

## Letters to the people of Iran (Letter # 1)

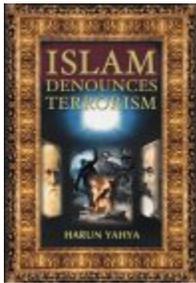
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### ISLAM, A RELIGION FROZEN IN TIME

To those of us who know Islam, have lived in an Islamic nation, seen, and experienced the dominance of this religion upon its subjects, it is very clear that throughout history, this nearly fourteen hundred year tradition has been in a continuous conflict with change. Islam is a religion that requires its followers to submit their lives to the religion through its leaders. This is the only religion whose subjects have to pray in the same language (Arabic) regardless of where their origin and what language they speak.



In fact, millions of Muslims around the world stand facing the East (Makkah), several times a day, reciting a prayer in Arabic, without understanding a word of it. They know the prayer by heart, because it has been engraved into their brains from childhood.

The words that Muslims use in their prayers are more than just praises and requests that churchgoers around the world make every Sunday. Muslims are required to submit themselves to their religion through these prayers that were written by those who created Islam in the encapsulated deserts of Saudi Arabia nearly fourteen hundred years ago. All true Muslims consider themselves the "servants" of their religion. Therefore, it should come as no surprise that the leaders of the Islamic nations possess and exercise powers that are beyond our level of comprehension in the West.

It is the duty of every Muslim to not only obey the wishes of those who claim to have the divine gift of interpreting the so-called holy words of the Quran, but also seek the blessing of these noble leaders at times when most of us in the West would consult our family members and friends. These specially gifted leaders have only one thing in mind, and that is to keep the intruding forces from eroding the religious values for which they have fought for centuries. Throughout the history, the main goal of these leaders has been to control the minds of their followers and keep the religion static when the world around them has changed a thousand times.

The message among all of these self-professed "sources of light" (Ayatollahs) has been the same; do not give into desires such as, self-respect, individuality, freedom of expression, individual liberty, etc., which come to you naturally.

Since the beginning of time, when our ancestors lived in caves, deprived of most basic necessities of life, the human beings have looked for ways to change their lives for better. Throughout human history, most religions have provided guidance to their agents of change, all except Islam. A religion's sole purpose must be to provide a vehicle or perhaps a path for its people to go from where they are to where they need to be, in a most wholesome way. Majority of the world's religions encourage their people to be progressive in their endeavors of becoming a whole person.

Islam and its static leaders not only discourage these natural desires, but forbid their subjects to even take a single step beyond the boundaries that were set forth by a "Saudi Bedouin" tribe nearly fourteen hundred years ago.

An Islamic nation sets its future goals based upon the wishes of the leaders of its past. People of these nations are locked in an abyss. Time froze for these people when they were forcibly converted to Islam. Even in countries like Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, where the discovery of oil has transformed these deserts into wealthy nations, in a physical sense, for the time being, there is no evidence that these nations have had any intellectual growth. People of these countries live in the same way their ancestors did thousand years ago, without any intellectual curiosity and innovative thoughts for future.



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