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[The excerpt below is from the section of the article that pertains to the Baha'i Faith]

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Part five

The Announcement of the Closure of the Hojratieh Society

The Only Way to Avoid Dissolution

“Those who are on the side of the Islamic Republic and want to work in the name of the Islamic Republic, Islam, people and in the name of the citizenry, see what they are doing! I too could keep saying: “Islam;” saying: “A martyr for Islam,” “A martyr for the people,” “A fighter for Islam,” and “A fighter for the people.” I may say these things, but when you observe my actions, you can see that I have been part of the opposition since the beginning. . .

In the past, the Hojratieh Society—by regarding the United States of America and its regime [Pahlavi] as invincible— believed that until the time of the governance of Imam Mihdi (may God hasten His appearance), should continue its religious propaganda and anti-Baha'i meetings under the supervision of the regime, [with] permission from the responsible authorities, to safeguard the religion and the Imam of the Time.

. . . If we were to depict the uniqueness of the Society's thesis and Khateemam<sup>1</sup> in two short sentences, we must say that the Society was saying, “For the sake of religion we must accommodate a regime that has been established by the Great Satan, even though this regime, in effect, destroys the basis of religion in the society,” and the Way of the Imam represented the belief that, “any accommodation of this anti-religious regime is a betrayal of Islam and the Muslims.” The anti-Baha'i Society, in order to show the truth of its statements in action, was happy with holding anti-Baha'i gatherings and converting a few Baha'is to Islam per year. Yet, the Way of the Imam considered the continuous spread of prostitution and the lack of belief and irreligion of the youth, and even the penetration of Baha'ism and Zionism in the government, as evidences of the ineffectiveness of the

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<sup>1</sup> Imam's Line (Persian: خط امام) is a term equivalent to the party line approved by the "Imam"—Ayatollah Khomeini in the Iranian revolutionary terminology.

Society; these two paths had very fundamental and incomparable differences in their contents, and the Way of the Imam was a path that the anti-Baha'i Society would shudder to even think about. . .

The victory of the Islamic Revolution under the leadership of Imam Khomeini and the establishment of the Islamic government with the Velayat-e Faqih<sup>2</sup> at its centre, the organic destruction of Baha'ism and Zionism in Islamic Iran, and the rise to power of Islam in defeating global ungodliness, have abrogated the neutralized the negative propaganda of the Society against the Way of the Imam, and undermined their efforts to legitimize the thesis of the Institute. . .

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<sup>2</sup> Guardianship of the Islamic Jurist