AoC calls for end to Israeli Palestinian conflict

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The Alliance of Civilizations, a panel of prominent world religious leaders,   politicians and intellectuals, has presented a 39   page report to former UN Secretary General Kofi Annan regarding the   ever-increasing culture gap between East and West. The
 report
   states that the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians is the chief   cause of tensions between Islam and the West, and that if the world wants to   bridge this culture gap, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is the best place   to start.

Quote: *"4.4 The partition of Palestine by the United   Nations in 1947, envisaging the establishment of two states - Palestine and   Israel - with a special status for Jerusalem, led to the establishment of   the state of Israel in 1948, beginning a chain of events that continues to   be* **one of the most torturous** *in relations between Western and Muslim   societies. Israel's continuing occupation of Palestinian and other Arab   territories and the unresolved status of Jerusalem - a holy city for Muslims   and Christians as well as Jews - have persisted with the perceived   acquiesance of Western governments and thus are primary causes of resentment   and anger in the Muslim world towards Western nations. This occupation has been perceived in the Muslim world as a form of colonialism and has led many   to believe, rightly or wrongly, that Israel is in collusion with "the   West". These resentments and perceptions were further exacerbated by   Israel's disproportionate retaliatory actions in Gaza and Lebanon.*

Zechariah 12:3
   And in that day will I make Jerusalem **a burdensome stone** for all   people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though   all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.

A message sent on behalf of Kofi Annan stated that religion is not the   root cause of the culture clash, but the problem lies with the adherents of   each religion and how they behave toward each other. The report recommends   that a Global Youth Alliance be set up which would help young people   contribute to the implementation of these proposals, that student exchange   programmes should be started, a network of religious websites should be created to link students with "moderate" religious teachers, along   with a number of funding schemes, government programmes and media   regulations, which would help to re-educate the general public.

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