

My Pakistani Seatmate
A Life-snippet

seemed a nice fellow
engineer from Karachi
back home to visit

he sought to teach me
while captive on this long flight
nine-eleven's truth:

*"you must understand
Zionist conspiracy
to hate all Muslims"*

I listened with care
honest views of a smart man
mired in crazy myth

not so different
from some much closer to home?
we deplaned with tact

Setting: Aboard non-stop flight from Chicago to Istanbul, September 3, 2011

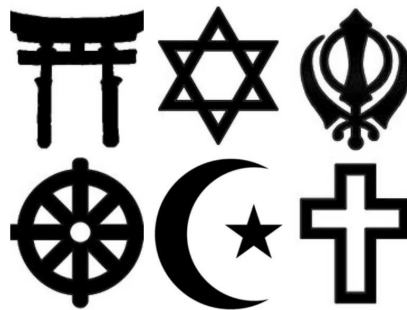


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