

Just after high school in 1960, in the third year in 1963 I was in a Christian monastery and there was an incident – that was the evening that the United States was about to drop an atom bomb on the Russian ships delivering missiles to Cuba which would have brought on an entire nuclear war, as we thought it. That evening we had a priest who gave us a ceremony compassion of intention. He told us that evening, “Boys, this evening, we may have to take a very hard action, but as Christians, as long as we do it with love and compassion in our hearts, we will be free from any moral defilement.”