

# The Dalai Lama's Call for a More Compassionate World

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The Dalai Lama in Aspen, July 2008

"The Dalai Lama is my spiritual leader, but also the spiritual leader of the world in opposition to religious leadership, which causes division, war, hatred and terrorism," said **Dr. Eric Fugier** who practices dentistry in Beverly Hills and reads all books written by his Holiness. "Through him I have become a better person, and a better dentist. I became more compassionate toward my patients, my staff, friends and enemies.

I also understood why you have to be compassionate towards the people who try to hurt you: they are ignorant, and you have to be sorry for them and try to help them understand better."

Dr. Fugier, a very successful practitioner treating Hollywood dignitaries, is just one of the many millions whose lives have dramatically changed after gaining full insight into the teachings of the Dalai Lama. Lots of celebrities, including **Richard Gere, Sharon Stone, Goldie Hawn, Martin Scorsese (Kundun), Bernardo Bertolucci (Little Buddha)** and **Keanu Reeves** are avid supporters of his Buddhist principles.

Although he laughs with the innocence of a child and tells jokes with a refreshing sense of humor, his life-long commitment to the advocacy