

6th open letter to President George W. Bush

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Rev. Sun Myung Moon with President Richard Nixon

Dear President Bush:

I want to thank you for what you did the past years since you took office as President of the United States of America. I was very glad, that after former President Clinton's sex scandal in the White House with an intern, you finally won the presidency with a different set of moral views and ethics concerning the family. These Christian values you share, are my values and ethics, too. I know that you are a man of God, and a Christian as well – someone who is always in deep prayers, and asking for heavens guidance.

In only a few weeks the American people will vote and elect a new President. I'm German – not an American, but I hope that you will be re-elected in November and start your second term in Office. In my past five Open Letters to you, I supported you in your military engagement against the Iraqi regime of Saddam Hussein and international terrorism. Today, many of my friends are asking me if I regret having supported you, the men and women in uniform, and your Government in the war against the former Iraqi regime of terror, terrorizing even its own people. NO – I don't regret it at all. I'm very happy I did so.

I would have done the same, if a President, acting the same as you did, had come from the ranks of the Democratic Party.

History is full of religious conflict, which arose for many reasons. I think, one of the primary factors contributing to this phenomena, is the deep-rooted disharmony existing among the world's religions. Therefore, when we witness the many global tragedies occurring around us, we should recognize how critically important it is for religions to come together and have a dialogue with one another, in order to be able to learn and embrace each other.

We all know, military conduct will not destroy the enemies of terror. It needs the reconciliation of religious people all over the world. And this will eventually overpower the international terrorist network of evil.

The Iraq conflict shows us this very clearly. Terrorism doesn't stop, advancing their objective to destroy the United States and her allies. For me, it seems almost a religious war between so-called militant or radical Islamist Movements, who are trying to overthrow and destroy Christian led democratic governments across the globe, replacing them with a single Taliban-style Islamic fundamentalist theocracy. These terror groups mean to intimidate Christian values and ethics. Especially the values of the United States, which are cherished so much by your citizens.

The Free World was frightened by more than 60 years of Communism, with its core teaching of: there is NO God. But the present terror by militant Islamist, killing a multitude of innocent lives - in the name of "Allah" no less - are really alarming to the freedom loving world.

In the modern age, most nations have religious ideals, which hold a place wholly separate from the centers of secular political power. Most people have come to accept this reality, as the way things ought to be. I believe, however, that it is time those international organizations, whose purpose it is to support the ideal of world peace, reconsider their relationship with the great religious traditions of the world.

Reverend Dr. Moon, the founder of several world level peace initiatives, including the Inter-religious and International Federation for World Peace (IIFWP), is now working very hard to bring religious and governmental leaders of the world together under the banner of "Reconciliation and Love". A couple of years ago before the United Nations, in a proposal from the IIFWP, he suggested the establishment of an Inter-religious Council or Council of Religious Representatives, being presented as the final means to secure lasting world peace. Political and religious leaders should work together, to avoid religious wars. With this Inter-religious Council, Reverend Dr. Moon and the worldwide Unification Movement or the

Family Federation for World Peace, believe there will be a decrease in - and eventual elimination of - terrorism on earth, solving the serious urgent crisis of this world.

Dear Mr. President, I proudly want to convey, that I'm a follower of Reverend Dr. Moon's teaching for the last three decades and I intend to do so for the rest of my life. The American Government and the people are quite aware of what good Rev. Moon did for over more than 30 years in your country. I believe he loves America more than his own native country, Korea.

You and I are Christians, therefore we believe in an eternal world; to which every human being will go to once he dies.

In this Eternal Place, the Spiritual World, ALL former U.S. Presidents who are living there, are testifying through a spiritual medium on earth that Reverend Dr. Moon holds the key to solve all human conflicts.

Those former presidents in the Spirit World, other historical political figures, and many religious saints, like Jesus himself, Buddha, the prophet Mohammad and Confucius are testifying that Rev. Moon is the Messiah, Lord of the Second Advent, and the True Parents who can solve the human misery on our planet Earth.

Reverend Dr. Moon is working tirelessly with religious and political leaders from all over the world. Those former and present leaders realize now, after more than thirty years of his ministry, that he is the man who can bring this world back to God.

Please, let me say something about myself. In April of 1975, I was dispatched by Rev. Moon as a foreign missionary, together with an American and a Japanese missionary. As you well know, those three nations were enemy nations. We practiced what Jesus taught us: "To love your enemy." Dear Mr. President, it was not always easy to love my peers from America and Japan. But with the attitude of true love and forgiveness we could overcome all historical man made barriers and limits.

I started out in Hong Kong. Later on, I went to Thailand. In 1976, India was my next mission and I worked there for four years. I did humanitarian work and set up a school for poor children. We used a garage as the school. I raised money for this project in Germany. We bought educational books, notebooks and pencils. Our Indian members volunteered to teach our Indian students. I called them "my" little Indians.

In June of 1979, I went to Afghanistan and a little bit later witnessed the Russian military coup. Exactly on Christmas day, the same year, the Soviet Army used powerful artillery and took the country by military force. I could have left Afghanistan before, but stayed and prayed to our Heavenly Father, that perhaps my staying could change the outcome. It was the first time I heard bombs, machinegun fire, saw circling modern Russian MIGs and attack helicopters flying all the time over Kabul City. Armed Russian soldiers were constantly patrolling the whole City of Kabul.

To be honest, I was scared that I might get killed by Soviet Soldiers or by Afghan Mujahedeen fighters, because in their eyes I looked like a Soviet person. A few Western tourists got killed by mistake, because of their white complexion and Mujahedeen just aimed at them, believing they were Russians. During that time, I met staff of the US Embassy in Kabul, inviting me to play American soccer. Afterwards they told me, that I did quite well, because I had played soccer in Germany before. This was a very nice experience - playing American soccer. All Westerners who remained in Kabul became good friends, because of the growing tensions.

Then I went to North Yemen (Saana). After my stay there, I left for Jordan. After that, I worked for two years in Cyprus. In 1986 I came to Greece. I lived mainly in Athens with my family. Two of my children were born in Athens. I organized Anti-Communist Seminars (CAUSA-Ideology, i.e. to counter a God denying atheistic ideology with the assumption that God exist) activities and we worked with the Nea-Demokratia- opposition party under the leadership of Constantine Mitsotakis. That time we educated the Greek youth, high-ranking army officers, and some of the political leadership about the dangers of Communism. At our last educational seminar in Yannina City (North of Greece), we got attacked by the Communists and were escorted by the Greek police. Our program did quite well. During that time in Greece, I worked as well with three publications: I was an accredited Photo Journalist for The Middle East Times, The World & I and The Washington Times.

Rev. Moon founded these newspapers among many other publications.

In 1992 I went to Russia and worked there for four years. Russian people are nice deep hearted people and most of them hated the Communist regime anyway. I worked in Kaliningrad, former "Königsberg", which belonged to German territory before WWII. It is the place where my mother was born.

I volunteered to go to the Philippines in 1996. I visited the Philippines six times so far. My hope is that one day I can live there to support our Movement.

I have been to the United States a few times for short visits only. I felt very much at home there. Unfortunately, I had no chance to work in your country yet.

I often I ask myself: what did I learn in all these 30 years working in foreign countries and helping Rev Moons cause?" I was 24 years old when I left my native country, Germany. If I haven't met Rev. Moon and the Unification Church, I probably would have joined the Peace Corp founded by JFK.

In conclusion, I want to say with a few words what I learned most: To respect and love other fellow-human-beings. Where I worked and lived, people looked always different from me, they had different skin colors; they spoke and behaved totally differently from my Germany, where I came from. I became color blind and open to other cultures, religions and traditions. All the cultures and different traditions have so many common elements, have so much to offer, to make on day this planet earth a place where there is no more war, no more poverty and and no more crime. I truly believe this. To me, the bottom line is this: "Respect and love for others, whichever Divine Channel it may come from and to live for the sake of others".

Thank you, Mr. President for letting me share my heart, my affiliation with Rev. Dr. Moon and my experiences with him. I kindly ask you and your Government to work together with Reverend Dr. Moon and our Movement in the United States of America. I truly believe that Rev. Moon may be of great help. Please don't miss this chance, because he is a man of God. I hope you will not reject the Messiah while you are in office as U.S President.

I wish you all the best, Heavens strength, and I hope you will be re-elected.

God bless the United States of America and the World.

Sincerely,

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