

We have to ask ourselves the important question; Are we really willing to involve ourselves in a dialogue with other civilizations through our attitudes, behaviours and actions, in the present and in the future? This question will depend on the status of intercultural relations, on what happens in our lives, in our minds, in our daily gestures as well as what happens in the world.

I believe that personal experiences are of most importance for humans to produce meaning. Prolonged and repeated communication amongst individuals from different cultures leads to positive attitudes as long as the dialogue is balanced. Superficial encounters, lacking of clear purposes, are not going to be productive in an intercultural dialogue.

Many fashion designers get inspiration from other cultures but often fail to dialogue with the same culture. A dialogue requires more than just exchanging cultural ideas and respecting cultural and religious diversity. It demands a broader effort in all domains and at all levels of society because it is not something tangible and it is not just an abstract theory. It is a mind-set and a process of self-discovery. It requires the capacity and willingness to listen and to be self-critical.....