

“The word for ‘dialogue’ in Arabic is *tanakosh*. *Tanakosh* comes from a root in Arabic, which is the same as ‘chiselling a stone’. Now when you chisel a stone, in a sense, you form some shape out of the stone that you make into a statue or something else. In Arabic, when we dialogue, the meaning is to ‘chisel each other’s minds’, to ‘chisel each other’s souls’, to ‘chisel each other’s hearts’ – which means I make you a little bit more beautiful, and you make me a little bit more beautiful.”

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