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'I saw the Dalai Lama yesterday'

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On Religion News Service's daily round up blog, national correspondent Lauren Markoe writes about her encounter with the Dalai Lama.

I saw the Dalai Lama yesterday. His English is shaky, his glasses couldn't be more out of fashion, and he delivered his speech wearing a dorky University of Maryland visor. But to the 15,000 mostly young people who packed the arena, he's one of the coolest people on the planet. Here's what he had to say about non-believers, the moral education of children and finding inner peace.

One of the things I didn't know about the Dalai Lama is that he has an easy, infectious laugh, and that his humor is often directed at himself.

The Dalai Lama was in Maryland as part of a six-city U.S. tour that will also bring him to Portland and Eugene, Ore.; Louisville; New Orleans; and Madison, Wis.

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