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Mamdani &amp; The Mahdi - A Reminder Of What Radical Islam Wants To Do With Infidels



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Something deeply serious is unfolding beneath the surface of America's cultural calm. It is not merely about politics. It is about worldview, prophecy, power—and the ideas shaping leaders in positions of influence. New York mayor Zohran Mamdani and his recent appearance at the Al-Khoei Islamic Center have ignited concern among those who recognize that theology is never just theory. It is fuel. And depending on how it is interpreted, it can either build civilizations—or burn them.

According to material circulated by watchdog organizations including the Middle East Media Research Institute, an imam at the mosque gathering Mamdani attended was reported to have prayed for followers to be counted among those awaiting the Mahdi and to witness victory over unbelievers through his sword. Those words are not mild or symbolic. They echo themes found in militant interpretations of Twelver Shiite eschatology that envision a final global triumph of Islam over all who refuse submission.

Let that sink in.

Even if such rhetoric is framed as devotional or poetic, it describes a future in which those outside the faith are defeated by divine force. Christians who know their Bibles hear language like that and immediately recognize the pattern: religious conquest justified as destiny.

### The Doctrine Few Americans Understand

Twelver Shiism is the largest branch of Shiite Islam. To grasp why Twelver Shiite belief draws such intense attention, one must understand how central prophecy is to its worldview. Twelvers hold that the twelfth Imam—often called the Hidden Imam—did not die but was supernaturally concealed by God and will return at a moment of global turmoil to establish perfect justice and true Islamic rule. Classical texts within this tradition describe signs said to precede his appearance: widespread chaos, moral collapse, conflict across nations, and a climactic struggle between truth and falsehood.

Many adherents interpret these signs spiritually or symbolically, but others have historically read them in literal geopolitical terms, believing world instability actually prepares the stage for the Mahdi's arrival. That distinction is what makes the doctrine so closely watched by scholars and policymakers alike. When a belief system teaches that history is moving toward a decisive divine intervention that vindicates one faith over all others, observers naturally ask how that expectation might shape political loyalties, international alliances, and attitudes toward those outside the fold.

History proves that when people believe history is racing toward a divine showdown, they sometimes try to help it along.

That is why analysts have long warned that eschatology is not an abstract religious topic—it is a strategic one. When leaders or influencers appear comfortable in settings where militant interpretations are voiced, it raises unavoidable questions: Do they reject those interpretations? Do they tolerate them? Or do they quietly sympathize?

Those questions matter because beliefs drive policy. Always have. Always will.



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### The Iranian Precedent

The modern Islamic government of Iran is perhaps the clearest real-world example of Twelver theology fused with state authority. Its revolutionary system was shaped by Ruhollah Khomeini and is now led by Ali Khamenei, whose regime openly frames its rule within Shiite prophetic expectation. Iranian rhetoric toward Israel—often apocalyptic in tone—has been widely cited by global observers as evidence of ideology influencing foreign policy.

When governments see themselves as participants in a divine end-times script, compromise becomes weakness and conflict becomes sacred duty. This gives us insight into the worldview that US negotiators are currently facing as they try to forge a peace agreement with Iran. History shows that when theology and power merge, the stakes rise dramatically.

### Presence Sends a Message

Public officials often visit religious institutions. That alone proves nothing. But context matters. When a leader appears in a setting where controversial rhetoric is reportedly voiced, silence can speak loudly. Observers naturally ask whether the individual agrees, disagrees, or simply prefers not to comment.

Those questions are not hateful. They are responsible citizenship.

In a free society, voters have the right—and the duty—to evaluate the convictions of those seeking authority over them. Faith commitments, ideological influences, and theological frameworks are all part of that evaluation. They shape moral priorities, alliances, and

decisions made behind closed doors.

### **The Real Issue Beneath the Story**

This moment is bigger than one visit or one speech. It is about understanding the power of belief. Twelver Shiite eschatology is not fringe; it shapes the worldview of millions and undergirds one of the most strategically significant governments on earth. To ignore it is to misunderstand global reality.

This is the belief system of the mayor of New York and we need to be aware of such views when he is sharing his worldview on culture or making policy decisions for the city.

Christians, of all people, should grasp this. We believe ideas have eternal consequences. We believe truth matters. We believe deception exists.

History's most dangerous movements rarely begin with weapons. They begin with words—spoken, chanted, and believed.

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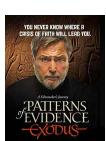
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