Excerpt: Sir Sultan Mahomed Shah, Aga Khan III on spiritual enlightenment resting with the Imamat

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"But, as I have explained in my Memoirs for the whole world to understand there are two worlds -- the world of material intelligence and the world of spiritual enlightenment. The world of spiritual enlightenment is fundamentally different from the world of material intellectualism and it is the pride of the Ismailis that we firmly believe that the world of spiritual enlightenment has come as a truth from the inception of Islam to this day with the Imamat and carries with it as one of its necessary consequences love, tenderness, kindliness and gentleness towards first, our brother and sister Muslims of all sects and, secondly, to those who live in righteousness, conscience and justice towards their fellow men. These religious principles of Ismailism are well known to you for you have heard them from me and through your fathers and grandfathers and from my father and grandfather until I fear that by long familiarity with these teachings some of you forget the necessity of re-examination of your heart and religious experience."

Sir Sultan Mahomed Shah, Aga Khan III's 1955 Platinum Jubilee Ceremony Message (Cairo, Egypt)

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