

# **TOWERS OF HUMANITY**

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Towers of humanity imploding, ignited by candles from the altar of religious intolerance,  
struck down by misguided missiles impelled by hate.

They came from within and without to cause us harm.

They warned us.

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We looked the other way.

Believing malicious, evil, people would never find a way to wound us this deeply,  
leaving a hole in our heart, a hole in the ground, where our brothers and sisters once  
stood, on each other's shoulders rising many stories high into the sky.

They had approached heaven on their own terms by their daily labors.

They were brought down by suicidal maniacs, encouraged by religious fanatics inspired  
by verses they may or may not believe.

In our grief we are now blamed for hating in return.

We are now blamed for not understanding.

Our culture stands against vengeance for the atrocity that occurred on this day and the  
atrocities that preceded it and the atrocities that still continue.

But vigilance is not vengeance, and we must all be vigilant.

Hostility is not hatred and we should be hostile to those who would wound us again or  
rub salt in our wounds.

Interrogation is not intolerance and we need to question the motives of those who do not  
openly oppose our declared enemies.

Question the will of those who do not voice their abhorrence of terrorist tactics.

And question the logic of those who seek to appease the forces responsible for the  
implosion of the Towers of humanity.