



# Martyr Burial Philosophy from the Viewpoint of Imam Khomeini and Imamieh Jurisprudence

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## Abstract

Being killed for the sake of religion, homeland, or political opinion is in different forms in different societies; but is commonly honored and praised. Thus, victims and even deprivates and survivors of the war are respected in all nations, governments and the public. In Islamic culture, this kind of sacrificing for the sake of Allah is called "martyrdom".

Human fascination for martyrdom brings this question to mind that while many people fear from death what the difference is between this type of death and other deaths that it leads them to welcome death. In examining this issue, which is essentially what the distinction is between martyrdom and other deaths, referring to the Qur'an and Sunnah can be the best solution. Contemplating these two sources give various characteristics. In this thesis, the literal and technical concepts of martyr, equivalents of sacrificing and martyrdom in other religions, the concept of martyrdom in the Shiite school and the rules and virtues of burying martyr are studied. The obtained result is that martyrdom for the sake of Allah is a huge triumph that is not obtainable by all the people because martyrdom means welcoming death, which is obviously different from the other types of death, and it is with positive results such as eternal life with peace, joy and forgiveness of sins, the divine gift and the lack of need for bathing an enshrouding the deceased.

**Keywords:** Martyr; Martyrdom; Death; Bathing; Enshrouding; Burial

## Introduction

Culture of martyrdom is a complex issue that those who adore glorious beauty of Allah have a longstanding dialog with him. This unlimited culture is the supreme and most sacred flame of improving humanity and the long-standing movement of history in developing and promotion of human society and different human generations.

Martyrdom, in the motifs of thought, realization of humanitarian ideals and oversights, human promotion strategies and its approaches in different areas of life, is the best song of entity and the distinguishing feature of the life of few people who sit to watch over the long human history.

Meanings that are placed in front of committed men is completed with martyrdom, and when one who goes this way becomes "martyr", he will always take residence on the apex of the eternal life of the universe.

Martyrdom is a kind of death of thought and knowing, and without it basically one does not call any death martyrdom.

For those who are in this side of the world, the world after the world here is the invisible world, but to those who come to the reality, the superior and the other world is the world of martyrdom, and our world is the invisible world.

One who did not exit from the web of self, he is not traveler and seeker to Allah and his death will not be testifying, but one whose

intention is toward Allah and exited from the web of self, and he wants to come from invisible world to visibility of world and visiting the Allah, he is a martyr.

Culture of sacrifice, Basij militia, Hezbollah (Allah Followers), service, Sacred Defence, sacrifice are familiar terms used by the ulama, scholars, officials and managers in Iran, and sometimes on the basis them, they enact some regulations [1].

It is clear that we should search the origin and source of this culture in our Islamic religious belief and resources.

The culture of martyrdom is religious heritage and the unique result of the Islamic Revolution, which its teachings were presented and distributed by the great teacher and great leader of the Islamic Revolution- Imam Khomeini – who had done many efforts in deepening and stabilizing them. Nowadays, the supreme leader - Ayatollah Khamenei- emphasis on following, developing and extending of those cases. He regards Shahid as a combination of vision, action and sacrifice and believes that without these three elements, no complementary movement can occurred, and humanity caravan do not step toward the summit of virtue and perfection - without observing this elements (Ibid: 53).

Martyrdom - this sublime and sacred state – is the result of human choice, specific vision and Special Attitude.

The culture of martyrdom compromises institutionalized, homogenous, balanced and coherent attitudes and behaviors that lead men to the great value of martyrdom. Thus, martyrdom is an immense and successful event for those who follow the ideals and values and by growing up in the sacrifice space, they think of a status and position



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