O ye children of Adam – Adam did not have a nationality!

Address by Sheikh Eşref Efendi at the interfaith Advent Celebration of Bishop Markus Dröge

We are very happy and honoured to be here with you again during a holy night in a House of God.

And again we have been asked to talk some short words of truth. May the Heavens support us with this endeavour.

We are greeting you all with the words of the one and only Lord and say:

Greetings, may you be blessed O ye children of Adam.

Yes indeed, The Lord addressed us in all Holy Scriptures with “children of Adam”. He does not address us by nationality, He does not separate, He does not create any segregation amongst us human beings, amongst us children of Adam.

He says: O ye children of Adam.

We think that Adam did not have any nationality. We believe that Adam did not belong to any nationality. He was Adam the human.
In the Holy Scriptures, the New Testament, it is written: “Here is the man (human)“.

It does not say - well I could not find in it - maybe there is someone else who did find it: Here is the Turk. Here is the German. Here is the French. Here is the Jew. Here is the Muslim. It says: Here is the man (human).

And mankind was not separated by nationality: Children of Adam!

O you Turks. O you Germans; this only creates separation. O you Muslims, O you Christians. And it creates distance and alienation.

The problems amongst mankind will not stop as long as (hu)man does not remember that he/she and all other humans are children of Adam.

The Lord speaks to us all. He does not say O you Turk, O you German. He says: O ye children of Adam!

We need to remember that we are all children of Adam and we are all believers. The Lord even says “O ye believers”. He does not say O ye Muslims, O ye Christians, O ye Jews. O ye believers! And yet again he does not separate.

We need to remember, that the other person is also a believer and that they also have a path to find to their Lord, the One and Only. How they do that is their business and by God’s grace.

We need to remember that we are all children of Adam and that we are all believers. Not Jew, Muslim or Christian or Turk or German, etc.

We thank Bishop Dröge and Pastor Götze for inviting us and wish you all a holy time on earth.

Selam aleykum