



Dialogue helps us to get to know each other, our needs, desires, beliefs, and experiences of life. In this we gain the ability to see each other as valued human beings and are encouraged to grow in our love of one another.

~Bob

This is a big question. Much of our problems in the world are based upon people trying to assert their ego – the False Self of Richard Rohr. (*Immortal Diamond: The Search for our True Self* by Richard Rohr.) If you have the view that God is on your side and that you are doing God's work it is easy to justify mean, inhuman and violent treatment of others. Interfaith dialogue that is based upon the abandonment of the False Self and realization of the True Self is one way to instill humility in people. Clearly peace can reign only if the population has developed a genuine care for others.

~Ron

Interfaith dialogue shifts the focus from what divides us to what unites us. When people of different faiths work together, they model how diverse communities can collaborate on shared goals like social justice, environmental stewardship, and the eradication of poverty. By focusing on shared values, interfaith initiatives can build trust and a sense of collective purpose and community. It's also a way to address misunderstandings or stereotypes that can fuel conflict. Bahá'u'lláh's teaching that "religion should be the cause of love and unity" underscores the potential of interfaith efforts to dissolve barriers and build lasting peace. When we engage in dialogue with that mindset, we can build trust and create partnerships that promote harmony at every level—local, national, and global.

~Katrina