# Letter to President Bush

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Dear George W. Bush
First I will express
my deepest sympathy with
the tragedy
that took place on the 11th of September
when terrorists committed
the terrible deed
that made the Twin Towers collapse
and innocent people were ripped away.

I was lucky to watch you
on the TV screen
when you delivered your address
to the American nation, but it was also to
me and all peoples
and to everybody in the whole world,
because the deed was not only committed towards
the USA, but also against the whole world.

It did sadden me that
among your first words
you especially stresses:
COWARDS! And this is going to be
REVENGED.

True.
I well understand that the first shock after an atrocity
of such dimension may make any president
overreact

BUT
to the President of the mightiest nation of the world
it is unseemly
to lose composure and promise retaliation (revenge)

On the screen I also saw
people dancing in the streets
rejoicing at the tragedy
-
Later a young girl saying something
that I must keep in mind
She said:
Now it is
you Americans who have become
the victims of a terrible crime
and you must
suffer horrors
that we are so used to
Now you can feel on your own skin
how it is to be in our stead (shoes)
ALWAYS
to be wrongest
be humiliated
be the underdog

Also, we saw you praying to God to bless
America.
Had it not been more seemly
for a mighty president to ask
God to bless the whole world
and to protect us all

After all, America is not the ONLY nation
in the world
we shall ALL LIVE TOGETHER

HOMO SAPIENS
Are we not boasting af belonging to this noble race
when shall we be so mature
that we can show it
in deed.

In connection with this tragedy
many important people
would have given their opinion on (about)
how to prohibit such horrors
to take place in the future
All readily agree in:
PERSECUTION
INVASION
BOMBS
REVENGE

It does not seem
to OCCUR TO ANYBODY
that there are other possibilities.

Dear George W. Bush.
Let me whisper you in the ear:
It would have befitted you better
-
being a powerful president -
namely:
to rethink your strategies
once or twice more

Who knows
perhaps some revolutionary idea might
have been fostered
had you dared to think
along quite different lines
that we are used to see

What I mean is, we are used to the old
saying:
an eye for an eye
and a tooth for a tooth.

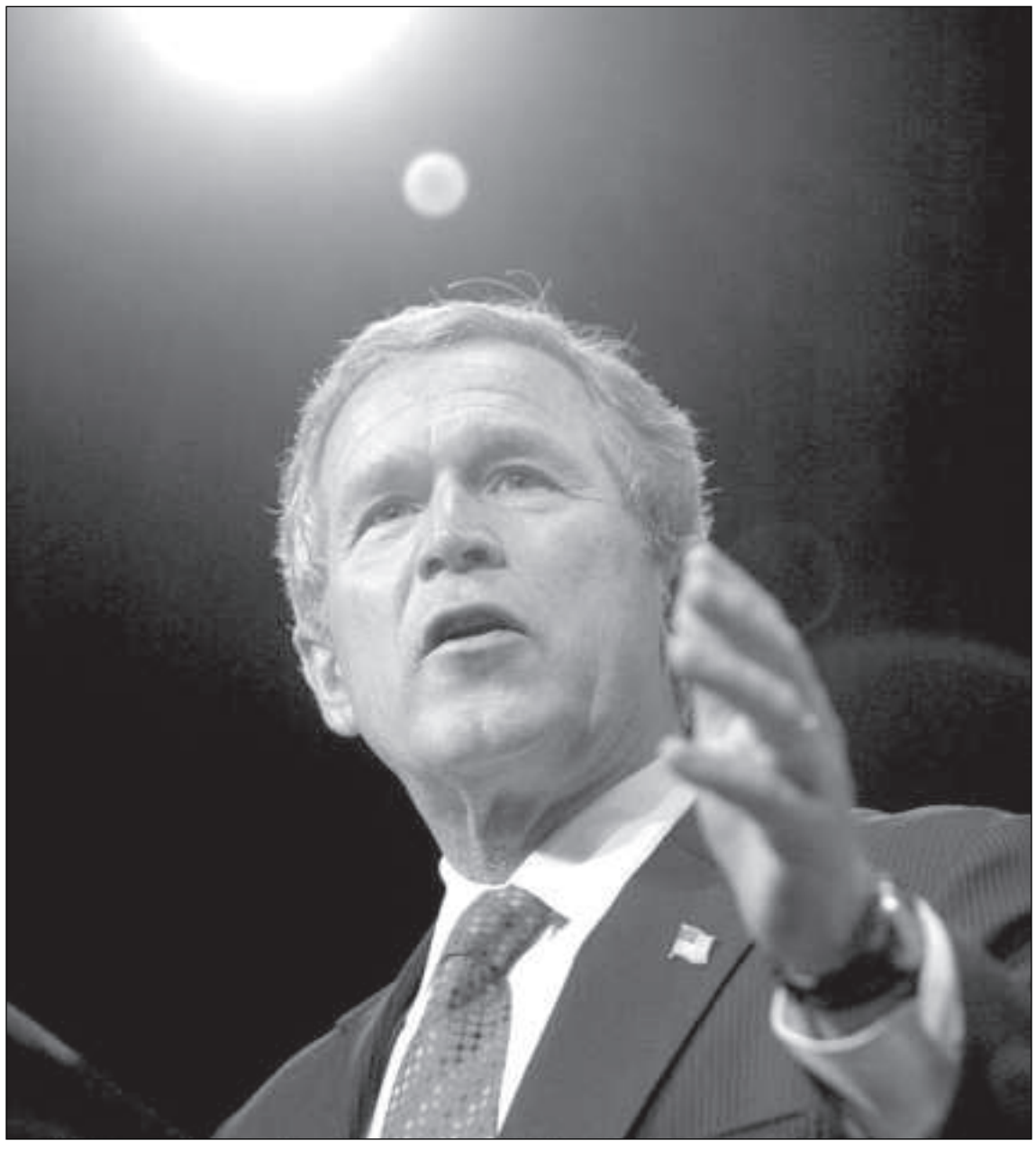
On the other hand
I don't agree
that if you have been hit on one chin
then to turn the other as well

But
you could try
to find new solutions

I know this sounds both
naive and banal and utopical

but
can we afford to leave
any options
untried

Rather than letting vindictiveness seize us
let us look nearer home



and ask:

HAVE WE DONE
SOMETHING WRONG?
And ask again
WHAT HAVE WE DONE WRONG?
AND HOW CAN WE MAKE UP FOR IT?

You yourself have stressed that
you will fight for a
DEMOCRATIC system in the open
society
for
JUSTICE and
PEACE in the world

With that in mind:
How can it be right to attack
with
Persecution
Invation
Bombs
Revenge

Then the
INN-DOERS
have got us in exactly the situation
they have navigated us into
to ATTACK
and so they can justify ongoing TERRORS
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and be supported
by co-religionists
who wait for their chance
to declare
HOLY WAR!

Will they ask you:
ARE YOU
FREE FROM SIN?

Can you put your hand on your heart
and - to the American people - declare a clear
YES

HARDLY
and, is it necessary to give examples?
HARDLY.

Dear George W. Bush.
If you as a true President,
could announce to
the ILL-DOERS:
Listen to me all of you
I have a PROPOSITION for you

Then we would truly honour you
as a Great President

Then they will be
the defensive party,
and you will be in the position to set
TERMS and
YOU will have the RESPONSIBILITY

We must acknowledge
that we shall have
NO PEACE WITH BOMBS
and we shall have
NO PEACE WITHOUT NEGOTIATIONS
and AGREEMENTS

You can offer to be willing to listen
if they have something to PROPOSE -
something that you will consider

or:

Is it their wish, first and foremost,
to spread FEAR AND HORROR

If they have a deeper meaning
of a more JUST SOCIETY and PEACE
then you could say that
you are always ready to open up for
POSSIBILITIES
in order to improve
mistakes that may have created
dissatisfaction

IF YOU COULD MAKE SUCH A PROMISE
it would be difficult for them to evade,
and you would have them
in a position
where you had won
LEADERSHIP -
and - last but not least -
now you would have shown
the CHARITY
which is the foundation of all FAITH.

For this you would be
FULLY SUSTAINED.