

“How can 21st-century humankind overcome the crises that face us? There is, of course, no simple solution, no ‘magic wand’ we can wave to make it all better. The core of such efforts must be to bring forth the full potential of dialogue. So long as human history continues, we will face the perennial challenge of realizing, maintaining and strengthening peace through dialogue.”

Over the past 40 years, Daisaku Ikeda has held dialogues with hundreds of individuals from many different cultures, faith traditions and walks of life, such as civil rights activist Rosa Parks, former South African President Nelson Mandela and Harvard University professor and Confucian expert Tu Weiming, in order to discover common ground and identify ways of solving the complex problems facing humanity. A total of 59 of these dialogues have now been published in various languages.

His first widely published dialogue, *Choose Life*, was the record of discussions with British historian Arnold Toynbee in 1972 and 1973, spanning issues such as war and peace, the death penalty and euthanasia, and the role of religion in society. *Choose Life* has now been translated into 28 languages.

Dialogues Published in English Include:

- *The Persistence of Religion: Comparative Perspectives on Modern Spirituality* with Harvey Cox, Hollis Professor of Divinity at Harvard University (I.B. Tauris, 2009)
- *Buddhism: A Way of Values* with Lokesh Chandra, scholar of Tibetan, Mongolian and Sino-Japanese Buddhism (Eternal Ganges Press, 2009)
- *A Passage to Peace* with Nur Yalman, professor of social anthropology and Middle Eastern studies at Harvard University (I.B. Tauris, 2009)
- *A Dialogue between East and West: Looking to a Human Revolution* with Ricardo Diez-Hochlietner, honorary president of the Club of Rome, (I.B. Tauris, 2008)
- *Human Values in a Changing World: A Dialogue on the Social Role of Religion* with sociologist of religion Bryan Wilson (I.B. Tauris, 2008)
- *A Quest for Global Peace: Rotblat and Ikeda on War, Ethics and the Nuclear Threat* with Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Joseph Rotblat (I.B. Tauris, 2007)
- *Moral Lessons of the Twentieth Century: Gorbachev and Ikeda on Buddhism and Communism* with former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev (I.B. Tauris, 2005)
- *Planetary Citizenship: Your Values, Beliefs and Actions Can Shape a Sustainable World* with futurist Hazel Henderson (Middleway, 2004)
- *Global Civilization: a Buddhist-Islamic Dialogue* with Majid Tehranian, former director of the Toda Institute for Global Peace and Policy Research (British Academic Press, 2003)
- *Choose Hope: Your Role in Waging Peace in the Nuclear Age* with anti-nuclear weapons campaigner David Krieger (Middleway, 2002)
- *Choose Peace* with father of peace studies Professor Johan Galtung (Pluto Press, 1995)
- *A Lifelong Quest for Peace* with twice Nobel Laureate Linus Pauling (Jones and Bartlett, 1992)

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