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Publisher's Preface

ImamKhomeini's personality excelled in many dimensions. Many are those who stood perplexed and bewildered before the breadth and depth of this unique Islamic creation's dimensions, at a time when people were in sheer adoration of his personality, dissolving themselves in love of it to such an extent that was indescribable. The manifestations of love and adoration were expressed in an unprecedented manner in history when people welcomed his return to Iran before the victory of the Islamic Revolution and when his pure remains were bade farewell to by millions until reaching the final abode. These were all manifestations of the adoration and love for this great Imam and the Islamic qualities that he possessed, a combination of which (profundity and purity) comes rare in a man's personality.

This book represents the expression of an infatuated and enthralled writer of his fiery heart in respect to the great ImamKhomeini and of that shining in his thought with regard to those dimensions inherent in that unique personality.

May Allah, the Almighty grant us success to follow the path of the Imam and apply his rightly guided teachings.



In the name of Allah, the Merciful, the Compassionate

Dedication

My master Rūḥullah!

O reviver of Islam, protector of its sanctuary . . . vanquisher of disbelief and eraser of its darkness . . .

O dawn of light in the density of darkness . . . and the vanguard of victory in the era of the reappearance [of Imam Mahdi (aj)]

O smile of delight on the lips of the bereaved . . . and the torch of guidance in dark seditions.

O shelter of the orphans, refuge of the deprived . . . and the good fragrance in the lives of the impoverished.

O descendant of [Imam] Al-Ḥusayn, the martyr . . . and the stimulant of Karbala anew.

O You, the heir of retaliation, the avenger and exactor of retribution.

O highness of Badr, the manifest faces of its elevated ones . . . and the smile of the solid victory in al- Khandaq and al-Fath.

O pioneer of the brilliant revolution and the founder of the powerful state.

O debaser of the disobedience of the arrogant and conqueror of the despotic tyrants.

O Imam of the Muslims and leader of the oppressed.

These are some faint words like a night that fails to reach a tenth of your rank and is incapable of explaining the least of the status of your glory and distinction.

I gift it to you O son of al-Zahra; the chaste, hoping that it meets with your satisfaction and acceptance.

Thus intercedes for me a love that is impossible to describe and an appreciation that is impossible to express.