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In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful.

I send my best regards upon Prophet Muhammad and his pure progeny (peace be upon all them).

As an academic, having been granted this opportunity to speak for a few minutes on the dimensions of the character of our martyred leader, I wish to extend my deepest, heartfelt condolences on the tragic yet glorious martyrdom of our supreme leader, Imam Khamnei (May his soul rest in peace).

As affirmed by the Holy Quran, the martyr is always alive; it is my hope that his lofty spirit continues to guide and support us all.

To speak of the character of the martyred leader, Imam Khamenei, is a truly daunting task. It is beyond anyone's capability, and words fail to adequately describe him. I am no exception to this rule.

This is not an exaggeration; it is the absolute truth. How can I speak of someone whose leadership has displayed such unparalleled wisdom and vision?

He was a man of all virtues; he possessed all the qualities one admires in the good and righteous—to the extent that even his enemies have been compelled to admire him.

His attributes were not merely acquired; they were a spring of wisdom that, by the grace of God, flowed within his very being.

It will take decades for scholars and thinkers across various fields to analyze his profound and comprehensive personality, and perhaps even then, they will only be able to capture a glimpse of his greatness.

Nevertheless, given the constraints of time, I offer three descriptions from among his many sublime traits as a gift to this gathering; it may be a drop from the infinite ocean of our martyred leader's existence.

First of all, he was a man of God, a defining characteristic — which brought good to Iran, the region, and the world — and from which all his other virtues flowed.

He had spent years in spiritual discipline so that his being became a manifestation of the Allah, the Almighty. He was truly a monotheist; not only in words, but in every limb and every fiber of his being.

People of every faith, upon seeing him, would liken him to the prophets of their own religions. A Christian would say, "I saw Jesus in his face." A Jew would say, "I saw Moses in his face." A Muslim would say, "He was the mirror of our prophet in

this time."

Even fair-minded non-believers recognized him as a human being in the truest sense of the term.

Indeed, his most important feature was his divine connection. He drew all his strength from that Eternal Power, Allah the Almighty, and relied on Him alone. He would often say, with palpable tranquility: "ان معي ربي" (Indeed, my Lord is with me). Truly, how many of today's world leaders possess this quality? How many leaders are so pure, and so angelic? The love and affection of people across the globe, lies in this spiritual and divine trait of our great martyr. He invited everyone to a deep bond with God, and this invitation was the spirit of all his statements.

The second prominent characteristic of this great leader— which is truly faint, or fundamentally missing, in other world leaders — is that he was a man who believed in and lived for the people.

For him, the people were not mere numbers, to be used or exploited to consolidate his power— as is common in many parts of the world. Rather, he believed that the people are the true owners of the country, the land, and he stated this conviction and proved it repeatedly on various occasions.

He patiently breathed the spirit of "We can" into his people.

Over nearly four decades of leadership, he led the country to glorious peaks and laid the foundations of a new Islamic-Iranian civilization. We can see the result of this sincere belief in the funeral processions held by millions of his lovers before the eyes of the world.

Interestingly, in a recent study, it was found that over his 37 years of leadership, he used the words "people" or "nation" approximately 45,000 times, which stand on the top of top 10 frequent words in his speeches, which shows his belief in the people and their decisive role in governing the country.

In his last speech, twenty days before his martyrdom, he said that if an incident were to occur, God would rise up the people, and the people would finish the task! And now we see that in the four months since his martyrdom, men and women, young and old, gather in the streets every night to support the system, the country, and the revolution — disappointing their enemies, revealing their miscalculations, and demanding justice for their martyred leader.

The third characteristic, which is well-known in the world today, is that he was a relentless fighter against the tyrants of the world. Being anti-arrogance was one of his main principles in foreign policy.

It was through this very trait that he caused such a stir in the world. Compare

this belief with the behavior of other rulers in other countries toward the world of arrogance.

He left an invaluable legacy for all of history: the courage to resist and stand against the world's bullies. He was the herald of the truth that "against enemies, the cost of resistance is less than the cost of compromise."

Had he not shown such severity in defense of human dignity, the oppressed of the world, and divine ideals against the tyrants and oppressors, he would not have met his Lord today stained with his own pure blood. By the power of God, vengeance for our martyred leader's blood is certain, and this is the will of all the people, which will be realized.

The people of the world must make an effort to seek the truth directly, moving beyond the one-sided narratives of the media.

The awakened conscience of the world, must recount — as his global message to future generations — the necessity of resisting the double standards of oppressive powers, fighting against tyranny, and establishing justice among all human societies.

In conclusion, I must say that our leader watered the tree of this country and system with his pure blood, gave it a new life, and strengthened the front of resistance against the world's oppressors more than ever before.

Finally, I dedicate my short poem to his lofty spirit:

My leader,
I entrust you,
not to the soil,
but to the soul,
that you may remain forever,
beyond the bounds of time.
I entrust you,
not to the mind,
but to the heart,
so that your lofty memory,
stands high as the seven heavens,
may never be forgotten.
O leader of the free in all tomorrows,
I entrust you,

not to the dust,
but to the wind,
that it may carry your scent everywhere,
and if they ask, whose scent is this so fragrant?
It shall say: It was a bottle of perfume,
the demon broke it,
and filled the souls with the scent of an angel,
the scent of God,
the scent of our martyred leader.

Thank you for your kind invitation and attention.

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