

Rev. Sun Myung Moon struggled to establish peace in a peaceful way

Abdurrahman Wahid (1940–2009)

August 2014

President of Indonesia (1999–2001)

From the book *Peace King* and adapted in honor of the anniversary of Sun Myung Moon's Seonghwa



Abdurrahman Wahid

In the speech and in the person of Rev. Sun Myung Moon, we can find a very long struggle to establish peace in a peaceful way. Religion does not permit the use of violence. Under Islamic law, only if you are abducted from your home are you entitled to physical defense. Christians are admonished to give the left cheek if the right has been struck.

All religions insist on peace. From this, we might think that the religious struggle for peace is simple -- but it is not. The deep problem is that people use religion wrongly in pursuit of victory and triumph. This sad fact leads to conflict with people who have different beliefs. For this reason, Rev. Moon's call for peace though religion was something of great nuance and profundity. We were deeply fortunate for the chance to hear him and observe his life-long struggle for world peace. We could see how he lived peace so fully in his life. He endured unspeakable persecution. I know this. This put us in his debt.