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The Khalili Peace Project 'House of Peace'

It has always been my dream to see peace and harmony between the three great monotheistic faiths. As a patron of the arts, I wanted to make a statement that reflected the importance of combining art with interfaith understanding.

I initiated the project in 1998 and then commissioned five large paintings from the artist Ben Johnson which, when shown together, will create a Vision of Peace between the three faiths. Four of the paintings show panoramas of Jerusalem, the Western Wall, the Christian Quarter and the Dome of the Rock. The fifth painting, which was designed by me, depicts a Circle of Peace, a kaleidoscope of the word 'Peace' in Hebrew, English and Arabic. The circle centers on the eternal light surrounded by the name of the Almighty in these three languages.

I hope that by exhibiting this 'House of Peace' around the world it might, in some small way, bring Jews, Muslims and Christians together and show them that there is far more that unites them than divides them.

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All five paintings in the series were commissioned by the Khalili Family Trust, particularly the fifth painting in the series which was an original idea entirely designed by Khalili himself.