

My Sentiments and Sorrow: Justice and Peace will Triumph Violence

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This year on March 15th, Estella Langford, a girl studying in a high school in New Jersey, wrote me an email, asking for my thoughts regarding the “Unknown Rebel,” the young man who bravely stood before the tanks during the Tiananmen Square Protests in 1989. Her email moved me tremendously. It has already been 20 years, and yet this young American girl was still concerned about the Tiananmen Square Protests that took place in China, thousands of miles away from where she lives.

Unfortunately, due to the Chinese Communist Party’s censorship and suppression of information, many of our own students have not even heard of the June 4th Massacre or the Democracy Movement of 1989. How can I not be saddened by this!

Estella had asked me in her email: Do you believe that the Unknown Rebel has gotten the respect and honor that he deserves for his actions?

I answered: The respect and honor that the Unknown Rebel has received are intangible, because he has never received any medals or awards. Personally, I think he should be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize because he is a hero who has fought violence with peace and is the noblest messenger of peace in the 20th century. Even though there have been countless heroes in the 20th century, none can compare to the bravery and self-sacrificial spirit that he has demonstrated. Using only body language, he calmly conveyed a statement to the brutal rulers: Please halt your actions; do not use tanks against the students and citizens. He is peerless and unsurpassed in the 20th century. He has won tremendous glory and pride for us Chinese people. Though he has never received any awards, it is inconsequential, for the praise he receives from generations to come is not bound by nationality, and is the highest of praise.

Estella also asked: What has the Unknown Rebel done for the world?

I answered: He has set an example for humanity, and has shown us that peace is far more powerful than violence. When conscionable men in all humanity witness that scene, no one notices the power of the tanks. What they notice, instead, is that he, a mere mortal man, and the righteousness he symbolizes are far stronger than any tank or weapon.

In conclusion, I’d like to reiterate that justice is more powerful than violence, peace will triumph violence!

Our present political mission and slogan is: To Severely Punish Corrupt Officials, End the Chinese Communist One-Party Authoritarian Regime, and Establish China’s Third Republic.

We firmly believe that we, the Chinese people, will one day live in an era that respects freedom, democracy and human rights.

Thank you everyone!