress in humanistic ways. The animal and plant kingdoms are also in need of and prosper through this enlightened attitude.

Source: Al-Balagh Foundation



## Letter from the Vice President for Women and Family Affairs to the Female Political Leaders of the World

I bring you the voice of protest of Iranian women and families

**M**assoumeh Ebtekar, the Vice President for Women and Family Affairs in the Islamic Republic of Iran, wrote a letter to invite the world's women political leaders to take action and voice their objection to the illegal US sanctions against the people of Iran.

The letter which echoes the voice of Iranian women and families is as follows:

"The COVID-19 pandemic is a global challenge of epic proportions. The pandemic knows no

borders, ethnicity race or religion. This crisis requires a unified and concerted response among states and civil society to save lives and livelihoods. Ongoing conflicts and military actions worldwide need to cease immediately and economic sanctions should be unconditionally lifted to enable local and international actors to intervene to provide necessary medical services and equipment to help alleviate the social and economic burdens of this pandemic on families and livelihoods.

The Islamic Republic of Iran has been facing the most brutal economic sanctions in history during the past months. These sanctions have impeded not only our economic growth and capacity to deal with the social requirements of employment but have also prevented the flow of necessary pharmaceuticals and medical equipment. The COVID-19 outbreak in Iran has been compounded by the economic sanctions and terrorism against my country. Health workers and medical personnel, a large proportion of whom are women physicians, nurses and hospital staff in Iran have served relentlessly to combat this disease and sacrificed to save lives. Additionally, Iranian women have taken a leading role in protecting their families and encouraging social distancing. They have also mobilized entrepreneurs to produce medical commodities such as face masks and surgical gowns for our hospitals.

Nevertheless, the pressures of terrible sanctions are taking their toll on our people. Echoing the voice of Iranian women and families, I hereby invite you to take action and to voice your objection to the continued illegal economic sanctions against my people by the US government. Our shared humanity requires that we stand together unified and that we resist oppression. The Iranian people will inscribe your position at this sensitive juncture in their hearts. I await your action and response on this vital and urgent matter.

**Source: [women.gov.ir](http://women.gov.ir)**

# Value the Earth, Value Women

By: Zahra Ibrahim

Since time immemorial, man has been finding many common features between 'mother' as the first thing with whom he or she contacts upon stepping into this world; upon birth and 'the earth' as the first place he or she gets to see and feel. In other words, throughout history, man has somehow regarded 'mother'

and 'earth' as being similar to each other in that they both give birth, protect and raise. Accordingly, in many stories and legends, these two - mother (or woman) and earth have been talked about and admired for their roles as producers and guards. Unfortunately, as we know, human beings have not

been kind to the mother earth for various reasons causing pollution in the seas and rivers, in lands, in the air and so it is now absolutely necessary for them to think things over and correct their behaviour, just as they should try to honour the position of women and guard them against oppressions and exploi-







tations.

Let's now look at certain facts pointing to the high status of women:

- The first one who bravely stood up and fought against the dictatorship of Fir'un (Pharaoh) was a woman – Lady Asiah.
- The first one who blessed Mecca and the Ka'bah was a woman - Lady Hajar, Prophet Ismail's mother.
- The first one observing a springing of the blessed Zamzam water on the earth was a woman – Lady Hajar.
- The first one who believed in the Prophethood of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) was a woman –

 Unfortunately, as we know, human beings have not been kind to the mother earth for various reasons causing pollution in the seas and rivers, in lands, in the air and so it is now absolutely necessary for them to think things over and correct their behaviour, just as they should try to honour the position of women and guard them against oppressions and exploitations 

Lady Khadijah.

- The first one who spent all her wealth in the way of Islam was a woman –Lady Khadijah.
  - The first one martyred in the way of Islam was a woman – Lady Somayyah.
  - The first one who performed The Safa and Marvah in Mecca was a woman - Lady Hajar.
  - The one who shook Yazid's throne was a woman - Lady Zainab (SA).
  - The one who will intercede for the believers with Allah on the Day of Judgment will be a woman – Lady Fatimah (SA).
- As we see, it can rightfully be claimed that women can have



very high spiritual positions, of course provided they are properly-guided, pious and truthful. This fact has obviously been neglected and in reality fought against in some human societies, in particular the western ones in which, through plots, for years women have been the target of exploitations, making them think of themselves as mere sex-objects and so going astray. These anti-human plots have led the (misguided) girls and women imagine that it is just the physical aspect of their being that matters, that they are worthless unless they appear physically attractive in public and that spirituality can have no benefit for them.

Really, one should pity such

women and pray for their relieve from the Satanic traps laid for them (and in fact for the humanity) by anti-God, materialists whose passions and lusts are unrestricted and who try to, in the name of freedom, enslave women in various ways; using naked women in advertisements, misleading films and worse still, misleading them towards ruin by making them think that happiness for a woman lies just in unrestricted mixing with men in the society and not in being a good wife and a caring mother.

These are just the opposite of Divine teachings, as we see in the Holy Qur'an, Her Holiness Maryam - Virgin Mary – (SA) has been highly valued by Allah for her

chastity and piety, leading her to becoming the mother of a great Messenger of Allah – Prophet 'Isa - Jesus Christ – (AS), whose teachings seem to have been largely forgotten in today's West. Really, why is it that such great Divinely guided women and men are very seldom, if ever, talked about by the Western mass media and their enlightening examples and teachings never mentioned? Is it not the time for the world people to turn to the life-giving Divine values and models and seek their happiness in them? And is it not the time for them to reject Secularism which is in fact against Divine teachings and to turn to God and to God's Messengers (AS)?

No doubt, the vital role of women is above even that of the mother earth in human life and so they should be properly educated and protected, through, among other things, protection of their chastity as per Divine lessons, including hijab; without proper hijab, certainly, women will be exposed to various sorts of threats and pollutions, resulting in the contamination of the water of life, as we see has been the bitter fruit of the culture of nakedness in the West.

Really, women are the most valuable treasure of the world of humanity and so they should be guarded, much more vigorously than the earth should be protected, since any damage to the earth can be removed, but any harm done to women's honor leaves lasting undesirable effects upon both themselves and their societies.



# Women's Key Role in Fighting against Coronavirus

By: Yasser Movahedfard

Women have invariably been symbols of compassion and sympathy and so can be counted upon in times of physical and emotional ailments. In these days of the outbreak of the coronavirus, they are playing their admirable roles at home by preparing healthy meals, cleaning the house, and the clothing, by helping their children with their studies, and by trying to entertain them and other family members who have to stay at home. Career women are these days mostly either doing their jobs at home or, as in the case of nurses, attending the work-place, as usual, and doing their duties with patience and self-sacrifice. This is most particularly the case with Muslim Iranian women who, in conformity with the Islamic teachings, try their best to protect the society

against infections. Moreover, a considerable number of them are voluntarily helping the medics and contributing to the fight against corona in the country in various ways such as preparing masks and so on.

The spirit of charity is also shining in our Islamic land more brilliantly than before. Donations of various sorts are ceaselessly being offered to help families during these special days and the role of women in this regard is prominent. In fact, Iran's having won the admiration of the world for success in fighting against corona is largely due to the sacrificial effort of the Iranian women. Now let's cite certain points extracted from the teachings of great Physicians including Abu Rayhan al-Biruni, Muhammad ibn Zakariyyā al-

Rāzī, and Abu Ali Sina, regarding infectious diseases:

- Closing public places such as Bazaars
- Bathing with warm water
- Washing hands regularly
- Avoidance of physical contacts in the society, such as shaking hands and embracing
- Using vinegar, alcohol and salt for cleaning such things as coins and instruments
- Keeping house, and work-places clean
- Staying at home and going out just when necessary.

It seems the current efforts at controlling corona at the world level are based on the lessons given by these men of knowledge. So, Iranians are happy with these contributions of their fellow countrymen to the world people's health too.

# The World Day Against Child Labor

By: Bijan Shahrami

It has been narrated that on 'Idul-Adha (Festival of Sacrifice), when the holy city of Madinah was celebrating that 'Id and the holy Prophet of Islam - Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) led the prayers and then started walking to home, on his way he saw a child sitting alone and sadly in a corner, and crying. Being very compassionate, Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) hurried towards the child, and kindly put his blessed hand up on the child's head to console him and make him say why he was crying so sadly. At first, the child refused to even utter a word but eventually, the affectionate, fatherly words and manner of Prophet made the child tell his story to His Holiness who was sitting beside him, listening most attentively: "I am an orphan. My father has died and my mother has left me alone. So I have no one to take care of me, while I see the other children happy on this 'Id." Hearing these words the Holy Prophet (PBUH) took the child to his own home and put him under his own blessed guardianship. As for the children of Madinah, upon hearing about the very nice thing which happened to that orphan, wished the same for themselves.

This true story shows the significance of taking care of children in Islam and we can understand from such Divine teachings that children are not meant for hard work and so it is improper to make them labour for money.

Certainly, children should be taught religious knowledge and also trained in suitable professions so they will learn the

know-how and experiences needed for their life as adults. This of course does not mean that children should be employed in 'hard, hazardous jobs'. Children's working to support their families is also an undesirable phenomenon, unfortunately occurring in various parts of the world, in factories, workshops and so on.

In the Islamic Republic of Iran, it is forbidden to employ children under 15 for any kind of labour, while in other parts of the world the phenomenon continues to grow, so much so that the shocking statistics (millions of children between 5 to 17 years old labouring worldwide) made the International Labour Organization (ILO) launch a campaign against that, starting with nominating June 12 as the World Day Against Child Labor. It is an international day to raise awareness and prompt action to stop child labor in all of its forms. The International Labour Organization (ILO) launched the World Day Against Child Labor in 2002.

Last but not the least, children's voluntary helping their parents and the elders during their free- times including vacations should not be regarded as child labour. In fact, such activities done out of free-will, love and interest are useful for the child in many ways.





# Hope and Despondency as Viewed by Holy Qur'an

The Holy Qur'an, as the Revealed Word of God Almighty opens for us new vistas of thought and stresses implementation of justice in society, in order to save mankind from frustration in life.

Accordingly, the heavenly scripture encourages positive social interaction in order to inculcate the qualities of courage, truthfulness, dignity and honor, which are essential for countering oppression, aggression and dic-

tatorship. Human relationship is based on both material and spiritual needs, and not just on the calculation of profit and loss. Unfortunately, in today's world, security, peace and justice, have become mere slogans of the self-styled representatives of humanity, who indulge in hypocrisy and are devoid of any moral values. These elements commit a new crime every day in different parts of the world. In fact, they are responsible for the poverty and corruption, along with deterioration

of moral values that plagues the greater part of humanity in this supposed scientific age. Thus, if it was not for hope and the promise of God Almighty, mankind would never have any expectations of salvation. It is this hope that inspires people to confront sins, corruption and the rule of oppressors. The Islamic Awakening sweeping North Africa and West Asia is a prime example of hope in God and expectations for a better future by getting rid of dictatorial regimes. As promised by Islam



the day will soon come when pious will take over the affairs of the world for the betterment of human societies. The one who lead mankind to the pinnacles of perfection is the Promised Saviour, the 12<sup>th</sup> and Last Successor of Prophet Mohammad (PBUH).

In Ayah 105 of Surah Anbiya, God says: *“Certainly We wrote in the Psalms, after the Torah: ‘Indeed My righteous servants shall inherit the earth.’”*

In ayah 55 of Surah Noor, God says: *“Allah has promised those of you who have faith and do righteous deeds that He will surely make them successors in the earth.....”*

According to Qur’anic teachings, the outcome of the rule of the pious is the establishment of justice and human dignity in the society as well as peace and prosperity on the earth. It is the wisdom of Almighty God that after giving an opportunity to the various creeds and systems of government, whose incompetence is clearly evident, has decreed the establishment and triumph of Islam

over all other schools, as the perfect system for the whole human race. In ayah 33 of Surah Bara’at, the Holy Qur’an says: *“It is He who has sent His Prophet with the guidance and the religion of truth that He may make it prevail over all religions, though the polytheists should be averse.”*

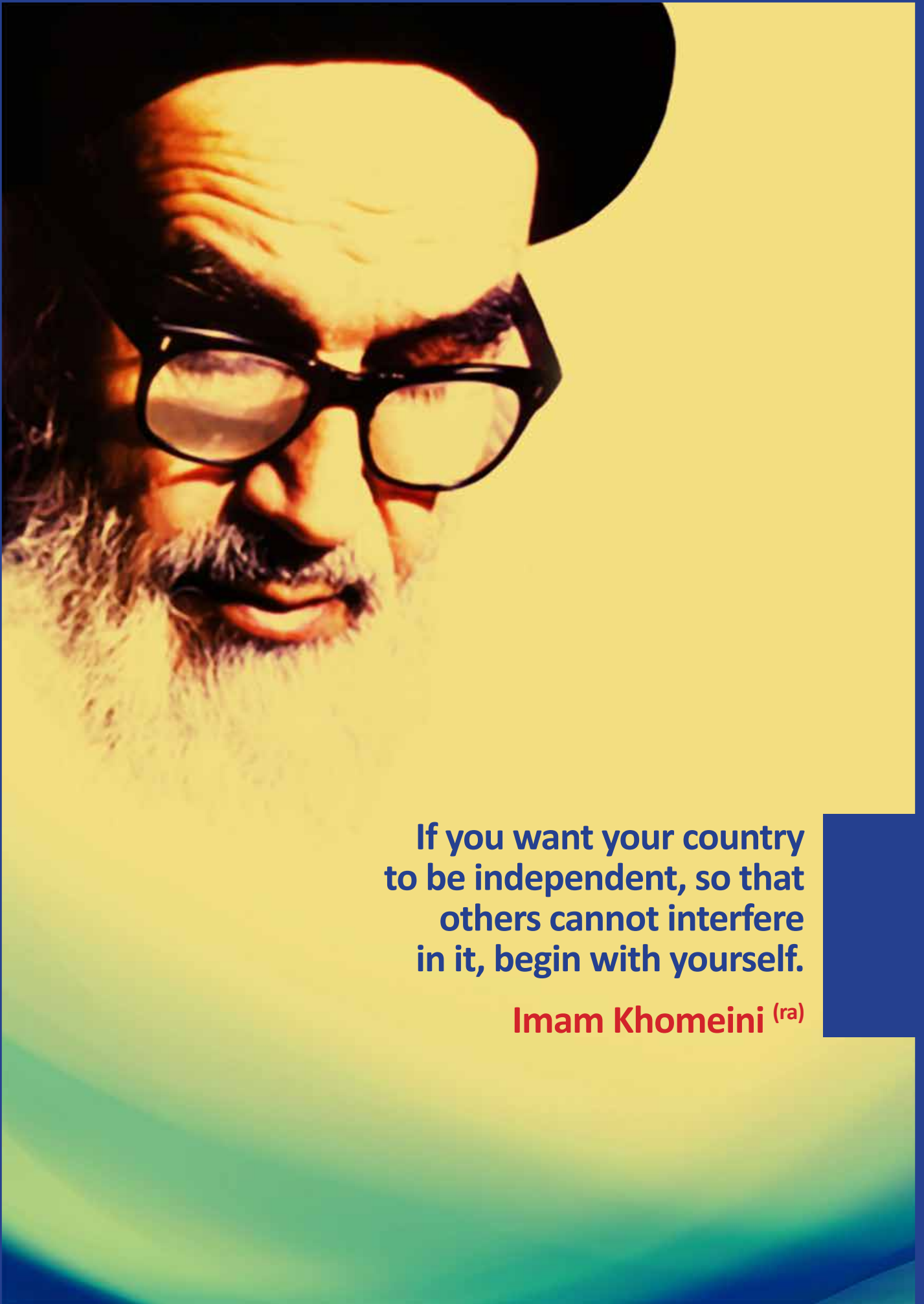
**Unfortunately, in today’s world, security, peace and justice, have become mere slogans of the self-styled representatives of humanity, who indulge in hypocrisy and are devoid of any moral values**

On his reappearance, Imam Mahdi (May God speed up his reappearance) will usher in the age of justice, peace and prosperity. He will end polytheism, corruption and oppression on earth. The Holy Qur’an expresses this fact in ayah 83 of Surah Al-e-Imran, which reads: *“Do they, then, seek a religion other than Allah’s, while to Him submits whoever there is*

*in the heavens and the earth, willingly or unwillingly, and to Him they will be brought back.”*

With his unique leadership, the Imam of the age will open up new and hitherto unknown vistas of science and technology. The human intellect will become enlightened, while ethical and moral values will reach perfection. In view of these facts, those minds clouded with pessimism should understand that blind pursuit of materialism or the rule of the domineering powers that have made a mess of human life, will not last long. The believers will eventually triumph because of their hope and God. That is the reason the intellectually-bankrupt domineering powers are trying to kill all hopes and expectations of the world people, through their propaganda tirade. They are afraid the global government of Imam Mahdi (AJ) means the end of corruption, oppression and committing of public sins on earth. In other words, right will eventually triumph over might and people all over the Planet will flock to the banner of the Promised Savior. This is the same beautiful and glorious future which the Holy Qur’an illustrates. Such a future is achieved only in the light of hope and trust in God. According to the Leader of the Islamic Revolution, Ayatullah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, the fact that God Almighty has kept alive the Imam of the Age and has promised the bright future for mankind, means there ought not to be any sense of despair and despondency.

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**If you want your country  
to be independent, so that  
others cannot interfere  
in it, begin with yourself.**

**Imam Khomeini <sup>(ra)</sup>**

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