



0. Andrei Sakharov: Second Thoughts - Story Preface

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All countries should work together on economic, social, and ecological problems. Greater openness and democracy in our country are necessary. We need the free flow of information: the unconditional and complete release of prisoners of conscience: the freedom to travel and to choose one's country and place of residence: effective control by the people over the formulation of domestic and foreign policy.

Andrei Sakharov; addressing the deputies of Russia after the fall of the USSR, 1989

Andrei Sakharov was a Russian nuclear physicist, Soviet dissident and human rights activist. He was the designer of the Soviet Union's thermonuclear weapons, but later became concerned about the great power and potential devastation his creation might unleash on the world. When he voiced his concerns, he was faced with state persecution, exile, and threats. But his dedication to his beliefs brought him honor and accolades world-wide.

This is the story of how this brilliant scientist fought for civil liberties and civic reforms in the Soviet Union, and how his conscience would not allow him to be silenced.

Footnotes:

1) American Institute of Physics, Andrei Sakharov: Soviet Physics, Nuclear Weapons, and Human Rights, Center for the History of Physics, Jan/24/2013, Jan/17/2016, <https://www.aip.org/history/exhibits/sakharov/>

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