

Transforming the Human Spirit

Creating a global sense of the deep connection among peoples—shifting our consciousness to human security—is a first step toward world peace.

We can never lose sight of the bonds we share as members of the same human family, a connection that goes beyond cultural, ethnic and national borders. At the same time, clashing interests and outlooks are real and need to be faced.

The stronger our sense of connection as members of the human family, the more effectively we can resist the impulse to “hard power” or violence, resolving conflicts through the “soft power” of dialogue.

We must express our loyalty to the human race and take action toward consensus and dialogue to create conditions of genuine security for all.

“We must firmly establish the awareness that no society can find its security and wellbeing upon the terror and misery of another; we must create a new set of global ethics. The theory of nuclear deterrence, in seeking to ensure the security of one state by threatening others with overwhelming destructive power, is diametrically opposed to the global ethics the new era demands.”

—Daisaku Ikeda

