THE RELUCTANT FUNDAMENTALIST CHAPTER 10

In this chapter we can see another interior changing and conflict.

Finally Changez is in Chile but he is not able to work because of the problems that torment all the time his mind. He constantly reads the news between the conflicts and the possible war between India and Pakistan. He is not able to do his job and that is the reason why his principle scolds him frequently.

One day, during a dinner, his principle deals with Changez and his problems. He introduces the figure of the “Janissaries”. Janissaries were young Christians boys who used to be taken from their families by the Ottoman soldiers. After years of training they used to fight for the country that actually was their kidnapper, the Ottoman Empire . In this way, Juan sees the position of Changez. As well, Changez is a young Pakistani who was taken and influenced by America and who was persuaded to fight for its ideas and values. This exclamation confuses more the young’s position . Who is he fighting for? Which side he is going to take? Is he really an American soldier?

This pushes us to reflect also about ours ideas and values. Are we fighting for our values or for the values of our country?

Finally Changez decides to get fired and returns to New York.