

What do the Iranian Ayatollahs Really Want

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International disputes over resources and territories have often deteriorated into military offensives based on the assumption that use of power could be the fastest way to realize an imperialistic aspiration. Not only that such upsetting approach nowadays jeopardizes the world order, it also destroys civilized relations and contradicts the self-esteem of humans as top of creation with cognitive abilities and moral rules that differentiate them from wild beasts. The use of military force and unbearable invasion to neighboring countries implies that even now at the 21st century, ancient aggressive urges (originally developed for survival in the animal kingdom) still prevail as a driving force in human societies. Among numerous examples of leaders who prefer violence and use of military power to achieve their aims are the Iranian Ayatollahs, who exploited the revolution and removal of the Shah from chair to establish a religious tyrannical regime protected by a number of security layers, particularly that of the 'Revolutionary Guards'. Notably, despite the natural treasures of Iran, especially oil, their leadership during the modern era (e.g., Khomeini, Rafsanjani, Hamminai) failed in developing the economy and life standards to a comparable level as in the Western world. The main reason was the corruption and religious obsession (including women oppression) that often typify Muslim regimes, as well as enormous waste on military adventures and colonial aspirations. As soon as they were elected by the Iranian people with a hope for a better, decent ruling system, the Ayatollahs have quickly established a theocratic regime governing with an 'iron fist' of the army and police. To secure their positions and gain loyalty, they improved the living conditions of their surrounding defenders, while neglecting the rest of the population. Years of ruling probably have raised the Ayatollahs' self-esteem and Ego up to embellished aspirations of leading the Muslim Jihad as well as becoming the strongest regional power. While such objectives require economic and cultural leadership, their exaggerated religious control and instigated terror created an opposite effect that could as well be their big mistake leading to collapse, due both to 'explosion' of over-pressurized Iranian population and military retaliation of surrounding nations suffering from the Iranian aggression. In fact, the highest probability for expulsion of the Ayatollahs from power might follow a war against Israel and the US over the issue of developing nuclear weapons. Right now, the Ayatollahs seem to have gained confidence in their militaristic approach based on their success in controlling the large Iranian population, as well as the weak responses of the West toward their aggression. They ignore the fact that the world has changed, and so aspirations to return to the days of the Persian Empire are illusive. Iran has no territorial nor economic conflicts with Israel, and so an arising question is what is the basis of the Ayatollahs' hatred to the USA and Israel? Without joint borders, economic competition, or historic loathing, why do they want to destroy the state of Israel (re-established after the holocaust by the United Nations vote in 1947). The answer does not seem complicated: A corrupted

religious regime like that of the Ayatollahs requires a scapegoat to distract the public attention from their own faults and difficulties. Such naïve strategy has often been adopted by corrupted leaders in the Muslim world, toward an imaginary enemy, in order to lift the pressure and complains of the citizens. By inciting the masses against Israel and disseminating fake declarations about destruction of the Al Aksa mosque in Jerusalem (quite ridiculous claims), as well as a purported support in the Palestinian claims for ownership of the land of Israel (another attempt to rewrite the history), they have succeeded to divert the hatred of the masses from themselves toward the Israeli state. Amazingly, this primitive strategy is successful in Iran and rather than seeking international relationship for economic flourishing, they have chosen the way of terror and war. Noteworthy, the Muslim belief in Al Aqsa as one of the sacred sites of Islam is based on the preposterous fairytale of Mohammad arriving from Mecca on his winged horse prior to his death and journey to heaven. The actual reason for its build-up was to demolish the holiest site of Judaism (where the temple was built and renovated by King Herod). Similar strategy was used by the Christians who arrived to the New World, where they built churches on top of ancient pyramids in Central and South America in a systematic attempt to destroy any residual symbol of previous religions. In fact, and opposite to the Muslim claims, Israel guards the rights of the Christians, Muslims, and Jews in Jerusalem quite successfully, and thus the Ayatollahs' religious claims against Israel have no real basis. Still, as 'non-stop heating may pour water even from a rock', the massive continuous propaganda about the destruction of holy Islamic sites by Israel, seems to convince the gullible masses in the entire Arabic world¹.

So, what do the Ayatollahs really want? A rational answer should also consider their religious status, old age, and desire to maintain their leadership. No doubt, they want to live in comfort, feel safe, receive good economic and medical treatment, nourish their Ego with total obedience of the Iranian citizens, oppress women to minimize their sexual appeal (Taliban-like approach)², and above all, prevent any attempt of revolution that may end up similarly to the hanging of Saddam Hussein in Iraq, torture of Muammar Gaddafi in Libya, or even imprisonment of Mohamed Morsi in Egypt. Finally, such a regime involved in international acts of terror, no matter whether based on bogus claims or religious fabrications should better be eradicated as it jeopardizes the entire world and cannot remain untouched, particularly when the future of mankind and our planet are in danger³.

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