

## **Rev. Sun Myung Moon's greatest contribution to peace lay in the heart that guided his activities**

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Rev. Moon's greatest contribution to peace lay not in any specific thing he did but in the heart that guided his activities. I have been intimately connected with some of his activities for more than twenty-five years. Initially I was attracted by the character of the activity and the quality of the participants. However, I had initial doubts stemming from the stories about Rev. Moon that were widely circulated but that I learned were false.

Because of my association with those closest to Rev. Moon and through my own interchange with him, I knew who the real Rev. Moon was. He was a man with an immense heart, a heart with room to love all human beings, a heart big enough to love sinners who injured him. It was this great heart that drove him, twenty-one hours each day, to build activities for a better world. It was this heart that led him to bring thinkers from all the disciplines and arts into great collegial enterprises. It was this heart that inspired him, because of the need to support an anti- Communist policy, to build a great newspaper in a city, Washington, D.C., that many thought could support only one newspaper. And it was this same heart that turned him into a partisan of the new Russia that emerged from the ashes of the old while most anti-Communists were unable to distinguish between communists and Russians.

Rev. Moon's heart had produced conferences and organizations of religious leaders from all the major and legitimate faiths of mankind, despite the tensions that exist among them. I have serious personal doubts about the direct contributions most religious leaders will make to peace. But I do not doubt -- especially at a time when the hate-filled pseudo-religions of people, who like Osama bin Laden do so much damage -- that bringing religious leaders together into common endeavors is an important step toward peace.