Excerpts: His Highness the Aga Khan on his grandfather, Sir Sultan Mahomed Shah, as 'the true family leader in the Muslim sense'

Roger Priouret: He [your grandfather, Sir Sultan Mahomed Shah, Aga Khan III] was important to you?

Aga Khan: Enormously. He was the head of the family and took all important decisions as far as I was concerned more so than my father. He was the true family leader in the Muslim sense.

His Highness the Aga Khan's 1975 L'Expansion Interview with Roger Priouret (Paris, France) [Translation]
http://www.nanowisdoms.org/nwblog/1732/

"Well I think the change in our lives has been when my grandfather moved to the Western world and so my grandfather established himself in the Western world and my brother and I were educated in Switzerland and then the United States. But we kept a very, very strong family tradition, and in fact my grandfather was very much the senior figure in the family as it was appropriate. And his values, which he had kept very much alive during his life, were evident in every day of his life and therefore he became not only the head of the family but a role model for the family, and in that sense that continuity of tradition has been very, very strong indeed."

His Highness the Aga Khan’s 2012 Acceptance Address and Interview - David Rockefeller Bridging Leadership Award Ceremony hosted by the Synergos Foundation (London, United Kingdom)
http://www.nanowisdoms.org/nwblog/10256/
Margot Dougherty / Richard B. Stolley: What are your memories of your father, Aly Khan?

Aga Khan: Well, it’s funny, you see -- I actually knew my grandfather much better than I knew my father. During the war -- I was in Canada [sic, Kenya?] then after the war I went straight into a boarding school and spent nine years there. My parents were separated, and I saw them rarely. Then I came over here and went to college; I saw my parents occasionally during holidays and that was it. With my grandfather, the relationship was completely different. He called members of the family to him. And it didn’t matter where you were or what you were doing, when he said, ‘I want to see you.’ you turned out. And after an hour with you he knew everything that he could learn from you. He had a remarkable mind. So, whereas I knew my grandfather as head of the family, I knew my father less well and more in the form of an older brother.

His Highness the Aga Khan’s 1983 Life Magazine Interview with Margot Dougherty and Richard B. Stolley (New York, USA)
http://www.nanowisdoms.org/nwblog/2997/

ITV: How well did you know your grandfather at that time when you were a boy? He played an important part in your young life.

Aga Khan: Yes, he did. He probably had one of the most widespread and enquiring intellects of any person I have ever met and he was the person who [after] half an hour with him, you were completely drained of all the information that you could give him. He asked an enormous number of questions on enormous number of subjects and in that sense this sort of intellectual stimulus which he provoked and which he was the centre of, was very very exciting indeed.

ITV: But he also gave advice?

Aga Khan: Oh yes -- and as the head of family he was fairly clear that
when he gave advice, it was to be respected.

**ITV:** You obviously had great deal of affection for him?

**Aga Khan:** Very much indeed.

*His Highness the Aga Khan’s 1985 Independent Television (ITV) Interview (London, United Kingdom)*
http://www.nanowisdoms.org/nwblog/3134/

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**Interviewer:** Did [your grandfather] pass any guidance, implied guidance, as to how to conduct yourself in the future?

**Aga Khan:** Only through the questions he asked. He had one of the most amazing capacities to take information from you in half an hour, and after half an hour of discussion with him he knew everything that you had done in your life up to then.

*His Highness the Aga Khan’s 2008 interview for ‘An Islamic Conscience: The Aga Khan and the Ismailis’*
http://www.nanowisdoms.org/nwblog/8351/

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