

We stand together

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I thought about writing a response to the murder of Charlie Hebdo journalists and the police who protected them yesterday, but it felt almost too soon to do so. Silence appeared to be an appropriate response out of respect for those who died and their loved ones.

There is little more to say now. Nothing could ever justify what happened. No religious faith of worth could ever condone such actions.

I have never read a copy of Charlie Hebdo but I do write for a living, and am considered controversial by some. That gives me a small insight into what it feels like to be vilified for holding honest opinion. But all societies are dependent upon those willing to challenge the status quo if change - including the acceptance of difference - is to take place. Suppress that and we are nothing.

That is why we must all say "Je suis Charlie".