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"The world of the 21st century is a complex world of global challenges. Our human condition is our greatest strength. We must have the wisdom with the goal of peace, unity and understanding across our common humanity and global heritage. If we are to have peace and equity in the twenty-first century."
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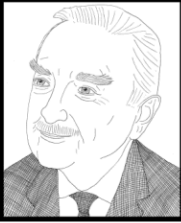


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"We have been Hindu, Muslim, Christian, Jew, or any other faith can be very comfortable in each other temple, mosque, and church, praying or meditating together to create a significant number of commonalities which can transcend all gods, beliefs, and religions."
— Dr. Aravind

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"No human being is ever free from a sense of responsibility to others. We must be aware of our responsibilities to the world and to the people who live in it. We must be aware of our responsibilities to the world and to the people who live in it. We must be aware of our responsibilities to the world and to the people who live in it."
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"What the world needs today is a convergence of the different religions in the search for and definition of the common or divine love which ought to regulate our behavior on this planet."
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"We believe we all have an opportunity and moral obligation to recognize our spiritual common ground, to rise above our differences, and to be united in peace and interdependence."
— Queen Noor of Jordan

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"There is a religion that doesn't care about compassion. There is a religion that doesn't care about respect for the environment. There is a religion that doesn't care about humanity."
— Habib Michel Lemay

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"I would like the church to be a place where the questions of people are answered other than a place where we have all the answers. The church has to get out of its ivory tower. The faith will involve it more into the world. We cannot say we have the only way."
— Habib Michel Lemay

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"We have to sit down, have a meal together, pray together and have actually talk together. There is no wall that you, although we have some differences they are not impossible differences."
— Pauline Torgano

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"We can find common ground only by reaching to higher ground."
— Jim Wallis

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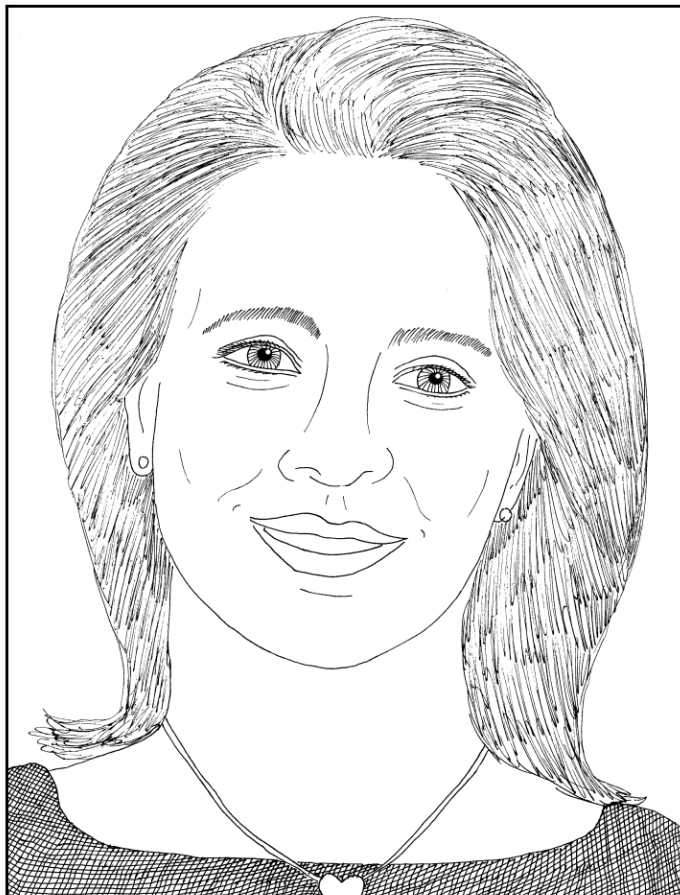


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"The Muslim belief gives the Muslim, but an alternative to the most common misconception is to recognize that the Muslim faith is not a religion of violence. It is a religion of peace. It is a religion that values life. It is a religion that values life. It is a religion that values life. It is a religion that values life. It is a religion that values life."
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WHAT'S YOUR BETTERWORLD ISSUE? INTERFAITH



"As believers we all have an opportunity and moral obligation to recognize our spiritual common ground; to rise above our differences; to combat prejudice and intolerance."
~ Queen Noor of Jordan

Some of the wars and conflicts of the past and present were fought over land and resources, but many have been over religious differences. In this past century, a global interfaith movement has been growing, helping to raise consciousness about the need for tolerance and understanding between different cultures and religions. This movement has helped highlight the common goals that most religions share, such as the Golden Rule, which is at the heart of nearly all religious traditions. At the same time, many throughout the world are discovering that 'spirituality' -- a deep connection to a greater purpose for humanity -- is an important driving force in their lives, even if they aren't religious.

UNESCO, working with religious and spiritual NGOs, is currently developing an action plan for Interfaith Cooperation for Peace. Interfaith Day, June 22, is an opportunity for all who value spirituality in their lives to connect and unite in our wish for a more peaceful, just and sustainable world based on values grounded in our deeper spiritual connection to each other and the world around us.

World Spirituality Day, December 31, is another opportunity to celebrate our spiritual diversity and rededicate our priority to follow our spiritual paths.

Do One Thing for a Better World

1. Learn about a faith different from your own
2. Hold an interfaith event
3. Contribute to organizations promoting interfaith spirituality

Interfaith Promoting Organizations

The Inerfaith Alliance (interfaithalliance.org)
Interfaith Center of NY (interfaithcenter.org)
Interfaith Youth Core (ifyc.org)
Network of Spiritual Progressives (spiritualprogressives.org)
Temple of Understanding (templeofunderstanding.org)
United Religions Initiative (www.uri.org)
World Peace Prayer Society (worldpeace.org)

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"The end of the Cold War removed the immediate causes of whole destruction -- but not the threat contained in our knowledge. We must tame this knowledge with the ideals of justice, caring, and compassion summoned from our common human spiritual and moral heritage, if we are to live in peace and serenity in the twenty-first century."

-- Mahnaz Afkhami

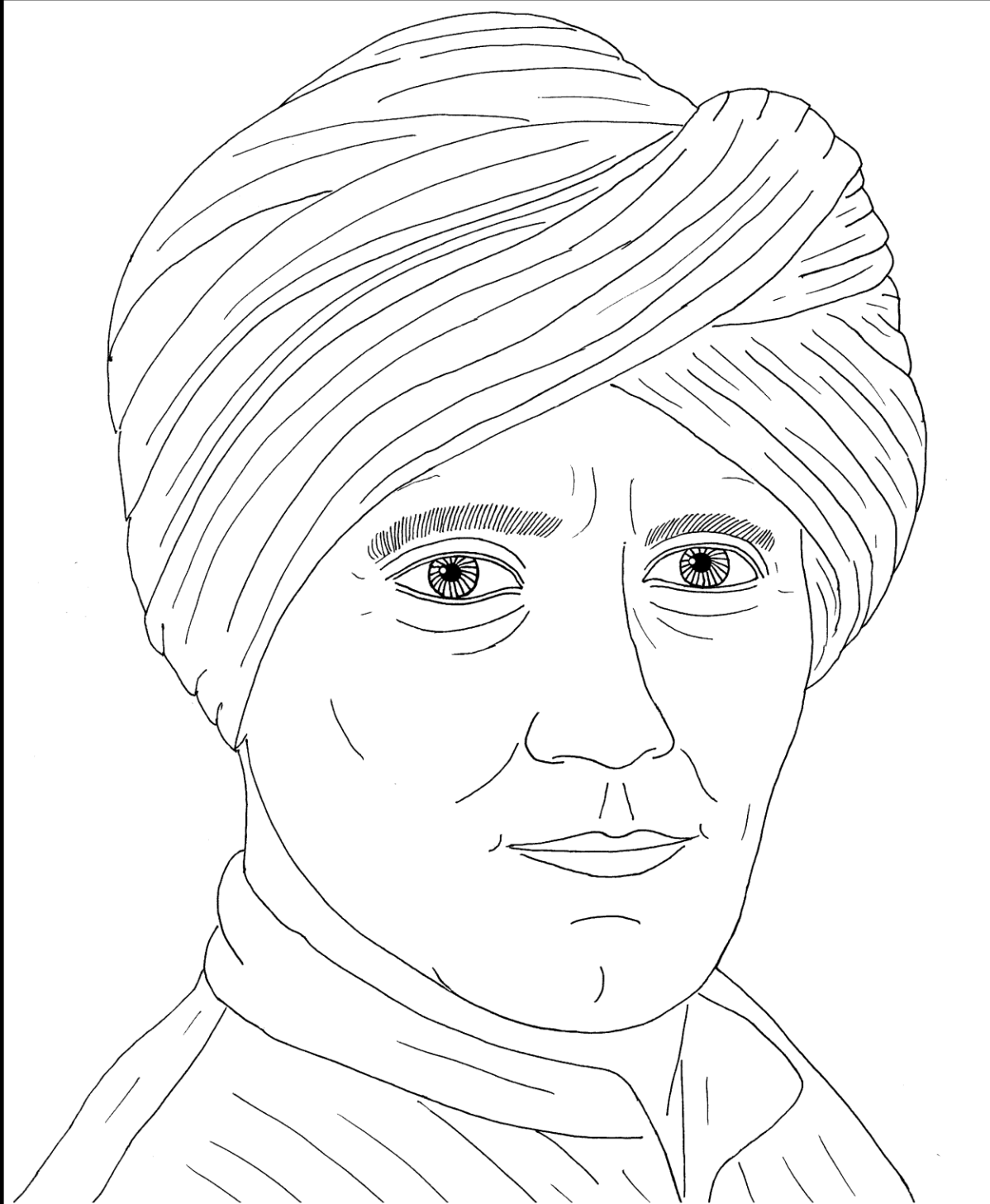
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"Peace among religions is a precondition for world peace."
-- Swami Agnivesh

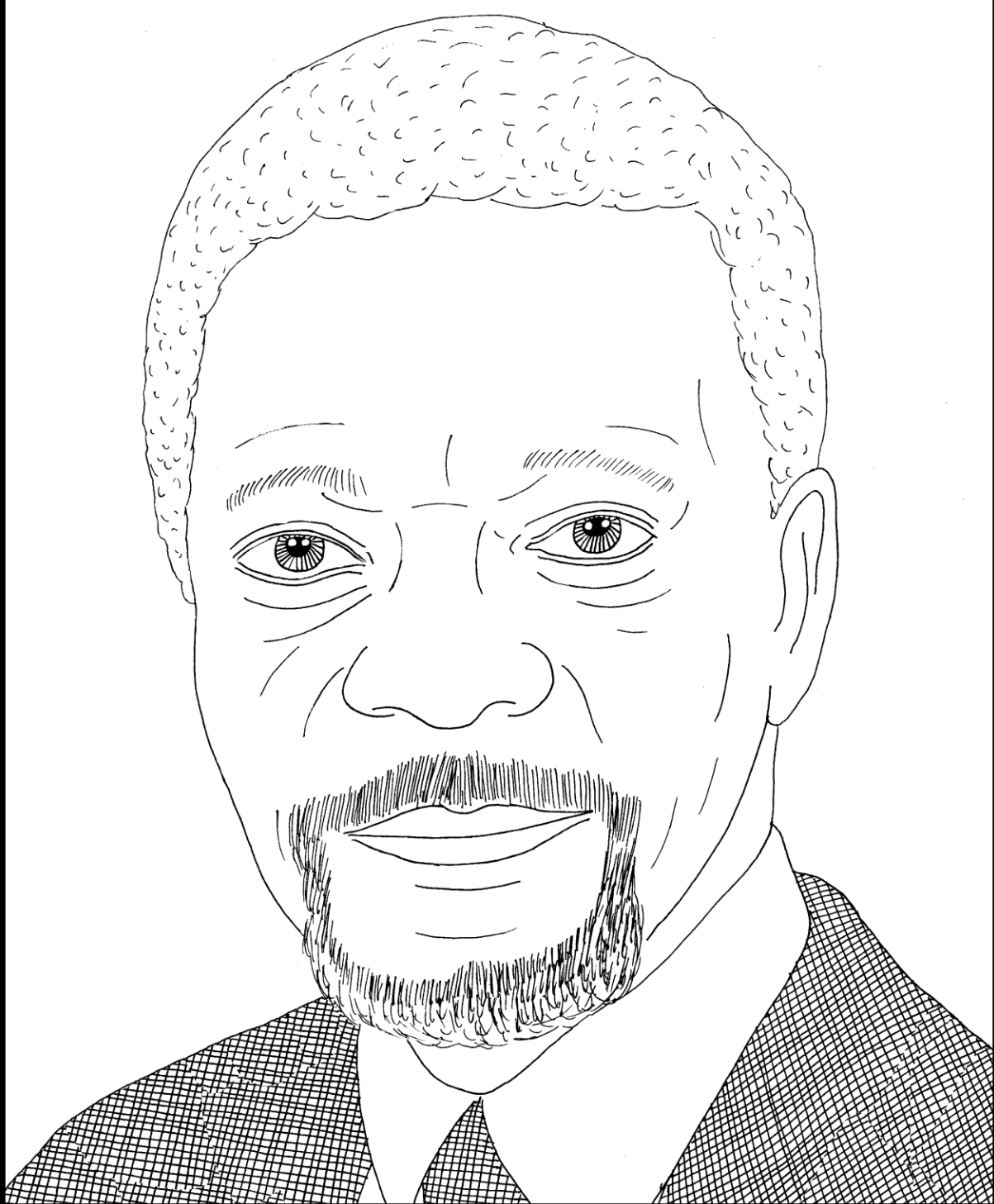
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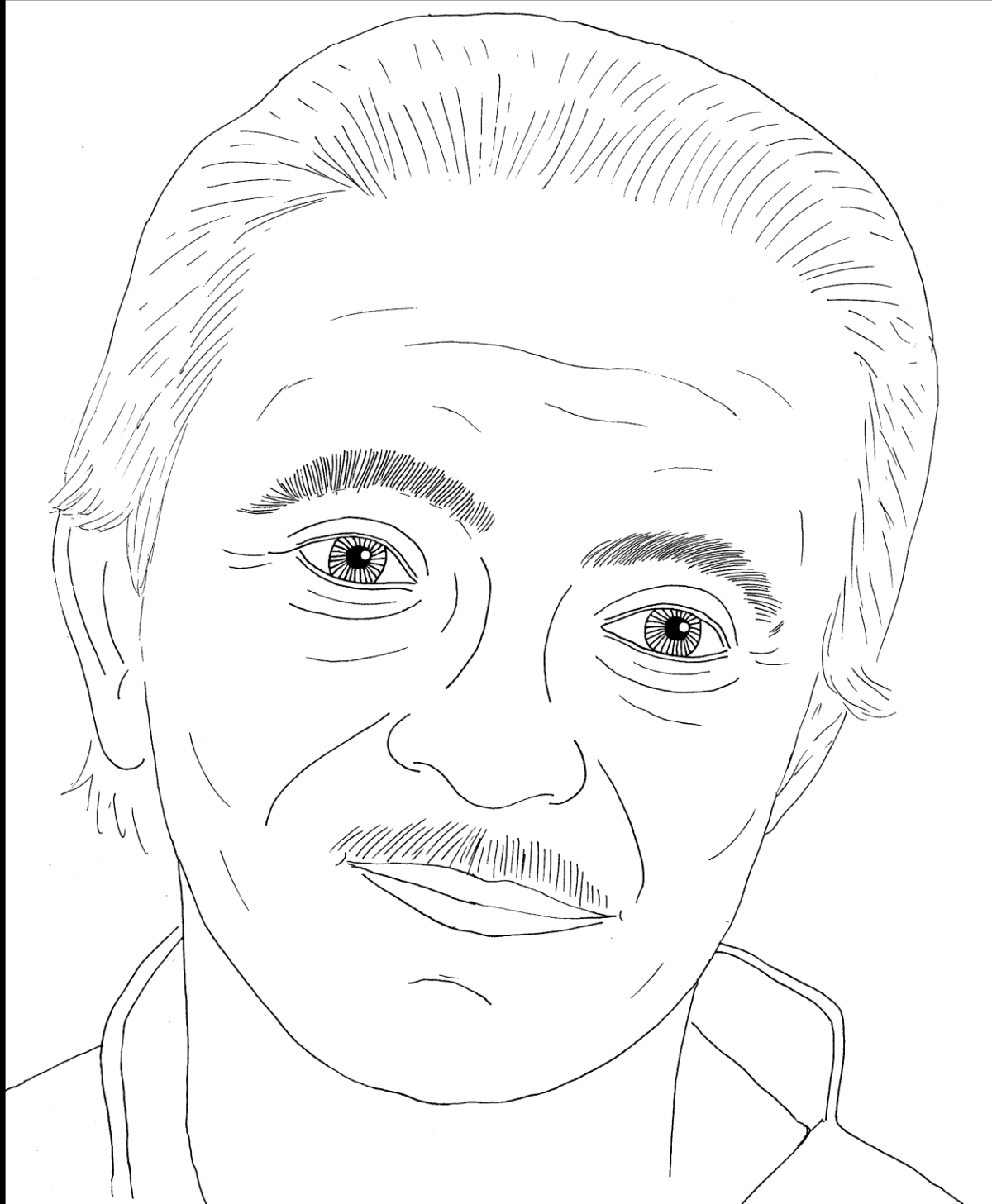
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"We who have been born Buddhist, Hindu, Christian, Muslim, or any other faith can be very comfortable in each others temple's, mosques, and churches, praying or meditating together to create a spiritual mass of consciousness which can overcome our greed, hatred, and illusions."

-- Dr. Ari Ariyaratne

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"To assert that it is possible to establish peace between men of different nations is simply to assert that man, whatever his ethnical background, his race, religious beliefs, or philosophy, is capable of reason."

-- Léon Bourgeois

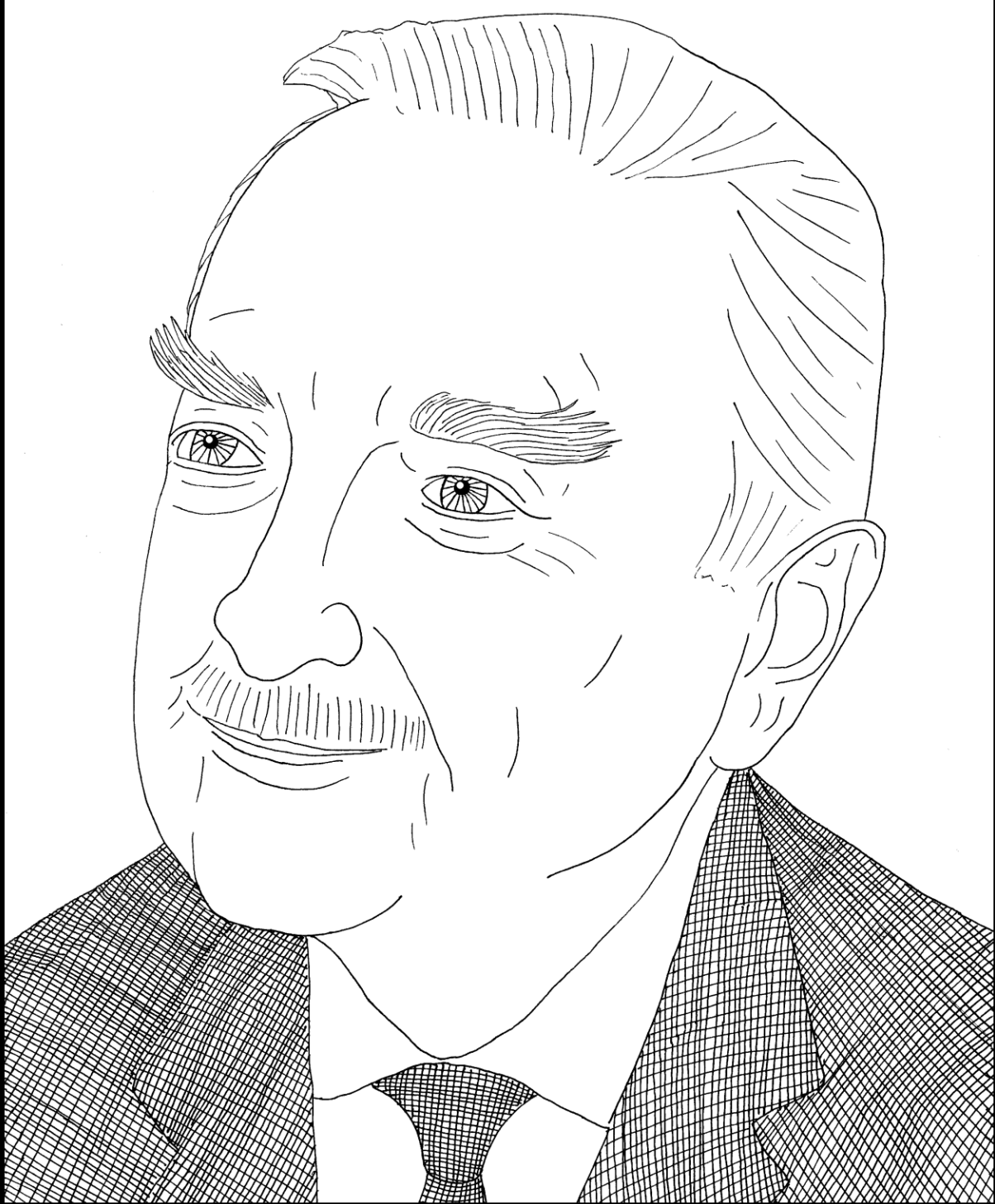
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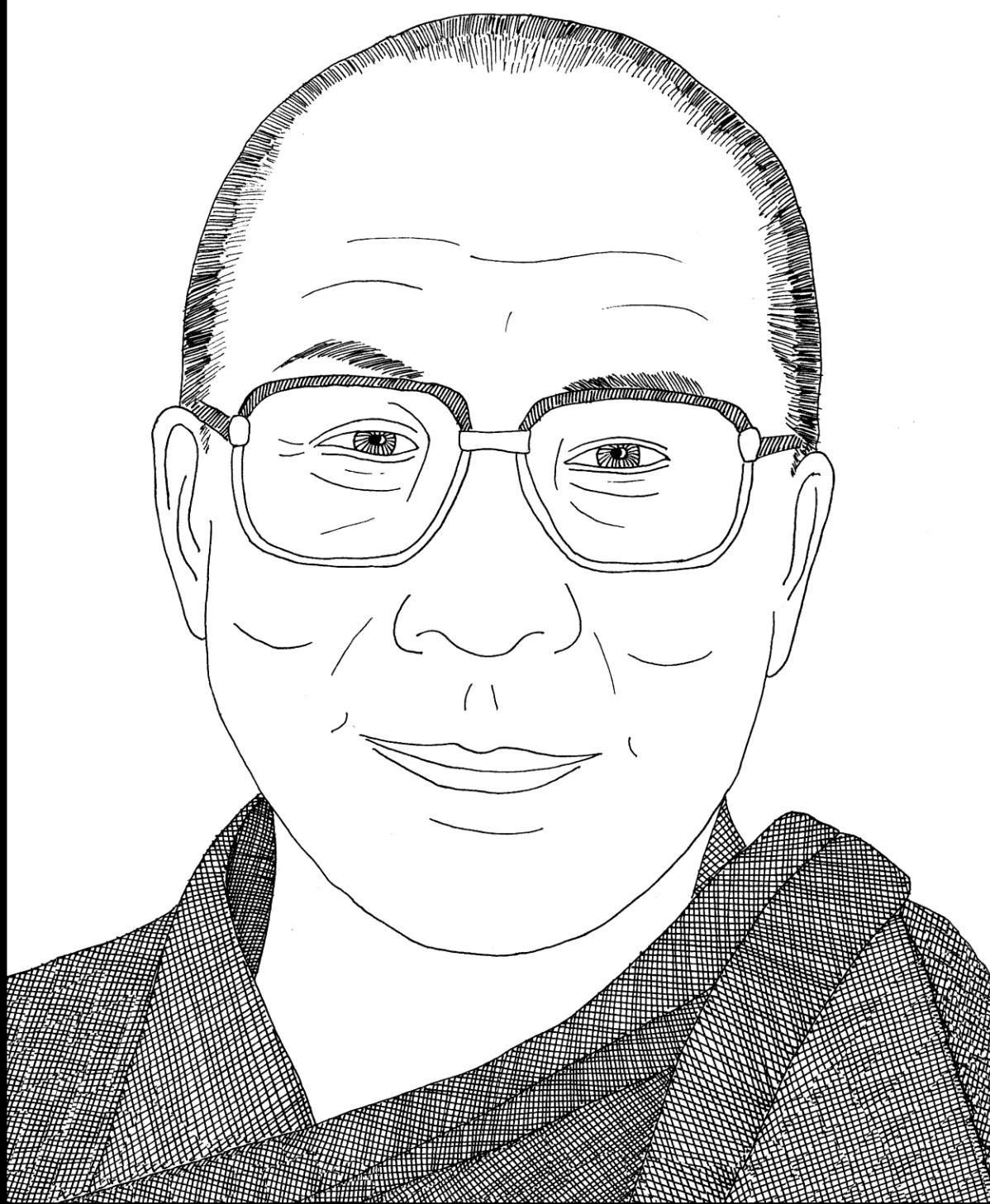
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"I appreciate any organization or individual people who sincerely make an effort to promote harmony between humanity, and particularly harmony between the various religions. I consider it very sacred work and very important work..."

-- The 14th Dalai Lama

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"I see religion as a powerful positive healing force for this nation and the world. But that force is blunted, weakened, compromised inestimably, if we turn religion into a tool for advancing political strategy...if we treat it as anything other than a sacred part of life from which we ought to draw sustenance and values and strength for living courageously as good citizens."

-- C. Welton Gaddy

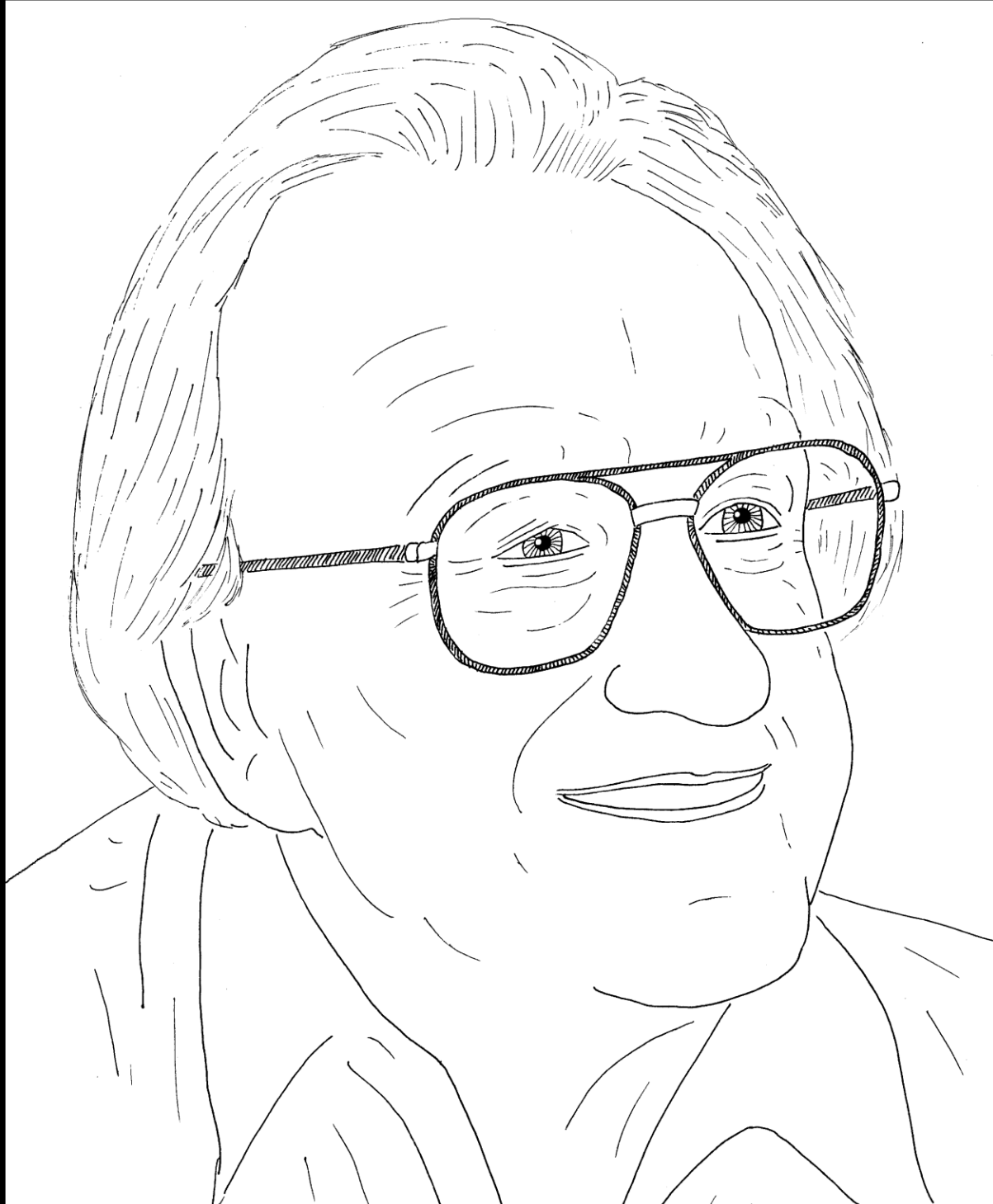
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"Every religion contains, in varying degrees, elements of the soft and the hard. For the sake of world peace, dialogue within religions and among them must strengthen the softer aspects."

-- Johan Galtung

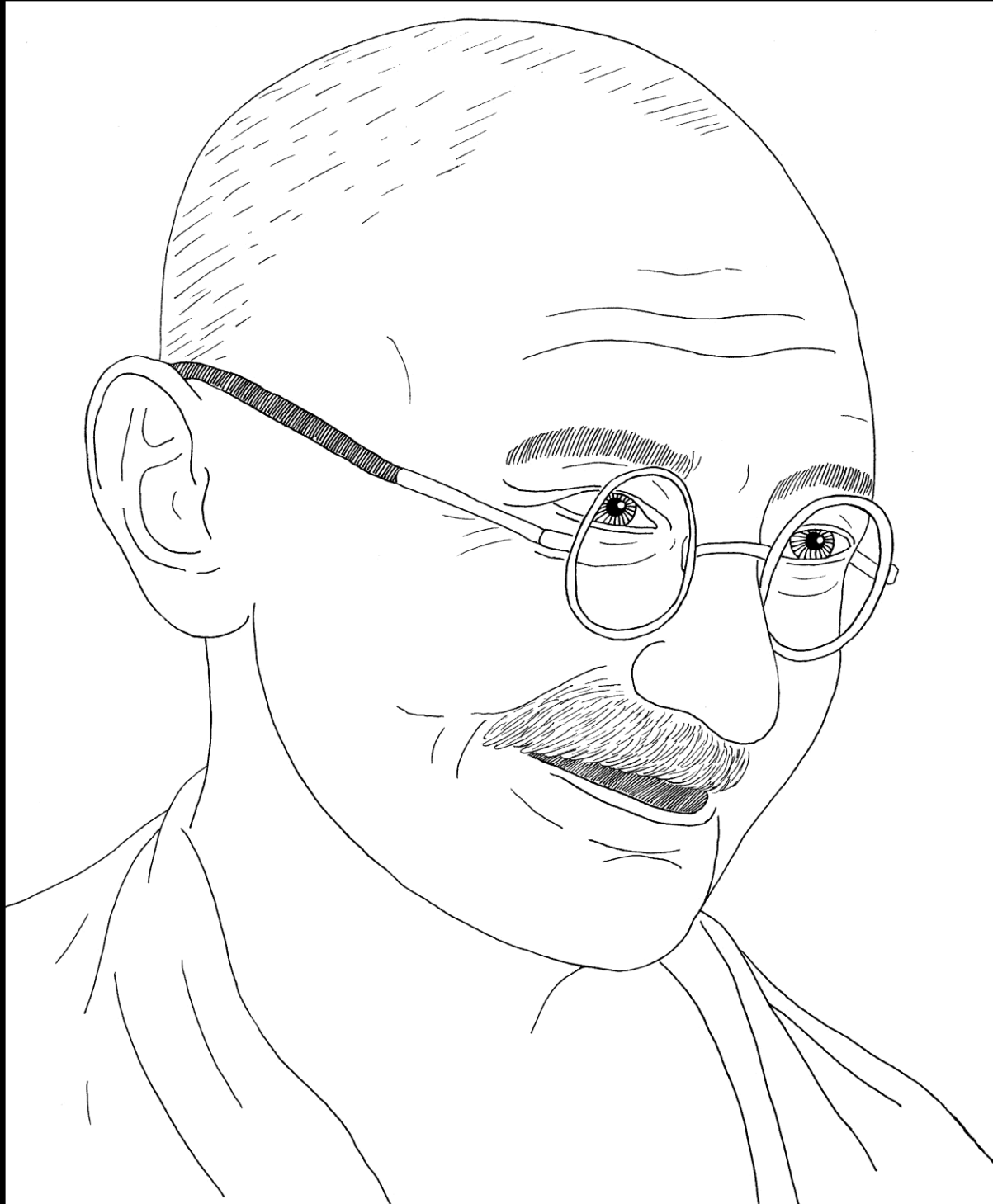
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**"I offer you peace. I offer you love. I offer you friendship.
I see your beauty. I hear your need. I feel your feelings.
My wisdom flows from the Highest Source. I salute that
Source in you. Let us work together for unity and love."**

-- Mohandas Gandhi

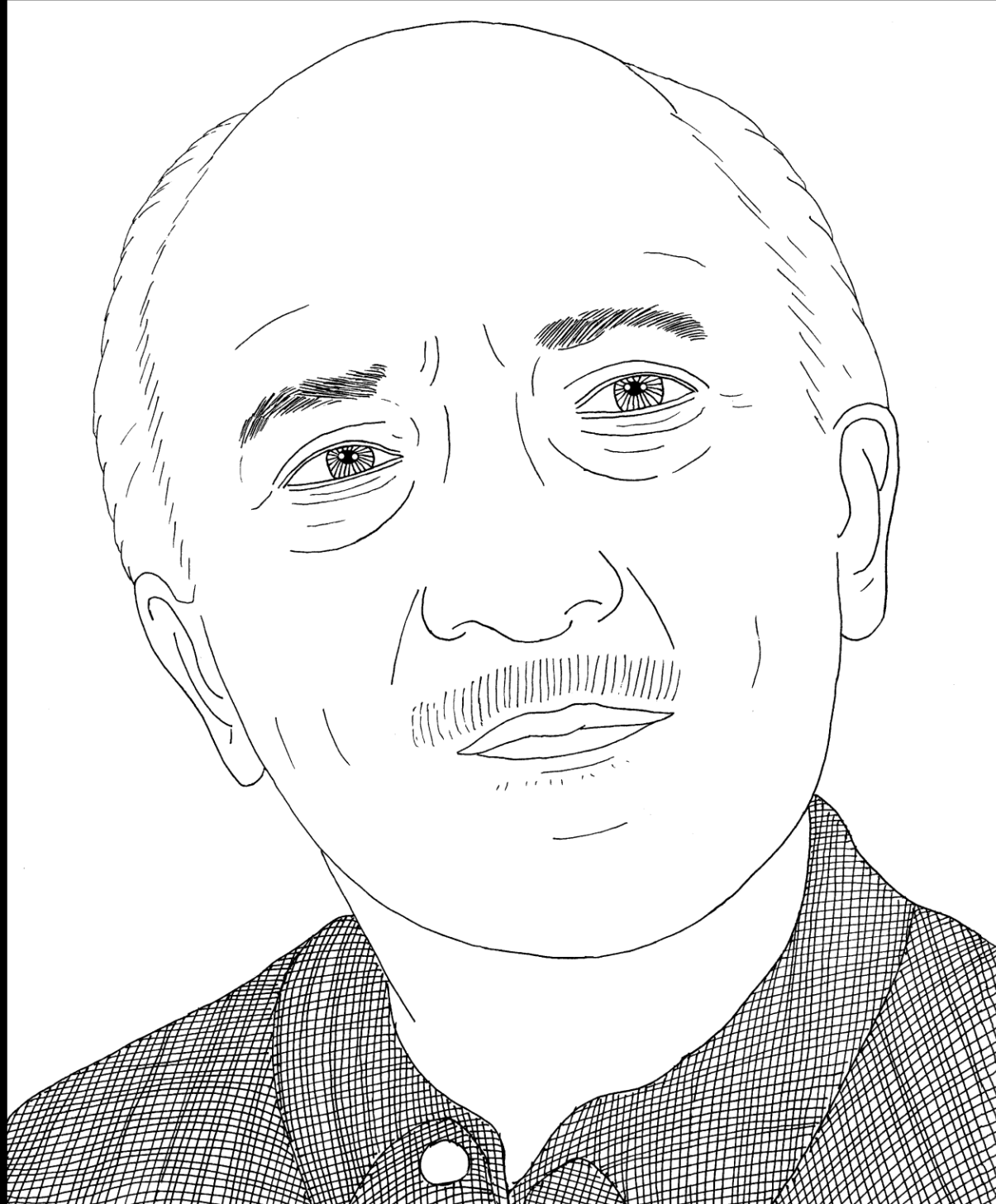
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"Interfaith dialogue is a must today, and the first step in establishing it is forgetting the past, ignoring polemical arguments, and giving precedence to common points, which far outnumber polemical ones."

-- M. Fethullah Gülen

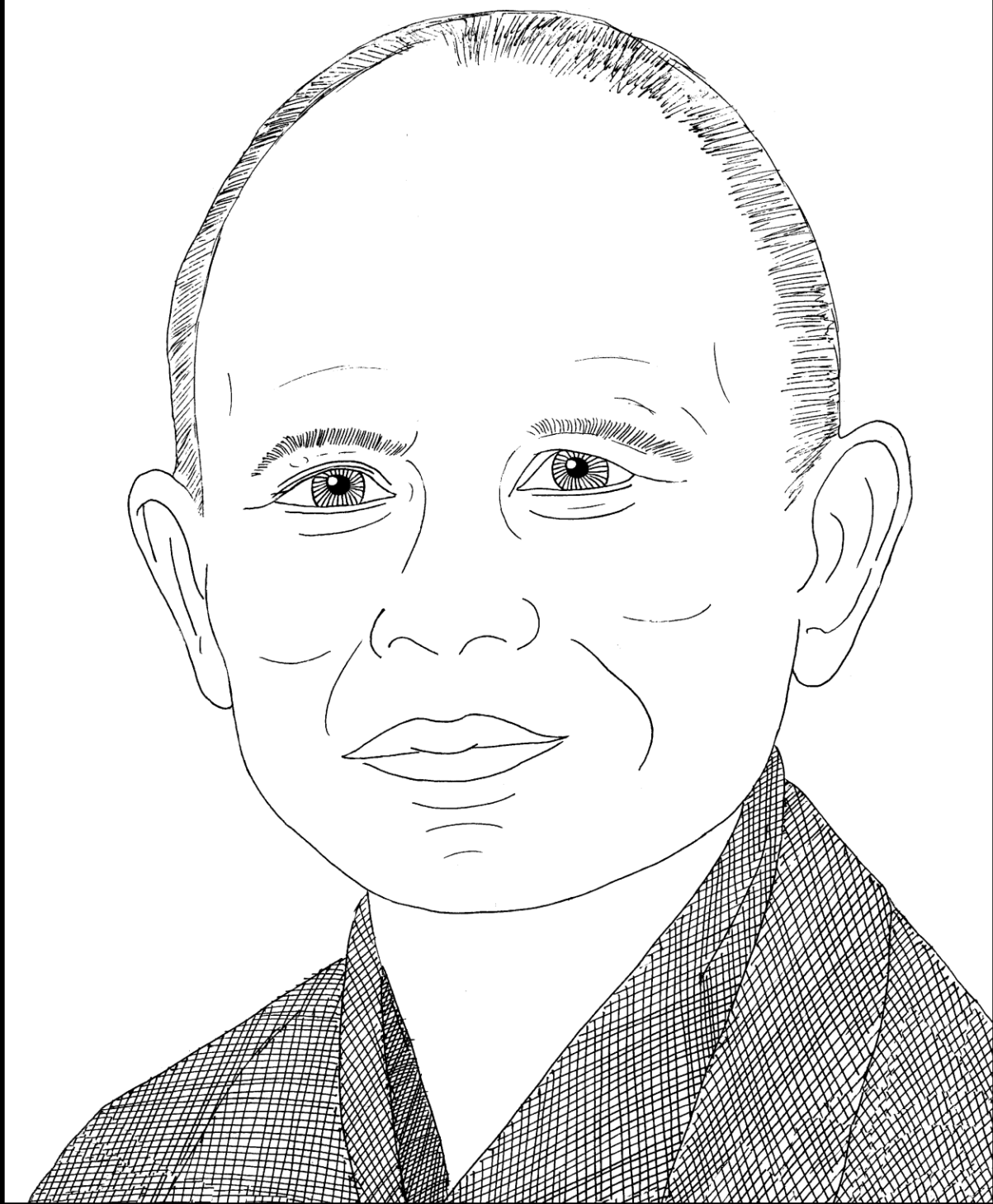
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"Do not be idolatrous about or bound to any doctrine, theory, or ideology, even Buddhist ones. All systems of thought are guiding means; they are not absolute truth."

-- Thich Nhat Hanh

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"To me, love, spirituality and life are all the same thing. To me they're all about honoring the circle, and they're just different ways of defining the same understanding. Our society as a whole, because we have placed our love for money above our love for life, has devalued the sacred and devalued love."

-- Julia Butterfly Hill

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"In the next 30 years we can destroy our world. With the very same powers — spiritual, social, scientific — we can evolve our world. Our mission is to serve as catalysts for a planetary awakening in our lifetime, to take a non-violent path to the next stage of our evolution."

-- Barbara Marx Hubbard

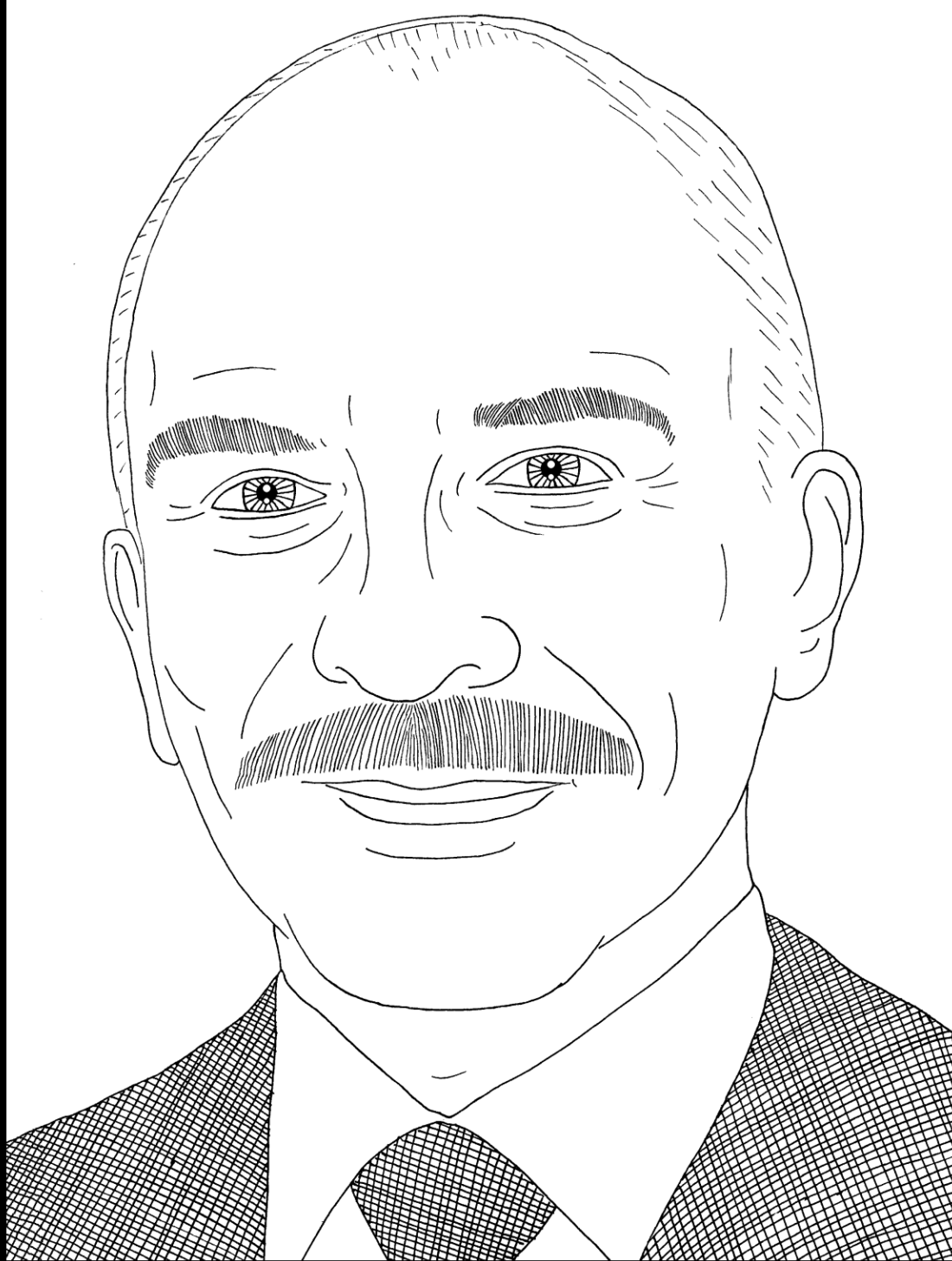
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"There is a world of difference between terrorist acts and the Islamic Shari'a. Islam is not only a religion, but a way of life. And at its heart lie the sacred principles of tolerance and dialogue."
-- King Hussein of Jordan

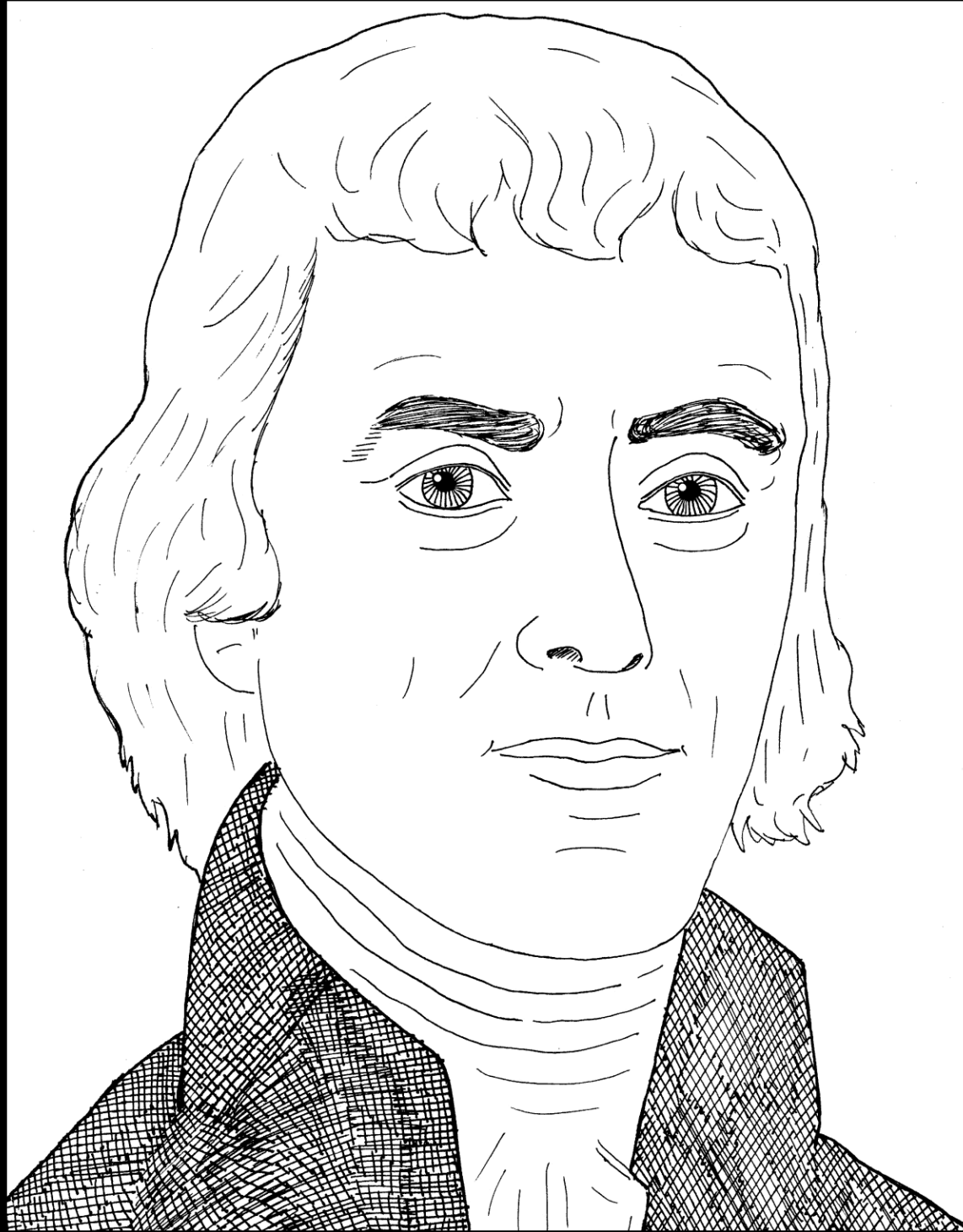
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**"I never will, by any word or act, bow to the shrine of intolerance or admit a right of inquiry into the religious opinions of others."
-- Thomas Jefferson**

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**"Tolerance implies no lack of commitment to one's own beliefs.
Rather it condemns the oppression or persecution of others."
-- John F. Kennedy**

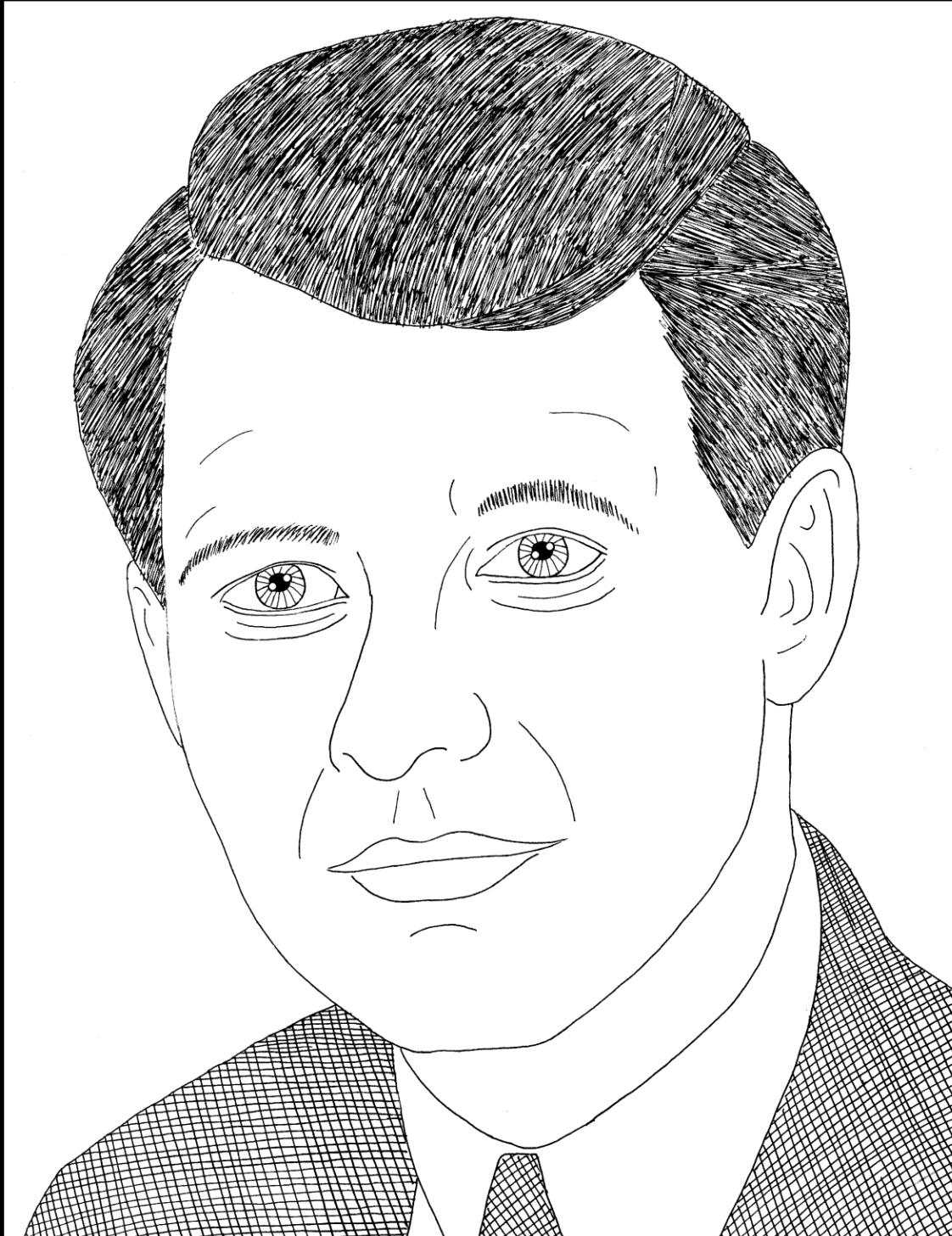
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"Ultimately, America's answer to the intolerant man is diversity, the very diversity which our heritage of religious freedom has inspired."
-- Robert F. Kennedy

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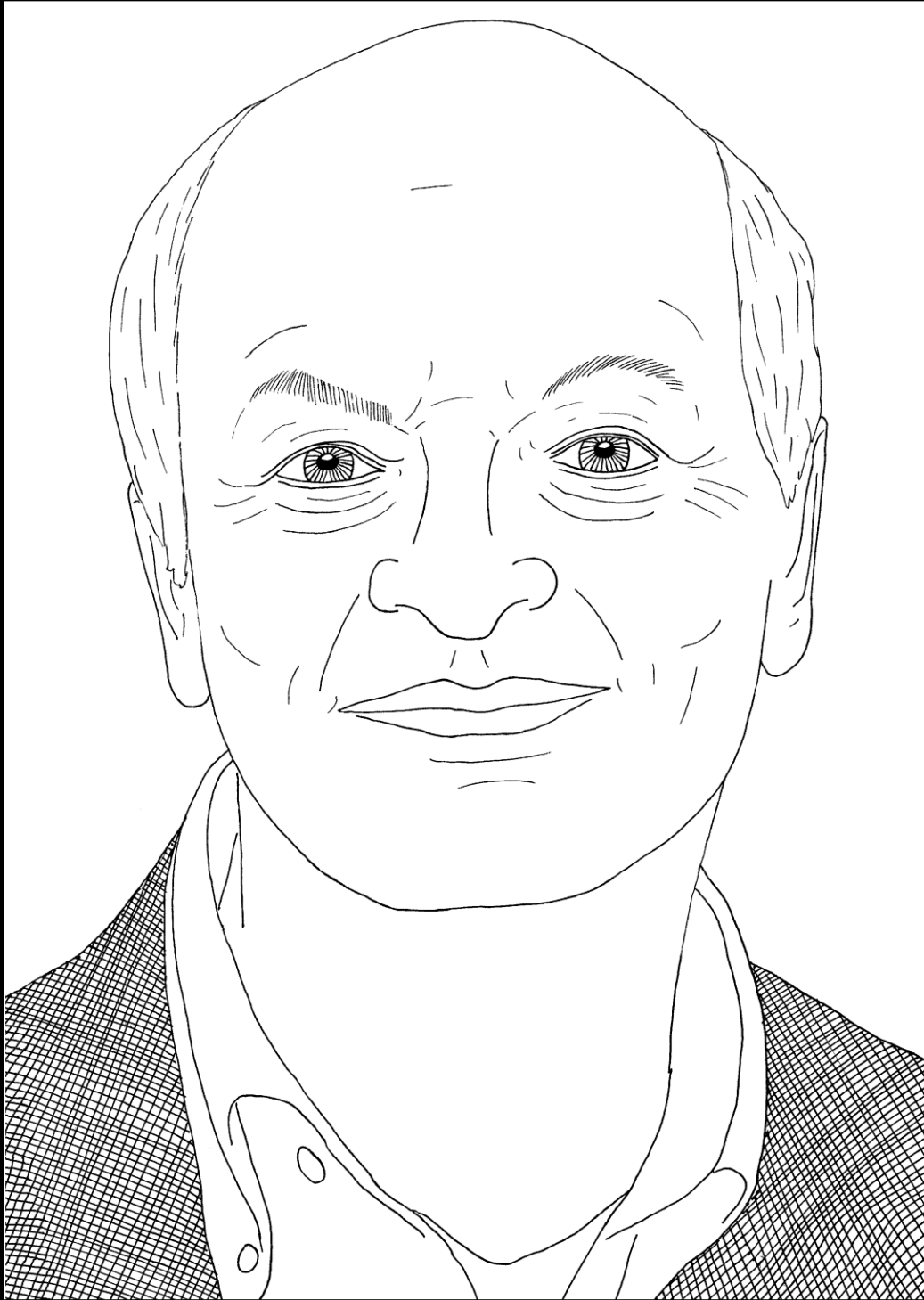
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"The force and the strength for peace will come from people. And that will happen when people start to realize that all the diversity and differences we see of nationalities, of religions, of cultures, of languages, are all beautiful diversities, for they are only on the surface. And deep down we share the same humanity, the global humanity."

-- Satish Kumar

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-- Rabbi Michael Lerner

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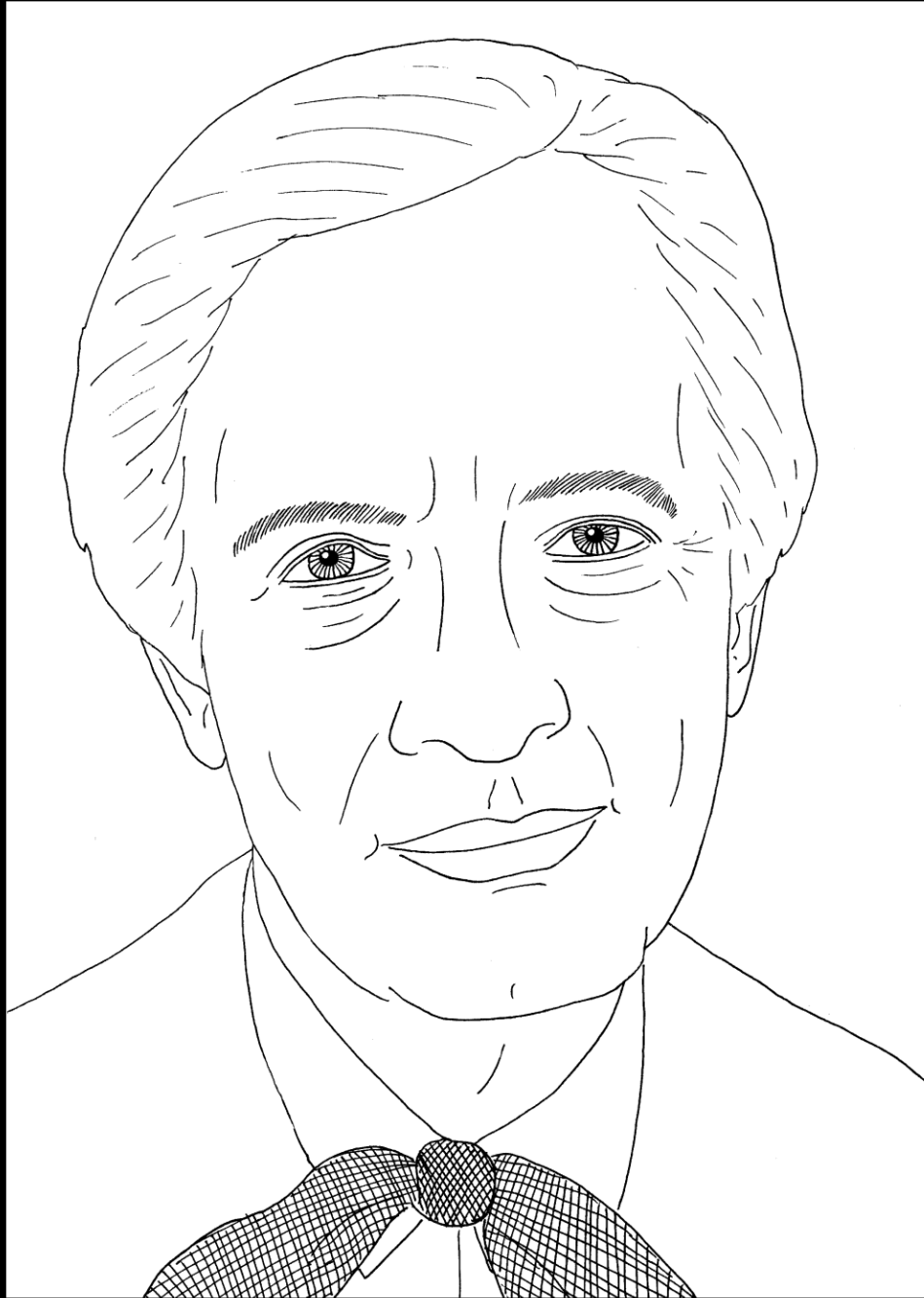
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[Our biggest opportunity at this moment in history is] perhaps a deeper connection with all human beings. That kind of connection, made possible by our various technologies, simply couldn't exist before recent times. The connection guarantees nothing, but it does offer an opportunity for expressions of a global spirit, or what I call a "species consciousness" or "species self." What that means is not that one ceases to be an American, or a Christian, or a Muslim, or a Jew, or a Hindu. One is any of those and at the same time, in one's own sense of self, a human being. This kind of species consciousness is expanding. Perhaps it represents our greatest opportunity."

-- Robert Jay Lifton

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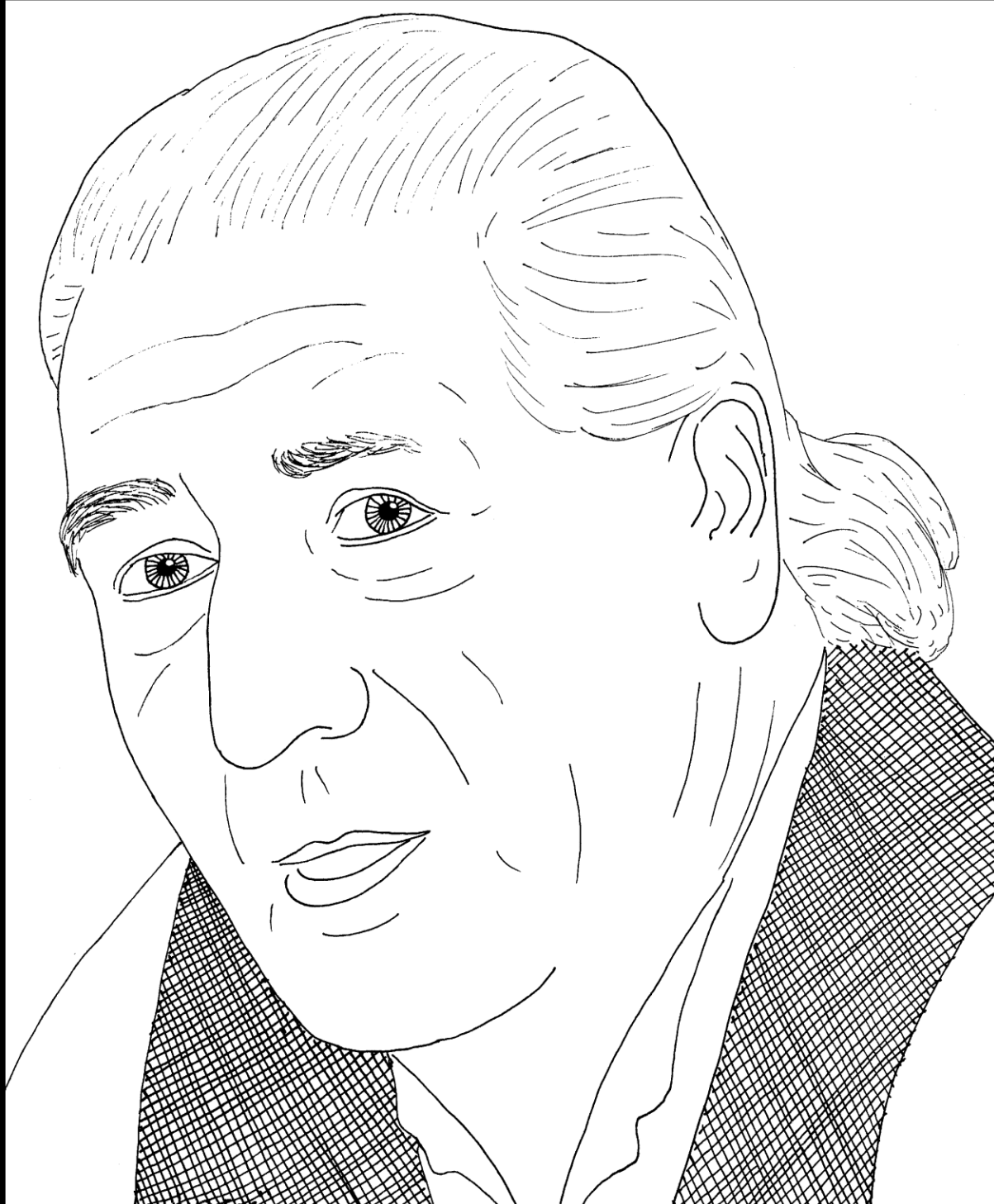
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**"All things are bound together, all things connect.
Whatever befalls the earth, befalls also the children of the earth."
-- Chief Oren Lyons**

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"The whole idea of compassion is based on a keen awareness of the interdependence of all these living beings, which are all part of one another, and all involved in one another."

-- Thomas Merton

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"One world, one people, living together as a global family!
Young people will cross religious, ethnic and cultural divides
to recognize the universal human as family.
WE ARE ONE and the elders of tomorrow will carry this torch."
-- Nina Meyerhof

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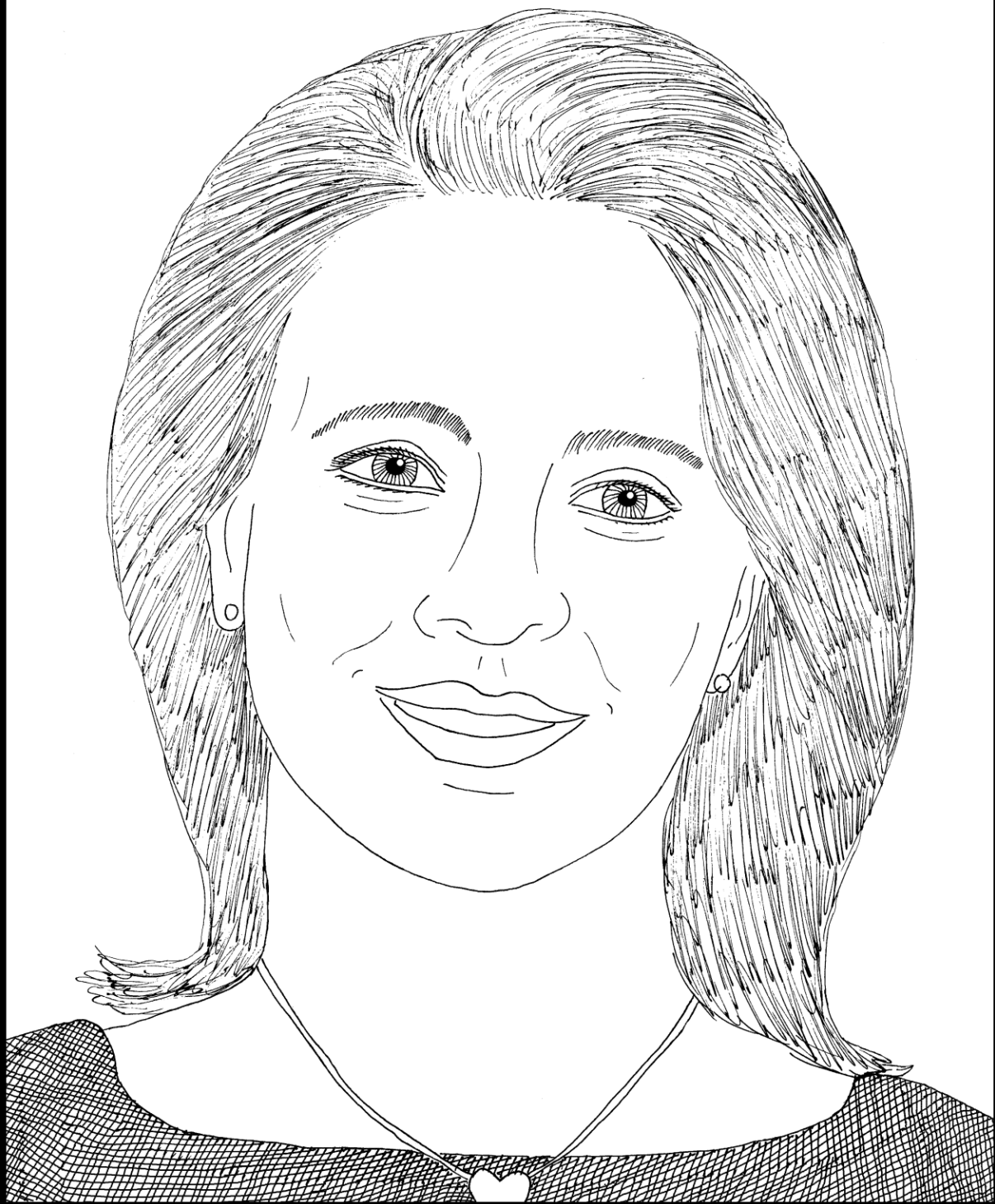
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-- Queen Noor of Jordan

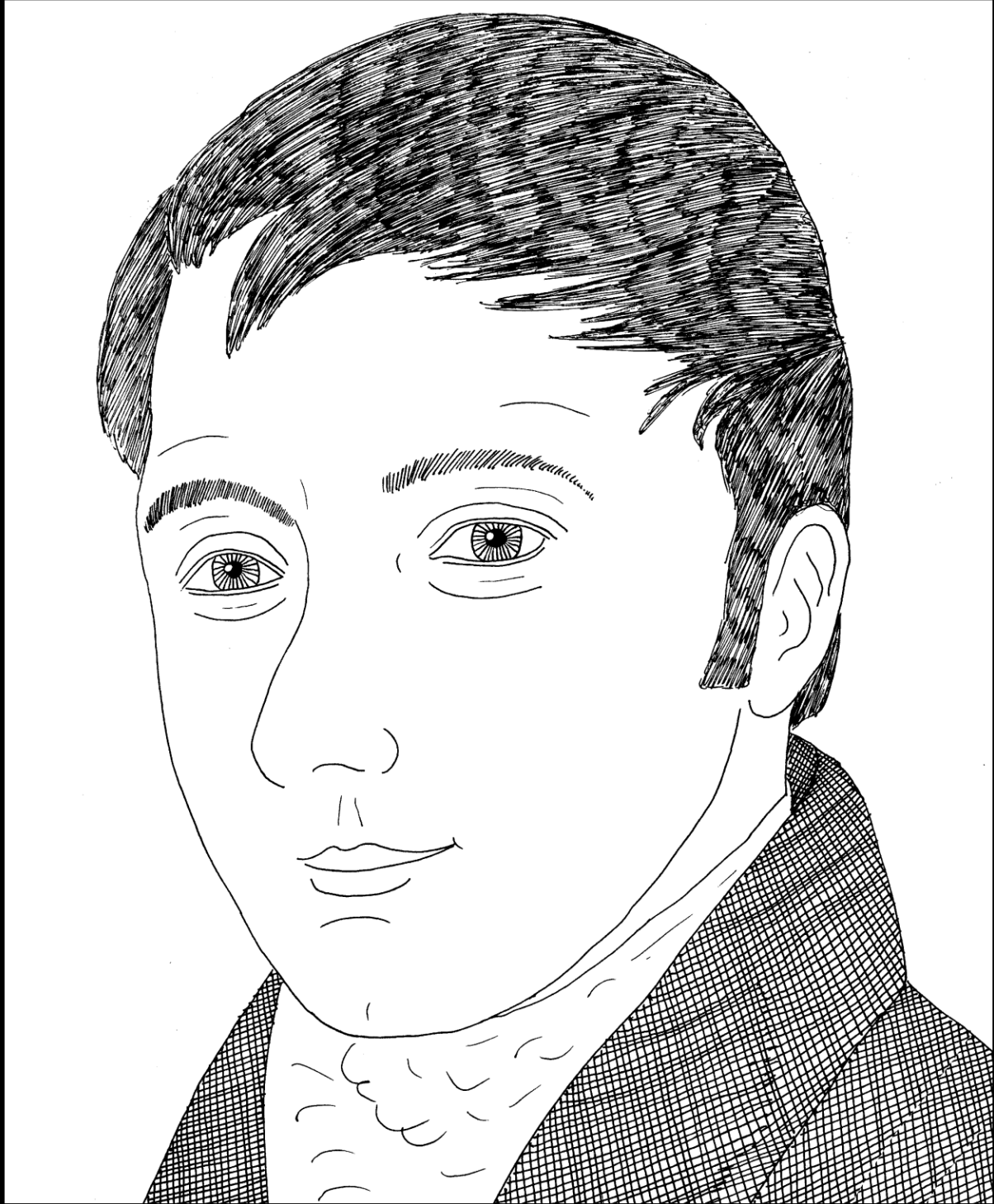
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"It is particularly recommended, as a means of uniting the inhabitants of the village into one family, that while each faithfully adheres to the principles which he most approves, at the same time all shall think charitably of their neighbours respecting their religious opinions, and not presumptuously suppose that theirs alone are right."

-- Robert Owen

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"Show me a religion that doesn't care about compassion.
Show me a religion that doesn't care about stewardship of the environment.
Show me a religion that doesn't care about hospitality."

-- Eboo Patel

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"I would like the church to be a place where the questions of people are honored rather than a place where we have all the answers. The church has to get out of propaganda. The future will involve us in more interfaith dialogue. ... We cannot say we have the only truth."
-- Bishop John Shelby Spong

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"We have to sit down, have a meal together, pray together and then actually talk together. Then we realize that, yes, although we have some differences they are not impassable differences."

-- Pauline Tangiora

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"... if we are to promote genuine justice and thus bring real peace to the planet—and with it the possibility of improving lives on every level, not just economically, socially, and politically, but spiritually, psychologically, and intellectually—then, just on a practical level, we need to have all of the religions working together."

-- Brother Wayne Teasdale

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**"I honor the path each person is on. I believe that all of our prayer paths lead to the Great Mystery, or Spirit, or God."
-- Mary Thunder**

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**"We can find common ground only by moving to higher ground."
-- Jim Wallis**

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"We believe in taking down the barriers, but we also believe in the most energetic reconciliation among peoples by getting them to know each other, talk each other's languages, understand each other's fears and beliefs, getting to know each other physically, philosophically, and spiritually. It is much harder to kill your near neighbor than the thousands of unknown and hostile aliens at the other end of a nuclear missile. We have to create a world in which there are no unknown, hostile aliens at the other end of any missiles." -- Betty Williams & The Peace People

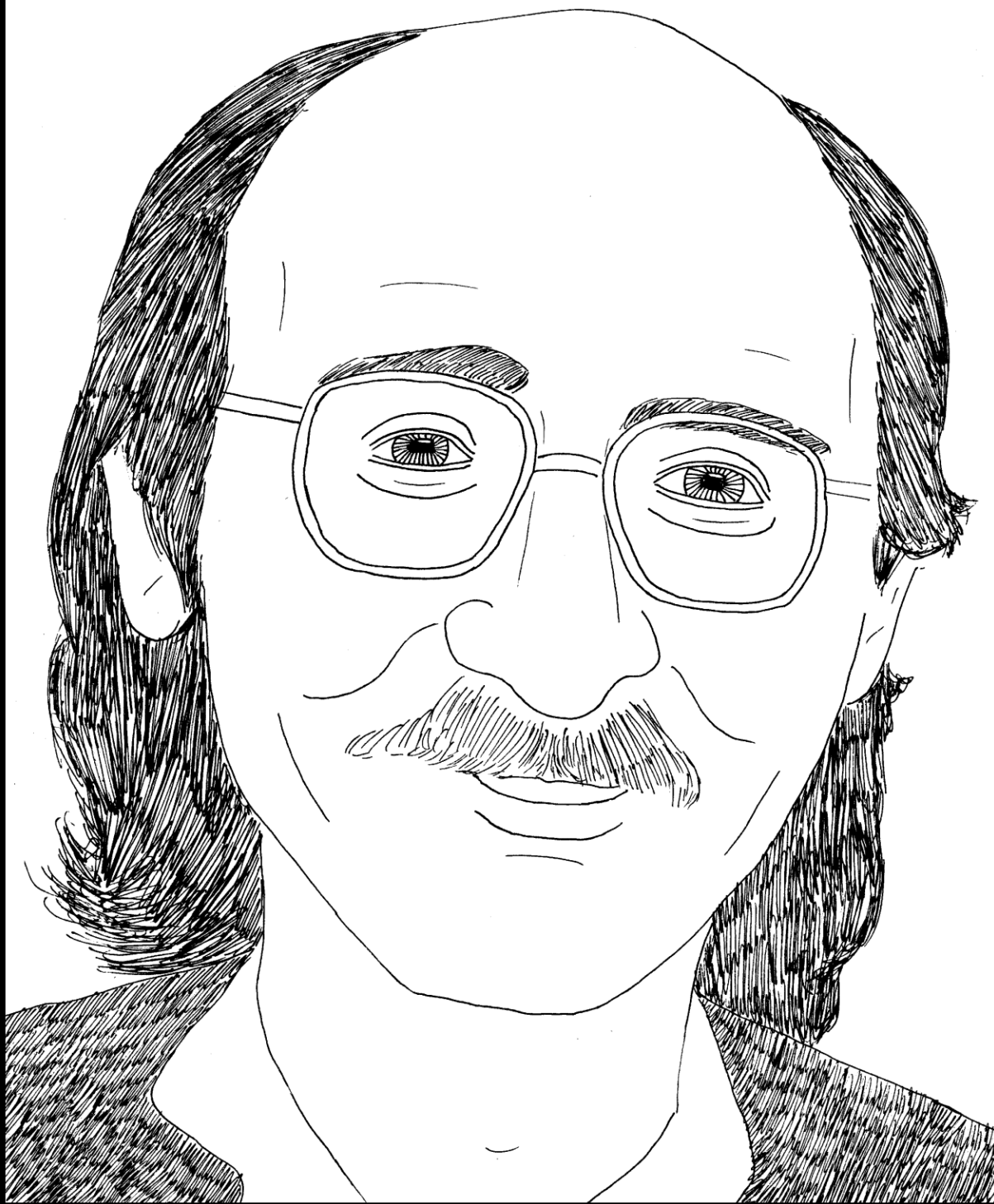
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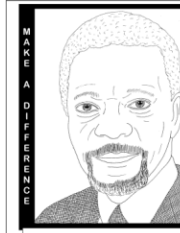






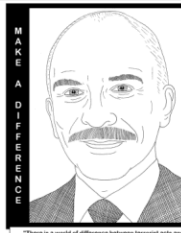

















"There is only one river. There is only one sea.
And it flows through you, and it flows through me.
There is only one people. We are one and the same.
We are all one spirit. We are all one name."

-- Peter Yarrow

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<p>BE A HERO FOR A BETTER WORLD</p>  <p>MAKE A DIFFERENCE</p> <p>"The indigenous understanding has its basis of spirituality as a recognition of the interconnectedness and interdependence of all living things. It is holistic and holistic view of the world." — Rubina Abbasi</p> <p>BetterWorldCalendar.com</p>	<p>BE A HERO FOR A BETTER WORLD</p>  <p>MAKE A DIFFERENCE</p> <p>"The spiritual God that is the foundation of all religions, and the God of all people, comes and is revealed to all people in their own way and their own time. It is the same God who is revealed to all people in their own way and their own time." — Ruth Ann</p> <p>BetterWorldCalendar.com</p>	<p>BE A HERO FOR A BETTER WORLD</p>  <p>MAKE A DIFFERENCE</p> <p>"We may have different religions, different languages, different colored skin, but we all belong to one human race." — Kofi Annan</p> <p>BetterWorldCalendar.com</p>	<p>BE A HERO FOR A BETTER WORLD</p>  <p>MAKE A DIFFERENCE</p> <p>"We have been blessed with Hindu, Christian, Muslim, and other faiths can be very comfortable in each other's temples, mosques, and shrines, trying to understand each other's faiths and practices of devotion which can contribute to growth, health, and beauty." — Ari Arizumi</p> <p>BetterWorldCalendar.com</p>	<p>BE A HERO FOR A BETTER WORLD</p>  <p>MAKE A DIFFERENCE</p> <p>"...never before probably has the need for interfaith commitment been nearly as great as it is in this very moment." — Walter Crutkila</p> <p>BetterWorldCalendar.com</p>
<p>BE A HERO FOR A BETTER WORLD</p>  <p>MAKE A DIFFERENCE</p> <p>"I represent any organization or individual people who recognize the need for a more harmonious relationship between the various religions, and particularly between the various religions. I consider it very important work." — The 1619 Book Team</p> <p>BetterWorldCalendar.com</p>	<p>BE A HERO FOR A BETTER WORLD</p>  <p>MAKE A DIFFERENCE</p> <p>"There is a spiritual power being born for this planet, and it is a power that is not of this world. It is a power that is not of this world. It is a power that is not of this world. It is a power that is not of this world." — Betty Carter</p> <p>BetterWorldCalendar.com</p>	<p>BE A HERO FOR A BETTER WORLD</p>  <p>MAKE A DIFFERENCE</p> <p>"Every religion contains, in varying degrees, elements of the soft and the hard. For the sake of world peace, dialogue within religions and among them strengthens the softer aspects." — Johann Galtung</p> <p>BetterWorldCalendar.com</p>	<p>BE A HERO FOR A BETTER WORLD</p>  <p>MAKE A DIFFERENCE</p> <p>"The faith dialogue is a small thing, and the first step in establishing it is forgetting the past, ignoring potential arguments, and going forward to common points, which for open-minded people are." — St. Feliciano Galan</p> <p>BetterWorldCalendar.com</p>	<p>BE A HERO FOR A BETTER WORLD</p>  <p>MAKE A DIFFERENCE</p> <p>"To me, love, spirituality and life are all the same thing. To me, there is about honoring the earth, and there is just different ways of doing the same thing. The earth is a gift. Nature is a gift. The earth is a gift. Nature is a gift. The earth is a gift. Nature is a gift." — Julia Sherry Hill</p> <p>BetterWorldCalendar.com</p>
<p>BE A HERO FOR A BETTER WORLD</p>  <p>MAKE A DIFFERENCE</p> <p>"In the end it is about us, ourselves, our world. With the very same spirit, we can create a world of peace, love, and harmony. Our mission is to be a catalyst for a spiritual awakening in our hearts, to be a catalyst for a spiritual awakening in our hearts, to be a catalyst for a spiritual awakening in our hearts." — Terrence Hanrahan</p> <p>BetterWorldCalendar.com</p>	<p>BE A HERO FOR A BETTER WORLD</p>  <p>MAKE A DIFFERENCE</p> <p>"There is a world of difference between the world and the world that we live in. It is a world of difference between the world and the world that we live in. It is a world of difference between the world and the world that we live in." — King Hussein of Jordan</p> <p>BetterWorldCalendar.com</p>	<p>BE A HERO FOR A BETTER WORLD</p>  <p>MAKE A DIFFERENCE</p> <p>"I want, by way of art, to be the voice of tolerance or about a right of inquiry into the religious aspects." — Francis Jaffar</p> <p>BetterWorldCalendar.com</p>	<p>BE A HERO FOR A BETTER WORLD</p>  <p>MAKE A DIFFERENCE</p> <p>"Tolerance implies the lack of commitment to one's own beliefs. Rather it condemns the oppression or persecution of others." — John J. Mervin</p> <p>BetterWorldCalendar.com</p>	<p>BE A HERO FOR A BETTER WORLD</p>  <p>MAKE A DIFFERENCE</p> <p>"Sincerely, America's answer to the religious and spiritual, the very diversity of our life, the very diversity of our life, the very diversity of our life, the very diversity of our life, the very diversity of our life." — Nita Mervin</p> <p>BetterWorldCalendar.com</p>
<p>BE A HERO FOR A BETTER WORLD</p>  <p>MAKE A DIFFERENCE</p> <p>"The force and the strength for people will come from peace. And that will happen when people understand that the diversity and differences are not a weakness, but a strength. It is a strength that is not of this world. It is a strength that is not of this world. It is a strength that is not of this world." — Robert Michael Lerner</p> <p>BetterWorldCalendar.com</p>	<p>BE A HERO FOR A BETTER WORLD</p>  <p>MAKE A DIFFERENCE</p> <p>"People of all faiths need to shape a political and social movement that reflects the most generous, universal, and just values of our common humanity. It is a movement that is not of this world. It is a movement that is not of this world. It is a movement that is not of this world." — Robert Muller</p> <p>BetterWorldCalendar.com</p>	<p>BE A HERO FOR A BETTER WORLD</p>  <p>MAKE A DIFFERENCE</p> <p>"All things are bound together, all things consent. Whatever exists on the earth, let it be the children of the earth." — Gladys Lopez</p> <p>BetterWorldCalendar.com</p>	<p>BE A HERO FOR A BETTER WORLD</p>  <p>MAKE A DIFFERENCE</p> <p>"The whole idea of compassion is based on a basic awareness of the interconnectedness of all things, both living and non-living, which are all part of one another, and all involved in one another." — Thomas Merton</p> <p>BetterWorldCalendar.com</p>	<p>BE A HERO FOR A BETTER WORLD</p>  <p>MAKE A DIFFERENCE</p> <p>"One world, one people, bring together a global belief. It is a belief that is not of this world. It is a belief that is not of this world. It is a belief that is not of this world. It is a belief that is not of this world." — Nita Mervin</p> <p>BetterWorldCalendar.com</p>
<p>BE A HERO FOR A BETTER WORLD</p>  <p>MAKE A DIFFERENCE</p> <p>"The interfaith Alliance has become an ongoing working and peaceful movement whose interest is to prove that religion has a healing side as well as a killing side, and that there is a common ground of conscience." — Bill Meyers</p> <p>BetterWorldCalendar.com</p>	<p>BE A HERO FOR A BETTER WORLD</p>  <p>MAKE A DIFFERENCE</p> <p>"What the world needs today is a convergence of the different religions in the search for and definition of the common or divine base which might be the requisite for our planet." — Robert Muller</p> <p>BetterWorldCalendar.com</p>	<p>BE A HERO FOR A BETTER WORLD</p>  <p>MAKE A DIFFERENCE</p> <p>"As believers we all have an opportunity and moral obligation to recognize our spiritual common ground, to rise above our differences, to control ourselves, and to embrace." — Queen Noor of Jordan</p> <p>BetterWorldCalendar.com</p>	<p>BE A HERO FOR A BETTER WORLD</p>  <p>MAKE A DIFFERENCE</p> <p>"There is a religion that doesn't care about the religion of the environment. There is a religion that doesn't care about the religion of the environment. There is a religion that doesn't care about the religion of the environment." — Eben Patel</p> <p>BetterWorldCalendar.com</p>	<p>BE A HERO FOR A BETTER WORLD</p>  <p>MAKE A DIFFERENCE</p> <p>"I would like the church to be a place where the questions of people are honored rather than a place where we have all the answers. The church has to get out of its religion. The church has to get out of its religion. The church has to get out of its religion. The church has to get out of its religion." — Bishop John Shelby Spong</p> <p>BetterWorldCalendar.com</p>
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