

010911 Flowers

Hello all,

Thank you to everyone who sent me emails to tell me what was going on. I got out of class to find a friend from Italy concerned because his professor let class out early so that he could find out if a friend of his at the pentagon was ok. Fortunately, I have CNN and BBC at home and Tove and I watched in awe. Like the rest of you, I am feeling shocked and upset. And for the first time, I am feeling pretty far away from everyone. It would be really good to find another person from the US to talk with.

The Danish news has been showing crowds of people outside of the US embassy as they lay flowers for those who have died. The US ambassador to Denmark was of course in the air on route to NYC when everything happened. Some people have said that Danes of Arab descent should be cautious of going out this evening. I just hope that people can separate a person from the country that they are from. Just as I hope that people who meet me don't judge me by their preconceived notions of someone from the US. I can't imagine what reactions must be like in the US now. But, I guess that we have seen what senselessness the inability to separate innocent people from the policy of their government can lead to.

I can only imagine what the people who have lost family, friends, and colleagues can be feeling. It is pretty sad to think that so much craziness is going on now at home with universities, stores and offices closing. I guess that there will be little opposition now to missile defense for the country. The lost innocence in itself is more than enough reason for overwhelming sadness.

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