

Freedom is the Most Important Human Right and Value

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I want to give a special salute and commendation to Mother Moon. You have amazed me, because you have received from your husband's mantle, because you have His Spirit. I have just been amazed at how God is using you and drawing religious leaders together as the foundation of this peace movement.

For many people in the world, there are a few things more precious than freedom. Freedom is the power to live as one would choose. And it's one of the great sources of human dignity. Exercising freedom correctly is also one of the great responsibilities that humans hold. We continue to constantly grapple with how to define our freedoms and how to understand our freedoms, and how they should be both cultivated and how they should be tempered at the heart. Of these questions, we find one of the most fundamental of all freedoms and that is the freedom of religion.

Religious freedom is not simply the freedom to worship, or to believe the way that one chooses is much, much more than that, even though that's a central part of it. In fact, religious freedom has always been understood in conjunction with the freedom of conscience, freedom of religion, freedom of conscience, they're linked together, and so have the liberty to develop and to hold moral convictions and to act accordingly, and not just be legislated to a building and not to be legislative to an individual privately or to a family.

Religious freedom is the first among other essential liberties and is often referred to this as the first freedom. Why do we Americans refer to religious freedom as the first freedom? Because it is characterized this way, because it enables, and it protects other human freedoms like the freedom of speech. You cannot have freedom of speech, if you do not have first religious freedom and the culture of liberty and peaceful democracy in the United States, in large part emerge from its firm respect for religious freedom.

But today, everywhere you see religious freedoms being taken from us. So, I beg you to get started, study what your religious freedoms are. And if you have to arise to take a stand, then America, take a stand for what you believe to be morally right and wrong.

God bless you!