

*To: Mrs. Alla Dudaeva      From: Junsei Terasawa      Copy: for numerous Chechen friends and leaders*

**Japanese Buddhist monk's Open Letter to Alla Dudaeva**  
**SACRED MISSION OF CHECHNYA AND PROPHECY OF THE LOTUS SUTRA**

Namu-Myo-Ho-Ren-Ge-Kyo!  
Assalam Aleikum!

Dear Alla Dudaeva!

I hope you find new possibility and hope in your newly settled life there. I apologies for not directly communicating with you for a long time, though I heard from time to time your correspondence with my students, latest of which was your letter to Sergiy-Doctor, when I recently joined our community in Bishkek after nearly six-month long journey in the Far East. I appreciate deeply your unchanging kind thoughts to our activities. They are always our constant spiritual inspiration.

Today I am writing this letter personally to you, but same time I am sharing my latest thoughts on the situation and conditions of people of Chechnya with my other Chechen friends.

I am not discussing here about any contemporary political issues of war and peace in Chechnya, nor about humanitarian or human rights situation, nor about any political solutions in the long-standing Chechen conflict.

Each nation and people has its own spirit. My question today is – how possibly the truly rare and most beautiful Chechen Spirit could be preserved not only for the Chechen young generation, who are enduring the unprecedented hardship at present, but also how to resurrect this Spirit and share it with the rest of humanity? Because, I believe that the Chechen spiritual resurrection can eventually bring about the deepest transformation of the spirituality of whole mankind at this critical moment in our history. Since I came to Chechnya first time in 1993, I realized that this will be the greatest contribution of Chechen people for the whole world.

In the end, ultimate victory of Chechen people is to realize this mission, which is nothing to do with military victory against Russia or gaining political independence of Chechen statehood. Right now the whole Chechen nation is on the brink of survival. Whether will Chechen nation re-awaken to this Spirit or face physical extermination of the nationhood?

I, with my students of our Order, often led non-violent uprisings in the early stages of the first brutal war in Chechnya. In those days we felt deep spiritual unity with Chechen people and experienced revelation of the wonderful and miraculous Chechen Spirit. I fully understood at that time the great potential power of non-violence of Chechen people. Non-violence is not a political tactic of resistance against mighty military power or political maneuver against Empire. Non-violence is the power, which unites the people, freeing them from the blind logic of physical power of destruction or monopoly of political power, and assuring the fearlessness by awakening the completely different logic of Spirituality, which is universal and eternal in the souls and hearts of every one on Earth. Chechen people is unique, because Chechen people successfully preserved and embodied this original true pure Spirit till 21<sup>st</sup> century, which had been the common origin of spirituality of the peoples and nations of the whole Eurasian continent since the time immemorial.

When I encountered this wonder of Chechen Spirit, I was convinced of the identical roots with our practice of the Lotus Sutra and life of the bodhisattvas, who offer their lives in order to save the world. I waited till today that Chechen people could realize this essential unity of their Spirit and the Lotus Sutra.

You mentioned in your letter to Sergey-Doctor, that time has come for the great number of the bodhisattvas “sprung from the ground” to appear in this troubling world, as the Lotus Sutra prophesize – that is exactly what we waited from the Chechen people. What we wanted to bring to Chechnya – is the miracle of the unity of the wonderful Spirit, beyond any form of religion or faith, which appeared to the world much later.

Our practice of beating drum and reciting the sacred name of the Lotus Sutra is not to convert people to some religion, but to resurrect the eternal Spirit common to all peoples of Eurasia from the time immemorial and to unite everyone by this Spirit in order to deliver the whole world from the approaching catastrophic violent crash of civilizations. I still believe that the Chechen people at this crucial historical juncture will become the first nation to realize this sacred mission.

There were examples.

My Teacher went to India, and met Mahatma Gandhi. He was the first Indian, who believed this mission and began to practice Lotus Sutra, leading the non-violent struggle for freedom of India. All other leaders of freedom struggle, regardless of their religions and faith, followed his example. Independent India today still keeps this practice in the national ceremonies dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi.

In Europe before the end of the Cold War, our drums and practice of the Lotus Sutra eventually led hundreds of thousands, and millions of ordinary European people into the streets, marching with one mind for peace and to save the world from the nuclear war. Those Europeans were not Buddhists, but we were in one mind. Eventually, unprecedented political transformations took place in Europe and Europe was unified peacefully. Peace Pagodas in Milton Keynes, London and Vienna were memorial monuments for these greatest non-violent transformations of Europe. Non-Buddhist Europe wholeheartedly welcomed this happening.

Dear Alla Dudaeva,

I am expressing my sincere thoughts here, because as you envision, there will appear innumerable Chechen bodhisattvas “sprung from the ground”. They will resurrect the true Chechen Spirit from the ruins of genocidal war and awaken not only people of Chechnya, but all nations and people of Caucasus and whole Eurasian continent. The danger of the global catastrophic war of civilizations can only be averted by such spiritual transformation. Victory of non-violence dose not needs to kill anyone, but will save all, which is absolutely needed before it is too late.

Please, allow me to make this letter to you as an open letter appealing to the people of Chechnya. Copies are sent to Mr. Said-Emin Ibragimov and Dr. Hassan Baev, as well as to many Chechen friends without disclosing their names and keeping their confidentiality.

Hoping the day is near when we all together will open the new possibilities for peace in Chechnya and in the whole world.

With deep respect,

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