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Accepting Culture Differences

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I spent 6 years of my life in United States, being apart from my family. When I first decided to come to United States, I really did not think about relationship with my family. My father once told me that I have lost connection to my family. When he first said it, I really could not understand it. I did not see any difference between myself and my family, and did not want to come back to home during the vacations.

After few years, I realized that I am culturally different from my family now. I have different eating habits, political opinions and even how I speak. Even my friends told me that I have nothing in common with them. I felt like I have lost my native culture in and out of me. It looked like I am fully integrated to the culture of the United States.

I started to wonder if I could fit into both cultures without any problems. So I started to think about the differences between eastern and western cultures. At first, I listed so many things that I have to consider for both cultures. Then I realized I can't change myself according to the country or culture each time.

There are a lot of people like me, lost in the differences of cultures. They don't belong to a specific culture or a country. Therefore, I came to a conclusion; we are living in the small world, every country being connected to each other via transportation, internet and many other ways.

People live in a different way, because they are living in a different country and culture. No one can completely fit into one culture to another, so I believe acceptance is the only answer to connect the world together without any collision. This I believe.