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Teacher According to report published by the Pew Research Center, about 2.6 million Muslim immigrants live in the USA, which is less than one percent of USA population. Can this tiny fraction become a problem for the Christian and Jewish dominated society of America? Perhaps it was never been a problem until September 11 of 2001. This tragic incident created 15th-century witch-hunt cataclysm in the 21st century in the freest society of the world: In the United States of America. Christians and Jewish people of America started seeing the face of Ben Laden on every American Muslim immigrant's face. I asked myself what had to be done to change it.

I said Eureka when I read Liyakatali Takim's article about interfaith dialogue in post 9-11. Takim describes that Muslim immigrants realized that they could not live in a secular society as an individual layer. They need to be inside the society so their voices could be heard; they need to talk to their fellow Christian and Jewish neighbor. I agree with Takim that interfaith dialogue could help building bridges between two religious groups; one group learns to respect another group's religious belief and faith. I felt goose bumps when read that a local imam recited adhan (call to prayer) and led the prayer in the cathedral during an interfaith event at an Episcopalian church in Denver. I believe this was the highest form of spiritual experience that both Muslims and Christians enjoyed on that day.

I agree that we can stop the 21st century's witch-hunt via interfaith dialogue within the community. I fully support " The earth cannot be changed for the better unless the consciousness of the individual is changed first (Takim 347)."

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