The Shi'ite blood cults behind the 'holy war' against the West

by Thierry Lalevée

The suicide-bombings against the French, American and Israeli military headquarters in Beirut and Tyre on Oct. 23 and Nov. 4 had one meaning: the part of the Islamic world led by Ayatollah Khomeini has declared *Jihad* (holy war) against Christians and foreigners, to use their terminology. In such a war, martyrdom is not only accepted it is wished for, and for the would-be-martyrs and their families, it would be a disgrace to come back alive from any such operations.

Whether such behavior is Islamic is a matter of debate within the Muslim world. A closer look indicates that under the guise of Islam and Shi'ism in particular, these are the old gnostic cults, the old cult of Baal, of blood and human sacrifice, the old Chaldean rites which are re-emerging and attempting to take control over the region. Is it by pure coincidence that the Beirut bombings were planned from the "Islamic Republic" of Baalbek, the city of Baal, the old Phoenician/Babylonian Moloch to which human victims were offered? What does it signify when President Assad of Syria celebrates the anniversary of the Yom Kippur war by displaying young girls first fondling, then biting live snakes and drinking their blood in front of national television cameras? As Syrian propaganda puts it, this is part of "guerrilla training"!

A book published this year by Philippe Aziz, titled *Les sectes secrètes de l'Islam*, shows that Khomeini's Iran has become since 1979 the vanguard of such a gnostic movement. For more than a millenium, such barbaric traditions were maintained among small but numerous sects. Now, for the first time the powers of a nation-state have been handed over to them. Those in the West who helped Khomeini to power, in a childish attempt to play the "Islamic card" against the Soviet Union, played with fire. Pandora's box has been opened, the evil is running wild, and for the first time in centuries it has not only the power of irrationality, but the institutional means to expand.

The old man of the mountain

Putting Khomeini into power has been the equivalent of handing over the Muslim Caliphate to Hassan al Sabbah and

his gangs of *hashashins* in the 10th and 11th centuries. Indeed, Khomeini is al Sabbah's direct heir. As a study of the belief structures of the movement of al Sabbah shows, it had nothing to with Islam or at least the Islam generally associated with the humanists al Farabi and Ibn Sina, but was a gnostic cult based on the old pre-Islamic "Aryan" gods, and on such perversions of Christianity as those of Simon Magus, which al Sabbah emulated.

The textbook of Sabbah's Ismaelite movement is quite explicit about Sabbah's first indoctrination somewhere in the wild mountains of northern Iran by the priest of Ahura Mazdam, who taught him how Jesus Christ was a reincarnation of Zoroaster and how he himself, Sabbah, was Zoroaster's last chosen Son. A second indoctrination in Cairo by the priests of the Fatimid freemasonry introduced Sabbah to the "secret" of Simon. From that point on Sabbah created his own terror movement with the ultimate aim of imposing the rule of the "new gnostic elite" on the Islamic world: a bloody cult whose political assassinations helped pave the way for the Mongol invasion of the region. That the Mongols themselves finally destroyed Sabbah's heirs may be a lesson for Khomeini and his Western sponsors.

Key to Sabbah's and Khomeini's modus operandi was the manipulation of the irrational belief of the Shi'ite masses in the beauty of martyrdom and the pleasures of Paradise, a belief pushed to the extreme in Shi'ism more than in the mainstream Sunni Islam because of the early death of the leaders of the Shia (meaning party in Arabic) movement, but primarily because of the convergence with pre-Islamic cults.

How far this has already gone in the past few years has been greatly underestimated. The seizure of the American embassy and the 18-month hostage crisis led to incredible scenes in Teheran, where what under the Shah had been rituals of mental mortification began again to be physical mortification. Dozens of students killed themselves during the high point of the Shi'ite mourning period with swords or razor blades to prove their hatred of America and their faith in Ayatollah Khomeini; they were then proclaimed "Saints" of Islam. In northern Iran, ritual dramas on the Martyr of

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Hossein, son of Ali, the founder of Shi'ism, can no longer be played for more than two acts because the actors have actually bled themselves to death before the third and final act. Iran's President Khamenei-Moussavi, who was just in North Korea coordinating worldwide terror actions, is called the "Living Martyr," and martyrdom in the war against Iraq has become a goal of life. Families whose sons have become "martyrs," willingly or not, are not only honored by the local mullahs—a modern version of the old Mobeds of the god Ahura Mazda—but are financially well taken care of by the state.

Worldwide terrorism

Again as in the old days, mind-altering drugs are essential to the deployment of such shock troops. Renewing the practice of al Sabbah and his successors, Khomeini supplies good soldiers and good civil servants with one or more pounds of raw opium. There is little doubt that whoever drove the Beirut suicide trucks was under the influence of drugs.

Khomeini's followers are striving to have him appointed as Imam and Caliph of Islam; this is not a rhetorical issue. In the Shi'ite religion, which has had no Imam since the last Twelve "Hidden" Imam, a new Imam means a reunification of Shi'ism and Sunnism under his leadership, the proclamation of a worldwide Jihad against the non-Islamic world. The Iranian Shi'ites are not alone, they are relying on thousands of Islamic sects which, Sunnis or Shi'ites, share a belief in martyrdom and the Jihad. For example, the Sabils and White Flag sects in Southeast Asia and the Philippines in particular, ever since the Spanish invasion of the region, have been fighting their private Jihad against "Christians and foreigners" using suicide commandos armed with daggers. Both sects are reported by Aziz to have no less than 10,000 members in the region and to be the vanguard of the Moros Muslim separatist movement in the Philippines, which is financed by Khomeini and Qaddafi.

In India, there is the Islamic Khondistan sect which, secretly, still practices its pre-Islamic human sacrifice ritual on young boys or young girls often bought years before from their parents. A variant, as Aziz describes, is the Sikh sect and its special shock troops the Akali sect, keepers of the temples and professional murderers which were created in the 17th century, used by the British, and active these days in Punjab.

In Northern Africa, one can find the Aissawiyya Sufi sect of Morocco and Tunisia, which to this day practices suicide during religious ceremonies, and awaits the call for *Jihad* to unleash its troops against the foreigners.

Not long after its 6th-century founding, Islam included no less than 75 different political and religious sects. Today they can no longer be counted, though the common thread is unfortunately there; Khomeini, the heir of Hitler's Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, and modern son of Hassan al Sabbah, is engulfing the region in a political, military and spiritual holocaust.

The Druze sect, Hitler, and moon-worship

by Mark Burdman

When Italian journalist Lucio Lami of *Il Giornale* daily traveled to Lebanon in October to look into the backgrounds and activities of the Druze sect militias responsible for massacres of Lebanese citizens and for terrorist actions against American and French forces, he was told an anecdote about a western diplomat who had visited the headquarters of Druze warlord Walid Jumblatt. The diplomat noticed that Jumblatt's walls were covered with portraits of Adolf Hitler. He asked why, and Jumblatt answered: "Because he is nonetheless one of the greatest leaders that Europe had."

As Lami pursued his investigation of the Druzes further, his path led him through some of the seamier undersides not only of Lebanon, but of the oligarchy of Rome, of the Society of Jesus, and of the gnostic cults now emerging with increasing visibility throughout the Middle East. He published his first findings in *Il Giornale* on Nov. 4.

According to Lami, the real power in the Jumblatt clan rests not with the playboy Walid, but with his mother, Mai Arslan. Madame Arslan shuttles regularly between the village of Moukhtara, the Druze stronghold in the Druze mountain regions of Lebanon, and Rome, where she hobnobs with, and seduces, the leading lights of decadent Roman salon life. Lami claims that Mme. Arslan-Jumblatt has top-level contacts in Rome's Socialist Party leadership, among those who travel frequently to the Chouf for "hunting" expeditions. In France, Lami notes, she regularly stays with a leading journalist (unidentified) of the French Communist Party.

Her importance for the Druzes, beyond this, is that the Arslan family is among the most ancient of Lebanon, and, as a family, bridges the various Druze factions that alternately portray themselves as "pro-Syrian" or "pro-Israeli" in the continuing wars in Lebanon.

Around this very active woman are mysterious figures from the religious orders. Walid's father and Mai Arslan's husband, Kamal Jumblatt (who was assassinated by the same Syrian intelligence agency that Walid Jumblatt now cooperates with) was trained by the Jesuits. Accounts of Kamal Jumblatt's belief-structure identify him as having been one

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