

When Self Meets Other: Religions, Cultures, and Dialogue

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Abstract

Religion and culture are two inseparable entities, and religion is an integral part of culture. It can be said that cultural values mostly originated from religion. When we talk about one's cultural value we need to jog our mind with respect for other cultures and faith in order to avoid misunderstanding and conflict and delve to find solutions for the problem that is affecting every sentient being. When we say solutions it does not mean discarding one's value or religion but it just means that we need to channelize our values clearly and practically by cultivating the attitude of commitment and compassion to our fellow human being. When we say inter-cultural and inter-religious dialogue, one should be clear that it is a process of renewing ones culture or faith through dialogue and that one should not have an ulterior motive for dialogue.