

Thich Nhat Hanh

Born in 1926 in Vietnam, Thich Nhat Hanh became a Buddhist monk at the age of sixteen. During the war in Vietnam, he founded the School of Youth for Social Service, an organization dedicated to providing aid to those affected by the fighting. Because of his humanitarian efforts, he was exiled from Vietnam, and his writings remain banned in his home country to this day.

He was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 1967 by Martin Luther King, Jr.

Today, he lives at the Plum Village retreat in France, and travels the world teaching his message of peace and compassion.



“Conferring the Prize on Nhat Hanh would remind all nations that men of good will stand ready to lead warring elements out of an abyss of hatred and self-destruction.”

—Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

“Terrorism can be located in the human heart. We can remove terrorism from the human heart through the practice of deep listening. Deep listening can help remove wrong perceptions.”

—Thich Nhat Hanh