



THE DALAI LAMA

MESSAGE

I am pleased to learn about the initiative of Mahatma Gandhi Library of Houston, Texas, to establish in the United States of America an *Eternal Gandhi Museum*. I commend the Museum for presenting the historical events of Gandhiji's life using modern, technology in order to draw attention to the universality of the values he stood for.

It is important to combine modern education and technological prowess with ancient knowledge of the mind and emotions that shaped individuals like the Buddha and Mahatma Gandhi. These great beings did not achieve inner peace through prayer alone; they worked at transforming their negative emotions. They were formed by Indian traditions that emphasize bringing change to our inner world by such techniques as cultivating karuna or compassion in order to develop the conduct of ahimsa or nonviolence.

Methods for generating compassionate peace of mind are essential today. We need to understand what gives rise to inner peace and what destroys it in order to bring about a nonviolent world. The Museum provides an opportunity to highlight the ancient Indian traditions that have produced an exemplary figure like Mahatma Gandhi. I wish this endeavor all success.

With my prayers and good wishes,

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