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MILLENNIUM CELEBRATION OF NAHJUL BALAGHA

To celebrate the elapse of thousand years since the compilation of Nahjul Balagha - the most invaluable collection of the utterances and teachings of Ali ibn Abu Talib a.s. a congress was recently held at Motahhari Theological School, Tehran. Attended by a number of distinguished scholars locally and from abroad, the congress was addressed by various speakers on different aspects of Nahjul Balagha.

In his message to this congress, Imam Khomeini said "In the light of the revived Islamic values, wecelebrate the millenium anniversary of Nahjul Balagha as a profound source of philosophical and theological inspirations"

Speaking on 'Leadership in Nahjul Balagha', Hojjatul Islam Khomeini said "The divine concept of leadership in Nahjul Balagha is not overshadowed with domination and opportunism. Thus, the Muslim subjects are respected as 'RAIYAT', the Muslim Ummat whose social welfare is the exclusive responsibility of 'WALI' the spiritual leader.

Various resolutions were adopted by the congress, among them included were the recommendation for learned jurists to initiate research related to the philosophical content of Nahjul Balagha for the revival of Islamic values. Also recommended was the comprehensive text of Nahjul Balagha to be included in the academic curriculum of the high-schools and universities.

At the termination of the Millenium Congress of Nahjul Balagha, a conclusive resolution was issued whose contents read as follows:

IN THE NAME OF GOD, THE COMPASSIONATE THE MERCIFUL

"The comprehensive context of Nahjul Balagha originated from the sacred soul of Amir-ul-Mumineen, for the spiritual resurrection of the ego-centric mankind who was afflicted with superficial vanity and profound conceit.

Nahjul Balagha is the ultimate remedy for the psychological afflictions and social conflicts in the course of Human history. The contents of these celestial sermons are coordinated with the psychological dimensions of human society."