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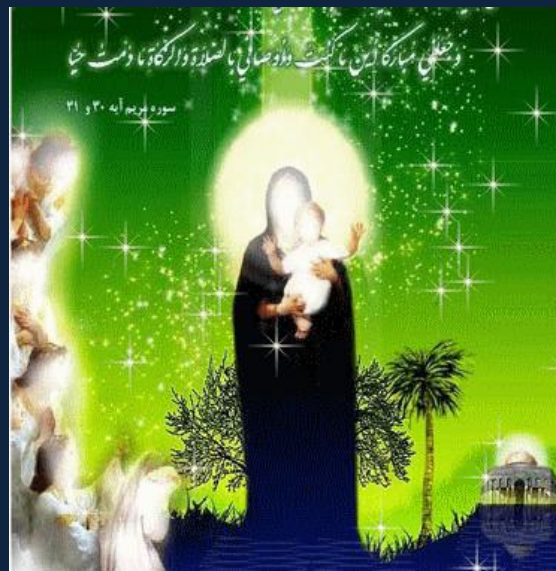
Auspicious birth of the Jesus ('a)

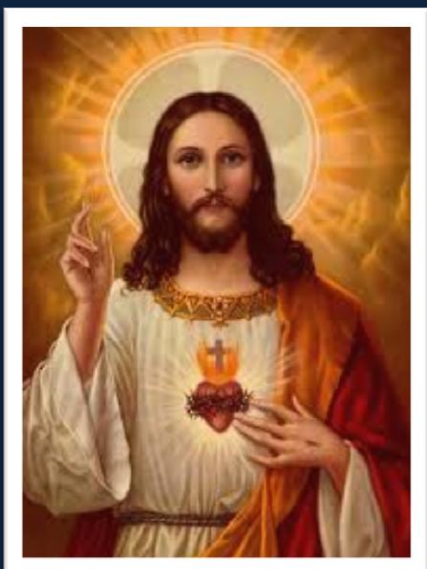
According to verses of the Holy Qur'an

In the name of God, the Mercy-giving, the Merciful!

...Mention in the Book how Mary withdrew from her people to an Eastern place. She chose to be secluded from them. We sent her Our spirit, who presented himself to her as a full- grown human being. She said: "I take refuge with the Mercy-giving from you, unless you are someone who does his duty." He said: "I am only your Lord's messenger to bestow a clean-living boy on you." She said: "How shall I have a boy when no human being has ever touched me, nor am I a loose woman?" He said: "Thus your Lord has said: 'It is a simple matter for Me [to do]. We will grant him as a sign for mankind and a mercy from Ourselves.' It is a matter that has been decided." So she conceived him, and withdrew to a remote place to have him. Labor pains came over her by the trunk of a datepalm. She said: "If only I had died before this, and been forgotten, overlooked!" Someone called out to her from below where she was: "Don't feel so sad! Your Lord has placed a brook at your feet. Shake the trunk of the datepalm towards you so it will drop some fresh dates on you. Eat and drink, and refresh yourself. Should you see even a single human being, then say: 'I have vowed to keep a fast to the Mercy-giving whereby I'll never speak to any person today!'" She carried him back to her family. They said: "Mary, you have brought something hard to believe! Kinswoman of Aaron, your father was no evil man, nor was your mother a loose woman." She pointed to him. They said: "How shall we talk to someone who is a child in the cradle?" He said: "I am God's servant. He has given me the Book and made me a prophet. He has made me blessed wherever I may be, and commissioned me to pray and [pay] the welfare tax so long as I live; and [to act] considerate towards my mother. He has not made me domineering, hard to get along with. Peace be on the day I was born, and the day I shall die and the day I am raised to life again!" Such was Jesus, the son of Mary; [it is] a true statement which they are still puzzling over. It is not God's role to adopt a son. Glory be to Him! Whenever He determines upon some matter, He merely tells it: "Be!", and it is. God is my Lord and your Lord, so worship Him [Alone]. This is a Straight Road [to follow].

Surat Maryam (Mary): 16-36





Jesus Christ In Imam Khomeini's Words

- The Almighty God's greetings and salutations to the Holy Christ, son of Mary, the Spirit of God, and the honorable prophet who resuscitated the dead and awakened the drowsy! Greetings and salutations of the Great God to his dignified mother, Virgin Mary and virtuous saintly woman, who, through the divine breath, offered such a great son to those who were thirsty for divine mercy!

(Sahifeh, vol 5, page 267)

- Jesus, the great prophet, is a true human being in every sense of the word.

(Sahifeh, vol 4, page 33)

- Jesus Christ (`a) was appointed by God to defend the oppressed and to establish justice, he, through his divine sermons and behavior, condemned arrogant powers and the oppressors and protected the poor and the deprived.

(Sahifeh, vol 11, page 286)

- Everything Jesus Christ performed was a miracle. It was a miracle that he was born of a virgin mother. It was another miracle of his that he spoke while he was in the cradle. It was miraculous that he brought peace, tranquility and spirituality for humankind.

(Sahifeh, vol 11, Page 308)

- It is Jesus Christ's command to stop these abominable acts of violence.

- Jesus Christ (`a) is the prophet of peace. He wanted peace to prevail in the world and today is a day of peace.

(Sahifeh, vol 11, Page 311)

- Everyone has said indeed truly that Jesus Christ was a spiritual, divine person with no interest in material things. Quoting those who consider themselves his followers, Jesus Christ paid no attention to material issues; he was a spiritual person in all sense of the word and Spirit of God in the full sense of the term.

(Sahifeh, vol 18, page 217)

Imam Khomeini's Message on the Occasion of christmas

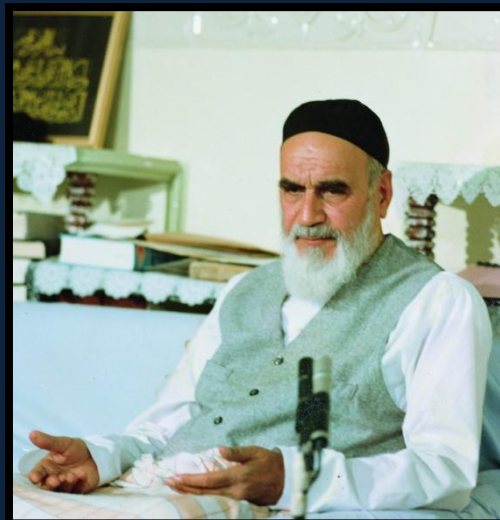
Date: December 23, 1978] Dey 2, 1357AHS/
Muharram 22, 1399AH]

Place: Neauphle-le-Chateau, Paris, France

Subject: Felicitations and best wishes to
the Christians of the world

Occasion: Christmas

Addressees: The Christians of the world



In the Name of God, the Compassionate,
the Merciful

The Almighty God's greetings and salutations to the Holy Christ, son of Mary, the Spirit of God, and the honorable prophet who resuscitated the dead and awakened the drowsy! Greetings and salutations of the Great God to his dignified mother, Virgin Mary and virtuous saintly woman, who, through the divine breath, offered such a great son to those who were thirsty for divine mercy! Greetings to the clerics, priests and monks who, through the teachings of Jesus Christ call the rebellious souls to peace! Greetings to the free nation of Christ, who enjoy the divine teachings of Christ, the Spirit of God!

In the name of the oppressed nation of Iran, I request you, the nation of Christ, to pray during your holy days for our nation who are a captive of an oppressive ruler and beseech their emancipation from the Almighty God...

I request the Christian clerics to advise some of the heads of powerful countries and denounce their support for a person who has turned his back to the divine teachings. The Holy Qur'an has mentioned the name of Holy Christ with magnificence and has purified Holy Mary. It is the duty of the Christian nation to pay their debt to the Muslim nation.

Rouhullah al-Mousawi al-Khomeini

From Sahifeh-ye Imam, vol. 5, Page: 267

Messsages of Felicitation to Imam Khomeini on the Occasion of Christmas

Copenhagen d. 21-4-86

Dearste Lides mr.
Ayatollah Khomeini,

Please, may it be a gladly
to give you this gift.

I am protestant and live
only for peace and freedom.
I am so glad that you
come back to you conty
again.

God bless you, your
conty and the people in
the name of Jesus, amen

In love
yours
Elise Lethy



Lucke 2- the story of Christmas
the new testament of the Holy Bible

God sent not his Son into the world to condemn
the world, but that the world through him might
be saved.

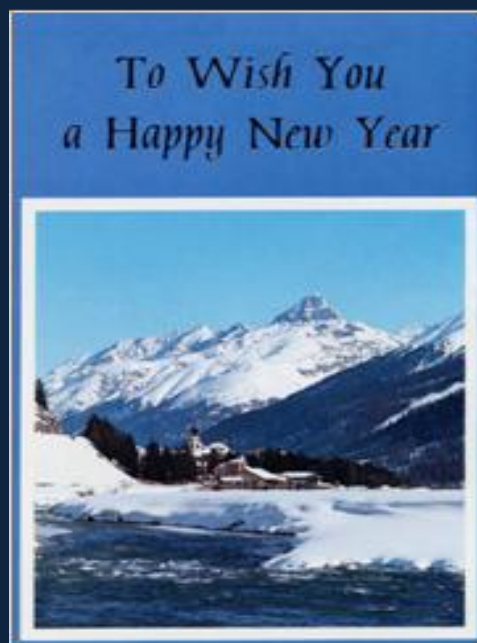
John 3:17

There's love in the air at Christmas--
A heartwarming, transforming love;
It has mellowed the earth
Since the night of the birth
Of the Christ child, God's Son, from above.

There's a song in our hearts at Christmas--
A song that's uplifting and gay,
A heavenly song
That is twelve whole months long;
May it start in your heart Christmas Day.

Lovingly

Roger, Marlene, Margie



To: — THE AYATOLLAH KHOMEINI
— FAMILY AND IRAN PEOPLE

— Greeting you at New Year
— and sending wishes, too,
— That the year ahead
— will prove to be
— Just wonderful for you!

— Happy New Year
— AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL

— With Best Wishes
— And regards
— Sincerely, Norman Walker



May the miracle
of Christmas
fill your heart
with joy and peace.

Merry Xmas, Ayatollah Khomeini,
Michael T. Louye

Imam Khomeini showed great respect for Christianity

Imam Khomeini the religious and spiritual leader of the Muslim world used to call for the Christian community to follow pure and genuine teachings as promoted by the divine prophet, Jesus Christ.

Imam sent messages of congratulations during his historic stay in the French capital Paris and he continued this pattern even after victory of the Islamic Revolution in Iran.

Imam regularly sent congratulatory messages to the Christian leaders on the auspicious occasion of Christmas and urged them to be true follower of the Jesus. He also invited the Christian community to resort to genuine teachings of Jesus on the occasion of Christmas and avail this opportunity to revive divine nature of his message.

During Imam's stay in Paris, he distributed sweets on Christmas and Christians living in the Paris neighborhood were deeply impressed by Imam's ethical conduct and behavior.

Imam also held several meetings with Christian leaders prior and after the victory of the Islamic Revolution and called for the Church to join the struggle against oppressors and colonialism.

During the meetings with Jewish and Christian leaders and urged them to stand by the Islamic Republic, the Iranian nation and oppressed nations of the world against aggressions and discriminations.

Imam was a great champion of unity among all religious schools of thought and wanted them to take unified stance against imperial and aggressive powers.

The great Imam maintained that Christian people and leaders should follow the pure teachings of the Jesus Christ—the great prophet of God the Almighty — instead of favoring the wrongdoing of some aggressive materialistic minded rulers.

The founder of the Islamic Republic believed in the unity of Islam and other divine religions as it was necessary against colonialists and the enemies of Islam. Call to unity under the flag of monotheism forms an important part of Imam's messages and speeches.

The works and initiatives of Imam remain equal popular among all followers of Divine faiths including the Muslims, Christians, Jews and others. Imam was also a staunch supporter of the minorities and issued special recommendations and advised that their rights must be observed.

The great imam believed that man's intuition is based on monotheism, charity, search for truth and justice. According to Imam, if general awareness increases and the evil of ego weakened, then every human society will take to God-seeking and live in environments rich in peace and tranquility.

In all his public messages and speeches, the Imam had urged the world captive nations and the oppressed peoples to rise against the arrogant world and colonial powers.

The great leader of the world had initiated the idea of forming "Party of the Oppressed Peoples" and defended it.

The founder of the Islamic Republic frequently emphasized that the Islamic

Revolution is enemy to the domineering objectives of the eastern and western colonial powers. He supported the nations who are themselves victims of neocolonialism.

Imam Khomeini's motto was standing firm against the oppressor and defending the oppressed and he used to say, "We are neither cruel nor do we tolerate cruelty".

The founder of the Islamic Republic considered the philosophy of the prophetic missions as a means by which men are led toward theosophy, to activate man's perfection-seeking power, in negation of all darkness, in reformation of the society, and in establishment of equity and justice.

He was a divine philosopher and mystic, a religious authority and at the same time the leader of the Islamic Revolution, and the founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

He was acquainted with the principles of Western philosophy, and was well versed in the principles of logic and Islamic philosophy. He followed philosophy as a path for recognition of the stage and the step taken to perceive the realities of existence and of creatures.

Imam's philosophical outlook toward the truth of existence and pantheism and its stages, is deeply influenced by his school of mysticism.

The great Imam also supported the internal unity among all sects of Islam and rejected those forces who sought to sow seeds of discord among the Muslim Ummah. His Holiness ruled out any move that would break up the lines of the Muslims and lead to domination by colonialists.

The Imam believed that knowing oneself is the basis of theology and that purging oneself of ethical corruption and vices and acquisition of excellences are prerequisites to know God.

According to Imam, attaining to divine gnosis, and exalted moral stations would not be possible except by following the path which the great prophets and God's proofs on earth have learned and traversed.

Imam maintained that the all followers of divine religions should become united under the flag of monotheism and human, social and moral values should be given great importance for the salvations and progress of the whole humanity.

Sayings by Christian spiritual leaders about Imam Khomeini (s)



Pope John Paul II, the Catholic leader of the Christian World

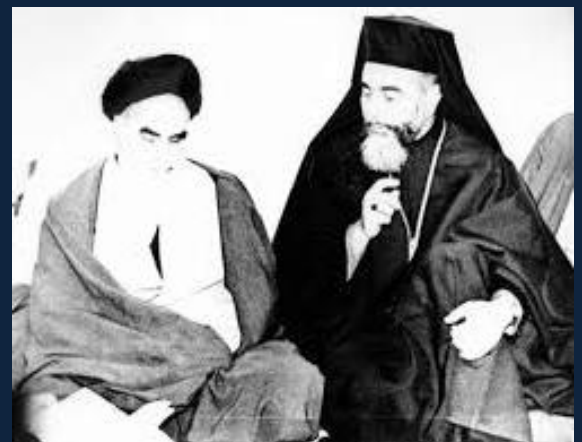
I say constant prayers for your leader and the public. The great job done by him (Imam Khomeini), for his country and for a great part of the world, should be viewed with great respect and insightful vision.

Waleri Marchingo, the famous Christian missionary and member of former peace council

I am an orthodox Christian. The great task done by Imam Khomeini was to attract the attention of the former Soviet Union government towards the significance of religion. He had carried out great duties before his heavenly passing away.

Chief priest kapoochi, the representative of Palestinian Christians in Palestine

Imam Khomeini was the father of the world oppressed people. He was also a great spiritual, religious and political leader. The victory of Iran over the world powers happened due to public's great faith in God and their confidence in Imam Khomeini's leadership.



Everything Related to Jesus Christ, Was a Miracle

Imam Khomeini on December 27, 1979 met with six Christian priests who had come to Iran to visit the hostages. At this meeting, Dr. Thomas Ericks, Georgetown University professor of Middle Eastern history, thanked the Iranian people for their hospitality. He said they had gone to the Behesht-e-Zahra Cemetery in Tehran to pray for the late Ayatollah Taleqani and the martyrs of the Iranian Revolution. He went on to say that he prayed to God to guide them to find other ways to face the present crisis in order to turn the current confrontation into cooperation. While humanity is going towards violence and war, the way of God is pointed towards peace and forgiveness. The Imam, in reply made the following comments:

In the Name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate

Greetings to all the oppressed nations of the world, the Christian nations, and our Christian compatriots on the occasion of Christmas. Everything relating to Jesus Christ was a miracle. It was a miracle that he was born of a virgin mother. It was a miracle that he spoke in his cradle. It was a miracle that he brought humanity peace, happiness and spirituality. All the prophets were miracles, and they came to shape humanity. They all want humanity to take the straight, divine path, and for everyone to live in peace, happiness and fraternity.

The people of the world are today afflicted by the great satanic powers who prevent the teachings of the prophets from being realized. The Christian clergy have many peculiarities, as the super-powers are Christians or lay claims to Christianity. In contradiction to the words of God the Almighty, the super-powers act against Jesus Christ's teachings. According to the teachings of Christ and Almighty God, the Christian clergy have a duty to wage a spiritual war against the superpowers who act contrary to the way of the prophets and the way of Christ.

You went to Behesht-e-Zahra and saw some of the martyrs' graves. Wherever you go in Iran, you will see such graves. You have not seen

our wounded. Everywhere in Iran you will see people who have lost their limbs or have been injured under the old regime and are unable to lead normal lives. I wish you Christian clergymen could stay in Iran for a while and travel to various towns, villages and hamlets to see the results of the crimes committed by the deposed shah who was Supported by American presidents. I wish you could go and see the crimes of those imposed on us by U.S. presidents.

But you can see what they did to our youths in underground cells just because our youth wanted independence for the country. Time is lacking now for even a brief account of the crimes they committed against our youths. Suffice it to say that they amputated the limbs of many of our youths, they charred or broiled many others, and cut off the limbs of many children in front of their parents so that the parents would confess. They did things which it would be shameful to tell. They did all this on the grounds that they were commissioned by the big powers, that they had a mission to fulfill in this country. They committed crimes here and put the blame on the U.S. government for what they did. They did things to foul the name and holiness of Jesus Christ in the eyes of the people.

Christian clergymen have a responsibility to rescue Jesus from this entanglement to which your presidents have brought him. Jesus looks to Christian clergymen and scholars. He is looking at you with intent eyes to see what you will do with these cruel people who acted like this towards others. Have you ever brought up or discussed such crimes in your churches? Has the Pope ever done anything about these crimes? Has the Pope condemned us because we have kept the hostages? Does the Pope know what jobs these people had? Is it in keeping with the dignity of a clergyman to condemn an oppressed nation? Would it be justified to condemn a nation which was under the yoke of governments which only apparently adhered to Christianity? Did any person among the Christian clergy ever protest against the cruel crimes which were committed in Iran?

On the occasion of the birthday of Jesus Christ, we wrote an article about the crimes which had been committed in Iran, but to our regret we heard that the Pope would not approve the printing of our article. Why should the Christian clergy have such an attitude towards the oppressed peoples?

Why should the followers of the gospel of the Lord Jesus condemn us, and why should they be biased towards acts of cruelty? Are you not aware that they have plundered the wealth of this country? And that they have left behind a hungry nation? Do you not know that they subjected this nation to oppression and torture over a period of 50 years and that they robbed her whole wealth to pay the big powers? Does the Christian clergy not know that in blatant violation of the teachings of the prophets and of Jesus, the U.S. has frozen the assets of Iran in all banks? Do you realize how they want to exert pressure on an oppressed nation? Do you know that by his proposal for economic sanctions, hostile American authorities intend to kill a nation of 35 million by starvation?

Peace be upon you, and the Mercy and Blessings of God.

Is the Pope aware of all this or has he been misinformed about events in Iran? If he is, it is a misery -for us, for the Christian world and for the Christian clergy, and if he is not, it is a disgrace for the Vatican. Why should you people who have come here not give an account of the issues here as you see them? Would the Vatican not rely on your words? Would the Vatican only accept reports from the big powers? Are you aware of the U.S. mass media's war against us? Do you realize that all this propaganda in the United States is precisely against the demands of the oppressed people in the world? But you say it is not your responsibility to prevent all this misleading propaganda. The Pope apparently is not responsible for checking the acts of those who are waging war against us with their pens and by other practical means. If this is not his responsibility, then whose is it? Whoever on the earth should propagate Christianity? Whose duty is it to teach people the gospel?

But the sufferings here are varied and many and time is lacking for us to investigate the pains and afflictions of the oppressed nation. But I would like to send a message to the American nation, to the clergy in the United States and to the Christian clergy through you. I call on you all to save Christianity, to save the oppressed masses now, at this moment when the Messiah and Christianity are facing a challenge and so is the Pope.

On this holy day, which should be a day of peace, the U.S. has started wars everywhere. He suppresses the oppressed while the Christian clergy are silent onlookers. May God Almighty save mankind from the evils of those who act against the Divine teachings, against the teachings of the Kingdom of Heaven and may God Almighty rescue the oppressed from the claws of the oppressors.

What I think of Imam Khomeini

by Tina Conlon,
Christian Lay-Minister

Taken from a speech by Tina Conlon, a Christian Lay-Minister from Canada, given during the 9th anniversary commemoration of the passing of Imam Khomeini.

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I greet you all, brothers and sisters in Islam, as a Christian and a follower of Jesus' example and teachings, and as a reader of Scriptures. According to Imam Khomeini, Jesus was appointed by God to support the oppressed and establish justice and mercy. The Imam further said that Jesus' divinely inspired words and angelic deeds condemned oppressors and tyrants and support the oppressed, deprived and abased people.

Sixteen years ago, when the man who I eventually married asked me what I thought about the Ayatollah Khomeini, my response was based on ignorance. I was informed only by what I read in the papers. I told him that any man who could strike fear in the heart of the president of the most powerful country in the world is someone we should pay attention to. I told him that I admire the leader of the Islamic Revolution and wanted to know more about him. Six months later, we were married. It is good to marry the person you have agreements with on these matters.

I was asked to speak on the Imam's message about the struggle of Muslims and Christians against oppression. In Christmas in 1978, I was still a student at a seminary in training to be a minister in a Christian church. I read the Bible and discuss matters of theology with my classmates. We learned, or tried to learn, about what its like to be a clergy to a world which is increasingly turning back on God. At that time, Iranian youths held hostage a group of people who were caught in espionage, an act which in the western world could get automatic execution. These youth demanded that in exchange for the spies Carter hand over the deposed Shah of Iran. My classmates and I waited with bated breath to see what conditions these captives were in. We knew about other incidents in El Salvador, in Guatemala, in the Philippines and even in the USA where captives were often tortured, have lost limbs, and were unable to carry on a normal life if they survived their capture. Instead, we saw these captives released healthy, if not healthier than they were before they were taken hostage. Imam Khomeini said that the youths treated the spies fairly because Islam commands one to have mercy upon captives, even if they are oppressors or spies.

As one who reads the Bible, I was very impressed by that remark. The Bible speaks of justice to the oppressed, comfort to the sick and commands us to show kindness to those who are imprisoned. The Imam showed more charity, more concern for others than those who were supposed to be but just apparently-Christian.

President Carter prayed for the success of his mission. He demanded that church bells ring throughout America. The leader of the Islamic Revolution prayed to Allah, for the deprived nations whose existence has fallen under the boots of the powerful oppressors. The irony was that the president of the USA and the leader of the Islamic Republic were not praying to two different Gods. This was not a contest of whose God was better. Each recognized that their God is One God. There is only one God and God is not on the side of the oppressors.



The brother asked me to speak about the unity of Muslims and Christians and establishing a God-fearing government on the Earth. Imam Khomeini, may peace be upon his name, not only cried for justice for the massacres in Iran but also for the massacres in Vietnam, in Palestine, in Lebanon and in many other places. I have been to many demonstrations. In them, we speak out against the injustices of the oppressors. We denounced their acts and demand some action. In the Zionist bombing of Sabra and Shatilla, I joined Muslim brothers and sisters in demonstrating in front of the US Embassy. As we marched in front of the US Embassy, I was the happiest, the proudest Christian, to march alongside a group of people whose battle cry was simply, "Allahu Akbar GOD IS GREAT." Some people who recognized me at the seminary where I was a student admonished me from joining the march. One of my classmates said that I was joining the fight of non-Christians. "No", I said, I am marching with those who say that "GOD IS GREAT!" and you know what, I agree. Some of the sisters who heard the exchange laughed with me and they took a piece of cloth to cover my head. "See," she said, "you are one of us now." I pulled the cloth over my head, smiled at her and agreed. I looked back at the line, I noticed that the classmate who admonished me pick up a placard and he began chanting as well, "GOD IS GREAT".

The Imam's cause was not only to support the cause of Iranians, nor only of Islam. His cause was to bring God's justice among those who are oppressed. The Palestinians were not all Muslims. Yet the Imam embraced their cause for justice against their oppressors as though it was his own cause. And it was.

The Imam also championed the cause of the Black people of South Africa in their struggle against Apartheid. Yes, there are Muslims in South Africa. But there are also Jews, Christians and people of many different faiths. Nelson Mandela is not a Muslim and yet when the Imam embraced him like a brother and made his struggle his own. He did not falter, hesitate or hold back. He gave his support in fighting the racist regime, because God is on the side of the oppressed.

The Imam wrote in one of his testaments, My advice to all Muslims and oppressed people of the world is this: you should not sit and wait till your own authorities or rulers, or some foreign power act to make a gift of freedom and independence to you. During the past one hundred years, we have observed the infiltration of the world's major powers into all Islamic countries and into smaller lands. ...None of the rulers of any of these countries has been concerned with freedom, independence and the welfare of his nation, and none is even today. Rather the majority of such rulers have been themselves cruel oppressors who tried to strangle their own people. Whatever good they did was to benefit themselves or was in the interest of some special group or, such rulers, promoted by the welfare of the upper already well-to-do classes but never did a thing to benefit the deprived groups and slum-dwellers.... [They] turned their countries into markets for the consumption of the manufactured products

of their overlords, kept their own lands in an undeveloped conditions, and are doing so even now."

"O Mustazafeen (deprived, oppressed) of the world! O Muslims and Muslim countries of the world! Arise and wrest your rights by your teeth and fingernails! ... Drive out from your lands your wicked rulers who hand over your wages to your enemies and the enemies of Islam. Yourselves and the dedicated public servants should take charge of the affairs of your country. Gather all of you under the proud banner of Islam and fight the enemies of Islam and the deprived people of the world. Advance toward an Islamic sovereign government with so many free and independent republics. If you realize this, the arrogant powers shall retreat to their rightful positions and all the Mustazafeen will come to inherit the earth and attain to guardianship over it. Look forward to the day when God's promise shall be fulfilled."

Almost fifty years ago, world leaders signed a global charter declaring people's basic human rights, in Oxfam Canada, the organization I am currently working for, is collecting signatures to remind the global leaders of the commitments they signed to:

That people are able to enjoy the following universal human rights: enough to eat, clean water, a home, health care, education, a livelihood, protection from violence, equality of opportunity and a say in the future. While these rights have been declared universal, we stand in recognition of their vulnerability to those who hold power in the world. We observe how a powerful country's resolve to draw sanctions against can endanger that country's ability to provide its citizens with their basic human rights. At times, that resolve meant the abdication of responsibility even to their own citizens.

I still do not know much about the Imam Khomeini, but I have learned much from sixteen years ago. I consider him one of my spiritual leaders. He championed the cause of God against oppression. He fought the oppression for the people of Iran who suffered hardship under the tyranny of the Shah. He fought the oppression of the Black people of South Africa against the oppressive Apartheid. He fought the oppression of the Palestinians who until now are not protected from violence, after simply trying to regain their right to a home.

Salaam, May peace be unto you.

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