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**Armenian Turkish Dialogue: Lessons Learned**



**Dr. Ani Kalayjian**

Dr Ani is the granddaughter of an Armenian couple who escaped the 1914 Turkish Genocide of the Armenians. Although, third generation Ani's own experience shows that trauma remains from generation to generation if denied or left to remain unhealed. She has dedicated her life and work to promote healing and shares her wisdom worldwide with those who suffer persecution and disasters.

Ani has concluded that it is vital for the person suffering trauma to offer forgiveness to the one(s) who caused the pain. On the other hand for the oppressor, there must be an admission of guilt. The Turkish people still are not able to identify what happened to the Armenians in 1914 as Genocide.

At the session Dr Kalayjian focused on her own careful and detailed research regarding Generational Impact of Genocide and Wars and shared her outline of a model utilizing the Seven Step Biospsychocial and Eco Spiritual Model.

There was some dialogue on how difficult it is to forgive and to recognize when one has really forgiven another because an action may occur and bring back the pain. Mainly though after one has forgiven one feels a freedom and a sense of liberation that lightens the soul of the one who has been traumatized.

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