


## Interpretative Analysis of Divine Assistance Verses in Ayatollah Khamenei's Quranic Thought With Emphasis on the Verses "Indeed, Allah will surely support those who support Him" and "If you support Allah, He will support you"

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### Introduction

In the complex world of politics and international relations, reliance on divine traditions and Quranic promises serves as a source of inspiration and guidance for religious communities and leaders. The tradition of divine assistance, emphasized in the two verses: "Indeed, Allah will surely help those who help Him" (Quran 22:40) "If you help Allah, He will help you" (Quran 47:7), is a fundamental concept in Islam, stressing God's support for those who strive for truth and righteousness. The frequent repetition of these phrases (more than one hundred times) in the speeches of Ayatollah Khamenei highlights their pivotal role in his Quranic and political thought. The prominent place of these verses in his ideology necessitates an in-depth analysis of their application in his Quranic framework. The significance of interpreting these verses in Ayatollah Khamenei's Quranic thought stems from several factors: Their influence on foreign policy, Their inspirational role for religious communities, Their explanation of the relationship between religion and politics, Their relevance to contemporary challenges. This research seeks to examine the interpretation and application of these two verses within Ayatollah Khamenei's Quranic thought. Key topics include: The relationship between divine assistance and support for religion, The social manifestations of supporting religion in the Islamic community, The role of believers in upholding religion, The impact of religious support on social life.

### Methodology

This study employs a descriptive-analytical approach, examining Ayatollah Khamenei's speeches and writings to extract, categorize, and analyze all instances in which he references the two key verses. To ensure comprehensive data collection, the Hadith-e Vilayat software-which compiles the complete works and speeches of Ayatollah Khamenei-was utilized. Through this software, all references to these two verses in his written and spoken materials were extracted. The core concepts and subthemes related to divine assistance in his thought were identified, categorized, and analyzed.

## Findings

Divine assistance refers to supporting divine manifestations, including faith, divine values, prophets, and righteous leaders. This support occurs at different levels, such as: Spiritual support (inner motivation to overcome selfish desires and align with divine commands) Verbal support (promoting faith and truth through speech) Practical support (engaging in actions that uphold religious principles and combat opposition) Practical support is not limited to acts of worship; rather, it extends to defending religion against opposition and striving for the establishment of divine rule. Ayatollah Khamenei interprets divine assistance beyond military victory, emphasizing its comprehensive scope across: Intellectual and academic endeavors, Cultural and social efforts, Political and economic advancements. In his perspective, striving for Islamic governance, implementing divine laws, promoting religious culture, boosting economic prosperity, and advancing science and technology are all manifestations of divine assistance. Ayatollah Khamenei's perspective on divine assistance is characterized by a comprehensive, strategic, and inspirational outlook. He views it as a fundamental principle of Islam, encompassing both material and spiritual aid from God to believers. Social Manifestations of Divine Assistance. Some real-world examples of divine assistance in his thought include: The establishment of the Islamic Republic of Iran, despite opposition from global superpowers, Victory in the Iran-Iraq war, The release of war prisoners, Gaza's resilience against blockade, The Islamic Awakening movements in the region, The global isolation of the Zionist regime. Ayatollah Khamenei asserts that the greatest outcome of supporting God's religion is the denial of defeat for believers. He argues that the relationship between believers supporting God's religion and God granting them victory is not an equal exchange but an immeasurably greater divine favor. If believers rise to defend religion, God will bless their efforts and create monumental transformations in their lives. Furthermore, he highlights the sacrifices of prophets and the suffering of believers who endured hardship in their mission to uphold divine values. He stresses that divine assistance does not always guarantee immediate personal victory but rather unfolds over time, often across generations. Ayatollah Khamenei also emphasizes that: Divine assistance does not necessarily mean individual survival; rather, it aims to protect faith and the collective identity of believers. Divine assistance is conditional—believers must adhere to divine laws; otherwise, failure is possible. A lack of patience or weak faith among believers can hinder divine assistance.

## Conclusion

Ayatollah Khamenei's perspective on divine assistance reflects a revolutionary Islamic approach to religious thought, where religion is viewed as a comprehensive and dynamic system that extends beyond personal worship to encompass society, economy, politics, and strategic decision-making. His interpretation of divine assistance illustrates his deep trust in divine promises, urging believers to remain hopeful and strive for the advancement of God's religion. Ayatollah Khamenei's approach to divine assistance serves as an inspirational model for religious communities and organizations, highlighting the central role of God's support in ensuring the success and victory of believers. This model provides practical guidance for facing contemporary challenges, reinforcing the importance of perseverance and faith in divine promises.

## Keywords

Ayatollah Khamenei, Divine Assistance, Support for Believers, Quranic Interpretation.

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