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**When heart meets heart,
the world is filled with love and peace.**

mobilize? If we can do that, then I think we, as men and women of faith, will make a contribution to the evolution of a just world. Thank you very much.

Moderator:

Thank you very much, Dr. Chandra Muzaffar for a very illuminating talk. Dr. Muzaffar started off by giving a list of seven crises. He pointed out that, even as we move from a uni-polar society to a multi-polar society these crises are not going to be solved as long as people of religion don't speak up. He elucidated the root causes of our economic crisis, namely a debt-driven speculative kind of economy, and recommended us to adopt Islamic economic principles instead, which are totally against this sort debt-driven economy. Now, we would like to move to the next speaker, Dr. Afroz Ahmad Bisati. He is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Islamic Studies at the Islamic University of Science and Technology in Awantipora, Kashmir, where he teaches courses on Sufism, Religions and Interfaith Dialogue and Islam and Human Rights.

2nd Speaker: Dr. Afroz Ahmad Bisati

I am much honored to be here today for two reasons. One is that here I find myself among some of the best scholars of religion in the world, and also among religious personalities such as Dharma Master Hsin Tao, Ven. Sanghasena and many others. The second reason I am happy to be a part of this is that I have been teaching interfaith dialogue as a part of our course offered at our university for the last couple of years, but not had the opportunity to experience the practical aspect of Interfaith dialogue in a setting like this where I find myself among the different religious personalities of the world.