

Greg Mortenson

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When you take the time to actually listen, with humility, to what people have to say, it's amazing what you can learn. Especially if the people who are doing the talking also happen to be children.

~Greg Mortenson

If you teach a boy, you educate an individual; but if you teach a girl, you educate a community.

~Greg Mortenson

If you really want to change a culture to empower women improve basic hygiene and health care and fight high rates of infant mortality the answer is to educate girls.

~Greg Mortenson

My father ended up starting the Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre, which is on the slopes of Kilimanjaro. My mother started a school.

~Greg Mortenson

Slow down and make building relationships as important as building projects.

~Greg Mortenson

In times of war, you often hear leadersâ€”Christian, Jewish, and Muslimâ€”saying, â€”God is on our side.' But that isn't true. In war, God is on the side of refugees, widows, and orphans.

~Greg Mortenson

The tune was too ingrained for Mortenson to consider the novelty of this moment- an American, lost in Pakistan, singing a German hymn in Swahili.

~Greg Mortenson

When your kids accomplish something it means much more than anything you've done.

~Greg Mortenson

Trust in Allah, but tie up your camel.' Sign in Skardu

~Greg Mortenson

If you really want to change a culture... empower women.

~Greg Mortenson

You can hand out condoms, drop bombs, build roads, or put in electricity, but until the girls are educated a society won't change.

~Greg Mortenson

The older I get, the more I appreciate my childhood. It was paradise.

~Greg Mortenson

The Pathan people of Waziristan are proud people who I greatly admire.

~Greg Mortenson

Yes, I first visited Korphe village, Braldu valley, Baltistan, Pakistan, after failing to summit K2 in 1993, and met Haji Ali, a long time dear mentor and friend. My second visit to Korphe was in 19

~Greg Mortenson

Liberals, conservatives, Muslims, Jews, Christians, and I find - I think education is something that can bring us together.

~Greg Mortenson

Yes, I was detained for eight days in Waziristan in 1996. It was against my will, and my passport and money were taken from me. I was not mistreated or harmed, but I was also not allowed to leave.

~Greg Mortenson

But what I really believe is education is a key to pretty much everything

- prosperity, economics, peace, stability.

~Greg Mortenson

If you look at the 9/11 hijackers, certainly they were educated, some even had university degrees, but nobody really checked their mothers, who were nearly all illiterate.

~Greg Mortenson

Just as the Torah and Bible teach concern for those in distress, the Koran instructs all Muslims to make caring for widows, orphans, and refugees a priority.

~Greg Mortenson

He was a man who understood the virtue of small things.

~Greg Mortenson

Some of the most memorable moments I've had is to have my family along - who are our greatest ambassadors for peace. Politics will never bring peace, but people will.

~Greg Mortenson

I decided in '96 to dedicate my life to mostly promoting literacy and education for girls in rural Pakistan and Afghanistan.

~Greg Mortenson

Our greatest ally in the Pakistan region of turmoil is the moderate Muslim majority, who we must reach out to and embrace if we ever are to have peace for our children.

~Greg Mortenson

I used to climb mountains a lot; I decided to go to Pakistan to climb K2, the world's second-highest mountain. I didn't get quite to the top.

~Greg Mortenson

And they did it with something that is basically worthless in our society - pennies. But overseas, pennies can move mountains

~Greg Mortenson

I say if you fight terrorism, it's based in fear, but if you promote peace, it's based on hope.

~Greg Mortenson

. . . hope resides in the future, while perspective and wisdom are almost always found by looking to the past.

~Greg Mortenson

I've had two fatwas issued against me by despot mullahs opposed to education - and important to know that the great majority of Imams and Islamic religious leaders support education for all children.

~Greg Mortenson

The Koran and Islam is about submission, justice and compassion. All people of the "book" - which means the Torah, Koran and Bible are accorded equal respect under Islam.

~Greg Mortenson

Once I started the first school, I realized this is what my life is meant to be, is to promote education and help kids go to school and that's very clear.

~Greg Mortenson

The solution to terrorism is education, not bombs.

~Greg Mortenson

The people of Pakistan are some of the most hospitable, kinds and generous people I have met anywhere, in the over 70 countries I have visited in my lifetime.

~Greg Mortenson

Really, what education does is it gives opportunity, but it also gives hope.

~Greg Mortenson

My work to promote education and literacy in remote regions of Pakistan and Afghanistan has become my life's mission. This takes a full-time commitment 365 24/7.

~Greg Mortenson

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