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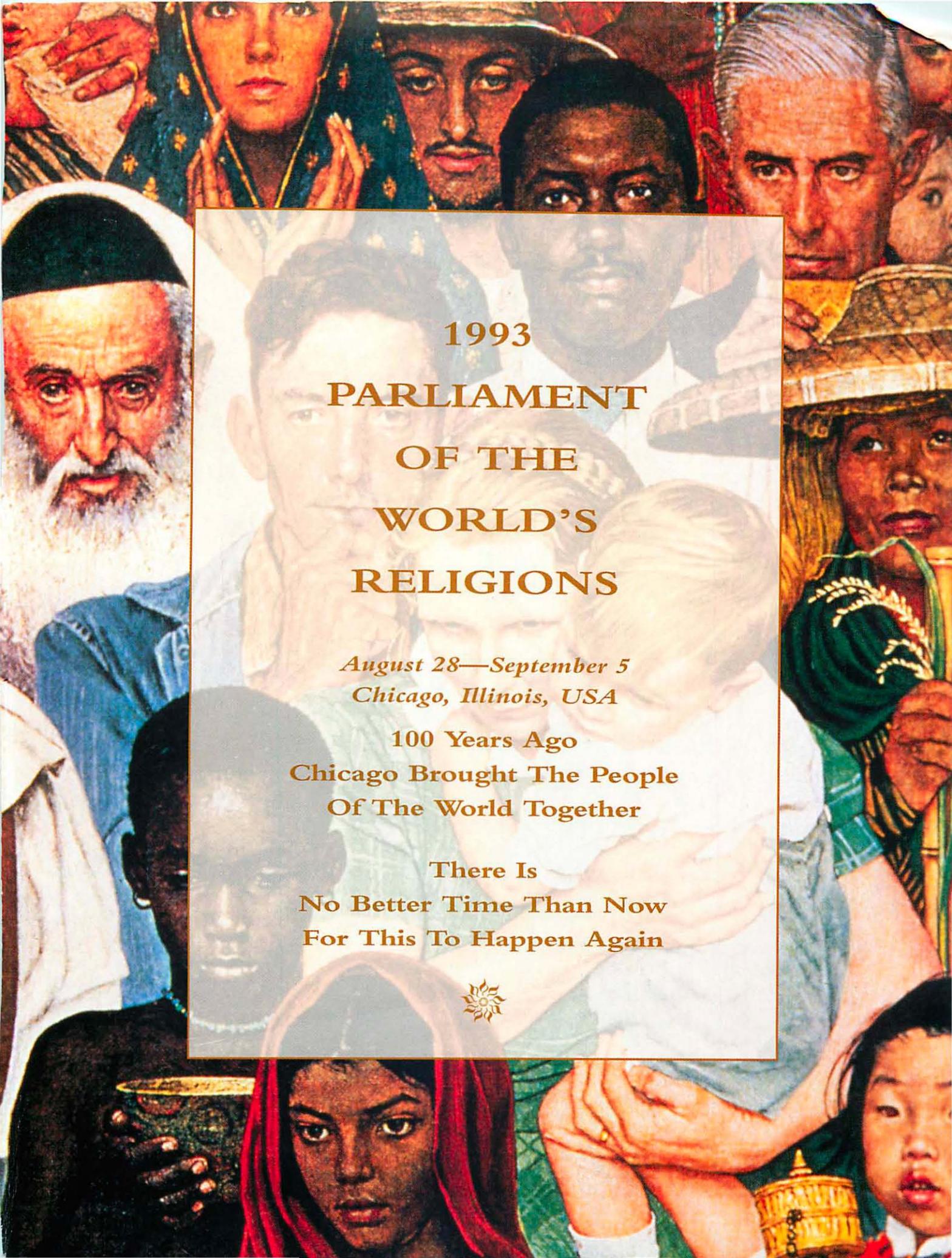
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The World's Parliament of Religions, September, 1893, Chicago, Illinois

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Because we all want a better world.

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COUNCIL FOR A PARLIAMENT OF THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS

The Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions was formed in the spring of 1988 to prepare for a centennial celebration of the World's Parliament of Religions held in Chicago in 1893. Itself a group bringing together people of many faiths, the Council has the following objectives:

- To convene a Parliament of the World's Religions in Chicago in 1993.
- To promote understanding and cooperation among religious communities and institutions.
- To encourage the spirit of harmony and to celebrate, with openness and mutual respect, the rich diversity of religions.
- To assess and to renew the role of the religions of the world in relation to personal spiritual growth and to the critical issues and challenges facing the global community.
- To promote and sponsor conferences, workshops, and studies; interfaith encounters, conversations, and exchanges; publications; exhibits and festivals of religious art, music, dance, and ritual; and other appropriate activities, in anticipation of and preparation for the 1993 Parliament.
- To develop and encourage interfaith groups and programs which will carry the spirit of the Parliament into the twenty-first century.

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| POOL PROMENADE | 150 |
| Classes, exercises, meditations, etc. (held in the Pool Promenade area on the Sixth floor of the hotel) designed to restore the body and the spirit, to generate energy, and to open new paths to well-being. | |

SEMINARS & LECTURES: THE WINGS AND THEMES

Lectures, discussions, panels, seminars, slide and video presentations, demonstrations, workshops, etc. These presentations constitute the largest segment of the Parliament program. As the program evolved, over thirty major themes emerged—from religion, spirituality, and interfaith dialogue to the critical issues facing the human community.

The Seminars & Lectures will be held (Tuesday through Friday) in the Conference Center of the Palmer House. The Center is divided into six wings. Each of those areas will be home to a "Wing" of the Parliament Program. Each Wing combines several related themes. Seminars & Lectures on related themes will with few exceptions be held in the same area of the Conference Center.

At the right is a list of the Wings and Themes which provide the organizing structure of the Seminars & Lectures grouping. (Sample themes are listed under Wing headings.)

- 1) *The Earth, Science, and Technology* • *Burnham Wing*
Agriculture, Architecture, Ecology, Environment, Science, Technology
- 2) *Social Challenge* • *Montrose Wing*
Business, Diversity, Economics, Future, Indigenous Peoples, Media, Next Generation, Peace, Politics and Government, Service, Social Action, Violence and Non-Violence
- 3) *Community and Culture* • *Sandburg Wing*
Art, Community, Dance, Ethics and Values, Humanism, Music, Poetry, Pluralism, Women
- 4) *The Language of the Spirit* • *LaSalle Wing*
Language and Symbol, Meditation and Prayer, Myth and Story, Spirituality
- 5) *Religions of the World* • *Clark Wing*
History of Religions, Interfaith Dialogue, Parliament, Religions of the World, Ritual, Scripture, Theology
- 6) *Body and Mind* • *Dearborn Wing*
Death and Dying, Health and Healing, Psychology

USING THE PARLIAMENT PROGRAM CATALOGUE

It is important to remember that the 1993 Parliament Program contains several distinctly different elements. During the busiest days of the gathering a great variety of presentations of different kinds will be offered simultaneously.

The great majority of the Major Presentations, Seminars & Lectures, Symposia, Performances, etc. will take place between Tuesday, August 31 and Saturday, September 4. Most of these programs will be scheduled in one of three principal time slots (indicated on the program grid, facing page):

- Sessions A (10:00 AM–12:00 PM)
- Sessions B (2:00 PM–3:30 PM)
- Sessions C (4:00 PM–5:30 PM).

As many as 40–50 programs may be offered in any of these time slots between Tuesday and Saturday. To say the least, the choices may seem at times daunting if not impossible. However, a basic familiarity with the elements of the Program will greatly simplify the task of selecting which programs to attend.

Each program grouping (Major Presentations, Seminars & Lectures, Symposia, etc.) is listed separately in this catalogue. Make sure to check the day's listings under each heading as you make your choices.

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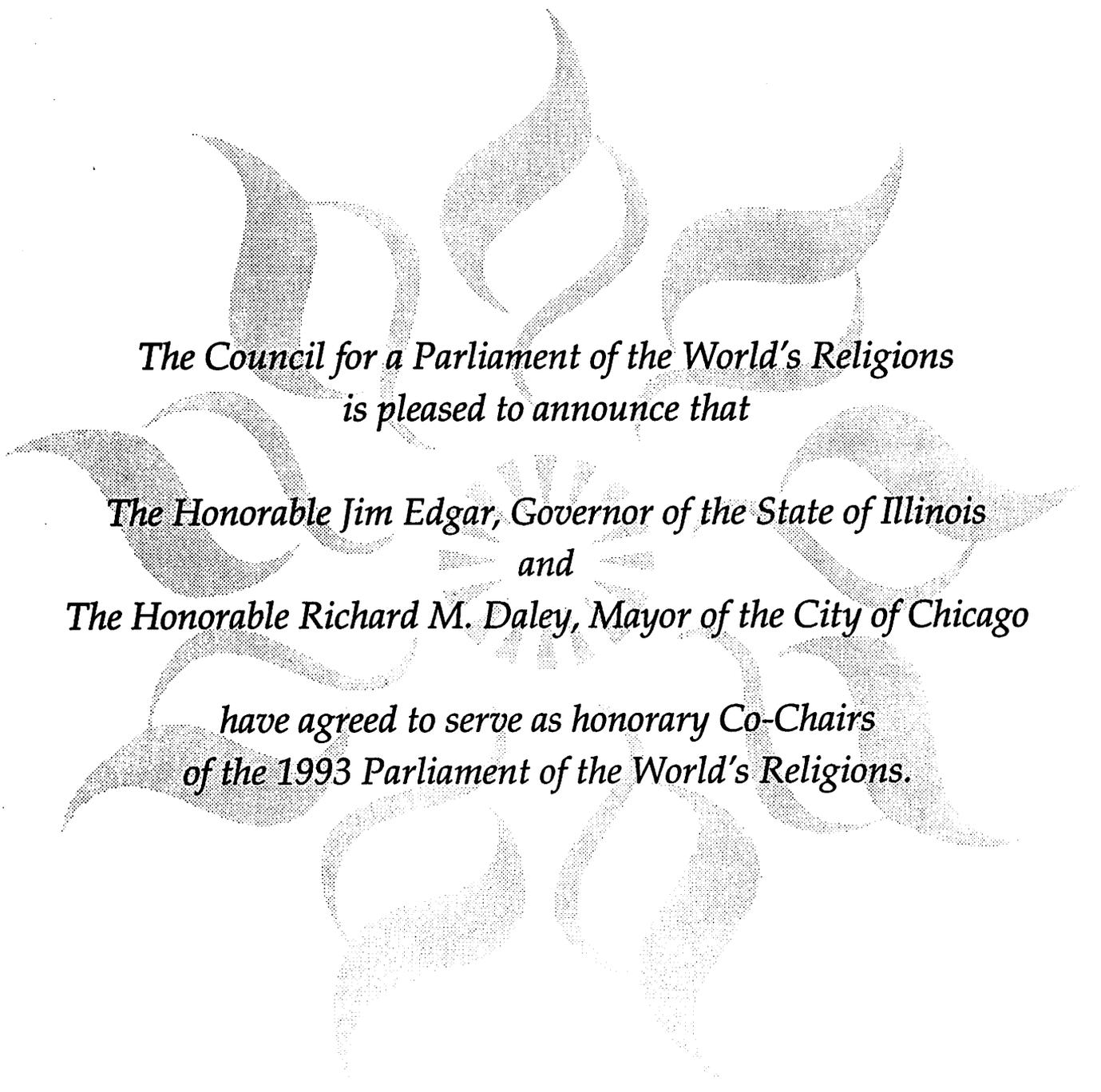
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| | Saturday 28 August | Sunday 29 August | Monday 30 August | Tuesday 31 August | Wednesday 1 September | Thursday 2 September | Friday 3 September | Saturday 4 September | Sunday 5 September |
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| Sunrise | | Prayer / Meditation | Prayer / Meditation | Prayer / Meditation | Prayer / Meditation | Prayer / Meditation | Prayer / Meditation | Prayer / Meditation | Prayer / Meditation |
| 8:00 | Arrivals, Registration, Orientation, Sightseeing | Breakfast | Breakfast | Breakfast | Breakfast | Breakfast | Breakfast | Breakfast | POST - PARLIAMENT TOURS AND RETREATS (optional) |
| 9:00 | | Welcoming Services & Programs at Palmer House and at Chicago-area Temples, Churches, Mosques, Shrines, Synagogues, etc. | PLENARY Voices of the Dispossessed | PLENARY presentation | PLENARY presentation | PLENARY presentation | PLENARY presentation | Programs at local co-sponsoring organizations | |
| 10:00 | | | | Sessions A: Seminars, Workshops, and Major Presentations* | Sessions A: Seminars, Workshops, and Major Presentations* | Sessions A: Seminars, Workshops, and Major Presentations* | Sessions A: Seminars, Workshops, and Major Presentations* | Programs, dialogues, and lectures at Palmer House | |
| 11:00 | | | | | | | | | |
| 12:00 | | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | THE COMMON MEAL (Grant Park) | |
| 1:00 | | | | | | | | | |
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| 3:00 | OPENING PLENARY • Procession • Invocation • Address by Native American elders • Blessing | | Sessions C: Seminars, Workshops, and Major Presentations* | | | |
| 4:00 | | | | | | | | | |
| 5:00 | | | | | | | | | |
| 6:00 | Dinner | Dinner | Dinner | Dinner | Dinner | Dinner | CLOSING PLENARY (Grant Park) • H.H. The Dalai Lama • The calls to action • The Universal Declaration of Human Values • Invocation of Blessing on the 21st Century | | |
| 7:00 | | Worship | Worship | Worship | Worship | Worship | | | |
| 8:00 | PLENARY Interfaith Understanding | PLENARY Visions of Paradise and Possibility | PLENARY From Vision to Action | PLENARY The Inner Life | PLENARY The Inner Life and Life in the Community | Twenty-first presentation of The Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion (Rockefeller Chapel) Concert (Palmer House) | PLENARY The Next Generation | | |

*Also scheduled during the week: exhibits, performances, lectures and presentations, interfaith dialogues, children's programs, and meetings of specialized groups.

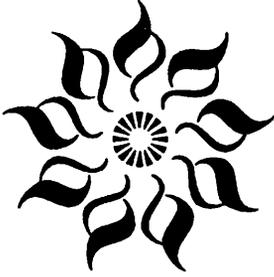
*The 1993 Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion
will be presented to
Charles Colson,
Founder and Chair, Prison Fellowship,
Washington, D.C.*

*The presentation will be made on
Thursday, September 2, at 8:00 PM
Rockefeller Chapel, The University of Chicago*



*The Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions
is pleased to announce that*

*The Honorable Jim Edgar, Governor of the State of Illinois
and
The Honorable Richard M. Daley, Mayor of the City of Chicago
have agreed to serve as honorary Co-Chairs
of the 1993 Parliament of the World's Religions.*



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Telephone call with Mother Teresa, 8/17/93

This morning I learned that Mother Teresa had been trying to telephone me but had not been able to get through. Would I call her? I called the mother house of the Missionaries of Charity at Calcutta and she answered the telephone herself.

"I am very sorry that I will not be able to come to the Parliament, but my doctor says I must not travel so far," she said. "I wanted to come very much. I know that your work is very important because you are working for the glory of God and for the good of the whole world.

"You are doing God's work. May God bless you always, and may God bless the Parliament and its good work for all His children.

"I am praying for all of you. I will make many special prayers for this work you are doing, because I know it is for the glory of God, and it is His work to help the world. I will ask all our sisters in all of our centers around the world to make special prayers for the Parliament during the meeting. God bless you."

She repeated these blessings several times during the conversation, and I did indeed feel blessed many times over.

—Daniel Gómez-Ibáñez



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I am happy to welcome you to the 1993 Parliament of the World's Religions. We come to commemorate that glorious ground breaking event of 1893 and we come to better prepare ourselves to meet the challenges of the present and the future.

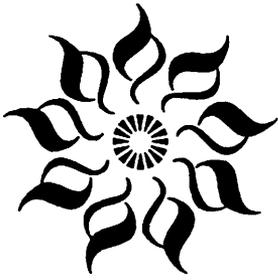
We ask that you delve deeply into the offerings of this event. They are rich and varied. There is something for most every taste or interest. But mostly we ask that you come to share, to learn, to enter into dialogue with others and to seek with others ways to overcome conflict and ways to nurture and heal our world and its peoples.

Most of us share the precept that it is good that we respect others even as we wish to be respected ourselves. May that be a watchword of this great and challenging opportunity.

I try to be a person of hope. I ask you to join me in the hope that from this gathering great good may come. Thank you for coming, for your faith, and for your hope. Welcome to an occasion which might send out beacons of hope to a troubled and broken world.

Let us laugh with joy, cry with sympathy and commit our efforts, both spiritual and temporal, to a future of peace.

David Ramage, Jr.
Chair



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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

At Soto Zen monasteries, meals are preceded by a chant: "Seventy-two labors brought us this food. We should know how it comes to us..." There are 72 traditional roles in the monastery, from cook to abbot. Together they make the life of the community possible.

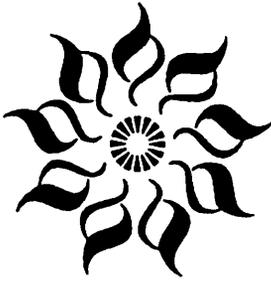
In our time the distinctions between community and planet seem to have disappeared. The health of the whole depends more than ever on the strength of individuals and their ability to live harmoniously together, conscious of their interdependence. Because strength and consciousness arise from the spirit, the world's faiths are central to our hopes of protecting Earth and living peacefully together. The 1993 Parliament of the World's Religions is dedicated to sending this message of hope to the whole world.

In the five years since we began the work of bringing this Parliament into being, I have seen how vision and a great purpose have knit together a family of caring and committed persons. At first there were only a few of us, meeting around a kitchen table. Now we are thousands. Now we know from experience how collaboration brings understanding and love, bridging the distance between our many different origins, cultures, and faiths—even between our individual experiences. Building our bridges of love and keeping them strong has meant effort, and all of us have had to grow in ways we might never have anticipated.

Many essential contributors are not listed in this program. I could not have done this work without the willing heart and the loving counsel of Georgia Gómez-Ibáñez, who kept our home and family whole, even with her demanding responsibilities as a teacher. This Parliament is her work also. There are many, many others. They reach around the world.

This work is an example of what is being done in many places to heal the planet. It begins small. It keeps its roots in the hearts of people. It creates communities. It nourishes. Each one of us knows this work is the path of the spirit in the world.

Daniel Gómez-Ibáñez
Executive Director



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Dear Parliament Guests,

On behalf of the staff of the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions, it is my sincere pleasure to welcome you to this historic occasion. Serving as Consultant/Chief Operating Officer and coordinating the various functional elements in preparation for the 1993 Parliament has provided me with a unique and exciting position from which to witness the making of this event.

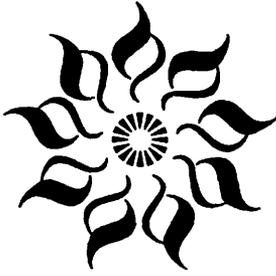
Over the past several months, I have been personally blessed to have had the opportunity to work with such a dedicated, diverse team of women and men representing so many religions and faith traditions. These women and men have worked incessantly, many times under less than desirable conditions, with a singular goal, to make the 1993 Parliament a reality. Each day, we have witnessed an increasing commitment to interfaith dialogue. As a team, we have taken an adamant posture that it is only through our collective spirituality, increased interfaith understanding and dialogue that our problems will be solved. This commitment and dedication has come from all quarters; our trustees, our staff, our co-sponsors, our host committees, our donors and our volunteers.

We have all learned from each other, and, as importantly we have unlearned from each other. To quote my African American ancestor and spiritual sister, Fannie Barrier Williams during the 1893 Parliament, "It is not any easy task to unlearn religious conceptions." This has been the challenge in presenting to you the 1993 Parliament and this has been the opportunity we have been afforded... a Parliament that belongs to all of us.

Welcome, enjoy, learn, share and allow the experience of the 1993 Parliament to be more than an historical moment. Let it become the impetus for a renewal of dedication and commitment to positive change benefiting all women and men in our world community. May God's blessings be with you.

Sincerely,

Nelvia M. Brady
Consultant/Chief Operating Officer



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Dear Friends,

Five years ago, the Parliament was a dream which seemed—at least at times—beyond realization. It was difficult to convince anyone that the religions of the world could ever agree to gather to celebrate their diversity and to face together the critical issues that challenge us all at the threshold of the 21st century. And yet now the Parliament of the World's Religions is about to begin.

This Program Catalogue may seem at first overwhelming, with so many programs—of so many different types—to choose from. In a sense, it is as though the curriculum of a great university had been compressed into the space of a single week. An embarrassment of riches. But there is another dimension to the 1993 Parliament Program. Its very richness and complexity is a direct result of the coming together of hearts, minds, and voices from virtually every part of the world and from every major faith. The Catalogue you hold in your hands is a simply extraordinary sampling of human religious and spiritual reflection at the close of the twentieth century. Welcome to the 1993 Parliament of the World's Religions!

I would like to extend my thanks to all who have worked so hard to make this program a reality, and especially to the Program Staff, Barbara Bernstein, Tracy Nicholas, and Elizabeth Stroll. And thank you, Cetta, for your love and support through five difficult years.

Jim Kenney
CPWR Program Chair

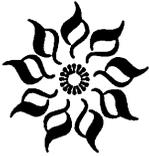
Dear People of the Parliament,

For the past year it has been my privilege to meet many of you over the phone and through the mail. During this week of the Parliament, I look forward to connecting voices with faces, and learning more about all of you who have laid the true foundation for this gathering in Chicago. It would be difficult to describe the incredibly diverse range of personalities, opinions, needs, gifts, and passionate beliefs that finally come together here. The easier task is to celebrate what is so obviously shared among you—strong, clear values, and a heartfelt desire for a world filled with peace.

Thank you for the prayers you have sent to us. They kept us going when the way got rough. I would like to express my deep gratitude to my husband, Bill Bernstein, my good friend and colleague, Jim Kenney, to our assistants, Tracy Nicholas and Elizabeth Stroll for their sensitive and capable assistance, and to Brian Muldoon for his insight and integrity.

With warmest regards,

Barbara Bernstein
Director of Program, CPWR



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H.H. The Dalai Lama
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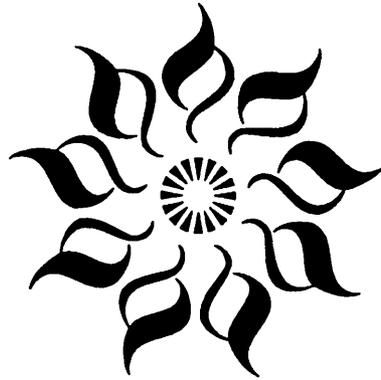
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- To provide an opportunity for Assembly members to come to know other spiritual and religious leaders in ways which could support future collaboration and action together for peace, the relief of suffering, and the preservation of the planet.
- To offer the Declaration of a Global Ethic and its supporting Principles for endorsement by Assembly participants.
- To invite Assembly members to identify common values and to propose projects, actions, or programs to the Trustees of the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions. The Council will consider ways to implement these proposals itself and, where appropriate, in collaboration with other organizations.

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MORNING PLENARY SESSIONS

Tuesday–Friday • 9:00–9:45 AM • Grand and State Ballrooms
Each morning participants will gather to hear announcements and special messages.

OPENING PLENARY

Saturday, August 28 • 2:30 PM–5:30 PM

Grand and State Ballrooms

The program will begin with a solemn procession of dignitaries, individuals from the CPWR's many Co-sponsoring organizations, and representatives of the fourteen major Host Committees. "Music of the Baroque," the Drepung Loseling Monks, and Native American Singers will accompany the procession. Blessings will be offered by four Native American elders representing the four directions, with a native of Chicago's indigenous tradition at the center. Dr. David Ramage, Dr. Daniel Gómez-Ibáñez, Dr. Nelvia Brady, and Mrs. Betty Reneker of the CPWR will speak. Blessings and invocations will be given by a diverse group of faith traditions drawn from among the original Co-sponsors of the Parliament.

Processional—Dignitaries, Co-sponsors, Host Committees

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Closing Remarks—Mrs. Betty Reneker

Recessional—Dignitaries

Accompaniment—Music of the Baroque

INTERFAITH UNDERSTANDING

Saturday, August 28 • 8:00 PM–10:00 PM

Grand and State Ballrooms

An opening silent meditation by Sri Chinmoy (world-famous Indian spiritual leader and peace activist) will be followed by a major address by Robert Müller, former Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations, on the theme: "Interfaith Harmony and Understanding: Why the Parliament?" Why is a gathering of this nature so vital to our common future? Brief responses from the Buddhist, Hindu, Jain, Jewish, Christian, African American, Muslim, Baha'i, Chinese, Zoroastrian, Native American, and Sikh traditions, along with authentic sacred dance and traditional musical presentations. The respondents from the various traditions are well-known and respected leaders of their traditions.

The evening will begin with a traditional Japanese Tea Ceremony. In 1893, at the World's Parliament of Religions, Japanese Zen Buddhism was first introduced to the West. The "way" of tea is deeply rooted in Zen. A visiting Tea Master will serve a whisked bowl of tea to special guests of the Parliament.

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Welcome and Introduction—Dr. Diana Eck

Meditation—Sri Chinmoy

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Closing Blessing

"WHAT SHALL WE DO?"

Sunday, August 29 • 2:00 PM–5:30 PM

Grand and State Ballrooms

An in-depth address by Dr. Gerald Barney of the Millennium Institute, based on the report to the Parliament, *Global 2000* *Revisited: What Shall We Do?* will be featured in conjunction with a multi-media presentation of images and expressions which challenge and sanctify the Earth. Responses from selected religious leaders. Dr. Barney will present a dramatic, inspiring, and challenging message to the world's religions.

Introduction of Presidents

Part I: Major Address: "What Shall We Do?"—Dr. Gerald O. Barney (Joining Dr. Barney on the dais: Co-authors, Ms. Jane Blewett and Ms. Kristen R. Barney; and five Trustees of the Millennium Institute, Mr. Peter Aykroyd, Chair; Dr. Katharine Esty, Vice-Chair; Mr. Alan Pilkington, Dr. Colette Mahoney, and Dr. Daniel Gómez-Ibáñez).

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"VISIONS OF PARADISE AND POSSIBILITY"

Sunday, August 29 • 8:00 PM–10:00 PM

Grand and State Ballrooms

Images, passages from sacred texts, and visions expressed through a variety of media will portray the religious reflection on the possibilities inherent in the human condition. Visions of paradise, of the garden, of creation, and rebirth. Inspiring affirmations—as well as provocative challenges from the worlds of science and social justice—will encourage Parliament participants to focus on what can be achieved through cooperation and respect for the sacredness of all life. Speakers and readers from many faiths will be featured, with narration provided by professional actor Robin Ramsay. Singer and instrumentalist Arlo Guthrie, baritone Robert Brown, and renowned Indian dance artist Hema Rajagopalan will perform.

Introduction of Presidents

Musical Performance—Bob Kindler & Jai Ma Music Ensemble

"Earth as a Garden"—Robin Ramsay, Narrator

Reader—Rabbi Alan Bregman

Reader—Dr. Javeed Akhter

Dance Performance—Maggie Kast and Rebecca Phillips

"Earth in Her Golden Age"—Robin Ramsay, Narrator

Dance Performance—Indian Dance by Hema Rajagopalan

Reader—Imani Nyah

Reader—The Rev. Thomas A. Baima

Musical Performance—Songs by Akasha

"Ways of Being"—Robin Ramsay, Narrator

Reader—John Dobson

"Global Visions Statement"—Leticia Shahani

Reader—Susan Shown Harjo

Musical Performance—Arlo Guthrie

"The Oneness of Life"—Robin Ramsay, Narrator

Reader—Dr. John Algeo

Reader—Mr. Ron Kidd

Young Readers—(Jewish Host Committee) & Sierra Weathers

Reader—Dr. Gerald Barney

Musical Performance—William Brown Jr., baritone

Closing Blessing

"VOICES OF THE DISPOSSESSED"

Monday, August 30 • 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

Grand and State Ballrooms

The tides of human refugees are a sign of our time. The number of international refugees has increased seven-fold in the past 15 years (to 18.9 million). This does not include an equal number of people displaced within their own national borders, and many more who feel dispossessed while still on their own historic turf—who are losing their children's names, their town names, their chosen labor, their holy places, and their freedom to act in public.

This manifest and inescapable displacement of peoples on virtually every continent today is a reality to be faced early in this

Parliament of the World's Religions. Not only the numbers but the places and the stories are very different then they were at the time of the first Parliament in 1893.

The "voices" in this plenary session come forward not only to describe their experiences of loss, to confront or to ask sympathy, but to make affirmations of spirit. Though many have lost their sacred writings or their holy places, they wish to say that they are still alive and that they are here—in spite of!

Bringing affirmations of faith and spirit, the "dispossessed" claim a proper place in this gathering of the world's religions. They assert a spirituality, based in their various traditional and name religions, that could transform religions and societies. They enter their experience into the deliberations of the Parliament on critical issues of the earth, development, education, health, and the future of human communities and world cities.

The assembly will include:

1. An audio-visual presentation. (Materials were contributed by the peoples, their artists, and the United Nations High Commissioner of Refugees.)
2. Personal stories and testimonies. (From the various continents.)
Haitian Procession. Bishop Willie Romelus of Jérémie
Ladjamaya, African American
Ghulam Nabi Fai, Kashmir, India
Va Seng Vang and Fa Thi Vang (with Keng), Laos
Edward Monokowa, Liberia
Sheikh Ahmed Tijani Ben Omar and Joe Archiso, Ghana
Fr. Tom Kocherry, India
Norbu Samphell, Tibet
Molefe Tsele, South Africa
Hayelom Ayele, Ethiopia
Gurmit Singh Aulakh, Punjab, India
11th-century hymn, Sikh chorus
Sharifa Sharif, Afghanistan
David Hernandez, Chicago homeless
Juanita Batzibal and Daniel Matul, Guatemala
Sacred dance: Arbol de la Vida
Art and Dawn Shegonee, Menominee-Patowatomi
3. A summarizing challenge to the Parliament.
4. A communion of drums.

Following are translations of portions of some songs and chants included with the presentations.

A song of Haiti (Creole): Bondje Ayisyen Bouke by Fr. Yvon Massac, parish of Fermathe.

The song begins with someone experiencing shortness of breath and a short dialogue.

Q: O friend, why are you so tired? Have you been running?

A: These days one does not need to run to get tired in Haiti.

Q: What do you mean?

A: When one considers the injustices that permeate our land, where foreigners get all the rights and privileges while natives are treated badly, one must stop to think and unequivocally to say, O God, we are tired!

Refrain: O God, the Haitian people are tired / We are tired, please come to our rescue. O God, we are gasping for air / We are heartbroken by the meanness around us.

(1) We are tired of being humiliated by other countries / And by the Haitian bourgeoisie, Who in order to protect their own interest / Rid other Haitians of human rights. Dear God, we must therefore ask, did Jesus die only for these?

(2) We are tired of the bluffs, abuses and big lies / We are being fed to appease us. We were told our pigs were sick and had to be destroyed / While it became plain this was not the case. If such a thing can take place / It is because our leaders lack dignity.

(5) They seem to forget that small fish must avoid strong currents / They blindly follow big countries. All day long they are shouting around / To show they are still in control. Our military rulers are so dumb / They think we "develop" with weapons.

(7) We the people: Let us look up to God / Only the Lord and his Christ can save us. Just as he saved the people of Israel / From the

hands of the Pharaoh. Despite all, let us keep our faith in God/ One day soon our oppressor will answer.

A Guatemalan shout at the close of the sacred dance *Árbol de la vida*: They have plucked our fruit. They have cut our branches. They have burned our trunk.

But they have never been able to destroy our roots!

Universal hymns (11th-century) sung by a Sikh chorus:

Hymn 1. Allah abekh soee, praan ao quran oee...

The temple and the mosque are the same. The Hindu puja and the Muslim namaz are the same. In fact all humans are the same, though under different influences they appear different. Gods, demons, devils, heavenly singers, Hindus and Muslims, put on different dress—but all are the same. All have eyes, ears, and bodily parts, all are composed of the same elements—earth, air, fire, and water. Allah and the Formless Ram are the same, Puranas and Quran are similar in form and structure.

Hymn 2: Manas kee jaath...

There are people clean shaven, hermits, yogis, ascetics, and celibates. Some are Hindus, some are Muslims—Sunnis and Shias. Yet never forget all humans are of the same race. Whether one calls God the Creator or the Sustainer, the Powerful Lord or Merciful Lord, God is God. Do not suffer the illusion there can be any other except God. All serve God and consider God their Divine Teacher. Divine light pervades in every place and all are God's manifestations.

"VOICES OF SPIRIT AND TRADITION"

Monday, August 30 • 2:00 PM–5:30 PM

Grand and State Ballrooms

Through music, visual art, poetry and sacred literature, glimpses of the deepest wisdom of the world's religious traditions will be shared. Master of Tai Chi, Al Huang, will weave magic and insight into passages read by skilled dramatists from diverse faith traditions. Material will reflect the myths, symbols, and rituals called upon to help us to heal discord, and restore our commitment to peace on this planet.

Introduction of Presidents

Introduction to Program—Ms. Alene Valkanas, Illinois Arts Council

"Symphony of Changes"—Kenneth Fields, composer

The Bahá'í International Choir—Conducted by Tom Price (Director, Bahá'í House of Worship Choir, Chicago)

The CPWR Orchestra (Professional musicians from the Chicago area who have generously donated their time and talent to help make this concert possible)

Written especially for the 1993 Parliament of the World's Religions the "Symphony of Changes"—recently awarded the University of California's Corwin Prize for orchestral composition—is based on the 64 hexagrams of the Chinese classic, *The I Ching: The Book of Changes*. Combining an interest in music and religious studies at UCSB's College of Creative Studies, Mr. Fields' work centers on processes that convert scripture into number into music. His first work, "The Genesis Quintet," converted the first six chapters of the Hebrew Bible into sound frequencies (Kabbalah). This piece, its eastern companion, includes seven sacred prayers sung in their original languages.

An original collection of 35 mm slide work is contributed by Ms. Mimi Lobell of the Joseph Campbell Foundation.

Introduction—Al Huang, narrator

"Passages: Scripture, Sacred Literature and Poetry"

Native American Story—Joe Bruchac

"Uniting the Twin Lands"—Cara-Marguerite-Drusilla, L.P.H.

"Mythology/Theology of War and Peace"—David Miller

Original Poetry—Ma Jaya

"Peace of the Heart"—Samdhong Rinpoche

Intermission: "Tai Chi Standing in Place" (audience participation)—led by Master Huang

"Passages: Part II"—Al Huang, narrator

"The Song of the Prophet"—Ladjamaya Green

"The King's Drama" and Poetry of Rumi—Carolyn Andrews (Larsen Publications has generously provided for this preview reading from Nevit Oguz Ergin's first-time translation, *Magnificent One*.)

Passage—Brother David Steindl-Rast

"Savitri: Book of the Divine Mother"—Seyril Schochen

"The Our Mother Prayer"—Robert Sardello

Inspiration—Al Huang, narrator

Musical Performance—Russill Paul d'Silva and Asha

Closing Blessing

"FROM VISION TO ACTION: CELEBRATING DIALOGUE"

Monday, August 30 • 8:00 PM–10:00 PM

Grand and State Ballrooms

The morning following this plenary begins our journey through the week's extensive schedule of programs. In order to make the most of this rare opportunity, and in light of dialogue through which the 1993 Parliament has already begun, participants will be guided through a process of orientation for thought and action. Using music, visual art, drama, and creative exercises for audience participation, skilled members of the Parliament's facilitation team will provide an introduction to the goals of community-building, dialogue, conflict resolution, and interfaith multi-cultural collaboration.

Presenters will invite the audience to participate in the "Parliament of the People"—a guided open forum for dialogue, personal expression, and ongoing global project design that will last throughout the week. This plenary will conclude with an onstage friendship circle involving members of each tradition's Host Committee.

This evening's program was made possible by the generous support of Barbara and David Kipper and of the Charles Levy Co.

"Truth Spin" Dance—Mordine Company, Columbia College

"Truth Spin," the work that begins Mordine Company's 24th season, challenges audiences to ask: "How do our differences influence our perception of Truth?" In collaboration with Art Institute composer-in-residence, Shawn Decker, Mordine has created an interactive musical performance which utilizes computer/synthesizer systems and special lighting effects in conjunction with live dancers. The Dance Center of Columbia College, founded by Shirley Mordine in 1969, has hosted over 150 guest artists, master teachers and performing companies. The Company and Dance Theatre has been a leading force in Chicago Arts.

"A River is Flowing," piano Interlude with slide show—Michael Jones, recording artist

"What if...?" (A performance piece which asks questions about living in a better world)—Trainers from MIT's "Dialogue Project"

"Improvisational Music/ Opening Spirit"—Michael Jones (Audience participates in this musical exercise to open hearts and minds.)

"Dialogue Process"—Barbara Coffman & Ron Kertzner Slides, drama, and dance are incorporated into an exploration of the Foundations of Dialogue including: "suspension/display" of thoughts and ideas, the difference between advocacy and inquiry, the quality of listening, and the "ladder of inference."

"The River is Flowing": Finale—Michael Jones

(Music and slides)

Introduction to the Parliament Program—Barbara Bernstein

Visions for Global Unity—Ella Cisneros

(Venezuelan philanthropist, and President and Founder of the Together Foundation, Ella Cisneros is dedicated to establishing a common platform for communication that will facilitate positive social change.)

Introduction: "Parliament of the People"—Barbara Marx Hubbard, Brian Muldoon, Barbara Bernstein, Jim Lew, Billie Mayo

Plenary Sessions

A four day series of training sessions, open forums, and creative activities to promote interfaith, multi-cultural dialogue will bring the voice of the people to Parliament proceedings. Groups and individuals will have opportunity to respond to programs, express views about the critical issues, and to formulate projects to confront ongoing global challenges in their home communities after the Parliament.

"Treasure Map of the Parliament Program"—Brian Muldoon, Facilitation Team

"Circle of Friends, Circle of Spirit"—CPWR Host Committees
One woman and one man from each of the Host Committees will meet onstage for a ceremony celebrating the unity and friendship with which we all begin this week of rare opportunity.

Musical Blessing—Michael Jones

Closing Prayer

"THE INNER LIFE"

Tuesday, August 31st • 8:00 PM–10:00 PM

Grand and State Ballrooms

In this Plenary Session we address one of the central concerns of human existence and one of the animating themes of the Parliament: What is the Inner Life? What is spirituality? What are some of the major pathways to spiritual growth? How do the approaches of the great traditions differ? How do they converge? What are the varieties of the spiritual search?

This evening, distinguished representatives of several faith traditions will share their insights into four major spiritual paths: Selfless Action, Knowledge, Devotion, and Contemplation.

Introduction of Presidents

Introduction—Jim Kenney, Executive Director, Common Ground, Deerfield, Illinois; CPWR Vice-Chair and Program Chair

"The Spiritual Life"—Swami Chidananda Saraswati, Head of the Divine Life Society of Rishikesh, India; one of Hinduism's most senior and most respected monks

"The Path of Knowledge"—Hasan Gai Eaton, Muslim scholar, London, United Kingdom; author of *Islam and Human Destiny*

"The Path of Selfless Action"—Dr. Chatsumarn Kabilsingh, Associate Professor of Philosophy, Thammasat University, Bangkok, Thailand; scholar and activist in social justice and women's issues in Asia; author, *Thai Women in Buddhism*

Musical Interlude

"The Path of Devotion"—(Speaker to be announced)

"The Path of Contemplation"—B.K. Dadi Prakashmani, Head, Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University, Mt. Abu, India; President, "Global Cooperation for a Better World"

Musical Accompaniment—Russill Paul d'Silva

Conclusion—Rabbi Herbert Bronstein, Senior Rabbi, North Shore Congregation Israel, Glencoe, Illinois; member, CPWR Board of Trustees

"THE INNER LIFE AND LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY"

Wednesday, September 1 • 8:00 PM–10:00 PM

Grand and State Ballrooms

Does my spirituality, my 'inner life' encourage me to reach out to others, to the community, to the larger world? What is the wisdom of my own tradition—of every tradition—with respect to compassionate service to life in the community? This Plenary Session will introduce participants to several remarkable individuals whose inner commitment has led them to lives of commitment to the community, lives that make a difference.

Introduction of Presidents

Masters of Ceremonies:

Sylvia Markowicz Neil, Executive Director and Legal Counsel,

American Jewish Congress, Midwest Region
Rev. Nathaniel Jarrett, Martin Temple, African Methodist Episcopal Zion, Chicago, Illinois

Introduction: Rev. Jarrett

Invited Honorees include:

A.T. Ariyaratne, Founder and President, Lanka Jathika Sarvodaya

Shramadana (the 'Sarvodaya Movement'), Sri Lanka

Rev. George Cairns, People's Church, Chicago

Rev. Charles Garel, retired United Methodist Pastor, Madison, Wisconsin

Baba Virsa Singh, Gobind Sadan, New Delhi

Mother Consuela York, Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, Chicago

S.N. Subba Rao, Head, Gandhi Peace Foundation, New Delhi

Juanita Batzibal and Daniel Matus, International Mayan League, Costa Rica

Jayashree Athavale-Talwalker, principle representative, The

Swadhyaya Movement, India

May Khadem, Health for Humanity

Musical interlude—Kevin Locke, Lakota and Chippewa flutist and dancer; educator and auxiliary board member of the Bahá'í faith.

Performance interlude—INKA Native American Theater

Conclusion: Ms. Neil

"THE NEXT GENERATION"

Friday, September 3 • 8:00 PM–10:00 PM

Grand and State Ballrooms

Youth representatives from Co-sponsoring organizations and Host Committees have planned this evening's Plenary Session, based on the theme, "Peace Through Love, Unity, and Respect." These young people are deeply concerned about the critical issues which confront their future and believe that cooperation within the community of religions and spiritual traditions can transform history. Videos, dance, music, poetry and original addresses will give expression to their convictions.

Sponsoring grant: Coopers & Lybrand

CLOSING PLENARY

Saturday, September 4 • 6:00 PM–8:30 PM

Petrillo Bandshell, Grant Park

Procession—Dignitaries & Presidents of the Parliament

Musical accompaniment by Drepung Loseling Monks

Introduction—Dr. Daniel Gómez-Ibáñez, Executive Director, CPWR

Keynote Address—H.H. Dalai Lama XIV

Report from the Assembly of Religious and Spiritual Leaders:

"The Declaration of a Global Ethic"

We will share a renewed commitment to world peace and the welfare of our planet as we consider the work of the Assembly of Religious and Spiritual Leaders who have met during the final three days of the 1993 Parliament.

Introduction to Invocations—Ms. Yael Wurmfeld, Vice-Chair, CPWR

Invocations from Dignitaries & Presidents

Concluding Remarks

Multi-Cultural Dance Performance—"A Call for Peace Drum and Dance Company." Native American • East Indian • Hmong • African • Irish • Middle Eastern • Jewish • Aztec

Choir Performance—Chicago Soul Children's Choir

Recessional—Dignitaries and Presidents of the Parliament

Musical accompaniment by Children's Choir.

INTERFAITH CELEBRATION & MEDITATION

EVENING INTERFAITH CELEBRATION

Sunday, August 29 through Friday, September 3, from 7:15 until 7:45 p.m., in the Grand and State Ballrooms of the Palmer House Hotel. This will be an opportunity for Parliament attendees of all faiths to gather together in a spirit of harmony and mutual respect.

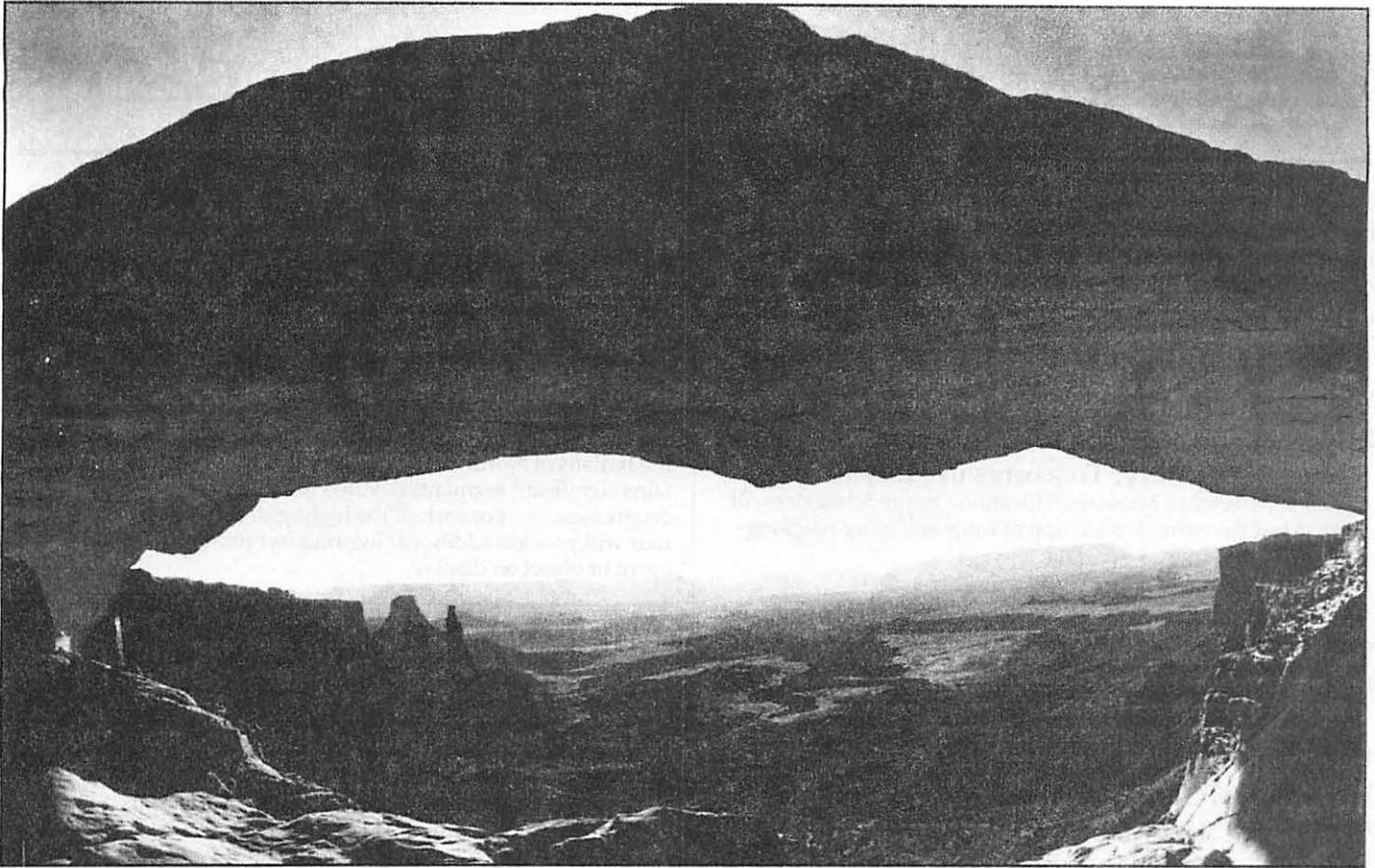
Please note that on each day, the gathering will center around a particular theme.

| | SUN. 8/29 | MON. 8/30 | TUE. 8/31 | WED. 9/1 | THUR. 9/2 | FRI. 9/3 |
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| THEME | VISIONS OF PARADISE & POSSIBILITY | FROM VISION TO ACTION | THE INNER LIFE | THE INNER LIFE & LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY | Festival of Sacred Performing Arts 6:00 PM until 11:00 PM <i>Palmer House Grand Ballroom</i> | THE NEXT GENERATION |
| INVOCATION | INVOCATION | INVOCATION | INVOCATION | INVOCATION | | INVOCATION |
| PRAYER/ MEDITATION (10 MINUTES) | CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH | UNITARIAN | LYCEUM OF VENUS OF HEALING | BAHA'I HOST COMMITTEE | | JAIN HOST COMMITTEE |
| AFFIRMATION (2 MINUTES) | AFFIRMATION | AFFIRMATION | AFFIRMATION | AFFIRMATION | | AFFIRMATION |
| CHANTING/ MUSIC (10 MINUTES) | WAT DHAMMARAN | AFRICAN AMERICAN HOST COMM. | SELF-REALIZATION FELLOWSHIP | NATIVE AMERICAN CENTER | | ZOROASTRIAN HOST COMMITTEE |
| SONG (4 MINUTES) | SONG | SONG | SONG | SONG | | SONG |
| BENEDICTION | WAYNE TEASDALE | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN | SEELUND & BRIAN PACE | EVA HOCHGRAF | | JULIAN VON DUERBECK |

MORNING MEDITATION

Sunday, August 29 through Saturday, September 4, from sunrise until 7:30 am at the Palmer House Hotel. These meditation sessions will provide the opportunity for individuals and groups to share their own meditation practice with persons of other faiths who wish to be present.

| ROOM | SUN. 8/29 | MON. 8/30 | TUE. 8/31 | WED. 9/1 | THUR. 9/2 | FRI. 9/3 | SAT. 9/4 | SUN. 9/5 |
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| WABASH PARLOR | SRI CHINMOY | THERAVADA BUDDHIST | NATIVE AMERICAN | WOMEN OF FAITH | BRAHMA KUMARIS | SIKH | JAIN | SELF-REALIZATION FELLOWSHIP |
| CRESTHILL #11 | UNIVERSAL PEACE SANCTUARY | FELLOWSHIP OF ISIS | INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF DIVINE LOVE | WAT DHAMMARAN | EARTH SPIRIT COMMUNITY | ZOROASTRIAN | SUFI | FEDERATION FOR WORLD PEACE |



BARAKA

A WORLD BEYOND WORLDS

ADVANCE RELEASE SCREENING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31ST
6:00-7:30 pm

THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO
Rubloff Auditorium

The Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions and the Art Institute of Chicago are pleased to invite Parliament participants to an advance screening of "BARAKA," a remarkable feature film to be released this fall by the Samuel Goldwyn Company, in association with Magidson Films, Inc. Mr. John Raatz of the "Vioneering Group" will introduce and lead a discussion of this powerful work.

The film's director, Ron Fricke, describes it as "a guided meditation that explores the human experience...a journey of re-discovery that plunges into nature, into history, into the human spirit and finally into the realm of the infinite. It explores and develops themes of interconnection and transcendence."

BARAKA, an ancient Sufi word with forms in many languages, can be translated as "blessing," or as the "breath," or "essence of life" from which the evolutionary process unfolds. It was filmed on six continents in 24 countries over a 14 month period.

"BARAKA," explains Producer Mark Magidson, "explores some of the devastating choices that are part of our past, the struggle of many to meet life's most basic needs, and ultimately the universal search for a spiritual connection to the phenomenon of life on the planet. Like the innate feeling of comfort we have from sitting by a fire that some believe links us to our ancient past, BARAKA touches a primordial nerve that I believe exists in all of us."

Be sure to join us at the Art Institute of Chicago's Rubloff Auditorium to view this remarkable film. The short walk to this event will enable participants to return to the Palmer House in time for the evening plenary.

No advance reservations necessary. The Art Institute is located at Michigan and Adams.



A number of Chicago's most prominent cultural institutions will be offering programs, exhibits, and other special Parliament-related events. The following is a list of some of the most prominent offerings.

THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO

Wednesday, September 1, 10:30 AM, Price Auditorium

Slide Lecture

"Gates of Mystery: Treasures of Holy Russia"

Associate Director of Museum Education George Schneider will speak about the current exhibition of icons and other religious artifacts from Medieval Russia.

Wednesday, September 1, 11:30 AM–12:00 PM

Guided Tour

Exhibition, "Gates of Mystery: Art of Holy Russia"

Wednesday, September 1, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Workshops/Gallery Walks

"Art in the Service of Religion"

Hour-long explorations of objects associated with seven major religions or families of religions. Each workshop will be held twice (at 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM). Each is limited to 15 persons, so those interested should register in advance on sign-up sheets provided at the Participant Services area on the 4th floor of the Palmer House Hilton Hotel. (Further information in Registration packet or at Participant Services.)

CHICAGO CHILDREN'S MUSEUM, NORTH PIER

"Traditions of Tibet: a Program for Children"

The Museum, in cooperation with the Tibetan Resettlement Project, presents a special program of traditional Tibetan performance and food, featuring members of Chicago's new Tibetan community, in honor of the Dalai Lama's historic visit to Chicago. (For schedule information, inquire at Participant Services area on the 4th floor of the Palmer House Hilton Hotel.)

CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

"Windows of Faith and Spirit: A Chicago Tour"

This guided coach tour to six—eight different religious sites around the Chicago metropolitan area, including the Jain Temple (Bartlett, Illinois), will offer insights into the history and essence of Chicago, as well as the geographical and sociological evolution of these noted places of prayer, worship and meditation. Spokespersons from the various faith communities will speak to tour-goers about the traditions of the sacred places to which their day-long excursion brings them. (For schedule information, inquire at Participant Services area on the 4th floor of the Palmer House Hilton Hotel.)

THE FIELD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

"Religions of the World at the Field Museum"

A distinctive self-guided tour of the highlights of religious exhibits and objects within the Field Museum. Participants in the Parliament will be admitted to the Museum for free and provided with the tour and map upon request. The Museum has major exhibits on China, Tibet, the Pacific Islands, Ancient Egypt, and the Indians of North and South America. Each such exhibit contains significant segments devoted to religious practices, rituals, ceremonies, etc. For each of the highlighted exhibits, the printed tour will provide additional information and discussion of the event or object on display.

THE FIELD MUSEUM & THE RAVINIA FESTIVAL—

"MYSTICAL ARTS OF TIBET: DREPUNG LOSELING MONKS"

Founded in 1416, Drepung Loseling Monastery in Tibet was the largest monastic institution in recorded history. At the end of the last century it housed more than ten thousand monks, training them not only in the philosophical and spiritual traditions, but also in various sacred performing arts. They were particularly renowned for their multiphonic singing—a technique of intoning three notes of a chord simultaneously. Now living in exile in India, a group of ten monks will come to Chicago to celebrate the visit of H.H. the Dalai Lama. In addition to their involvement with the Parliament ceremony, the monks will present the following:

"Sengyey Menlha

(Medicine Buddha Sand Mandala)"

A sand mandala, one of the most unique and visually striking art forms of the Tibetan sacred world, is created by placing millions of grains of colored sand on a wooden base. The process is slow and painstaking, requiring almost a week to complete. A rite of consecration is then performed and, to symbolize the impermanence of all that exists, the grains of sand are swept up and poured into a nearby body of water. Viewing the mandala in progress and the consecration ritual are free with regular paid Museum admission.

August 28, 30, 31, and September 1,

10:00 AM–1:00 PM; 2:00 PM–4:00 PM

August 29, 2:00 PM–4:00 PM

September 2, 10:00 AM–1:00 PM

Closing Consecration Ceremony:

Saturday, September 4, 10:00 AM.

"Sacred Music/Sacred Dance:

Mystical Arts of Tibet"

Wearing the rich brocade garments of celestial beings and playing 12-foot-long Himalayan horns, the Drepung Loseling monks have played to full houses world-wide on their previous tours. Their performance draws on sacred temple music and masked dances, as the monks sing multiphonic and play their traditional instruments, including cymbals, bells, drums, Himalayan

long horns, and Tibetan trumpets.

Thursday, September 2: 7:30 PM
Ravinia Festival, Bennett Hall
Reserved Seats: \$15
Call for information: (312) RAVINIA

Friday, September 3: 7:30 PM
Field Museum, James Simpson Theatre
\$15 (\$12 Museum members, seniors, and students)
Call for information: (312) 322-8854.

THE POETRY CENTER OF CHICAGO: CHICAGO CULTURAL CENTER

"The Spiritual Message of the Poet"

Trained actors and local poets will read poetic works voicing the world's spiritual traditions. Poets featured will include, among others, William Blake, Thomas Merton, Adrienne Rich, William Butler Yates, Pablo Neruda, Carolyn Forché, Gerard Manley Hopkins, Yehuda Amichai, Stanley Kunitz, and Maya Angelou. (For schedule information, inquire at Participant Services area on the 4th floor of the Palmer House Hilton Hotel.)

CHICAGO CULTURAL CENTER. PRESTON BRADLEY HALL

Thursday, September 2, 12:00 PM-1:30 PM

"Brush Performance: The Circle of the World"

Kazuaki Tanahashi

In the Preston Bradley Hall of the Chicago Cultural Center, the artist will create what may be the largest single brush stroke circle ever created to commemorate the historic second Parliament of the World's Religions. Approximately 10' in diameter, the circle will be drawn with a 5-foot tall, 50 pound brush made of materials from religious traditions around the world.

Kazuaki Tanahashi—Fellow of the World Academy of Art and Science; author of many books, including: *Brush Mind*; creator of the world's largest set of one-stroke paintings, entitled "Surrender", first exhibited in 1987 at Cathedral of St. John the Divine, NYC; his series of brush performances includes: "If We Go to War..." and "Peace Becomes Tangible."

CHICAGO CENTER FOR RELIGION AND SCIENCE

August 31-September 2

The Templeton Foundation Symposium: "Science and Religion—Two Ways of Experiencing and Interpreting the World"

Prominent scientists and religious leaders have been invited to reflect in a personal way upon this challenging theme. The symposium is sponsored by the Templeton Foundation and organized by the Chicago Center for Religion and Science and *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science*. The Templeton Foundation Symposium will be held in the historic neighborhood of Hyde Park, situated 30 minutes south of downtown Chicago at the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago. For specific information, call (312) 753-0670.



CONCERT FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

**Petrillo Bandshell, Grant Park
Saturday, September 4, 1993**

**We celebrate the final day of the
1993 Parliament of the World's Religions
with a concert in the park.
Participants are invited to join the city of Chicago
for an afternoon of music.**

FEATURING:

KENNY LOGGINS

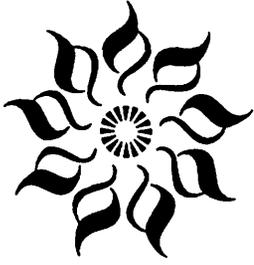
ARLO GUTHRIE

STEPHEN HALPERN

& OTHERS

Picnic in the Park

*Box lunches for a shared picnic in the park will be available
for pick-up on Saturday morning, Sept. 4th, at the Palmer House Hotel.
Tickets for box lunches will be on sale beginning on Sunday, Aug. 29, at the
"Registration Bays/Participant Services" located on the Fourth floor of the Palmer House,
next to the Grand Ballroom. See "Participants' Packet" for further details.*



“PARLIAMENT OF THE PEOPLE”

Tuesday, August 31–Friday, September 3
12:00 PM–2:00 PM
Red Lacquer Ballroom • (Fourth Floor)

The “Parliament of the People” is a four-day series of open forums and facilitated activities that will bring the voice of the people to the Parliament’s proceedings. This will be your opportunity to respond to Parliament programs, express your views about the critical issues, and to communicate your concerns to the Assembly of Religious and Spiritual Leaders, which will be meeting in closed session for three days. The “Parliament of the People” will consider ways in which we might work together after the Parliament to address the challenges of violence, environmental degradation, human suffering, and other concerns that affect the welfare of the global family.

PREPARING FOR “PARLIAMENT OF THE PEOPLE”

Tuesday, August 31–Friday, September 3
10:00 AM–12:00 PM
PDR’S #5, #6, #7, & #9 (Third Floor)

Building Skills for Working Together: Dialogue, Conflict Resolution, Community-Building, Diversity Management, Interfaith & Multi-cultural Alliances

Seminars and process work will be offered for those interested in building facilitation skills to begin and continue grassroots work in their own communities. A team of professionals from many avenues of facilitation work have offered their services to Parliament participants in developing models and techniques that will promote interfaith, multi-cultural dialogue. Participants in morning seminars will assist facilitators during the open, noontime forums.

PDR #5, “The Dialogue Process”

PDR #6, “Building Community Within Diversity”

PDR #7, “The Heart of Conflict—Understanding Differences”

PDR #9, “Interfaith, Multi-cultural Collaboration”

SPACE TO TALK...SPACE TO BE

12:00 PM–2:00 PM PDR’S #5, #6, #7, & #9 (Third Floor)

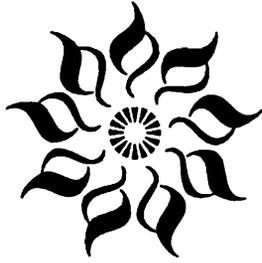
If you need a space to talk or just unwind in the middle of a fast-paced day of programs, there will be four gathering rooms hosted by members of the facilitation team. The Elders Lodge, a room for Women, a room for Men, and a Hospitality center will be available to participants during the noon-time break.

PDR #5, “The Elders Lodge”

PDR #6, “The Men’s Lodge”

PDR #7, “The Women’s Lodge”

PDR #9, “Hospitality Lodge”



TOGETHERNET

The 1993 Parliament of the World's Religions is pleased to extend to participants a very special opportunity for the continuation of global dialogue.

Sixth Floor Registration Center

Sunday, August 29–Friday, September 3 10:00 AM–8:00 PM

Ella Cisneros, President and Founder of the Together Foundation, and Hans Keller, from the management team of TogetherNet's Foundation Headquarters in Burlington, Vermont will offer access to a powerful 21st-century communications network to Parliament participants throughout the week.

TogetherNet is a computerized network which allows members to access and build bulletins, calendars, and conferences on social and environmental issues, creating a flow of information that is democratic and efficient. It is an enjoyable way to connect with people around the world who share the same concerns about the welfare of our planet and its people.

You are invited to take part in ongoing instruction in the use of this network by visiting Hans and his team at the Sixth Floor Registration Booths located in the lobby outside the Adams and Monroe Ballrooms.

Software will be provided, free of charge, to those wishing to begin using this service in their communities. Detailed information regarding nominal monthly usage fees will be provided in detail.

TogetherNet's users can send electronic mail not only to other TogetherNet users, but to users on most other networks including EcoNet, MCIMail, SprintMail, FidoNet, PeaceNet and Compuserve. TogetherNet users communicate with over one million people throughout the world on its Internet electronic mail gateway.

This extensive database provides information about foundations and organizations that provide grants in the areas of environment, development and human rights. Stored in its library is a collection of over one hundred background papers and book reviews.

The Foundation is working in collaboration with the University of Vermont to implement the Ecoline program, which logs the efforts and results of environmental and humanitarian projects around the world. The Together Foundation is officially recognized by the United Nations as an international NGO in associate status with the UN Department of Public Information.



Art Exhibit

Saturday, 8/28–Saturday, 9/4 Salon V, Upper Exhibition Hall

“1993 Parliament Exhibit: Art and the Spirit”

It is said that the act of creating sacred imagery, done purely, actually beckons the deity or spirit that is being painted, sculpted or photographed. Undertaken in a true spirit of devotion, sacred art implores the veils between the heavens and the earth to disappear. In the simplicity of ancient cultures, creative hands were inspired by the reverence of heart and soul. There are artists today still moved by this simplicity of spirit. In the purity of creation, and in their passion, they evoke their God. The CPWR is honored to bring together many fine artists in this exhibition in whose work the sacred is called forth.

A ceremony to open the exhibit will be held on Tuesday, 8/31, during the lunch break from noon to 2pm in the Salons, located in the upper exhibition hall of the hotel. All Parliament participants are invited to attend this special event.

The Council and Program Staff wish to extend their profound gratitude to the following for their help in coordinating this exhibit:

Mr. Salvatore Conti—Director of Art at Kashi Foundation, founded by Ma Jaya. Among its other work, Kashi Foundation interacts intensively with the AIDS community.

Through The River Fund, its volunteer-based service organization, funds, food, counseling and hands-on support are provided to people in need.

Mrs. Chickie Alter—Art Consultant, Alter/Associates, Highland Park, Illinois.



PARLIAMENT VIDEO/FILM FESTIVAL

TUESDAY, SEPT. 1—FRIDAY, SEPT. 3 THIRD FLOOR, PDR # 8

Videotapes on a wide variety of religious, spiritual, environmental, cultural, and artistic subjects were submitted to the CPWR during the program process. Throughout the week, a special screening room is available to Parliament participants to view some of the best, most informative, and most creative of these works. The Council wishes to thank those who have made their tapes available. Special thanks also to Christopher Derfler, Tony Lysy, and Nathan MacGregor for their assistance in compiling and selecting this material.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31

10:00 AM—12:00 PM

"Three Films By Elda Hartley"

Award-winning filmmaker, Elda Hartley will introduce and discuss her films at two separate presentations on Tuesday, August 31. At 10:00 AM, "In Search of a Holy Man," "Buddhism: The Path to Enlightenment," and "Mood of Zen" will be shown. At 4:15 PM, Hartley will lead an interactive video workshop entitled "Teaching About Religion in the Public Schools." (Other Hartley films are scheduled at various times during the Video Program).

"In Search of a Holy Man"

The unique beauty of India, the excitement of a great festival attended by the Dalai Lama, the wisdom of Buddhist teaching. At the center is an American Buddhist nun who lives in India. This film is a day in her life.

"Buddhism: The Path to Enlightenment"

A biography of the Buddha that also shows how his message is kept alive in the monasteries and communities of southeast Asia.

"Mood of Zen"

While the camera captures the beauty of Japanese gardens and temples, Alan Watts explains some of the basic teachings of Zen—the role and goals of meditation.

Since 1965, Elda Hartley and her husband Irving have been producing films on spiritual subjects. Elda was first a Broadway and Hollywood actress, then North Carolina State Director of Visual Education. In the 1930s she helped found the Documentary Film Association which exhibited at the first New York World's Fair. Irving, a cinematographer, worked with MGM and Paramount in Hollywood, and later filmed expeditions for New York's Natural History Museum.

After collaborating with Alan Watts on the film "Mood of Zen," which won a blue ribbon at the American Film Festival in 1967—the Hartleys decided to make a longtime dream come true. First, they produced a number of films about the world's spiritual and religious traditions. They then turned to films about personal growth.

According to Hartley, the real goal of her work has always been more than simply making films. It had been to promote an understanding of ourselves and our interconnectedness "that transcends race, religion and national boundaries—an understanding of our spiritual oneness that can ultimately lead to world peace."

12:15 PM—12:45 PM

"Pilgrimage of Hope"

Television program featuring Marcus Baybrooke, an Anglican priest from England, who has written the definitive history of the past 100 years of the interfaith movement, beginning with the 1893 World's Parliament of Religions. He traces the emergence

of four international interfaith organizations, as well as numerous other examples of interfaith dialogue and cooperation. Contributed by the Temple of Understanding.

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

"The Message of the Myth"

Joseph Campbell—in this interview by Bill Moyers—compares the creation story in Genesis with creation stories from around the world. Contributed by the Joseph Campbell Foundation.

2:15 PM—3:00 PM

"Nicholas Roerich—Messenger of Beauty"

Nicholas Roerich (1874-1947), born in Russia, was an artist, archaeologist, explorer, philosopher, teacher, and humanist who through his life, paintings and the inspiring message of his spiritual philosophy made significant contributions to the world of art and culture.

3:15 PM—4:00 PM

"Eternal Quest: 'The Roar of Silence'"

The healing powers of music, tone and breath are explored. Includes an exercise segment for viewers.

4:15 PM—5:15 PM

"Video Workshop"

Elda Hartley comments on video material designed for the purpose of teaching religion in the public schools.

5:30 PM—6:00 PM

"Call of the Peace Pagoda"

A portrait of a Japanese and American Buddhist spiritual community dedicated to working for nonviolent social change. Produced by Robbie Leppzer of "Turning Tide Productions," in conjunction with WGBY-TV, PBS, Springfield, Massachusetts.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 1

10:00 AM—11:30 AM

"A Human Search:

The Life of Father Bede Griffiths"

World premiere of the film biography of 20th century Christian mystic and Benedictine monk Father Bede Griffiths. Bede Griffiths, born in England in 1906, died on May 13 this year. He lived for the last 37 years in the lush jungles of southern India where he organized many cross-religious dialogues among Hindus, Buddhists, Muslims, and Christians. In recent years, Father Bede was increasingly involved with modern science and its relationship with spirituality. Filmmaker John Swindells will introduce the film and be available for discussion after the screening.

11:45 AM-1:45 PM

"Mindwalk: A Film for Passionate Thinkers"

The islet of Mont St. Michel spears up out of the English Channel a mile off the coast of France. Fog-shrouded and swept by rapid tides, the islet is a single mass of granite, 165 feet tall and only 3,000 feet around. By the tenth century A.D., it had become known as a holy place. A millennium later, in the closing years of the twentieth century, two men and a woman came to Mont St. Michel. None of them think of themselves as pilgrims, none come seeking enlightenment or renewal. But in the course of a single epic conversation, each will find it.

2:00 PM- 3:00 PM

"Women of Spirit"

Dadi Janki and Dadi Prakashmani are remarkable women dedicated to a world of peace and love. Set in the mountains of Rajasthan India along with visits to New York and London, this is the story of their lives and the duties they perform in the service of God. Contributed by the Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University.

3:15 PM - 3:35 PM

"Visions of Enlightenment: Tibetan Buddhist Art"

The first program on Tibetan Buddhist art ever produced, "Visions of Enlightenment" tells the 1,000-year-old story of Tibetan Buddhist sculpture, painting and applique. "Visions of Enlightenment" (and another film, "Music and Dance,") permanently installed in The Newark Museum's Tibet galleries, were produced by Samaya Foundation and The Newark Museum. Major funding was provided by the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the J. Paul Getty Trust and the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation.

3:45 PM-4:15 PM

"Taoism"

"All Chinese philosophy and culture tend to be Taoist in a broad sense, since the idea of Tao is, in one form or another, central to Chinese thinking" (Thomas Merton). A look, narrated by John Blofeld, at Taoism's continuing influence on China.

4:30 PM-5:00 PM

"Bloodless Valley"

A description and overview of a spiritual ecological community, the Manitou Foundation, founded by Maurice and Hanne Strong on an ancient sacred site of the Hopi at the foot of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains in Colorado. The main emphasis of the community is to provide a place where traditional religious lineages of the world, scholarly institutions, and environmentally sustainable communities can disseminate teachings, conduct ceremonies, and provide extended retreats for people.

5:15 PM-5:45 PM

"Dream of the Earth"

Television program featuring The Rev. Dr. Thomas Berry and a conversation about his "New Story" of the universe. The discussion focuses particularly on the role of religion as a powerful agent in shaping humanity's relationship with the planet.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

10:00 AM-11:00 AM

"Love and the Goddess"

Joseph Campbell talks about romantic love, beginning with the 12th century troubadours, and addresses questions about the image of woman—as goddess, virgin, and Mother Earth.

11:15 AM-11:45 AM

"Global Responsibility"

Television program featuring Dr. Hans Küng. Dr. Küng calls upon the religions of the world to join with non-believers in the development of a common world ethic—an unequivocal foundation for ethical values and norms which are more than a matter of personal taste or political opportunism, and are instead unconditionally and universally binding.

12:00 PM-1:30 PM

"The Life and Teachings of Paramahansa Yogananda"

A portrait of one of India's great modern-day saints. This just-completed biographical tribute, produced by Self-Realization Fellowship in honor of Yogananda's birth centennial this year, features archival stills and newly restored film footage of Paramahansa Yogananda, as well as first-person accounts by close disciples and others who knew him.

1:45 PM-2:15 PM

"Logging Siberia"

One of the world's most important environmental battles is taking shape in the fragile Siberian wilderness, home to the largest remaining ancient forest on earth. Many scientists believe that preservation of the Taiga forest could be more important than even the Amazon rainforests to controlling global warming. An account of an exchange of American and Siberian scientists, lawyers, and environmentalists, "Logging Siberia" portrays the beauty of the Siberian forest, the dangers its faces, and the forest policy alternatives that could help preserve the Taiga as a sustainable resource.

2:30 PM-3:30 PM

"Television: A Spiritual Tool for Understanding"

The Earth Network, a grassroots alternative television organization dedicated to environmental sanity, expands its format to embrace the spiritual and progressive social attitudes that shape our times. This three-segment special investigates the use of television and other modern media to empower. The final segment features candid, in-depth interviews with key organizers of the 1993 Parliament event. Howie Samuelsohn, Director of the Earth Network, will introduce the video.

3:45 PM-4:15 PM

"Jewel in the Lotus"

The remarkable story of one of the outstanding architectural achievements of the 20th century, the Bahá'í House of Worship in New Delhi, India. Its design, based on the ancient spiritual symbol of the lotus, required advanced geometrical calculations and computer technology. The construction itself, using traditional craftsmanship side by side with modern methods, brought together hundreds of workers from different races, countries and faiths.

4:30 PM–5:00 PM

"Music and Dance:

Celebrating Tibetan Festivals"

Extraordinary archival film footage from the 1935 Cutting Expedition to Tibet takes the viewer on an adventure back in time to witness the joyous festivals of a culture that has since been largely destroyed. Intercut with contemporary color footage.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 3

10:00 AM–11:00 AM

"The First Storytellers"

In this interview by Bill Moyers, Joseph Campbell discusses the importance of accepting death as rebirth as in the myth of the buffalo and the story of Christ, the rite of passage in primitive societies, the role of the ancient Shaman, and the decline of ritual in today's society.

11:15AM–11:45 AM

"Eternal Quest: Hawaiian Shamanism"

Hawaiian shamanism and its relevance to the present-day world through the use of mind in close connection with nature.

12:00 PM–12:20 PM

"Christian Mysticism and the Monastic Life"

"Love leads to enlightenment," is a recurring theme in Western mysticism. Filmed in the great monasteries of Europe and America, this work attempts to convey the mystical experience to the viewer through the use of music and nature photography. Elda Hartley. Finalist, American Film Festival.

12:30 PM–1:00 PM

"Islamic Mysticism: The Sufi Way"

Dr. Huston Smith, Ph.D., narrates an in-depth study of Islam and its mystical core, Sufism. Shot on location from India to Morocco. Elda Hartley.

1:15 PM–2:30 PM

"One Day for the Earth: A Video Documentary of the Interreligious All-night Vigil at the 1992 Earth Summit in Brazil"

During the 1992 UNCED Summit in Rio, 25 religious and spiritual groups united for an all night spiritual vigil and celebration for the Earth. Possibly for the first time ever, 30,000 people from many diverse traditions joined together for invocation, meditation, ritual and deep sharing. This program documents this event, including the closing ceremony featuring H.H. the Dalai Lama. This video will be presented by Andre Porto, a representative of Institute for Religious Studies in Rio. Since ISER organized the "One Day for the Earth" vigil in Rio, it has continued the work of uniting UNCED's diverse religious traditions through spiritual celebrations. Now this work has culminated in a united effort to eradicate hunger in Brazil.

2:45 PM–3:15 PM

"The Art of Being Human"

A video portrait of Dr. Frederick Franck, fine artist, author, founder of "Pacem in Terris," a trans-religious sanctuary in Warwick New York. Author of *Zen Seeing/Zen Drawing*, he recorded through his art the Second Vatican Council called by Pope John XXIII. As a doctor, he served three years with Albert Schweitzer in Lambarene. He honors D.T. Suzuki as the initiator of the West into the Wisdom/Compassion of Mahayana Buddhism, and of Zen in particular.

3:30 PM–4:00 PM

"Eternal Quest: Eco-Philosophy"

A video examination of some of the ecological problems facing us today and of a new way of looking at our earth.

4:15 PM–5:15 PM

"The Hero's Adventure"

Long before medieval knights charged off to slay dragons, tales of heroic adventures were an integral part of all world cultures. In interviews with Bill Moyers, Joseph Campbell challenges everyone to see the presence of a heroic journey in his or her own life.

Festival of Sacred Performing Arts

The Festival offers Parliament participants the opportunity to enjoy a major performance of sacred poetry, music, dance etc. by well-known artists as well as performers from Co-sponsoring organizations and Host Committees.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2,
6:00 PM–11:00 PM GRAND BALLROOM**

Introduction

Festival Opening: The Muslim Call to Prayer—Dr. Husein Morsi

Sacred Shinto Dance—The Lyceum of Venus of Healing

Theravada Buddhist Group Chanting—Buddhist Monks

Classical Music and Sacred Dance of India—Vaishnava Center For Enlightenment

Bahá'í Gospel Singers—Bahá'í Host Committee

Excerpts from "The Wheel of the Year"—The Earthspirit Community

Readings of Sacred Poetry—Jain Host Committee

Chanting—Zoroastrian Host Committee

Gospel Singing—African American Host Committee

Dancing Divinities—Hindu Host Committee

Sacred Synthesis of Sound—Jabala Center

Jewish Cantor—Jewish Host Committee

Candlelight Offering Dance—Wat Dhammaram (Thai Buddhist Temple of Chicago)

Christian Sacred Dance—Sacred Dance Guild

Taoist Sacred Dance—Living Dance



10:00 AM-12:00 PM Adams Ballroom

"An Introduction to Joseph Campbell"

Eugene Kennedy; Bob Walter; Al Huang; David Steindl-Rast; Rebecca Armstrong; David Miller

This presentation will introduce Joseph Campbell's voice as a major contributor to religious dialogue in the coming years. The two themes that will be explored are: Campbell's Perspective on Experience, and Authority and Campbell's Perspective on Light and Shadow.

Bob Walter—Vice President and Director of the Joseph Campbell Foundation and editor, Joseph Campbell's *Historical Atlas of World Mythology*.

Al Huang—Tai-Chi master; author of *Thinking Body, Dancing Mind*.

David Steindl-Rast—OSB, Benedictine monk associated with the Camaldolese Benedictine community at Big Sur, CA; he is also an advisor to MID, an author, and a leader in interfaith dialogue.

Rebecca Armstrong—musician, storyteller; founder of The Joseph Campbell Society in Chicago.

David Miller—Watson-Ledden Professor of Religion at Syracuse University; Chair of the Joseph Campbell Foundation Advisory Committee on Myth in Higher Education.

10:00 AM-10:45 AM Crystal Room

"The Return of the Goddess: Ecology, Spirituality, and Partnership"

Riane Eisler

All over the world today, female images of deity are resurfacing and women are challenging their exclusion from any share in religious authority. At the same time, women and men all over the world are struggling to create a more ecologically balanced, peaceful, and equitable world. Is all this just coincidental? Or are there here underlying connections that point to fundamental changes in religious, economic, and political institutions, changes needed if we are to effectively address our mounting global crises?

Riane Eisler—author, *The Chalice and the Blade: Our History, Our Future*; has taught at UCLA and Immaculate Heart College; worked extensively for peace, justice, and human rights; co-founder of the Center for Partnership Studies, the hub of a network of 22 centers for Partnership Education in the U.S., Hawaii, and the Seychelles Islands.

10:00 AM-10:45 AM Grand Ballroom

"The Genuine, Authentic Religion We Need Today"

Swami Chidananda Saraswati

Genuine religion as distinct from dogma and theology. The identity (essential Oneness) of the central thesis of all existing religions. Spirituality, the core of true religion, which constitutes its frame. The need and necessity of the spirit of real religion instead of its outer form only, deprived of this life-giving "Manna." Human society will starve and risk spiritual death. All religions must join hands to prevent this calamity. We must work together to make possible the emergence of a spiritual humanity by the end of this decade.

Swami Chidananda Saraswati—internationally recognized spiritual teacher to seekers from many traditions; ideal disciple of H.H. Sri Sivananda Maharaj and his successor as President of the Divine Life Society, Rishikesh, India; committed to the recognition of the underlying unity of all religions and the awakening of the human potential.

10:00 AM-10:30 AM Red Lacquer Room

"The Jain Approach to Self Realization"

H.H. Atmanandji Maharaj

Engaging oneself in divine activities to relieve oneself of all worldly transmigrations, with a view to the attainment of salvation: this is the Jain approach to self-realization.

H.H. Atmanandji Maharaj—saint, scholar, author, orator and chief organizer of scores of yoga-camps and pilgrimages in India, U.K., U.S.A. and Africa; a great proponent of Indian culture, Jain philosophy and Yoga-sadhana.

10:00 AM-10:45 AM Salon I

"The Contribution of Indian Christianity to the Spiritual Heritage of India"

The Rt. Rev. Dr. M. Ezra Sargunam

This lecture will address the contribution made by the Christian faith to the belief systems and the spiritual heritage of India and its impact on the life and thought of the people of India. How best can we rekindle the spiritual elements inherent in these particular traditions, schools of thought (especially the Dravidian religion) toward a better India and a better world order, religious toleration, non-violence, peaceful co-existence, religious and social harmony.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. M. Ezra Sargunam—Bishop/ President of the Evangelical Church of India; Chairman, ECI Board of Theological Education; Executive Vice Chairman, United Minorities Forum; has authored, co-authored and edited several books, including *Multiplying Churches in Modern India*, and *Mission Mandate*.

10:00 AM-10:45 AM State Ballroom

"Religious Leadership in a Post-Modern World"

Rabbi Samuel Karff

An address from the perspective of a congregational rabbi who has striven to embody and teach a Judaism that is liberal (non-Orthodox) but serious. The presentation will focus on three challenges to authentic religious leadership: 1) Bearing witness by example—the burden of modeling the faith. 2) Distinguishing for oneself and one's people between speaking in God's name and "taking God's name in vain." 3) Proclaiming the uniqueness of my own particular story and witness without invalidating the story and witness of my neighbor.

Rabbi Samuel Karff—Senior Rabbi, Congregation Beth Israel, Houston; author of *Agada: the Language of Jewish Faith*; has taught at Notre Dame, the Divinity School of the University of Chicago; currently a Lecturer in the Religious Studies Department of Rice University; Past President, Central Conference of American Rabbis.

10:15 AM-10:45 AM Parlor H

"The Past and Future Oneness: Great Principles Shared by all Religions"

Rt. Rev. Lawrence Smith

This program will address the religious and spiritual principle of the past, the coming of a future religion that will encompass all religions of the world, and the abiding spiritual oneness of humanity.

Rt. Rev. Lawrence Smith—Regentary Bishop of the United States of America and the Commissary Bishop of the Philippines; B.A. in Sociology from the Bethel College in Newton, Kansas; Rector of the Church of St. Francis, L.C.C. in Chicago for thirteen years; has lectured on various theosophical and religious topics in the U.S.A., Philippines, Brazil, and Puerto Rico.

11:00 AM-11:45 AM Crystal Room

"Ecological Postmodernism: A New Appreciation of the Great Spiritual Traditions"

Charlene Spretnak

Many of the foundational assumptions of modernity have contributed to social and ecological crisis on a massive scale. Various postmodern alternatives discussed today deconstruct all knowledge and meaning, concluding that utter groundlessness is the reality of the human condition. In contrast, Charlene Spretnak, an

ecofeminist philosopher, proposes an orientation she calls "ecological postmodernism," a grounded and embodied approach to the consideration of human experience. She examines the social construction of concepts but also suggests a new appreciation for the core teachings and practices of the great spiritual traditions—particularly with respect to the unitive dimension of being.

Charlene Spretnak—author, *States of Grace: the Recovery of Meaning in the Postmodern Age*; *The Spiritual Dimension of Green Politics*; and *Lost Goddesses in Early Greece*. Editor of the anthology, *The Politics of Women's Spirituality*; currently visiting professor of philosophy and religion, California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco.

11:00 AM–11:45 AM Grand Ballroom

"Euthanasia"

Joseph Cardinal Bernardin

An examination of the issues surrounding the moral question of euthanasia. This presentation represents a further development of His Eminence's familiar "The Consistent Ethic of Life."

Joseph Cardinal Bernardin—Archbishop of Chicago of the Roman Catholic Church and the senior prelate among the Catholic Bishops in the US; known worldwide for his authorship of "The Consistent Ethic of Life," and as chair of the committee that drafted the Bishop's Pastoral Letter on Peace; served previously as Archbishop of Cincinnati, General Secretary and later, President of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, Auxiliary Bishop of Atlanta, and priest of the Diocese of Charleston.

11:00 AM–11:45 AM Parlor A

"Bhakti Yoga: The Origin and Essence of All Religions"

Sushree Meera Devi; Sushree Hari Dasi

Bhakti Yoga is a devotional-divine energy that unites one's conscious mind with the omnipresent Divine Personality of one's soul-beloved God. The complete science of 'how to develop this energy' is revealed by God Himself in our Scriptures, like the *Gita* and the *Bhagavatam*, each in its own style.

Sushree Meera Devi—sannyasi teacher; Vice-president, International Society of Divine Love; disciple of His Divinity Swami Prakashanand Saraswati; first western woman to receive Vaishnava sannyasi in the tradition of Raganuga bhakti; lectures extensively around the world. Sushree Hari Dasi—sannyasi teacher, International Society of Divine Love.

11:00 AM–11:30 AM Parlor H

"The Operation of Zarathushtra's Moral Imperative in the World Today"

K.D. Irani

This presentation will be an exposition of the Zoroastrian conception of natural law, its function as ground of moral judgement, and the notion of human personality structure as the ethical agents in creation. An exposition of how this moral philosophy works in the world today and the spiritual commitment it calls for.

K.D. Irani—Emeritus Professor of Philosophy, City College of New York; has lectured on ancient thought and the philosophy of the Indian-Iranian tradition at several universities in North America and Europe; extensive publications in science, philosophy of mind, and philosophy of religion.

11:30 AM–12:00 PM Parlor H

"Zoroastrianism: A Universal Faith"

Adi J. Davar

Zoroastrianism is the world's oldest monotheistic religion. Was Zarathushtra's key teaching—that God gave man a free mind and conscience to enable him to choose the paths of good or evil and be responsible for his destiny—a message for all mankind? This presentation examines: (a) scriptural evidence (*Gathas* and later writings) indicative of His vision of a universal faith; and (b) the historical spread of the message from Central Asia to China, its return to Iran 1,000 years later, and its survival in

South Asia, Europe, and North America.

Adi J. Davar—member, Federation of Zoroastrian Association of North America's Planning and Education Committees, and Zoroastrian Scholars Committee of North America; founder and president of the Zoroastrian Association of Metropolitan Washington; consultant on international economic development; ex-director, World Bank.

11:00 AM–11:45 AM Red Lacquer Room

"Buddhism and the Modern World"

Dr. Ananda Wickremeratne

Dr. Ananda Wickremeratne—Visiting Professor in Religion at Loyola University; Visiting Fellow and Associate Member of the Committee on Southern Asian Studies, University of Chicago.

11:00 AM–11:45 AM Salon I

"Sikh Scriptures' Evolution and Its Revolutionary Role"

Mr. Saran Singh; Dr. Balwant Singh

Guru Granth Sahib, the Sikh scripture, contains the writing and the hymns of saints and preachers belonging to other religions, whose philosophy conformed to the spirit of Sikhism. It is perhaps the only scripture in the world which incorporates and sanctifies text of people who did not subscribe to the faith. It is a unique pleasure and a noble heritage for mankind. The hymns contained in the *Guru Granth Sahib* are based on traditional "Ragas" (ancient musical tunes). The founder of Sikhism completed the compilation in 200 years of the *Guru Granth Sahib* during the lifetime of the ten Gurus. It is totally free from any claims or dogmas. (Introducer: Mr. Amarjit Singh)

Mr. Saran Singh—Editor, *The Sikh Review*, Calcutta, India.

Dr. Balwant Singh—M.A., Economics and Statistics, Panjab, Delhi, and Pennsylvania Universities; Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania; Professor of Management, Bucknell University, 1967, 1969-93; recipient, Burma Bowl Award for International Understanding.

11:00 AM–11:45 AM State Ballroom

"Peace in Islam: a Concept Central to Islam and to the Survival of Humanity"

Gai Eaton

In the Islamic religious perception, the human self and nature are brought into a relationship of "spiritual harmony." Both are different and complementary manifestations of the creative will of Al'lah. The psychological benefit of this conception is a deep feeling of spirituality and contentment. This presentation will focus on this ideal of spirituality and its importance for human survival.

Gai Eaton—London, UK; author, *Islam and Human Destiny*.

2:00 PM–2:45 PM Adams Ballroom

"Human Population and Women"

Helen Alvare

A major presentation on abortion, population issues, and women's issues from the view of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops of the United States of America. Addresses the question of the benefits which accrue to women when their dignity and equality are recognized in society.

Helen Alvare—Director of Planning and Information of the Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

2:00 PM–2:45 PM Grand Ballroom

"Ploughshares and Prayers: Bringing Spiritual Principle into the Development Dialogue"

Mona Yazdi Grieser

Development practitioners frequently think of religion and traditional culture as barriers to development. Yet secular efforts intended to improve human life and happiness have not succeeded either. Can religion provide leadership in the address to development

issues such as population, gender, environmental crises, or poverty? The presenter believes that religion, in looking at the complexity of interrelationships across all human endeavors, is not only central to the solution, but provides the motivating force for solving problems confronting humanity as we move into the next century.

Mona Yazdi Grieser—President of GLOVIS, Inc., has worked in international development for the past twenty years as a technical specialist for governments and donors; serves on the Advisory Boards of the Bahá'í Office for the Advancement of Women, the Bahá'í Office of the Environment, the University of Maryland Chair on World Peace and the Bahá'í Office of Social and Economic Development.

2:00 PM–2:45 PM Red Lacquer Room

“Taoism—Ancient Wisdom for the Modern World”

Eva Wong

The teachings of Taoism have guided the arts, sciences, and ethics of China for over two thousand years. Its emphasis on the harmony between humanity with nature and the value of life has inspired especially the arts of health and healing. This lecture will present the theory and practice of healing from one of the foremost schools of Taoism associated with these arts. The Earlier Heaven Wu-chi sect specializes in the recovery of physical health and mental well-being through the circulation of internal energy and the cultivation of inner stillness. While these techniques are well over eight hundred years old, their applications are remarkably modern, and they offer a way to attain inner peace and good health that is accessible to any person.

Eva Wong—Director of Studies of the Fung Loy Kok Institute of Taoism; translator of several major Taoist texts, including *Seven Taoist Masters* and *Cultivating Stillness* (both published by Shambhala), and the principal translator of Taoist texts in the Sacred Literature Trust (International) Program; has studied with Earlier Heaven Wo-chi sect master Mr. Moy Lin-shin since 1981; initiated into this sect of Taoism in 1982.

2:00 PM–2:45 PM Salon I

“Paramahansa Yogananda: Glimpses of a Holy Life”

Brother Mitrananda

Revered as one of the preeminent spiritual figures of this century, Paramahansa Yogananda came to the U.S. from his native India in 1920. During his more than 30 years in America, he played a major role in introducing to the West the spiritual wisdom of the East. His *Autobiography of a Yogi* is widely regarded as a modern spiritual classic.

Brother Mitrananda—graduate in film production, University of Southern California; monk in the Self-Realization Order for over 20 years; minister at the Self Realization Fellowship temple in San Diego; has lectured on the teachings of Paramahansa Yogananda throughout North America and Europe.

2:00 PM–2:20 PM Salon III

“The Concept of Anatta in Buddhism”

Ven. Dr. C. Phangcham

This presentation addresses the Buddhist doctrine of *anatta* (“no-soul”), which we may consider as the doctrine of natural law. The talk will examine one of the three characteristics of existence which were set forth by the Buddha, the idea of no-soul or selflessness. We will consider the Buddha’s view of things as they really are, the law of change, impermanence, in the attempt to understand why nothing can be held to be “I,” “you,” “mine,” or “self.”

Ven. Dr. C. Phangcham—born in Thailand; member, Board of Trustees, Council for a Parliament of the World’s Religions; Vice-president, American Buddhist Congress; meditation instructor; Buddhist teacher; Chair of External Affairs Division, Council of Thai Bhikkus in the U.S.

2:20 PM–2:45 PM Salon III

“Buddhism’s Contributions to World Peace”

Dr. Havanapola Ratanasara

This presentation will explore the compatibility of Buddhist ideals

with modern pluralist movements. Among the general Buddhist principles on which the discussion will focus: regarding humanity as a whole; calming rising violence with loving-kindness; changing the aggressive mind with understanding; freeing oneself from the slavery of greed, anger, and delusion; disregarding sectarianism; and the “Middle Path as useful to people of all faiths.

Dr. Havanapola Ratanasara—born in Sri Lanka; President, American Buddhist Congress; President, Buddhist Sangha Council of Southern California; Director, College of Buddhist studies, Los Angeles.

2:00 PM–2:45 PM Salon IV

“Science and Non-Violence”

Devendra Raj Mehta

The advance of science has exacerbated a whole range of human problems. How can science be applied to the promotion of non-violence, harmony, and peace among human beings and within the entire planetary community?

Devendra Raj Mehta—Deputy Governor, Federal Reserve Bank of India; served as Secretary to the Chief Minister, Rajasthan; eminent Jain scholar; founder, the Bhagwan Mahavir Society for the Handicapped; author of over 85 books.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM State Ballroom

“Swami Vivekananda’s Message to the West”

Swami Gahanananda; Swami Prapannananda; Swami

Tathagatananda; Swami Swahananda; Swami Bhavyananda; Swami Chidbhasananda; Swami Chidananda; Swami Shantarupananda

In 1893 Swami Vivekananda attended the Parliament of Religions in Chicago and became the first monk from India to bring the message of Vedanta to the West. During his two visits to America, Swami Vivekananda tried to teach the deep spiritual truths of Hinduism to his western followers. Monks of the Ramakrishna Math and Mission will discuss his special message to the West. Program: 1) Vedic Invocation (Swami Chidananda); 2) *Bhagavadgita* Chanting (Swami Chidananda); 3) Keynote Address: “Swami Vivekananda’s Message to the West” (Swami Gahanananda); 4) Devotional Songs on Swami Vivekananda (Swami Chidananda); 5) Panel Discussion (Moderator: Swami Shantarupananda; Panelists: Swami Chidananda, Swami Chidbhasananda, Swami Bhavyananda, Swami Swahananda, Swami Tathagatananda, Swami Prapannananda); 6. Questions and Answers: Audience and Panel; 7. Summary and Prognosis (Swami Swahananda); 8. Closing Song (Swami Chidananda).

Swami Gahanananda—joined the Ramakrishna Order in 1939; ordained a monk in 1948; served as the Assistant Secretary of the Ramakrishna Math and Mission from 1979 to 1989 and as the General Secretary from 1989 to 1992; 1992, became Vice-President of the Order.

Swami Prapannananda—initiated disciple of Swami Vireswarananda, tenth President of the Ramakrishna Order; twenty years of service in Rajkot, Gujarat State; sent to America in 1989 as Assistant Minister of Vedanta Society of Sacramento, California.

Swami Tathagatananda—head, the Vedanta Society in New York; joined the Ramakrishna Math and Mission in 1955; served for 11 years at Belur College; former head, the Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Baranagore.

Swami Swahananda—Minister-in-Charge, Vedanta Society of Southern California, Hollywood; two master’s degrees; author of six books, including scholarly translations of classical Vedantic texts; initiated by Swami Vijnananda, a direct disciple of Sri Ramakrishna.

Swami Bhavyananda—Minister-in-Charge, Ramakrishna Vedanta Centre, London, UK; long involved in European interfaith activities.

Swami Chidbhasananda—head, the Ramakrishna Vedanta Society, Amsterdam, Netherlands; joined the Ramakrishna Math and Mission at Raipur, in 1962; former Law Officer for the Ramakrishna Math and Mission at its headquarters in Belur Math.

Swami Chidananda—Associate Minister, Vivekananda Vedanta Society, Chicago, Illinois, and Ganges, Michigan; former Assistant Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission, Institute of Culture, Calcutta, India; initiated by revered Swami Yatiswarananda, one of the great spiritual luminaries of the Ramakrishna Order.

Swami Shantarupananda—M.A., Philosophy, Calcutta University; for-

mer head, Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Cherrapunji, Meghalaya, and Ramakrishna Mission, Along, Arunchal Pradesh; in 1991, came to the Vedanta Society of Portland, Oregon as Assistant Minister.

3:00 PM–3:45 PM Crystal Room

"Sikh Women: Equality and Spirituality"

Dr. Meheroan Singh; Dr. Jasbir Kaur

During Guru Nanak's time, the position of women verged on inhuman. Women were completely under the control of men. Guru Nanak began to change the position of women, "How can she be considered inferior who begets kings?" The Sikh Gurus repudiated the ritual of *sati* (widow burning) and the tradition of *parday* (covering the woman's face with a veil). Of the major faiths, Sikhism may be the only one which treats women and men exactly the same. Sikh women lead congregations and have also led Sikh men into battle. Sikhism firmly believes that no country, home, or society can be creative, happy, spiritual, prosperous and truly emancipated without the active participation and cooperation of women. (Introducer: Ms. Gurjot K. Sidhu)

Dr. Mehervan Singh—active with the Inter-Religious Organization, World Conference on Religion and Peace and the Asian Conference on Religion and Peace; has published numerous articles from an ecumenical standpoint on religion and peace; publications include *Sikhism: Its Impact and Contemporary Personal Impressions*.

Dr. Jasbir Kaur—Ph.D., Microbiology; Past President, Sikh Religious Society, Chicago.

3:00 PM–3:45 PM Grand Ballroom

"Zoroastrianism—An Ancient Religion for Modern Man"

Keki R. Bhote

This presentation will begin with a brief history of the Zoroastrian faith, and a look at the quintessence of Zoroastrian theology. Mr. Bhote will then discuss why Zoroastrianism is applicable in the modern age, without trampling on their own religious beliefs.

Keki R. Bhote—one of the founders of the Zoroastrian Association of America and the Zoroastrian Association of Metropolitan Chicago; among the Chairs of the 2nd North American Zoroastrian Symposium.

3:00 PM–3:45 PM Monroe Ballroom

"Towards A Sustainable Future: The Challenge of Unity"

Ismail Serageldin

This presentation will review the major economic, political, social, and ecological challenges which face the world at the threshold of the 21st century.

Ismail Serageldin—Vice President for Environmentally Sustainable Development, the World Bank; publications include: *Poverty, Adjustment, and Growth in Africa*; and *A Helping Hand: Development Aid in A Changing World*.

3:00 PM–3:45 PM Parlor H

"The World's Religions: Caring for Nature"

Kerry Brown; Paul Sochzewski

Caring for the natural environment is intrinsic to the world's religious traditions. In this time when religion and social action movements for ecological sustainability must work hand-in-hand, what new commitments can the religions of the world make to caring for nature? This presentation will invite interactive discussion.

Kerry Brown—Director, International Sacred Literature Trust; religious consultant, World Wide Fund for Nature; author, *The Shining Planet: World Music and the Environment*; editor of several works, including, *Buddhism and Ecology*.

Paul Sochzewski—head of creative development, World Wide Fund for Nature; co-author, *Save the Tiger*; director, WWF programs for integrating cultural and biological diversity.

3:00 PM–3:45 PM Red Lacquer Room

"Reflections on the 1993 Parliament of the World's Religions"

Dr. Hans Küng

Dr. Hans Küng—World renowned Christian scholar, who has published many books; director of the Ecumenical Institute at Tubingen University in German; leading world scholar on interfaith dialogue.

3:00 PM–3:45 PM Salon I

"Beyond Politeness: Integrity in Interfaith Dialogue"

Fareed Essack; Inamullah Khan

Fareed Essack—Professor, Selly Oak College, Birmingham, United Kingdom; Islamic scholar, specialization in South African affairs.

3:00 PM–3:45 PM Salon III

"On the Shores of Darkness there is Light"

Grace F. Knoche, Ph.D.

Why is there suffering, pain, grief? Why death and evil? Where is the justice in life? Answers lie within the human heart. Things of matter have taken precedence over things of the spirit, alienating us from our innermost truth. We need a new vision, of hope and confidence in the integrity of cosmos. Since light is inherent in darkness, and darkness in light, both are necessary to activate the god-essence in every particle of life. Each must achieve divine status consciously. Wisdom comes through trusting the invisible, interior qualities of heart—intuition, compassion, and love.

Grace F. Knoche, Ph.D.—Leader, The Theosophical Society, International Society, Pasadena, California; Editor, *Sunrise: Theosophic Perspectives* magazine; Director, Theosophical University Press; educator, writer, lecturer.

3:00 PM–3:45 PM Salon IV

"New Thinking—New Spirit"

Arthur Zajonc

The subtle new imagination of our universe offered by modern science is open to fruitful engagement with the great spiritual traditions of the world concerning both the nature of our universe and our place in it. One of the critical issues of the next century will be whether humanity heeds the opportunity for this reconciliation, or allows the schism between science and religion to persist. This presentation will explore the implications of the new relationship between science and spirituality for a renewal of society and the earth.

Arthur Zajonc—Ph.D.; Professor of Physics, Amherst College; Fellow of Lindisfarne Association and The Fetzer Institute; specialist in quantum physics; visiting scientist at many laboratories, including the Max Planck Institute for Quantum Optics, Munich, and the Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris; recipient of prestigious 1992 Fulbright award; author, *Catching the Light: the Entwined History of Light and Mind*.

4:00 PM–4:45 PM Adams Ballroom

"Women—Spirituality: Vedanta as Envisioned by Vivekananda"

Dr. Lakshmi Kumari

India's gift to the world is universal spiritual ideas with a sound scientific basis, universality and global resonance, ancient and modern, youth and reason, knowledge and action. East and West are harmoniously blended in this gift. A reappraisal of these ideals and models can undoubtedly lead to more meaningful harmony and universal brotherhood.

Dr. Lakshmi Kumari—born in Kerala, 1936; M.Sc. and Ph.D. in Botany; President of Vivekananda Kendra, Kanya Kumari (Organization which built Vivekananda Rock Memorial Temple); mission in life is to bring Swami Vivekananda's ideals to the youth of India.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Crystal Room

“Vedanta and the Future of Humanity”

Sister Gargi; Pravrajika Amalaprana; Pravrajika Vivekaprana
This presentation focuses on the Universality of Vedanta, the universal experience, and the relevance of the teaching of the divinity of man to modern life.

Sister Gargi—has written the authoritative six volume work entitled *Swami Vivekananda in the West: New Discoveries*.

Pravrajika Amalaprana—Trustee of Sri Sarada Math, Calcutta, and also the Principal of the Order's women's college, the Vivekananada Vidya Bhavan.
Pravrajika Vivekaprana—Assistant Secretary of the Ramakrishna Sarada Mission School in New Delhi

4:00–5:30 PM Monroe Ballroom

“Bede Griffiths—Swami Dayananda—Visionary Guide and Universal Saint”

Fr. John Martin Kuwarapu; Fr. Thomas Matus, OSB Cam.; Professor Raimundo Panikkar; Sr. Pascaline Coff, OSB; Fr. John Killian; Russill Paul D'Silva; Asha Paul D'Silva; Ma Jaya Bhagavati; Arlo Guthrie; Roland Ropers; Br. Wayne Teasdale; Father Bruno Barnhardt

This gathering is a memorial celebration of the life, work and teachings of the gentle Englishman, Dom Bede Griffiths, OSB Cam., a Benedictine monk who went off to India in 1955 “to seek the other half of my soul,” as he wrote to a friend at the time. In India, he discovered this “other half,” the intuitive, mystical dimension of his being, in India's great genius for interiority. He became in time one of the most significant figures of the 20th century from his little Christian ashram in South India. He evolved into what his Indian name means - Dayananda - or Bliss of Compassion. This celebration, conducted by a group of his closest friends and disciples, will attempt to capture his life through word, music and film, and will be an occasion where those that knew him best can share their insights and feelings. All are welcome.

Professor Raimundo Panikkar—Doctorates in Chemistry, Philosophy, and Theology; Professor Emeritus, University of California, Santa Barbara; author of hundreds of articles and over 30 books, including: *The Interreligious Dialogue; The Silence of the Buddha; The Cosmotheandric Experience; and The Rhythm of Being*.

Sr. Pascaline Coff, OSB—Ph.D. is the founder and director of Osage Monastery, Forest of Peace, a monastic Ashram in Sand Springs, Oklahoma. Since 1976, she has been involved in East-West interreligious and intermonastic dialogues.

Russill Paul D'Silva—Disciple of Father Bede Griffiths, OSB Cam., the sage of South India who recently passed away. Russill is a composer, musician and vocalist, poet and meditation teacher.

Asha Paul D'Silva—Disciple of Father Bede Griffiths, OSB Cam., the sage of South India who recently passed away.

Ma Jaya Bhagavati—founder and spiritual director of Kashi Ashram. Since her spiritual awakening in 1972, Ma has lead seekers to a deeper place within themselves and has devoted her life to serving humanity. She is widely recognized for her work with death and dying and for her teachings on caregiving. For the past ten years much of Ma's time has been spent helping those infected with HIV/AIDS.

Arlo Guthrie—Folksinger, environmentalist, Jewish-Christian-Hindu devotee, and a disciple of Ma, the spiritual teacher of the Kashi Church community.

Br. Wayne Teasdale—Christian sannyasi (monk, renunciate) in the lineage of Father Bede Griffiths; member of Monastic Interreligious Dialogue; writer, lecturer and teacher; resides at St. Procopius Abbey.

Father Bruno Barnhardt—OSB Cam; Benedictine monk, member of Monastic Interreligious Dialogue; writer, and a strong supporter of the peace and nonviolence movement.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Parlor A

“An Interfaith Global Celebration of the Entry into the 21st Century: A Request for Help”

Dr. Gerald O. Barney; Peter H. Aykroyd; Dr. Katharine C. Esty
The Millennium Institute, in cooperation with other groups, is

encouraging a network of individuals and institutions interested in using the emotional energies of the 1999–2001 period to move humans on Earth toward a more sustainable future. Every person of every faith can participate. Activities will range from small to large. At the large end, the Institute is exploring the possibility of a meeting of spiritual leaders and heads of state to mark the entry into the 21st century. This presentation will outline the scope of the Millennium Network, describe progress to date, and invite suggestions and further participation by interested individuals and groups.

Dr. Gerald O. Barney—Executive Director, Millennium Institute; Director for the Global 2000 Report to President Jimmy Carter; author, *Global 2000 Revisited: What Shall We Do?*

Peter H. Aykroyd—Former director of public relations, Centennial Commission, Canada 1967; former Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet and assistant deputy minister, Research and Development, Transport Canada; Chairman of the Board, Millennium Institute; author, *The Anniversary Compulsion*.

Dr. Katharine C. Esty—Founding Partner and President, Ibis Consulting Group; social psychologist with over 15 years experience with issues of innovation, management of large systems change, gender and growth; currently working in area of managing diversity and the work-family interface.

4:00 PM–4:45 PM Parlor H

“Islam and the Human Community”

Dr. Inamullah Khan

What role does Islam envision for Muslims in the human community? The concept of “*Ayallulah*” (“the family of God”). Islam's view of a pluralistic society.

Dr. Inamullah Khan—Former Secretary General, Mototomar, Alam Islami, India.

4:00 PM–4:45 PM Red Lacquer Room

“The Word—*Shabd Guru*: The Only Way To World Peace”

Bhai Manjit Singh; Hardial Singh;

For the Sikh Gurus, God is Love and the Ocean of Attributes. This has five corollaries: the world being real, life-affirmation—a combination of the spiritual and the empirical life of the human, the methodology of religion as a creative life of virtuous deeds, the goal of life as carrying out the Altruistic Will of God, and God as the Enlightener—deeply interested in the spiritual progress of the person. Accordingly, the spiritual person has five responsibilities: being a householder, ensuring the equality of man and woman and man and man, work and production to sustain life, equitably sharing the wealth of the earth, and resisting and confronting injustice and oppression in all fields of life and protecting the weak. The “Word” (as in the *Book of John*) or *Shabd Guru* (as in the *Guru Granth Sahib*) is the source of the spiritual person's life force. (Introducer: Mr. Maharbir S. Dhillon)

Bhai Manjit Singh—Acting *Jathedar* (Head or Leader), *Akal Takht*, which symbolizes the unique doctrinal position of double sovereignty of the Sikhs, as a seat of the temporal authority of the Sikhs, as distinct from a place of worship; past Principal, Sikh Missionary College.

Hardial Singh—Founder of “*Sarab Rog Ka Aukhad Nam*” Mission, an organization which runs healing camps all over India for people suffering from various diseases and helps them grow spiritually.

4:00 PM–4:45 PM Salon I

“The Meaning of Multi-Religious Cooperation: A Jewish View”

Norma Levitt

Why I, as a Jew, am so committed to the work of multi-religious relations? What it means to a Jewish life in collaboration, how a Jewish vision can be expressed in multi-religious terms. Challenges and visions for the future in international affairs and multi-religious relations.

Norma Levitt—Honorary Vice Chair, Union of American Hebrew Congregations; Honorary Life Vice-President, World Union of Progressive Judaism; an International President of the World

Conference on Religion and Peace; United Nations Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Representative; Honorary President, National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

4:00 PM–4:45 PM Salon III

“Self-transformation and the Future of Religion”

Radha Burnier

Religion has, to a large extent, failed to resolve the problems facing humanity. Great religious teachers have taught the importance of self-transformation through self-observation and understanding. But, this teaching fades into the background and the egotistic self is often projected in religious activities. For humanity to proceed further spiritually, there is a need to re-emphasize self-transformation as the core of the religious life. The future will otherwise see religion playing a destructive role as it does even now.

Radha Burnier—International President, Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras, India; author of *No Other Path To God; The Way of Self-Knowledge; Truth, Beauty and Goodness*; editor, *Human Regeneration*; has lectured throughout the world.

4:00 PM–4:45 PM Salon IV

“Fundamental Tenets of Prophet Zarathushtra”

Jehan Bagli

The discussion will introduce the origin of Zarathushtrian Faith as outlined in the *Gathas*, and will sketch the evolution of a radically novel concept that inspired the notion of the first Monotheistic religion of mankind. The talk will then focus and elaborate the fundamental concepts that were introduced by the prophet to explain his highly reflective and introspective way of life to the humanity of his time.

Jehan Bagli—Associate Director of Research at Wyeth-Ayerest Research at Princeton; founding member of the Zoroastrian Association of Quebec; editor of *Gavashni* for 17 years; and the first editor of *Fezana Journal*.

4:00 PM–4:45 PM State Ballroom

“The Dual Challenge: The Holocaust and the Jewish Return”

Rabbi Emil Fackenheim

Abraham is singled out by the Creator of the World. This tension between “universal” and “particular,” basic to Judaism, has met the tests of Exodus, Sinai, Jerusalem and two exiles. The dual challenge of today—the Holocaust and the Jewish return to Jerusalem—is as profound as past ones. Responses are still in the making.

Rabbi Emil Fackenheim—Born in Germany. Professor of Philosophy, University of Toronto, 1948 until 1983; recent books: *What is Judaism?; and The Jewish Bible after the Holocaust*; major work: *To Mend the World*, about to be republished by Indiana; lives in Jerusalem since 1983.

5:00 PM–5:45 PM Adams Ballroom

“The Role and Responsibility of the Church in Haiti”

Bishop Willy Romelus

Bishop Romelus will speak and answer questions on the role of the Roman Catholic Church in the wake of continuing social injustice in Haiti.

Bishop Willy Romelus—Diocese of Jérémie in Haiti; one of Haiti’s 12 Roman Catholic bishops; since before the fall of the Duvalier dictatorship, has been the voice of the voiceless in Haiti; after the ouster of President Aristide, became the lone voice among Haiti’s bishops denouncing the ensuing campaign of terror. Like a good shepherd, he does all he can to protect his flock.

5:00 PM–5:45 PM Parlor H

“Intercommunion of Religion with Science”

Dr. Pranav Prandya

This presentation is a discussion about solutions to major problems of

the Twentieth Century. The discussion will look at solutions as religion perceives them, the scientific basis of spiritual disciplines and stress management through spirituality. The religions of the world must take an active role over the next 10 years in teaching people the art of living, the art of thinking, and the art of becoming. The human religion should become a way of life for the whole of humankind, overcoming all biases and prejudices. We should be optimistic and look forward to a synthesis of science and religion—a synthesis which is a certainty.

Dr. Pranav Prandya—M.D. with a degree in internal medicine from MGM Medical College India (MP), central India; lectures on stress management, meditation and Indian culture.

5:00 PM–5:20 PM Salon I

“Human Services of the Hindu Religion”

H.H. Swami Balagadharanatha

This presentation will explore the human services aspects of the Hindu religion: feeding the poor, educating the needy, providing health care to the needy, sheltering battered women and children, providing education and other services to blind and orphaned children.

H.H. Swami Balagadharanatha—graduated from Bangalore University; has studied Sanskrit, *Vedas*, Oriental Education and literature on social conditions in India; currently runs schools, nursery schools thru college, including schools for Sanskrit, *Vedas* and Hindu traditions, with over six thousand students.

5:00 PM–5:45 PM Salon III

“Christian Ecology: Dialogue with Buddhism and the Native American Tradition”

Jay McDaniel

An exploration of ways in which a Christian approach to ecology can be enriched through dialogue with the Buddhist and Native American traditions. Topics include: (1) how the Buddhist teaching of *pratitya-samutpada* can sensitize Christians to the radical interdependence of self and creation; and (2) how Native insights into the links between spirit and land can sensitize Christians to the importance of bioregional awareness.

Jay McDaniel—Director of Steel Center and Associate Professor of Religion, Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas; author, *Of God and Pelicans; Earth, Sky, Gods, and Mortals*; editor, *Good News for Animals: Christian Approaches to Animal Well-being*; Board Member, Center for Respect of Life and Environment (Washington, D.C.)

5:00 PM–7:00 PM Salon IV

“The Spiritual Basis for Economic and Financial Life”

John Alexandra

Significant destructive forces are unleashed through the economic and financial systems which have arisen in the technological age. How can we transform our modern, industrialized, technical civilization by developing what might be termed a “financial ecology” on the basis of a spiritual understanding of the human being and of social life. The future of humanity may well depend on whether we are able to confront such critical issues with spiritual creativity.

John Alexandra—Eleven years as Vice President of J.P. Morgan; long active in developing a new spiritual understanding of our economic and financial life; instrumental in the creation of socially responsible financial institutions, such as the Rudolf Steiner Foundation.

5:25 PM–5:45 PM Salon I

“Hinduism and Social Justice”

Dr. Shivamurthy Shivacharya Mahaswamiji

Dr. Shivamurthy Shivacharya Mahaswamiji—21st Jagadguru in the lineage of Sri Tarabalu Brihanmatha, Sirigere, Karnataka, India; since 1979, the head of the great religious seat of Brihanmatha; President, Sri Tarabalu Jagadguru Education Society Inc., Sirigere; a crusader in easing social burdens and eradicating social ills.



10:00 AM–12:00 PM Adams Ballroom

“Sand Painting—The Sacred Language”

Alfred Yazzie; Jennie Joe

The sand painting ritual is the most sacred healing ceremony of the Navajo. The sand painting represents the gods and re-enacts creation to restore balance and harmony to the individual.

Alfred Yazzie—Navajo, Healer, Spiritual leader

Jennie Joe—Navajo, RN, MPH, Ph.D.; Associate Professor of Family Medicine; Director of Native American Research and Training Center, University of Arizona.

10:00 AM–10:45 AM Crystal Room

“The Christ of the Twenty-First Century”

Prof. Ewart Cousins

Christianity, along with the other world religions, must enlarge its horizons to respond creatively to the greatest transformation of consciousness in human history. This echoes the transformation that occurred in the first millennium BCE, when there emerged what Karl Jaspers called “axial consciousness,” the individual self-reflective critical consciousness that has been dominant in the world to our time. At present, we are moving from individual to global consciousness. The religions must develop a new spirituality of matter and the earth to bring their wisdom to shed light upon the solutions to problems facing ecology, peace, economic justice, and freedom from oppression. In this age of multi-culturalism, the great religious traditions must appropriate in a new way the insights which will guide the human community beyond fragmentation and destructive power, to a deep spiritual unity.

Prof. Ewart Cousins—Professor of Theology, Fordham University; General Editor of the twenty-five volume series, *World Spirituality*; author, *The Christ of the Twenty-First Century*; and *Global Spirituality: the Meeting of Mystical Paths*; former consultant to the Vatican Secretariat on Inter-Religious Dialogue.

10:00 AM–10:45 PM Grand Ballroom

“The Relationship Between *Sunyata* and Compassion”

Samdhong Rinpoche

A conversation about the implications of the Buddhist teaching of *sunyata* (“emptiness”) for the understanding and practice of the virtue of compassion.

Samdhong Rinpoche—Director, Institute of Higher Tibetan Buddhist Studies, Varanasi, India; Chief, Tibetan Delegation to the Parliament, Speaker, the Tibetan Assembly; scholar and spiritual master.

10:00 AM–10:45 AM Parlor H

“Healing and Wellness—May I Be Deserving of Good Health”

Mehroo M. Patel

“Ahmai Tarvo Dravatatem”—*Avesta*. The Avestan daily prayer of the Zoroastrians invokes a blessing of health on the one so deserving thereby imploring the devotee to live a lifestyle conducive to preserving and promoting health and preventing disease and ill health. This presentation will explore the truth of the above ancient prayer in the life of modern Zoroastrians.

Mehroo M. Patel—family physician in private practice; diplomate of the American Board of Family Physicians, Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians, and College of Surgeons of Edinburg, Scotland; member of the Chicago Medical Society, Illinois State Medical Society, and American Medical Association; Director of the Board of the Zoroastrian Association of Metropolitan Chicago and its Community Affairs and Program Coordinator.

10:00 AM–10:45 AM Red Lacquer Room

“The Catholic Church’s Theology of the Religions”

Most Rev. Francesco Gioia

A survey of the praxis of interreligious dialogue by the Pope and Roman Curia including the Assisi Day of Prayer. The Catholic dialogue with the World Religions and the encounter with indigenous religious traditions. An articulation of the practical theology of religion operative in the Vatican today.

Most Rev. Francesco Gioia—Delegate, Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue Vatican City; former Archbishop of Camerino, San Severino Marche.

10:00 AM–10:45 AM Salon I

“Orthodox Christian Response to the Challenge of Global Poverty”

Mirko Dobrijevic

The mission of humanitarian aid being assumed by IOCC, International Orthodox Christian Charities, (a humanitarian agency of SCOBA, the Standing Conference of Orthodox Bishops in the Americas) in Russia, the Balkans, Middle East, Africa, and throughout the world.

Mirko Dobrijevic—theologian; educator, Loyola University, Chicago; Regional Director and Executive Liason for International Orthodox Christian Charities in Serbia; consultant and spokesperson on civil disorder in the current Balkan War.

10:00 AM–10:45 AM State Ballroom

“Religious Life”

Ven. M. Wipulasara Maha Thera; Ven. Dr. Ariyagnana (respondent); Ven. Dr. Vajiragnana (respondent)

This address, which will include a tribute to Anagarika Dharmapala, the Founder of the Maha Bodhi Society of India, who participated in the first World Parliament of Religions in 1893, will deal with the influence of religion on social, cultural, and economic life. It will also stress the importance of the religious life as a way to social harmony and universal peace. “I am of the opinion that religion is but one; expressed in so many ways by those who have experienced it, in terms of their own languages and selected concepts. As religion is but one, we have no barriers whatsoever, in getting together as religious people. The purpose of religion is to make people unite and to liberate from various bondages and limitations.”

Ven. M. Wipulasara Maha Thera—General Secretary of the Maha Bodhi Society of India; General Secretary, World Buddhist Sangha Council; Chief High Priest, Param Dhamma Chetiya Pirivena (a training center for novice monks), in Ratmalana, Sri Lanka; specialist in Buddhist Art, Painting, and Sculpture.

Ven. Dr. Ariyagnana—Maha Bodhi Society of India.

Ven. Dr. Vajiragnana—Maha Bodhi Society of India.

11:00 AM–11:45 AM Crystal Room

“An International Interfaith Center”

Rev. Marcus Braybrooke; Dr. Robert Traer

This workshop will explain the purposes and the program of the International Interfaith Center which is being developed in Oxford in cooperation with several of the colleges there by the World Congress of Faiths and the International Association for Religious Freedom. In addition to research in the field of interfaith relations, this Center will continue the coordination among interfaith organizations after the IOCC completes its work in this regard in the fall of 1993.

Rev. Marcus Braybrooke—Anglican clergyman; Chair, World Congress of Faiths; Chair, International Interfaith Organizations

Coordinating Committee; author of *Pilgrimage of Hope: One Hundred Years of Global Interfaith Dialogue*; *Stepping Stones to a Global Ethic*; *Time to Meet: Towards a Deeper Relationship of Jews and Christians*; and *Children of One God: A History of CCJ*.

Dr. Robert Traer—General Secretary, International Association for Religious Freedom; author, *Faith in Human Rights: Support in Religious Traditions for a Global Struggle*; *Faith in the Buddhist Tradition*; ordained minister in the PCUSA; international human rights lawyer.

11:00 AM–11:45 AM Grand Ballroom

“Ethics in International Law”

Suad al-Fatih; Tahir Mahmood

Tahir Mahmood—Professor of Islamic Law, Delhi University, Delhi, India.

11:00 AM–11:45 AM Parlor H

“Interfaith Understanding and Cooperation—A Matter of Faith in Sikh Religion”

Dr. Ranbir Singh Sandhu; Dr. Mehervan Singh

This presentation summarizes the teachings of the Sikh faith as they relate to religious pluralism. Equality of all people, respect for all faiths, and interfaith cooperation are not only good ideas but a matter of religious belief for Sikhs. (Introducer: Dr. Gurmeet K. Dhaliwal)

Dr. Ranbir Singh Sandhu—Ohio State University, Department of Civil Engineering; author of over 150 reports and articles on topics in engineering and in Sikh faith.

Dr. Mehervan Singh—active with the Inter-Religious Organization, World Conference on Religion and Peace and the Asian Conference on Religion and Peace; has published numerous articles from an ecumenical standpoint on religion and peace; publications include *Sikhism: Its Impact and Contemporary Personal Impressions*.

11:00 AM–11:45 AM Red Lacquer Room

“How Can the Modern World Benefit from the Teachings of Ancient Seers?”

Swami Dayananda Saraswati

The vision of the ancient seers—as found in the Vedic scriptures—is of great value for modern people. The rishis taught that one’s true nature is full and complete and that we perceive ourselves as wanting, inadequate beings as a result of ignorance of our true nature. Discovering the truth of oneself, one can become free from struggle and suffering, even in the face of the stresses of modern life.

Swami Dayananda Saraswati—Hindu monk, in the tradition of Shankara and Vyasa; completed the traditional study of Vedanta and Sanskrit at Bangalore Sanskrit College and Kailasa Ashram, Rishikesh; has taught for many years in India and, since 1976, in the West; has dedicated his life to teaching the wisdom contained in the Vedas.

11:00 AM–11:45 AM Salon I

“Tenets of Hinduism and Its Universality”

Sadguru Sant Keshavadas

Sant Keshavadas will enumerate the universal principles of the world’s most ancient religion and show their relevance and commonality with today’s society and religions. Through lectures and song, he will write and inspire the audience and others to go forth and practice the ideal inherent in the statement that we all belong to the one Father as brothers and sisters.

Sadguru Sant Keshavadas—born in 1934, Sant Keshavadas exemplifies the singing saints of bhakti yoga (devotional mysticism); His life is dedicated to the goal of world peace through an understanding of the essential unity of the world’s religions; has authored over 20 books and composed more than 6000 spiritual songs.

2:00 PM–2:45 PM Adams Ballroom

“Conquering Life and Death with Abundance”

Ma Jaya Bhagavati

Overcoming grief is made possible by opening to the abundance

within. Theme of the workshop is death and dying. Ma Jaya will discuss these themes using her own experiences, especially in the HIV/AIDS community.

Ma Jaya Bhagavati—founder and spiritual director of Kashi Ashram; since her spiritual awakening in 1972, has led seekers to a deeper place within themselves and has devoted her life to serving humanity; widely recognized for her work with death and dying and for her teachings on caregiving; for the past ten years much of her time has been spent helping those infected with HIV/AIDS.

2:00 PM–2:45 PM Crystal Room

“The Teachings of Paramahansa Yogananda: Yoga, the Science of Religion”

Brother Anandamoy

An introduction to Paramahansa Yogananda’s teachings on the ancient science of Yoga and its time-honored methods of meditation. The presentation will focus on the deeper aspects of Yoga, the universality of its methods, and why and how their practice leads to direct, personal experience of God. It will also explore the relevance of Yoga to the enormous challenges we face today, and its potential for uniting the world family in greater harmony and deeper awareness of their true kinship to God.

Brother Anandamoy—born in Zurich in 1922; one of the foremost living disciples of Paramahansa Yogananda; monk of the Self-Realization Fellowship Order for past 43 years; has lectured extensively throughout the U.S., Europe, and India; presently serves on the Fellowship’s Board of Directors and as senior minister at one of its temples.

2:00 PM–2:45 PM Grand Ballroom

“Environment—the Challenge to Religion”

Susannah Heschel

Susannah Heschel—Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania; Abba Hillel Silver Associate Professor of Jewish Studies, Case Western Reserve University; has written extensively on the work of Abraham Joshua Heschel, feminist theology, and interfaith dialogue.

2:00 PM–2:20 PM Parlor H

“Buddhist Solutions for the 21st Century”

Ven. P.A. Payutto

A Theravadin Buddhist perspective on the critical issues which face the human community at the threshold of the 21st century and an inquiry into possible solutions.

Ven. P.A. Payutto—(Phra Debvedi); Former Deputy General Secretary, Mahachula Buddhist University, Bangkok, Thailand.

2:20 PM–2:45 PM Parlor H

“Buddhism and Peace”

Prof. David Kalupahana

This presentation explains the Buddha’s attitude toward ethnicity, language, and religion—some of the major causes of conflicts in the world. His philosophy of the Middle Way, avoiding extremes, served as a foundation for a moral philosophy with emphasis on the value Human Life. Peace and tolerance, for which Buddhism is well-known, became genuine possibilities.

Prof. David Kalupahana—born in Sri Lanka; Professor of Philosophy and Director, Center for Buddhist Studies, University of Hawaii; author; lecturer.

2:00 PM–2:45 PM Red Lacquer Room

“The Problematic of ‘Church’/State Relations”

George Stefanapolous; Rev. Robert Stefanapolous

Limits of “Church” and State. How to coexist by responding to one another and respecting one another. This dialogue will be presented by father and son; George Stefanapolous and Rev. Robert Stefanapolous.

George Stefanapolous—Senior Advisor to President Clinton,

Washington, D.C.
 Rev. Robert Stefanopoulos—Dean, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox
 Cathedral, N.Y.

2:00 PM–2:30 PM Salon I

**“A Spiritual Resurgence—
 The Crying Need of Our Times”**

Dr. N.P. Jain

There is a worldwide crisis of spirit. Materialism has proliferated extensively. We are about to enter the 21st century, having advanced and sophisticated technology providing vast and varied comforts for humanity. And yet standing at the summit of material prosperity, human beings are lost and confused. Is this what life is all about? There is something missing. It is the spiritual orientation in its wholesome perspective.

Dr. N.P. Jain—Former Indian Ambassador to the European Economic Community, U.N., Mexico, Nepal and Belgium; noted scholar, poet, author.

2:00 PM–2:45 PM Salon III

**“The Sharia—a Holistic Approach
 to the Role of Law”**

Robert Crain

This workshop focuses on law and its role in human society. Sharia vs. law. Sharia’s relationship with religious moral concepts of Islam - such as belief in God, human responsibility and the day of judgement. The permanent and changing aspects of Sharia.

Robert Crain—(Fariq Abdul Haqq) former Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates; Islamic scholar and legal advisor to the American Muslim Council, Washington, D.C.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Salon IV

“Economic Development of Native Nations”

*Jo Ann Jones; Peterson Zah; Gaiashkibos; Martin Redbear;
 Manley Begay*

Balancing economic development with cultural traditions has been an important development for Indian tribes on their land. This panel of tribal leaders will discuss the choices they have made to maintain the integrity of their spiritual and cultural heritage.

Jo Ann Jones—Wisconsin Winnebago, Wisconsin Winnebago Tribal Chairwoman, Lawyer

Peterson Zah—Navajo; President of the Navajo Nation, President of the American Indian Religious Freedom Summit

Gaiashkibos—Anishinabe, President of the National Congress of American Indians

Manley Begay—Navajo; Harvard University, JFK School of Government; Executive Director, American Indian Economic Development; National Association of Native American Leadership.

2:00 PM–2:45 PM State Ballroom

“For a United World: An Experience of 50 Years”

Rev. Dr. Enzo Maria Fondi

The Focolare Movement, founded by Ms. Chiara Lubich, now has 2 million members in 186 countries, including Christians of different traditions, faithful of other religions, and people without a particular religious conviction who share Focolare’s aspirations for world unity. Ms. Lubich’s Gospel-based spirituality of unity animates the movement and its work in all fields of human endeavor. Dr. Fondi will present the Focolare’s history and spirituality. The presentation will include a videotaped interview with Ms. Lubich. Other members will share concrete personal experiences demonstrating that unity is already being achieved among people of the most diverse religious and cultural backgrounds.

Rev. Dr. Enzo Maria Fondi—one of the originators of the Focolare Movement in Italy and in the former German Democratic Republic; degree in medicine and surgery; ordained a priest in 1964, he

worked in the USA for the establishment of the first Focolare communities; now a central director of the movement with responsibility for spiritual formation and interreligious dialogue.

3:00 PM–3:45 PM Adams Ballroom

“Seeds of Peace”

Sulak Sivaraksa

A major address describing the practice of “Engaged Buddhism” in Southeast Asia and in the West.

Sulak Sivaraksa—attorney in his native Thailand; lay Buddhist practitioner; Founder, International Network of Engaged Buddhists.

3:00 PM–3:45 PM Crystal Room

“Baha’u’llah’s Vision of World Order”

Rebequa Getahoun

We are in the midst of a great historical transition in the nature of human life on earth, the gradual, painful, emergence of a global society. What is the role of religion in this process? The founder of the Bahá’í Faith offered a striking analysis of this process and the spiritual and social requirements necessary to establish a just and peaceful society in an interdependent world.

Rebequa Getahoun—B.A. in Social and Economic Planning, University of Alaska; M.A. in International Studies, University of Oregon; served as a member of the Bahá’í delegation to the recent Earth Summit and Global Forum; currently, U.S. Bahá’í representative to the United Nations.

3:00 PM–3:45 PM Grand Ballroom

**“A Coalition of the World’s Religions for
 Ecology, Distress-Relief, and Peace”**

H.E. Dr. L.M. Singhvi

The world’s religions have a major role to play in establishing the ethical foundations for ecology, distress-relief, and peace in a humanitarian spirit. All the religions of the world have something to contribute to that coalition which makes the ethos of all religions relevant to our time and age. World religions must bring their underlying philosophy to the threshold of contemporary relevance. One approach is through the establishment of a durable coalition in action-oriented work which would foster a new mission for the survival of the planet Earth, for the amelioration of the human condition, and for peace.

H.E. Dr. L.M. Singhvi—Jurist, philosopher, diplomat (Indian Ambassador in U.K.), human rights exponent, founder and patron of organizations and movement for inter-religious understanding and Jain Declaration on Nature; leading constitutional expert, distinguished Parliamentarian, author, poet, publicist, linguist and literateur.

3:00 PM–3:45 PM Red Lacquer Room

“Rastafarians: The Mystics of the Caribbean”

Imani Nyah; Brother Mikael Gabriel; Ras Everton McPherson; Ras Boanerges; Abraham Alemu; Isiah Ferguson; Tzadaddi Wadadah I This program will include presentations on the History and Foundations of The Spiritual Movement of Rastafari; Traditional Music and Chanting; A Question and Answer session; and The Haile Selassie Photo Exhibit.

Imani Nyah—Chairman/founder, The Association of Rastafarian Theologians, Spiritual Advisor to Chaplains in the U.S. Federal Prison system.

Brother Mikael Gabriel—Disciple of the Founding Fathers of The Spiritual Movement of Rastafari (Jamaica).

Ras Everton McPherson—Chairman of The Black Nyabingi International Press.

Ras Boanerges—Last living elder and founder of the Nyabingi Order of Rastafari (Jamaica).

Abraham Alemu—Vice President of The Association of Rastafarian Theologians, Member, The Ethiopian Community of Chicago.

Isiah Ferguson—Chairman, Rastafarian Brotherhood of Chicago. (Jamaica).

Tzadaddi Wadadah—Co-Chairman, Rastafarian Brotherhood of Chicago. (Jamaica).

3:00 PM–3:45 PM Salon I

“Raja Yoga—An Inner Journey”

Sr. Jayanti

Inner Silence is a prelude to self-awareness and profound insight. From over 30 years of combined meditation experience, the fundamentals and subtleties of this discipline will be addressed. “Two of the most powerful aspects of the inner world are our feelings and our conscience. Turning inwards enables the soul to understand, cleanse and balance. Feelings of love and humility, balanced with clarity and the power of the conscience, are the basis for joy in one’s life and a positive contribution to the world around me.”

Sr. Jayanti—Director, Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University, London; NGO Representative to the United Nations in Geneva; prominent lecture themes include health, education, racial harmony, women’s needs, world religions, and international relations.

3:00 PM–3:45 PM Salon III

“The Life of Covenant”

Rabbi Herman Schaalman

An inquiry into the multi-faceted relationship between God and the Jewish people which has served mold the Jewish response to the world and the Jewish people’s place within it. A consideration of its implications for other religious systems.

Rabbi Herman Schaalman—Rabbi Emeritus, Emanuel Congregation, Chicago, Illinois; International Trustee, Council for a Parliament of the World’s Religions; Chair, Jewish Host Committee, Parliament of the World’s Religions.

3:00 PM–3:45 PM State Ballroom

“Self Healing Through Inner Power”

Hardial Singh; Dr. Kirpal Singh

Scientific, rational, balanced, tension free and truthful way of life, along with recitation of God’s name is necessary for progress on the path of spirituality. The stresses, everyday concerns and life styles of today’s world have affected the body and caused various physical disorders. A human being is something more than the sum of the medical specialties. Emotional wellbeing is lacking, affecting the body adversely. What is health and what emotional attitudes are necessary to maintain it? By ridding oneself of the impurities of the mind, one can experience the spirit within and cleanse the mind, thus affecting the body positively and contributing to a healthier physical state. Based on self-experience and analysis, self-healing can be done through Sikh teachings, meditation and progress on the spiritual path. (Introducer: Mr. Jit Singh)

Hardial Singh—Founder of “Sarab Rog Ka Aukhad Nam” Mission, an organization which runs healing camps all over India for people suffering from various diseases and helps them grow spiritually.

Dr. Kirpal Singh—M.D.; Board Certified Psychiatrist; Medical Director, Mental Health Center of Mid-Iowa, Marshalltown, Iowa; Founding Member and Ex-President, Midwest Sikh Association, Kansas City; Founding Member, Iowa Sikh Association, Des Moines, and Sikhs Serving America, Topeka, Kansas.

3:45 PM–4:30 PM Salon IV

“Reverence for Nature in Zoroastrianism”

Boman J. Damkevala

The elements of nature are highly regarded by Zoroastrians. Preservation of purity of the Earth and its environs is sacred to Zoroastrians. In this session, Mr. Damkevala will first present the Zoroastrian perspective of ecology, and then—recognizing similar references in other faiths—will suggest a combined religious front of environmental awareness.

Boman J. Damkevala—president of the Zoroastrian Association of Metropolitan Chicago.

4:00 PM–4:45 PM Adams Ballroom

“Islam and the New World Order”

Syed Shahabuddin

Topics of this workshop are: What is the world order? Who maintains it? Religious perceptions and the international world order. Islamic internationalism. The Muslim world and its role in bringing world peace.

Syed Shahabuddin—Member of Parliament, India; Editor, *Muslim Times*.

4:00 PM–4:45 PM Crystal Room

“100 Years of Social and Economic Theology”

John Carr

A major presentation to examine the development of progressive papal teaching on matters of social and economic concern during the 20th Century.

John Carr—secretary for Social Development and World Peace of the United States Catholic Conference.

4:00 PM–4:45 PM Parlor H

“The Solution of Present-Day World Problems from a Jain Perspective”

Dr. Sagarmal Jain

This lecture covers the basic problems of present society: mental tension, violence and the conflicts of ideologies and faiths. Jainism has tried to solve these problems of mankind through three basic tenets of non-attachment (*Aprigraha*), non-violence (*Ahimsa*) and non-absolutism (*Anekanta*). If mankind observes these three principles, peace and harmony can certainly be established in the world.

Dr. Sagarmal Jain—Ph.D. Jiwaji University, Gwalior, Comparative study of Jain ethics with reference to the ethics of Buddhism and the *Bhagavad Gita*; formerly professor and Head of the Department of Philosophy at Hamidia College Bhopal and M.L.B. College Gwalior; at present, Director, P.V. Research Institute, Varanasi.

4:00 PM–4:45 PM Red Lacquer Room

“Towards a New Enlightenment—This Time, Global, Spiritual, and Comprehensive”

H. Em. Metropolitan Paulos Mar Gregorios

H. Em. Metropolitan Paulos Mar Gregorios—Metropolitan of Delhi and the North Syrian Orthodox Church of India; Past President, World Council of Churches.

4:00 PM–4:45 PM Salon I

“Zarathushtra’s Paradise: In this World and the Next”

Dina G. McIntyre

This presentation explores Zarathushtra’s idea of paradise which is unusual in that it finds its reflection both in this world and the next.

Dina G. McIntyre—B.S., Carnegie Institute of Technology; J.D., University of Pittsburgh School of Law; currently engaged in private practice in Pittsburgh; Editor of 12-lesson course, “An Introduction to the Gathas of Zarathushtra” (copies available free of charge at the Parliament).

4:00 PM–4:45 PM Salon III

“Orthodox Christianity in the Non-Christian World”

Rev. George Scoulas; Mirko Dobrijevic; Fr. Nicholas Dahdal

Pan Orthodox Panel Discussion: How Orthodox Christians, who are found throughout the world, relate in areas where they are in the minority and suffer suppression and persecution by governments, peoples and other religions.

Rev. George Scoulas—Interlocutor of the program, “Orthodox

Christianity in the Non-Christian World."

Mirko Dobrijevic—theologian; educator, Loyola University, Chicago; Regional Director and Executive Liaison for International Orthodox Christian Charities in Serbia; consultant and spokesperson on civil disorder in the current Balkan War.

Fr. Nicholas Dahdal—pastor, St. George Antiochian Orthodox Parish, Chicago; graduate, Beir College; received B.A. in U.S. and B.A. at Iona College; theological studies, St. Vladimir Seminary, New York; currently serving on numerous boards in the Arab community, owing to his expertise in Middle Eastern affairs.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM State Ballroom

"Swami Vivekananda—The Awakener to Service of God in Man"

Swami Gahanananda; Swami Prapannananda; Swami Tathagatananda; Swami Bhavyananda; Swami Swahananda; Swami Chidananda; Swami Chidbhasananda; Swami Shantarupananda

After his participation in the Parliament of World Religions in 1893, Swami Vivekananda returned to India and founded the Ramakrishna Mission with the twin ideals of realizing the highest truth within and serving God in man. Through his teacher, Sri Ramakrishna, Swami Vivekananda had come to realize that God was present within all beings, and he taught that God could be worshipped by serving his human forms. Monks of the Ramakrishna Math and Mission will discuss this new doctrine of the worship of God in man. Program: 1) Vedic Invocation (Swami Chidananda); 2) *Bhagavadgita* Chanting (Swami Chidananda); 3) Keynote Address: "Swami Vivekananda—the Awakener to Service of God in Man" (Swami Gahanananda); 4) Devotional Songs on Swami Vivekananda (Swami Chidananda); 5) Panel Discussion (Moderator: Swami Chidbhasananda; Panelists: Swami Chidananda, Swami Bhavyananda, Swami Swahananda, Swami Tathagatananda, Swami Shantarupananda, Swami Prapannananda); 6. Questions and Answers: Audience and Panel; 7. Summary and Prognosis (Swami Chidbhasananda); 8. Closing Song (Swami Chidananda).

Swami Gahanananda—joined the Ramakrishna Order in 1939; ordained a monk in 1948; served as the Assistant Secretary of the Ramakrishna Math and Mission from 1979 to 1989 and as the General Secretary from 1989 to 1992; 1992, became Vice-President of the Order.

Swami Prapannananda—initiated disciple of Swami Vireswarananda, tenth President of the Ramakrishna Order; twenty years of service in Rajkot, Gujarat State; sent to America in 1989 as Assistant Minister of Vedanta Society of Sacramento, California.

Swami Tathagatananda—head, the Vedanta Society in New York; joined the Ramakrishna Math and Mission in 1955; served for 11 years at Belur College; former head, the Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Baranagore.

Swami Bhavyananda—Minister-in-Charge, Ramakrishna Vedanta Centre, London, UK; long involved in European interfaith activities.

Swami Swahananda—Minister-in-Charge, Vedanta Society of Southern California, Hollywood; two master's degrees; author of six books, including scholarly translations of classical Vedantic texts; initiated by Swami Vijnananda, a direct disciple of Sri Ramakrishna.

Swami Chidananda—Associate Minister, Vivekananda Vedanta Society, Chicago, Illinois, and Ganges, Michigan; former Assistant Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission, Institute of Culture, Calcutta, India; initiated by revered Swami Yatiswarananda, one of the great spiritual luminaries of the Ramakrishna Order.

Swami Chidbhasananda—head, the Ramakrishna Vedanta Society, Amsterdam, Netherlands; joined the Ramakrishna Math and Mission at Raipur, in 1962; former Law Officer for the Ramakrishna Math and Mission at its headquarters in Belur Math.

Swami Shantarupananda—M.A. in Philosophy, Calcutta University; former head, Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Cherrapunji, Meghalaya, and Ramakrishna Mission, Along, Arunchal Pradesh; in 1991, came to the Vedanta Society of Portland, Oregon as Assistant Minister.

4:45 PM–5:30 PM Salon IV

"Looking Backward, Moving Ahead: Jewish Women's Contributions to American Jewish Life"

Prof. Ellen Umansky

At the 1893 Parliament of Religions, Jewish women succeeded in gaining their own public platform from which to explore women's particular contributions to Judaism and subsequently established the National Council of Jewish Women to help transform the American Jewish community as a whole. One hundred years later, it is important to assess Jewish women's accomplishments along with the impact that women's contemporary understandings of Jewish self-identity continue to have on American Jewish life.

Prof. Ellen Umansky—Adjunct Associate Professor of Modern Jewish History, Hebrew Union College, New York City; teaching associate of the National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership (CLAL); co-editor, *Four Centuries of Jewish Women's Spirituality: A Sourcebook*.

5:00 PM–5:45 PM Adams Ballroom

Understanding the Other as a Living Faith

Rabbi Gary Bretton-Granatoor

Looking back over the past stages of interfaith dialogue, we see that we are now entering a new stage. Religious communities must be prepared to meet the new challenge of revealing the true nature of faith for the religious person. We must learn to see the believer, rather than simply studying about the belief.

Rabbi Gary Bretton-Granatoor—Director, Interreligious Affairs, Union of American Hebrew Congregations; Associate Director, Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism; most recent book, written and edited with Andrea Weiss, *Shalom/Salaam: A Resource for Jewish Muslim Dialogue*.

5:00 PM–5:45 PM Crystal Room

"God is Not Dead"

Rev. Baroness Cara-Marguerite Drusilla

The modern world heard the phrase "God is dead" in the cynical last half of this century. This presentation argues that God has never died, and sets forth the concept of infinite, everlasting Deity and our place as civilized people within the sphere of Deity. A reminder of our personal responsibilities to this planet and to ourselves, and a call to a new tolerance, a new beginning, in the name of the All God.

Rev. Baroness Cara-Marguerite Drusilla—Founder and Priestess Hierophant of The Lyceum of Venus of Healing, Ayer, Massachusetts, an Egyptian Temple serving a balanced Pantheon of Deities; professional writer and singer; has written extensively about aspects of pagan religion in the modern world; active in the world environmental movement.

5:00 PM–5:45 PM Parlor H

"The Development of Gratitude, Wonder, and Responsibility in the Growing Child"

Rene Querido

Wonder, gratitude, and responsibility are not usually associated with the process of education. Often parents are more concerned about children "getting ahead" and the inner lives of the children are secondary. The child is more than the interaction of genes and environment; he/she has a spiritual core. This unique aspect of the child must be cultured and nurtured, and education is the process by which this can be accomplished.

Rene Querido—General Secretary of the Anthroposophical Society in America; former Director, Rudolf Steiner College, Sacramento, CA; active for many years in Europe as teacher and adult educator; has lectured widely in North America, Europe, and Japan; author of a number of books on educational and historical subjects, some of which have been translated into French, German, and Japanese.

5:00 PM–5:45 PM Red Lacquer Room

“Interfaith Harmony in the Global Society”

Dr. Karan Singh

Dr. Karan Singh—President, Temple of Understanding, India Chapter; former Indian Ambassador to the United States; leader of Indian reform movement dedicated to the crusade against untouchability and other undesirable customs which have weakened Hindu society, and to the promotion of solidarity among reform and social service organizations; active in environmental and global consciousness movements and in interfaith dialogue.

5:00 PM–5:45 PM Salon I

“Gobind Sadan: Interfaith Religion in Practice, On the Ground, With the People”

Mary Pat Fisher

Slides and before- and after- video of extraordinary communities in India, where people of all faiths and all income levels are working together to reclaim barren wastelands in order to uplift the rural poor. These practical applications of religion, under the inspiration of Baba Virsa Singh, are unique demonstrations of the power of faith and hard work to provide positive solutions to such critical issues as poverty, racial and religious strife, and environmental degradation.

Mary Pat Fisher—author of college textbooks on many subjects, including *Living Religions*; publisher of inspirational books for all ages and faiths; producer of “Earthcare,” a global radio program on spiritually-based environmental solutions; has traveled throughout the world to experience the richness of each tradition and presents them in ways which make religion a living reality; based on her experience at Gobind Sadan, has recently written *Everyday Miracles in the House of God*.

5:00 PM–5:45 PM Salon III

“Bridging the Gap: Religious Unity and Cultural Diversity in the Bahá’í Community”

Charles Nolley

Religious teachings contain powerful sets of symbols which can be viewed as a cultural systems in their own right. As such they may come in conflict with cultural traditions or with modern symbol sets generated by the rise of empirical science and the explosion of non-religious ideologies concerning the nature of man and the life of society. This presentation offers an anthropological perspective on how the followers of the Bahá’í Faith confront the challenge of creating a unified global community while retaining and cultivating cultural diversity.

Charles Nolley—anthropologist and film-maker; has done field research among the Sioux and Assiniboine and produced numerous award winning films; currently director of media production at the Bahá’í National Center; founding member of CPWR and former chairman of its Board of Trustees.



10:00 AM–10:45 AM Parlor A

“Human Unity and the Spiritual Religion of Humanity”

Dr. R.L. Kashyap

The focus of the lecture will be the perceptions of the poet-philosopher-social thinker Sri Aurobindo delineated in his several books. His message includes the idea that the unity of the human race can only be secured by a spiritual religion of humanity. By this is not meant what is ordinarily called a universal religion, a system, a thing of creed and intellectual belief and dogma and outward rite. A religion of humanity means the growing realization that there is a secret Spirit, a divine Reality, in which we are all one, and that the human race and the human being are the only means by which it will progressively reveal itself here, and that only on the free and full life of an individual can the perfection and perfect happiness of the race be founded.

Dr. R.L. Kashyap—Professor of Electrical Engineering at Purdue University; recipient of numerous international awards in the fields of electrical engineering and artificial intelligence; has written and lectured on various spiritual topics including development issues in India and other countries.

10:00 AM–10:45 AM Adams Ballroom

“Loving God: The Real Foundation for Social Change”

Baba Virsa Singh

An inspirational discourse based on Baba Virsa Singh’s personal experience of God’s love and its power for social change. The presentation will include time for questions and answers. Baba Virsa Singh uses land reclamation and agriculturally-based economic development as practical demonstrations of God’s power in solving both personal and social problems. He calls forth the treasures hidden in the land and the people by awakening the love of God which lies dormant within us all, and inspiring us to live by the teachings of our respective Prophets.

Baba Virsa Singh—Gobind Sadan, India; spiritual leader from the Sikh tradition; blessed since childhood with an intense love of God, Babaji teaches while working in the fields, empowering all who meet him—from international scientists and religious scholars, to the very poor—to overcome otherwise intractable social problems.

10:00 AM–10:45 AM Crystal Room

“The Cry of the Earth: The Vision and Work of Sri Aurobindo”

C.V. Devan Nair

Spiritual experience is the unifying core of all religions. Religious division and dissension are political, socio-economic, or cultural—not spiritual. Sri Aurobindo described the civilizational crisis of modern humankind as an evolutionary crisis. Homo sapiens is the first species which can actively collaborate in the transformation of its own consciousness, and the spiritual pioneers of the human race are the forerunners of a divine multitude.

C.V. Devan Nair—Past President of Singapore; introduced to Sri Aurobindo’s spiritual path while a political prisoner of the British colonial government of Singapore in the 1950s; Visiting Fellow, Cornell University South-East Asia Program.

10:00 AM–10:45 AM Grand Ballroom

“Renewal of the Covenant”

Rabbi Irving Greenberg

The expansion of human power, freedom and affluence has galvanized the hopes and dreams of humanity. However, it has

brought with it many side effects which test the capacity of religions to become either agents of peace, reconciliation and pluralism, or vehicles of war, degradation and fanaticism. Faith, chastened and purified, can strengthen the human capacity for a life of pluralism, mutual dialogue and caring responsibility. This presentation will propose that we are living in an age of the renewal of the covenant between God and humanity, between humans and the environment, and between humans and humans. Each faith must self-critique and grow in love to embrace the best insights and valid needs of the other in order to be worthy of this moment.

Rabbi Irving Greenberg—President and Co-founder of CLAL, The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership; has been a seminal thinker in addressing the religious and ethical implications of the Holocaust for Judaism, Christianity and modernity; recent work has focused on the world wide search for power and freedom which is generating a new encounter between religions and between cultures as well as between humanity and the natural and cultural environment.

10:00 AM–10:45 AM Parlor G

“A Layman’s View of the Future Dialogue”

Sir Sigmund Sternberg

Sir Sigmund Sternberg—Chairman of the Executive Committee of the International Council of Christians and Jews; Vice President of the British Council of Christians and Jews; a Knight of the Realm (since 1976); a Papal Knight of the Order of St. Gregory the Great (1985); received high awards from the Austrian, German, Hungarian, Spanish and Polish governments; largest Jewish cultural centre in Europe—the Sternberg Centre for Judaism—is named after him.

10:00 AM–10:45 AM Parlor H

“Human Rights and Islam”

Shaikh Kamel Al-Sharif

Should international relations be driven by human rights? The rights of individual vs. rights of society. The sources of “right” Universal human rights. The status of women, slaves, prisoners of war and minorities in Islam and in the modern world. A comparative analysis of the Prophet’s last sermon and the United Nations charter for human rights. Should nations have causes or merely interests?

Shaikh Kamel Al-Sharif—Chairman, Islamic Council of Dawa; former Information and Education Minister, Government of Jordan, Amman, Jordan.

10:00 AM–10:45 AM Salon I

“The Divine Union of Spirit and Nature: Wiccan Wisdom and the Environmental Crisis”

Phyllis Currott

An address on the environmental crisis and human life, and the impact of “progress” and “development” on ecology and the experience of the Divine. Ms. Currott will share the ancient wisdom, world-view, and practices of the Wiccan faith as an alternative vision of harmony and healing between humans and the Earth which sustains us. The address will explore some of the essential tenets of Wiccan theology: that all life is sacred and interconnected, and that Nature is the embodiment of a Divinity both masculine and feminine, that physical and spiritual well-being are united and grounded in the honoring of a deep and abiding connection to the Earth and Her natural cycles.

Phyllis Currott—J.D., New York University School of Law; Wiccan High Priestess; 1st Officer and President, Covenant of the Goddess; founder and high priestess, Circle of Ara; priestess of Minoan Sisterhood; practicing attorney.

10:00 AM–10:45 AM State Ballroom

“Spiritual Unity and Global Harmony”

H.H. Sri Swami Satchidananda

This presentation will engage the audience in an exploration of the link between spiritual unity and global harmony. Through the use of scriptural quotations from major world religious traditions, parables, myths, stories and historical anecdotes, Sri Swamiji will discuss world peace based on his 40 years experience in interreligious dialogue and international conflict resolution.

H.H. Sri Swami Satchidananda—world-renowned spiritual leader; honored with the Anti-Defamation League’s Humanitarian Award and the Albert Schweitzer Humanitarian Award; built The Light of Truth Universal Shrine, Virginia, containing altars for many of the world’s faith traditions.

11:00 AM–11:45 AM Adams Ballroom

“The Transformation of Becoming Completely Human: The Open Space Beyond Religion”

Lex Hixon; Jonathan Granoff

The process of transformation from selfishness to compassion, limited love to boundless love, the source of each religion and the open space wherein the seed of wisdom blossoms. Focus on gifts we receive from God and His enlightened servants such as His Holiness Bawa Muhaiyaddeen and others. Burring questions and dialogue related to awakening wisdom welcome after presentations.

Lex Hixon—(Nur al-Jerrahi); Ph.D., Columbia University, World Religion, Sanskrit; Sheikh in Halveti-Jerrahi Sufi Order; initiate of Ramakrishna lineage; member Orthodox Church; 13 year host of WBAI radio’s “In the Spirit”; author, *Coming Home: The Experience of Enlightenment in Sacred Traditions*; *Heart of the Koran*; *Atom from the Sun of Knowledge: A Mystical Interpretation of Islam*; *Mother of the Buddhas: Meditations on the Prajnaparamitra Sutra*; and *Great Swan: Meetings with Ramakrishna*.

Jonathan Granoff—(Ahamed Muhaiyaddeen); attorney, author, award-winning screenwriter: “The Constitution: The Document that Created a Nation”; Co-Chair, Conference “New Realities: Disarmament, Peacebuilding and Global Security” (1993 at UN), Boards: The Bawa Muhaiyaddeen Fellowship, Society for Interreligious Intercultural Dialogue, Lawyers Alliance for World Security (Pres. Phila. Chap. and UN Rep.), NGO Comm. on Disarmament, Temple of Understanding; a spiritual son of His Holiness Bawa Muhaiyaddeen.

11:00 AM–11:45 AM Crystal Room

“A Multi-Cultural Vision of the 21st Century”

H.E. Dr. L.M. Singhvi

One hundred years from the last World Parliament of Religions, we should prepare to give a message for the next hundred years in terms of the multi-cultural values and visions of human society. A charter of these multi-cultural values delineating the 21st-century vision must include the building of defenses in the minds of men and women against intolerance, prejudice, and discrimination. Religions have a major role to play in preparing and realizing a blueprint for a more tolerant, reciprocating, compassionate, and just society.

H.E. Dr. L.M. Singhvi—Jurist, philosopher, diplomat (Indian Ambassador in U.K.); human rights exponent, founder and patron of organizations and movement for inter-religious understanding and Jain Declaration on Nature; leading constitutional expert, distinguished Parliamentarian, author, poet, publicist, linguist and litterateur.

11:00 AM–11:45 AM Grand Ballroom

“Sikh Spirituality: Recognizing the Divine Spirit Within”

Jaswant Singh Neki; Mr. Saran Singh

The goal of life is knowledge, not from outside but from within. Guru Nanak, the founder of Sikhism, revolutionized the path of spiritual attainment. He maintained that liberation can be

attained while carrying out obligations as a social being, as a house-holder, because real liberation is internal rather than in exterior renunciation. For this it is not incumbent to forsake the world, but its possessions. The first step towards God-realization is self-realization. It is the self-realized soul which is ready for merger with the Divine Spirit. Human life is a grand opportunity and a great challenge for the goal of self-realization.

(Introducer: Mrs. Rani Jasbir Kaur)

Jaswant Singh Neki—M.D., Ph.D.; eminent psychiatrist; former consultant to the World Health Organization and the United Nations Development program; author of several books on Sikh philosophy and theology; prominent Punjabi poet.

Mr. Saran Singh—Editor of *The Sikh Review*, based in Calcutta, India.

11:00 AM–11:45 AM Parlor A

“Human Values”

Justice Padma Khastgir

Justice Padma Khastgir—Justice, High Court, Calcutta India.

11:00 AM–11:45 AM Parlor H

“The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man”

Sadhu Vasvani

A discussion of the Hindu ideal of God as Father and of human beings as brothers and sisters as well as children of the divine.

Sadhu Vasvani—born in 1918, endowed with gifts of both head and heart; won laurels at his M.Sc. examination; selected as one of four persons to receive the “Prana Mitra Award” by the President of India; a prophet of compassion and love.

11:00 AM–11:45 AM Salon I

“Inward Journeys: Life as Artform”

Dr. Byron Sherwin

Utilizing insights garnered from the vast resources of Jewish spirituality, the individual’s challenge to create life as a work of art will be examined: God, self, spiritual self-development, the physical as a vehicle to the spiritual, the role of study, and the performance of redemptive deeds.

Dr. Byron Sherwin—Vice President for Academic Affairs and Verson Professor of Jewish Philosophy and Mysticism at Chicago’s Spertus College of Judaica; author of 18 books and over 100 articles on Jewish theology, philosophy, mysticism, ethics, law and cultural history; 1992, was the first recipient of the “Man of Reconciliation Award” by the Polish Council of Christians and Jews.

11:00 AM–11:45 AM State Ballroom

“Byzantine Church History”

V. Rev. James Jorgenson

The Great Schism (1054) and its affect on the “One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.”

V. Rev. James Jorgenson—Ph.D.; Professor of Church History at the Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit, Michigan.; a Pastor at the St. Paul Bulgarian Orthodox Cathedra, Detroit, Michigan.

2:00 PM–2:45 PM Adams Ballroom

“The Relation Between Science and Religion: the Contribution of Gaudiya Vaisnavism”

Dr. Richard Thompson

In the modern age, science has had a profound impact on religion. In this talk he will briefly outline the interaction between science and religion in the West, culminating in the widespread acceptance of Darwinian evolution. Then he will discuss the impact of science on Hindu thought in British-dominated India, as illustrated by the Brahma Samaj and the writings of Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. He will show the relevance

of this critique to current American controversies about the relation between science and religion.

Dr. Richard Thompson—Ph.D. in mathematics, Cornell University, specializing in probability and statistical mechanics; initiated disciple of his Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada; author of several books on the relation of the *Bhagavad Gita* and the *Srimad Bhagavatam* to science.

2:00 PM–2:45 PM Crystal Room

“An Analysis of Zoroastrian Scriptures”

Purviz Kolsawalla

This lecture will present a compilation and analysis of various translations of Gathas and Yasna—the major Zoroastrian scriptures.

Purviz Kolsawalla—past President of the Australian Zoroastrian Association of New South Wales and Vice-President of the Australian Interfaith Association.

2:00 PM–2:45 PM Monroe Ballroom

“The Viability of a Pagan Theology in the Post-Modern World”

Dr. Michael York

A presentation on the key aspects—including similarities and differences—of the major religions and contemporary pagan beliefs; where pagans fit in the modern world, their contributions and intentions; how pagan theology enhances the major religious traditions.

Dr. Michael York—Director, instructor, Academy of Cultural and Religious Studies, London and Varanasi; Ph.D., History and Philosophy of Religion, King’s College, Univ. of London; M.A., Social Science, International Relations, San Francisco State Univ., California.

2:00 PM–2:45 PM Parlor H

“God: Then and Now”

Rabbi Ira Youdovin

A survey of three images of the Deity as they appear in the Hebrew Bible, with a candid analysis of their applicability in today’s world.

Rabbi Ira Youdovin—D.D.; Senior Rabbi, Stephen Wise Free Synagogue, New York City; from 1973-84, member of the Senior Staff, Union of American Hebrew Congregations; articles have appeared in various publications in North America and Israel.

2:00 PM–2:45 PM Red Lacquer Room

“The Cosmology of Religions”

Thomas Berry

Only when we articulate an effective Cosmology of Religions based on our present knowledge of the universe will we be able to deal effectively with the Ecological devastation that is overwhelming the planet. So far we have limited ourselves to the Theology of Religions and the Anthropology of Religions.

Thomas Berry—historian of religions and writer with special concern for the foundation of cultures in their relations with the natural world; 1966-1979, Founder, Riverdale Center for Religious Research, Riverdale, New York; author, *Buddhism; Religions of India; The Dream of the Earth*; and (with Brian Swimme) *The Universe Story*.

2:00 PM–2:45 PM Salon I

“Miri Piri:

Synergy of Spiritual and Temporal Power”

Dr. Darshan Singh; Dr. Gurbakhsh Singh

Guru Nanak, the founder of Sikhism, in his pioneer role gave a clear blow to the dichotomy between the spiritual life and the temporal life that existed in earlier religious systems in India. Sikh Gurus developed the concept of the Saint-Soldier or spiritually integrated person alive to duties both to God and to society. Sikhism is a whole-life system combining spiritual and temporal

life, rejecting the separation of religion and politics.

(Introducer: Dr. Jasbir Kaur Saluja)

Dr. Darshan Singh—Professor and Chairman, Dept. of Guru Nanak Sikh Studies, Punjab University, India; writer of several books on Sikh Philosophy and Theology.

Dr. Gurbakhsh Singh—Ph.D., Ohio State University; Professor of Religious Studies, Akal University; author of numerous books on the Sikh faith; organizer of Sikh youth camps in the U.S.

2:00 PM–2:45 PM Salon III

“Toward a Shared World Ethic”

Dr. Peter Laurence; Rev. Chung Ok Lee

Interactive discussion/presentation, based on Dr. Hans Küng’s *Global Responsibility: In Search of a New World Ethic* as well as Prebendary Marcus Braybrooke’s *Stepping Stones to a Global Ethic*. Is the development of a global ethic possible? How might such a process begin and develop? “Our society does not need a uniform religion or a uniform ideology, but it does need some binding norms, values, ideals, and goals” (Dr. Hans Küng).

Dr. Peter Laurence—Executive Director, Temple of Understanding, a global interfaith association and one of the world’s oldest international interfaith organizations headquartered at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in N.Y. City, founded in 1960 to address the urgent need for dialogue and understanding among the religions of the world.

Rev. Chung Ok Lee—Head Minister of Won Buddhist Meditation Center in New York; United Nations Representative of Won Buddhism; General Secretary, the International Won Buddhist Committee to promote the United Religions; serves in the Executive Council of the World Conference on Religion and Peace, U.S.A.

2:00 PM–2:45 PM State Ballroom

“The Zoroastrian View of Harmony”

Homi B. Dhalla

Events all over the world indicate that violence is spreading its cancerous tentacles. The scriptures of Zarathushtra and those of the other world religions contain exhortations towards peace and also provide resources for peace-making. Man ought to be guided by this wisdom in order to bring about a transformation in his life which would lead to peace and harmony.

Homi B. Dhalla—teaches and conducts research in Zoroastrian Studies in Bombay; member, Board of Advisors of the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace (New York); member of the International Council of the World Conference on Religion and Peace (New York).

3:00 PM–3:30 PM Adams Ballroom

“An Analysis of the World Religions and Their Followings”

Homi J.H. Taleyarkhan

If all the religions were to combine into a unity of religion and create “the religion of unity,” what a purifying force for world peace religion could become, a welcome relief from the disturbing and disruptive misuse and abuse to which it is often put.

Homi J.H. Taleyarkhan—former governor of Sikkim, Ambassador of India to Italy and earlier to Libya; F.A.O. of United Nations; Cabinet minister in Maharashtra State, India and senior member of Minorities Commission Government of India; recipient, SAARC Region Award for Peace and Harmony; Laureate, Academia de la Paix.

3:00 PM–3:45 PM Crystal Room

“New Religious Movements and Interfaith Dialogue”

Dr. J. Gordon Melton

The 20th century has seen the formation and spread of thousands of new religious movements, some large and international in scope. All too frequently, however, the older religious traditions have both declined to dialogue with these newer movements, and even actively discouraged dialogical efforts. The ben-

efits resulting from the movement away from confrontation to dialogue between the older religions challenges us to include the new religious movements in present attempts at global religious understanding and cooperation.

Dr. J. Gordon Melton—Director, Institute for the Study of American Religion in Santa Barbara, California; Research Specialist with the Department of Religious Studies of the University of California-Santa Barbara.

3:00 PM–3:45 PM Parlor H

“Humanism as an Alternative to Traditional Religion”

Khoren Arisian

What is Humanism? What are the various “styles” of Humanism? What is the Humanist response to religion? What is Humanist experience, ethics, community, and center of concern? Where is the Humanist tradition today?

Khoren Arisian—Co-minister, First Unitarian Society of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Associate Dean, the Humanist Institute; Vice President, Fellowship of Religious Humanists; graduate, Crane Theological School; former Ethical Culture leader, New York Society.

3:00 PM–3:45 PM Red Lacquer Room

“World Religions and the New World Order”

Henry L. Siegman

Do the world’s religions possess unique resources that can contribute to the pursuit of peace and international order in the post cold war situation?

Henry L. Siegman—Executive Director, American Jewish Congress; member, Council on Foreign Relations participated in Brookings Study Group that issued the Brookings Institution Report, “Toward Arab-Israeli Peace;” ordained rabbi; founder, International Jewish Committee for Interreligious Consultations; has lectured and published widely on Jewish, interreligious, and international affairs.

3:00 PM–3:45 PM Salon I

“Islam and Contemporary Social Problems”

Dr. Fathi Osman

Islamic attitudes toward drugs, alcohol, promiscuity, respect for parents and elders, and the dignity of women. Can Islam successfully address contemporary social problems?

Dr. Fathi Osman—Professor, Islamic studies; well-known Islamic scholar, Los Angeles, California.

3:00 PM–3:45 PM Salon III

“Hinduism and the Concept of God”

Swami Balasiva Yogeendra Maharaj

How does the concept of God help to foster love, peace, happiness, and prosperity? Spirituality is the basis of all religions. Spiritual thought is fundamental to religious thought. The spiritual essence of Hindu religious thought forms the core, which when properly understood and assimilated, avoids all conflict and contributes to Peace. Peace is reinforced and strengthened if people of all religions understand the spiritual thought behind their religious experience.

Swami Balasiva Yogeendra Maharaj—His Holiness is one of the foremost spiritual masters striving for realization of the Vedic ideal of universal peace and happiness; has rendered yeoman service in the fields of medicine, yogic research, and spirituality; Founder President of Sri Balasiva Universal Peace Foundation, Hyderabad, India.

3:00 PM–3:30 PM State Ballroom

“The World Peace Movement of the Japanese Religionists”

Rev. Ikeda Eiki

A discussion, from the standpoint of Buddhism, of the Japanese

religious peace movement. A consideration of a proposal for the establishment of a World Religions League.

Rev. Ikeda Eiki—Shingon Buddhist priest; President, Japan Religious Committee for the World Federation; President, Japan Inter-Culture Foundation; President, Shingonshu Nakayama Temple.

3:30 PM–3:45 PM State Ballroom

“Cooperation and Unity Among the World’s Religions”

Ven. Fujita Shunkyo

A brief presentation of a proposal for the Preparation of the World Religions Charter.

Ven. Fujita Shunkyo—Shingon Buddhist priest; President, Shingonshu Kannonji Temple; Advisor, Japan Religious Committee for the World Federation.

4:00 PM–4:45 PM Adams Ballroom

“The Anuvrat Movement—the Jain Path to Self-Transformation and World Peace”

S. L. Gandhi

An introduction to the Anuvrat movement, based on the code of conduct prescribed by Tirthankara Mahavira for householders. Anuvrat encourages and inspires the individual to commit to certain basic values enshrined in small vows. Launched by H.H. Acharya Tulsi in 1949, the movement has spread all over the world. Non-sectarian in nature, it seeks reconciliation and promotes interfaith harmony.

S. L. Gandhi—International Secretary, Anuvrat Global Organization (Anuvibha); has held several intellectual and honorary posts at the national and international level.

4:00 PM–4:45 PM Crystal Room

“The Spiritual Basis of Economic and Financial Life: the Islamic Perspective”

Dr. Mohammad Nejatullah Siddiqi

Pre-Islamic Arabian society and the nature of Prophet Muhammad’s reform. The Qur’an’s attitude towards wealth and socio-economic justice. The implications for modern society.

Dr. Mohammad Nejatullah Siddiqi—Center for Research in Islamic Economics, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia; Recipient, King Faisal Prize in Economics.

4:00 PM–4:45 PM Monroe Ballroom

“Reflections on the 1993 Parliament of the World’s Religions”

Rev. Dr. John Buehrens

Rev. Dr. John Buehrens—President, Unitarian Universalist Association; co-minister, UUA’s largest congregation, All Souls Unitarian Church, New York City.

4:00 PM–4:45 PM Red Lacquer Room

“The Cathedral of St. John the Divine: A Case Study in Interfaith Celebration”

Very Rev. James Parks Morton

A critical analysis of how a major cathedral has maintained its own identity (Christian/Anglican) and opened its doors to interfaith worship, dialogue, and social action (Buddhist, Hindu, Muslim, Shinto, Jewish, Native American and other indigenous traditions).

Very Rev. James Parks Morton—Dean of the Cathedral of St John the Divine; President, Temple of Understanding; instrumental in forming the Global Forum of Spiritual and Parliamentary Leaders; co-founder and co-chair, with Dr. Carl Sagan, The Joint Appeal by Religion and Science for the Environment.

4:00 PM-4:45 PM Salon I

"Understanding the Sikh Turban and Kirpan (Sword)"

Dr. J.W. Spellman; Mrs. Rani Jasbir Kaur
(Introducer: Mr. Bhupinder S. Kalra)

Dr. J.W. Spellman—Professor of Asian Studies and Head of Department of Asian Studies, University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

Mrs. Rani Jasbir Kaur—active in Sikh youth camps; organizes children's religious programs.

4:00 PM-4:45 PM Salon III

**"A Course in Miracles—
Founder of a New Culture of the World"**

Tara Singh

This workshop is an introduction to the potentials of a silent mind, the resources of self-reliance, and the strength of rightness. *A Course in Miracles* is the sustainer of compassionate forces upon the planet. It explores the precept that, "Nothing real can be threatened; nothing unreal exists."

Tara Singh—President of the Foundation for Life Action in Los Angeles. He is the author of many books including

A Course in Miracles; Awakening a Child from Within; and The Future of Mankind - Affluence Without Wisdom is Self-Destructive.

4:00 PM-4:45 PM State Ballroom

**"No More Strangers and Foreigners
but Fellow Citizens in the World"**

Elder Russell M. Nelson

The presentation will include a discussion of: World conditions confronting humanity now and in the future; A world with and without a vigorous religious community; The obligation for all religions to seize opportunities to establish a more sure foundation for world development; The world's dependence upon individual religion's unspoiled vision, witness, and cooperative commitment for its success. The program will conclude with a performance a children's choir.

Elder Russell M. Nelson—Elder Russell M. Nelson, Ph.D.; Apostle in the Council of the Twelve Apostles of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; listed in *Who's Who in the World, Who's Who in America* and *Who's Who in Religion*; has received numerous honors, including honorary degree and awards, such as a citation for international service from the American Heart Association and the Golden Plate Award from the American Academy of Achievement; has been awarded honorary professorships from three universities in the People's Republic of China.

5:00 PM-5:45 PM Adams Ballroom

"Macedonia: What is in a Name?"

John Alexis-Zeppos

A discussion of the historical significance of Macedonia to world history: the reality and the outcome. Will Orthodox Christianity be a common ground for peace?

John Alexis-Zeppos—Consul General of Greece, for Chicago.

5:00 PM-5:45 PM Crystal Room

"Vajrayana Buddhism in the 21st Century"

Ven Khenchen Palden Sherab Rinpoche; Ven. Khenpo Tsewang Dongyal Rinpoche

A Dharma Talk on the significance of Vajrayana Buddhism and Tibetan Buddhism at the threshold of the next century.

Questions and answers.

Ven Khenchen Palden Sherab Rinpoche—universally acknowledged and respected scholar and meditation master of the Tibetan Buddhist tradition; long-term Abbot, Central Institute for Tibetan

Higher Studies, Sarnath India; 15 years as Head Abbot, Nyingma Department of Higher Studies, Varanasi, India; author of several books; particularly acknowledged as master of *Dzogchen*, the highest practice in the Nyingma tradition of Tibetan Buddhism.

Ven. Khenpo Tsewang Dongyal Rinpoche—graduate, Sanskrit University, Sarnath, India; Abbot in charge, the Nyingma Institute and the Orgyen Cho-Khorling Monastery, Kathmandu, Nepal; has published several books, especially works of history and poetry; recognized expert in the study of ancient Tantric literature. (Note: the Rinpoches are brothers.)

5:00 PM-5:45 PM Monroe Ballroom

**"Experience Inner and Outer Peace
Through Meditation"**

Sant Rajinder Singh Ji Maharaj

A concise, cogent explanation of the meditation process. How the joy and bliss experienced in meditation imbues the participant "with an everlasting divine intoxication." Revealing the "inner" meaning of numerous religious scriptures through meditation. The significance of the near-death experience.

Presentation will include a 5-10 minute meditation practice.

Sant Rajinder Singh Ji Maharaj—spiritual leader and head, Science of Spirituality, with 800 centers in 40 countries; internationally renowned teacher of meditation and human unity; author of *Ecology of the Soul, Education for a Peaceful World, and Spirituality in Modern Times*; teaches a practical method for direct experience of the Light within each of us and within all creation, leading to inner and outer peace.

5:00 PM-5:45 PM Parlor H

"East and West in a Spiritual Embrace"

Rev. Dr. César A. Dávila, D. Th.

This workshop offers an introduction to the Center for Yoga and Christianity, Monterey CA. Can a vision of the next millennium provide the basis for a universal spiritual brotherhood? What have we accomplished thus far? Where have we failed? What is the prognosis for humankind from today to tomorrow? Who should lead this work? Politics? Philosophy? Technology? Science in its various forms? Or religion, grounded in God and divine law? How can the embrace of East and West contribute to this transformative process?

Rev. Dr. César A. Dávila, D. Th.—Founder and President of the Yoga and Christianity Movement in the Americas; Roman Catholic theologian and authority on Eastern religion and philosophy.

5:00 PM-5:45 PM Salon I

**"Religion in the Year 2020: A Worldwide
Confederation of Interfaith Villages"**

William S. Walsh

Ghandi's vision of the self-sufficient villages and the success of the Iroquois Confederacy's 1000 years of peace among warring Indian nations are inspirations for this bold vision, which stands in contradistinction to a "new world order" or "one world government." Mr. Walsh shows the historical roots for such confederations (such as the Asyla confederation of ancient times) as well as the emergence around the world of interfaith communities who could form a true Global Village of peace.

William S. Walsh—studied under visionary architect Frank Lloyd Wright at Taliesin Fellowship in Arizona, and was an art professor at the University of Texas for seven years; has had long term interaction with Native cultures from living in a Mayan Indian village in Mexico to his current friendship with the Lakota Sioux in South Dakota; has participated in the design and construction of (East) Indian temples in India, South Africa, and America; currently designing interfaith villages for India, Malaysia, and the USA.

5:00 PM-5:45 PM Salon III

"Jain Religion—Universal Relevance"

in the Contemporary World"

Dr. N.P. Jain

With its comprehensive emphasis, both in principle and practice, on non-violence and the sanctity and integrity of all life forms, the compassionate Jain philosophy can meaningfully contribute to the attainment of durable peace.

Dr. N.P. Jain—Former Indian Ambassador to the European Economic Community, U.N., Mexico, Nepal and Belgium.; noted scholar, poet, author.

6:00 PM–6:45 PM Red Lacquer Room

"The Faith Resiliency of the African American Community"

Rev. James Forbes

Rev. Forbes will address the role of faith, spiritual renewal, religion and the church in the movement for social justice and liberation of the poor and oppressed. In the context of the African American community, Dr. Forbes will address how the church and the nation must come to a contemporary understanding of spiritual improvement.

Rev. James Forbes—graduate of Howard University, Union Theological Seminary and Colgate Rochester Divinity School, is also the senior pastor of the Riverside Church of New York City; author, *The Holy Spirit and Preaching*.

7:00 PM–7:45 PM Red Lacquer Room

"Faith: The African American Family"

Minister Louis Farrakhan

The Honorable Louis Farrakhan will explore the issues and challenges faced by the African American family and how their faith traditions have provided strength and endurance in an oppressed society. He will focus specific attention on the role of African American males as a force of strength in their families.

Minister Louis Farrakhan—National Representative of the Nation of Islam; a gifted speaker, he has lectured all over the world.



10:00 AM–12:00 PM Adams Ballroom

“Native American Holy Land, Sacred Sites, Religious Freedom”

Peterson Zah; Charlotte Black Elk; Susan Shown Harjo; Douglas Long; Burton Pretty On Top; Pete Catches
 Native Americans have endured 500 years of persecution for practicing their spirituality. The denial of religious freedom for traditional Indian people began with the first arrival of Europeans in North and South America. The final blow to the legal protection of religious freedom came in 1988 and 1990 when the U.S. Supreme Court held that the First Amendment does not protect sacred sites or the religious use of peyote by the Native American Church. These religious leaders will talk about the utmost importance of the Native American Religious Freedom Act.

Peterson Zah—Navajo, President of the Navajo Nation, President, the American Indian Religious Freedom Summit.

Charlotte Black Elk—Oglala-Pine Ridge, S.D., Advisor in the field of Oral Tradition verification, Environmental Ethics Movement, Land Return and Sacred Sites.

Susan Shown Harjo—Cheyenne/Hodulgee Muscogee, President and Director of Morning Star Foundation, Vice President of Native’s Children Survival, Poet, Writer, Mother.

Douglas Long—Wisconsin Winnebago, President, Native American Church of North America.

Burton Pretty On Top—Crow Nation; spiritual leader and pipe carrier.
 Pete Catches—(Petaga Whya Mani); Lakota spiritual leader.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Grand Ballroom

“The Development of Socially Engaged Buddhism”

Jack Lawlor; Stephanie Kaza; Dr. A.T. Ariyaratne; Sulak Sivaraksa; Sr. Cao Ngoc Phuong; Ven. Preah Maha Ghosananda; Chatsumarn Kabilsingh

The program will begin with presentations about the religious basis of a socially engaged Buddhism, as evidenced in the life and discourses of the Buddha, and in Mahayana Buddhist teachings on the interdependence of all beings, love, and compassion. The manifestations of socially engaged Buddhism will be described as they have evolved over time in Asia and in the West (the formation, for example, of the Buddhist Peace Fellowship). Panelists represent the contemporary practice of socially engaged Buddhism in fields such as the environment, peace activism, refugee resettlement, community organizing. (Moderator: Jack Lawlor)

Jack Lawlor—President, Buddhist Council of the Midwest; Dharma teacher in the lineage of Ven. Thich Nhat Hanh; member, Board of Directors, Buddhist Peace Fellowship.

Stephanie Kaza—Associate Professor of Environmental Studies with focus on environmental ethics and eco-feminism, University of Vermont; chair, Board of Directors, Buddhist Peace Fellowship; lay-ordained student of Zen Buddhism; author, *The Attentive Heart; Conversations with Trees*.

Dr. A.T. Ariyaratne—lay Buddhist leader; founder and president of the Sarvodaya Movement in Sri Lanka; recipient, 1992 Niwano Peace Prize

Sulak Sivaraksa—attorney in his native Thailand; lay Buddhist practitioner; Founder, International Network of Engaged Buddhists.

Sr. Cao Ngoc Phuong—Ordained Dharma Teacher in the Vietnamese Zen lineage of Thich Nhat Hanh; refugee relief worker; peace activist.

Ven. Preah Maha Ghosananda—Supreme Patriarch of Cambodian Buddhism.

Chatsumarn Kabilsingh—Ph.D.; Faculty of Liberal Arts, Thammasat University, Bangkok, Thailand.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Parlor H

“Spirituality and Healing”

Richard Katz, Ph.D.; Mr. Danny Masqua; Sister Pascaline Coff; Geshe Sopa

Panel presentation by the Fetzer Institute, bringing together a group of spiritual practitioners to discuss how disease and healing have significance that reaches into spiritual dimensions, and methods for achieving healing in each of their own traditions.

Richard Katz, Ph.D.—teaches at Saskatchewan Indian Federated College, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada; author of 3 books on spiritual healing: *Nobody’s Child; Boiling Energy; Community Healing Among the Kalahari Kung*; and *The Straight Path: A Story of Healing from Fiji*.

Mr. Danny Masqua—Anishinabe (Saulteaux) Elder from the Keesekoose Reservation in Saskatchewan, Canada; traditional story teller and counselor as well as an Elder-in-Residence at the Indian Education Program, University of Saskatchewan.

Sister Pascaline Coff—O.S.B., Ph.D.; founder and director of Osage Monastery, Forest of Peace, a monastic Ashram in Sand Springs, Oklahoma; since 1976, has been involved in East-West interreligious and intermonastic dialogues.

Geshe Sopa—The Abbot of the monastery at Deer Park, near Madison, Wisconsin, and principle teacher of the Buddhist community there; Professor of Buddhist Studies in the department of South Asian Studies at UW, Madison; author of *Cutting through Appearances*.

10:00 AM–10:45 AM Red Lacquer Room

“Clues to Illumination in the Hindu, Buddhist, and Sufi Traditions”

Pir Vilayat Inayat Khan

The ultimate objective of those looking to spirituality for fulfilling their highest aspirations is awakening, sometimes described as a state of illumination. Pir Vilayat, whose guided meditations are based upon one’s personal experience together with researching into the meditation practices of yogis, Buddhist monks, and Sufi dervishes, presents clues as to the kinds of disciplines, concentrations, and attainments that it takes to trigger a breakthrough in one’s perspicacity and realization.

Pir Vilayat Inayat Khan—Head of the Sufi Order founded in 1910 by Hazrat Inayat Khan. He is a well-known teacher of meditation, presenting seminars, camps and retreats around the world; training he gives integrates a broad spectrum of methods of meditation from many traditions; founder, Omega Institute for Holistic Studies and author of *Introducing Spirituality into Counseling and Therapy, The Call of the Dervish*, and a forthcoming manual of meditation.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Salon I

“The Great Circle Dance: Religion and the Religions”

David Steindl-Rast; John Lobell; Mimi Lobell; Bob Walter; Rebecca Armstrong; Roger Dell

This presentation further explores Campbell’s perspective on Experience and Authority and Campbell’s perspective on Light and Shadow with an emphasis on the cross-cultural aspects of Campbell’s work and the role of art in religion.

David Steindl-Rast—OSB, Benedictine monk associated with the Camaldolese Benedictine community at Big Sur, California; advisor to MID, an author; leader in interfaith dialogue.

John Lobell—Director of Membership of the Joseph Campbell Foundation and Professor of Architecture at the Pratt Institute.

Bob Walter—Vice President and Director of the Joseph Campbell Foundation and editor of Joseph Campbell’s *Historical Atlas of World Mythology*.

Rebecca Armstrong—musician, storyteller, and founder of The Joseph Campbell Society in Chicago.

Roger Dell—Director of Museum Education at the Chicago Museum of Contemporary Art.

12:00 PM–1:30 PM Grand Ballroom

"Darshan by Mata Amritanandamayi"

Mata Amritanandamayi

A rare opportunity to hear one of the most revered spiritual teachers of modern India. Teaching, meditation practice.

Mata Amritanandamayi—representative of India's ancient Vedanta tradition; teaches by example; has initiated many service projects throughout India; founder, M.A. Centers in India and abroad.

2:00 PM–2:45 PM Adams Ballroom

"Sikh Attitudes to Social and Political Injustice"

Indarjit Singh; Dr. Kamaljit K. Sethi

This presentation will demonstrate the relevance of Sikh teachings to modern day social and political circumstances. It will examine the Sikh route to a more egalitarian society. Sikhism is a social and fraternal religion standing equally for the "Mother/Fatherhood of God and the Brother/Sisterhood of Humankind," guaranteeing equal status for all human beings. It is the religion of our times, modern in outlook, scientific in analysis, rational in approach, and practical in adaptability. It is a religion which is concerned with the creation of a just social order and is committed to social equality and peaceful co-existence. Sikhism enjoins on its followers social responsibility involving both social service and political action against injustice whoever its victims. In fact, the ninth prophet of the Sikhs was martyred by the Mughal State because he defended the right of expression of Hindus.

(Introducer: Mr. Tejpal S. Hansra)

Indarjit Singh—Founding Editor of *The Sikh Messenger*, a quarterly magazine about Sikh history and religion in circulation in the U.S., U.K., Canada, Europe, India and many other countries; author, *Strangers in our Midst* and co-translator of "*Rehat Maryada*," a guide to the Sikh Way of Life.

Dr. Kamaljit K. Sethi—anchor of "The Sikh Program," a weekly television program addressing Sikh history, religion and news from 1988 to present; founding member of the Sikh Broadcasting Corporation; Judge at the International Youth Symposium, Hemkunt Foundation, 1993.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Grand Ballroom

"Native American Scriptures of Creation"

Oren Lyons; Thomas Yellowtail; Thomas Banyacya; Alfred Yazzie; Douglas Long; Pete Catches

This panel presents Spiritual leaders from six different Native nations. Each member will give a brief overview of how their Creator brought them into this world.

Oren Lyons—Onondaga Faith Keeper, New York.

Thomas Yellowtail—Crow Nation Religious Leader, Montana.

Thomas Banyacya—Hopi, Traditional Spiritual Leader, Interpreter of Hopi prophecies.

Alfred Yazzie—Navajo, Healer, Spiritual leader.

Douglas Long—Wisconsin Winnebago, President of Native American Church of North America.

Pete Catches—(Petaga Whya Mani); Lakota spiritual leader.

2:00 PM–2:45 PM Parlor H

"Zarathushtrian Scriptures—Source, Depth, and Understanding"

Pallan R. Ichaporia

This presentations will discuss Zoroastrian Scriptures—their antiquity and survival through the ages—the archaic language is only recently well understood—and its profound influence on other major religions.

Pallan R. Ichaporia—B.A. in Avesta/Pahlavi, and M.S. and Ph.D. in business administration, University of Oklahoma.

2:00 PM–2:45 PM Red Lacquer Room

"Race Unity:

Lessons from the American Bahá'í Experience"

Dr. Robert C. Henderson

Racial segregation in the religious life of America has often been more intense than in other aspects of social life. The Bahá'í community provides a model of inter-racial unity which has important implications for American society at large.

Dr. Robert C. Henderson—Secretary-General of the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the United States. A former management consultant with Tarkenton and Associates, former President of Air Atlanta, and a longtime partner in an inter-racial marriage; has studied race relations from the streets of Watts to the boardrooms of corporate America.

2:00 PM–2:30 PM Salon I

"Pagans in Interfaith Dialogue: New Faiths, New Challenges"

Donald H. Frew

Neopagan witchcraft is one of the fastest growing religions in America. Santeria and Voodoo also claim very significant followings in the U.S. Traditional religion is experiencing a resurgence among Native Americans. New waves of immigrants from Asia and the Pacific bring more pagan religions to North American shores every day. These religions challenge the interfaith community to broaden its perspective and to encompass a wider range of religious practice and experience. This presentation will address the growth of pagan practice and its implications for the future of interfaith encounter and dialogue.

Donald H. Frew—Wiccan High Priest in two traditions; Elder of Covenant of the Goddess; CoG Public Relations Officer; has published extensively on the subject of the history of modern Craft, its current place in the American community of faiths, and its future; 8 years as Executive Secretary, Berkeley Area Interfaith Council.

2:00 PM–2:45 PM Salon III

"World Parliament of Superstition? Scientific Evidence for a Basic Reality to the Spiritual"

Charles T. Tart

Many people have great conflict between the religion of their childhood and parents versus the belief of contemporary society, especially when science is brought in. We have gone from excesses of medieval superstition to the excesses of "scientism." Scientism, especially as automatized habits of thought and feeling, is a psychologically depressing approach to life and also a parody of the open-minded spirit of genuine science. The field of laboratory parapsychology has provided high quality evidence for characteristics of mind (but not of the physical brain) that support a spiritual view of life. We could use genuine science and genuine spirituality to enrich each other, rather than be in conflict.

Charles T. Tart—Professor of Psychology, UC Davis; Senior Fellow, Institute for Noetic Sciences, Sausalito; internationally known for research with altered states, transpersonal psychology, and parapsychology. His ten books include two classics, *Altered States of Consciousness*; and *Transpersonal Psychologies*; *Waking Up: Overcoming the Obstacles to Human Potential*, synthesized Buddhist, Sufi, and Gurdjieffian mindfulness training ideas with modern psychology. His latest book, *Open Mind, Discriminating Mind* extends these explorations.

2:00 PM–2:45 PM State Ballroom

"A Place for Women on Earth: A Buddhist Perspective"

Chatsumarn Kabilsingh

This presentation will explore—on the one hand—the imbalanced representation of women in Buddhism and on the other

the role of women as nurturers of the world.

Chatsumarn Kabilsingh—Ph.D.; Faculty of Liberal Arts, Thammasat University, Bangkok, Thailand.

3:00 PM–3:45 PM Adams Ballroom

“A New Vision of Living and Dying”

Sogyal Rinpoche

In this presentation, Sogyal Rinpoche will address the most crucial questions of living and dying, and show how what we call “life” and what we call “death” are parts of one single process. Once we go beyond our fears and prejudices, death is revealed as life’s greatest opportunity for transformation, as we come to glimpse what it is in us that survives death, and is changeless. With ease, humor and clarity, Rinpoche presents a radically new vision of living and dying, one based on a deepening understanding of the innermost essence of the human mind.

Sogyal Rinpoche—educated in Tibet and at Cambridge; international speaker and meditation master; author *The Tibetan Book of Living and Dying*, acclaimed as landmark in bringing together Tibetan Buddhist teachings and modern understanding of death and dying.

3:00 PM–3:45 PM Parlor H

“Aspects of Suffering in Judaism and Hinduism”

Rabbi Jack Bemporad

This presentation will clarify the similarities and differences between “suffering” in Judaism and Hinduism; delineating suffering; how each religion defines suffering; and the means it provides to overcome it. A special focus will deal with the work of Sri Aurobindo—especially his “life divine”.

Rabbi Jack Bemporad—Temple Israel, Lawrence, NY; Endowed Professorship of the Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Connecticut; through his relationship with the Vatican, was instrumental in co-founding the Center in 1992; past Director of the Commission on Worship and Adult Education of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations; presently on the Board of Governors of the Synagogue Council of America and Chairman of the Interreligious Affairs Committee.

3:00 PM–3:45 PM Salon I

“Ethereic Purification of the Psycho-Sphere: Key to Planetary Healing, Economic Rejuvenation and World Peace”

Bambi Baaba

The need for world governments and religious leaders to work together with Highly Evolved Beings and Spiritual Masters in search for lasting solutions to human and world problems. The merging of religion, science and technology with spiritual science to heal the earth’s ether (psycho-sphere), through etheric purification. Opening up the higher brain faculties to produce accident-free technology, through constructive mutual sharing and cooperation, and selfless service to humanity. The re-emergence of divine culture and advanced civilizations in which human beings live in peace, love and harmony, without war, social evils, disease, exploitation, hunger, poverty, and religious, racial or economic segregation. Economic rejuvenation of the developing areas of the world through building ecologically friendly spiritual cities on key geocosmic focal points.

Bambi Baaba—His Imperishable Glory, Intra-being Ansenserenist Bambi Baaba, is a Spiritual/Cultural Guardian, inventor of “Ansenserenica”, the science of global etheric purification; founder of the Sserulanda Foundation, a worldwide, non-profit, non-sectarian, voluntary self-help organization, now building Sseemsamirembe, a new ecologically friendly spiritual city in Uganda East Africa, dedicated to world peace and economic rejuvenation.

3:00 PM–3:45 PM Salon II

“Round Table of Religious Leaders and Communities”

Ivanka Jakic

The presentation discusses proposals for the establishment of Round Tables and the Council For Reconciliation, as submitted to the World Council of Churches (Geneva), the World Conference on Religion and Peace (New York), the United Nations, and at the seminar, “The Role of Churches in the Creation of a Culture of Peace,” held in Barcelona by the Centre UNESCO de Catalunya, in cooperation with the UNESCO Division for Human Rights and Peace.

Ivanka Vana Jakic—initiator of the “Zones of Peace Transnational Project”; reconciliation missionary for past five years; native of the former Yugoslavia; Tibetologist.

3:00 PM–3:45 PM Salon III

“Shakti: The Form of the Formless”

Dr. Rajeshwari V. Pandharipande

The concept of *Shakti* (literally, “energy” or “power”) as the divine power has been integral to the philosophy, theology, and practice of Hinduism throughout its history. However, so varied are the types of manifestations of *Shakti* in various sects of Hinduism, it has been difficult to grasp their connection, let alone their underlying unity. This presentation will a) discuss the significance of these manifestations for understanding the impersonal as well as the personal character of the divine in Hinduism, b) illustrate the role of *Shakti* worship in integrating various beliefs, and c) emphasize the relevance of the concept of *Shakti* for the dialogue between Hinduism and other systems of faith.

Dr. Rajeshwari V. Pandharipande—Associate Professor of Religious Studies, Linguistics, Comparative Literature, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign; Ph.D., Sanskrit, Nagpur University, India; Ph.D., Linguistics, University of Illinois; current recipient of “University Scholar” award for contributions to the fields of South Asian Linguistics and Religion; author of *The Eternal Self and The Cycle of Samsara: Introduction to Asian Mythology and Religion*.

3:00 PM–3:45 PM State Ballroom

“Perspectives for a Post-Colonial Caribbean Church”

Dr. Henry Charles

A discussion of the ideals and realities of the Church in the post-colonial Caribbean world.

Dr. Henry Charles—Trinidad; Assistant Professor, St. Louis University (Department of Theological Studies); Ph.D., Religious Studies, Yale Graduate School; Th.M., Harvard Divinity School.

4:00 PM–4:45 PM Adams Ballroom

“Two Types of Unity and Religious Pluralism”

Prof. Masao Abe; Donald Mitchell

The religious interpretation of the unity of ultimate reality in an exclusive sense can entail intolerance and religious imperialism. What kind of understanding of the unity of ultimate reality can solve the dilemma and create the possibility of positive tolerance and peaceful coexistence among religions. This presentation will distinguish two kinds of unity: “monistic unity” and “nondualistic unity.” Is nondualistic unity the real common basis for the contemporary pluralistic situation of world religions? Presentation by Prof. Masao Abe; response by Prof. Donald Mitchell.

Prof. Masao Abe—Professor Emeritus, Buddhist Studies, Nara University, Japan; Visiting professor of Buddhism and Japanese philosophy, Purdue University; member, Kyoto School of Philosophy; deeply involved in the comparative study of Buddhism and Western thought and in Buddhist-Jewish-Christian dialogue; publications include *Zen and Western Thought* and *Emptying God*.

Donald Mitchell—professor of comparative philosophy, Purdue University; associate editor of *Buddhist Christian Studies*; author of *Spirituality and Emptiness: The Dynamics of Spiritual Life in Buddhism and Christianity*.

4:00 PM–4:45 PM Grand Ballroom

"Orthodox Christianity in the 21st Century"

V. Rev. Dr. Thomas Hopko; His Grace ISALAH

The speaker will examine the question, How will the church survive—as a remnant of the past or as an example for the future?

V. Rev. Dr. Thomas Hopko—Ph.D (Fordham), Dean, St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, N.Y. Professor, Dogmatic Theology. His Grace ISALAH—Greek Orthodox Bishop of Denver, Extensive Inter-jurisdictional and Interfaith efforts throughout the country.

4:00 PM–4:45 PM Parlor H

"Peace and Justice—A Sikh Perspective"

Dr. Kamaljit K. Sethi; Jaswant Singh Neki

The presentation will focus on justice as a theological concept in the founding of the Sikh Faith (15th Century) the writings of Guru Granth Sahib that expound on the theme of peace and justice, how gurus exemplified this in their lives, and how justice and peace ensure religious harmony and secularity. It will be concluded by an overall perspective. (Introducer: Mr. Sukhjit S. Cheena)

Dr. Kamaljit K. Sethi—anchor of "The Sikh Program," a weekly television program addressing Sikh history, religion and news from 1988 to present; founding member of the Sikh Broadcasting Corporation; Judge at the International Youth Symposium, Hemkunt Foundation, 1993.

Jaswant Singh Neki—M.D., Ph.D.; eminent psychiatrist; former consultant to the World Health Organization and the United Nations Development program; author of several books on Sikh philosophy and theology; prominent Punjabi poet.

4:00 PM–4:45 PM Red Lacquer Room

"Hinduism Today: A Religion in Renaissance"

Satguru Sivaya Subrahmunyaswami

An introduction of the Shaivite Hindu path that leads the soul from simple service to worshipful devotion to God, from disciplines of meditation and Yoga to the direct knowing of divinity within. Spiritual seekers are advised to live a life of Ahimsa, harmlessness to nature, people and creatures, an ethic that includes vegetarianism. There is a great need for Hindu Global Unity through communication, love and trust, which is the central theme of this presentation.

Satguru Sivaya Subrahmunyaswami—initiated, at age 22, into the holy order of Sannyasa in 1949 by his Guru Siva Yogaswami in Sri Lanka; on his Guru's instructions, returned to America and founded the Saiva Siddhanta Church; spent seven years in sadhana and in the aftermath of his Samadhi, burst into a series of Kundalini experiences which culminated in the profound aphorisms of the book, *Raja Yoga*; currently, the publisher of the international newspaper, *Hinduism Today*, in seven countries.

4:00 PM–4:45 PM Salon I

"Permanent Healing: Breakthrough to Spiritual Awareness"

Rev. Dr. Daniel R. Condrón

The curing of dis-ease throughout the world, begins by examining the attitudes held, accepted, and taught which foster and produce that dis-ease. As the individual becomes empowered to produce mental, emotional, physical, and spiritual healing, spiritual awareness is accelerated and advanced, producing permanent healing. As wholeness of the Self is realized, health is experienced. When self-aware and whole individuals join together, global health will become a reality.

Rev. Dr. Daniel R. Condrón—Doctorate in Metaphysics and a Doctorate in Divinity; National President of the School of Metaphysics and CEO of the College of Metaphysics; author of *Dreams of the Soul: the Yoga Sutras of Patanjali*; minister, spiritual leader, counselor, teacher, and speaker.

4:00 PM–4:45 PM State Ballroom

"The Emergence of the Bahá'í Faith as a World Religion"

Hoda Mahmoudi

In 1893, the Bahá'í Community consisted of a small, loosely organized group of believers concentrated in Persia, Iraq and a handful of other eastern countries. Today, the *Encyclopedia Britannica* lists the Bahá'í Faith as the second most widespread religion in the world with significant organized communities of believers in virtually every country, save those few where the establishment of Bahá'í communities is prohibited. We will examine this process and some of its implications for the future.

Hoda Mahmoudi—Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Associate Professor and Chairperson of the Sociology and Administration of Justice Department at California Lutheran University; Advisory Board of the *Journal of Bahá'í Studies*; Board of Directors and Secretary, Women for International Peace and Arbitration.

5:00 PM–5:45 PM Adams Ballroom

"Mohammad the Model for Humanity: Myth or Reality?"

Dr. Abdo Yamini; Maulana Syed Abul Hasan Ali Nadwi

Topics of this workshop are: the concept of "perfect man" in Greek and western traditions; the Islamic view of Insan Salih, the righteous man; Mohammad as the personification of the Qur'an.

Dr. Abdo Yamini—former Minister of Information, Saudi Arabia; President, IQRA International, Saudi Arabia.

Maulana Syed Abul Hasan Ali Nadwi—Islamic scholar; charismatic leader of Indian Muslims; Rector, Darool-Uloom Nadwatul Ulema, Lucknow, India.

5:00 PM–5:45 PM Monroe Ballroom

"Convergence: The Sacred Wheel"

Jim Kenney

The sacred wheel: the spokes representing the varieties of religious expression, the rim representing the level of most superficial involvement in one's own tradition, the hub representing the shared heart of all religious wisdom. This presentation will offer a model for interreligious dialogue which goes beyond conversation to convergence. How is it that as I move toward the center of my own faith and practice, I come to know and to respect yours? Why does our diversity give life and energy to our unity? Why does an appreciation of the symbolic language of religion give life to interfaith exchange? What does it mean to "feel the other side"?

Jim Kenney—Co-Founder and Executive Director, Common Ground interfaith study center; Co-Editor, *Fireball and the Lotus: Modern Spirituality from Ancient Roots*; Vice-Chair and Program Chair, Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions.

5:00 PM–5:45 PM Parlor H

"In the Spirit of the Earth: Redefining Spiritual Values for a Planet in Crisis"

Andras Corban Arthen

This presentation will examine the role that mainstream religion has played in creating or supporting many of the problems facing the Earth today. It will also discuss how a redefinition of spiritual values can help to address the resolution of these problems, particularly by examining the beliefs and practices of Pagan and Earth-centered traditions.

Andras Corban Arthen—initiated into the traditional practices of a Scottish family of Witches in 1969; Cunningman of the Glainn Sidhr Order of Witches and Director of the EarthSpirit Community, one of the largest Pagan organizations in the country; has served on the board of officers of Covenant of the Goddess, a national council of Witches; has recently released a recording of stories, titled, "Tales of Wonder".

5:00 PM–5:45 PM Red Lacquer Room

“What We Need”

Disciple of Swami Chinmayananda

The CPWR deeply regrets the recent passing of the beloved Swami Chinmayananda. One of his principle disciples will deliver his last address, prepared for this session of the Parliament of the World's Religions. What can spiritual leaders and religious workers contribute and help to foster general welfare of mankind in the confused, chaotic world of today? The talk will contain topics and ideas to direct the thoughts of the people concerned and may provide themes for various groups to discuss and resolve in their own wisdom.

Swami Chinmayananda—Recognized for his accomplishments in creating a renaissance of spiritual and cultural values in India and around the world. In the lineage of great Vedantic masters as Swami Sivananda and Swami Tapovanam; renowned authority on Hinduism and has authored over forty books; his discourses are received with reverence and esteem by all; with his inspiration and guidance, the spiritual movement continues world wide under Chinmaya Mission, spreading the values of Vedanta and undertaking a myriad of culture, educational and humanitarian programs.

5:00 PM–5:45 PM Salon I

“The Teachings of Paramahansa Yogananda”

Brother Achalananda

An examination of the principles of Kriya Yoga, the ancient science of meditation taught by Paramahansa Yogananda. The concepts and methods embodied in Yogananda's teachings will be considered in the light of their power to help balance today's emphasis on technology with spiritual vision—and to contribute not only to personal enlightenment but also to a more compassionate, humane, and peaceful world.

Brother Achalananda—born in 1926 in McComb, Mississippi; formerly an engineer in the aerospace industry; monk of the Self-Realization Fellowship Order since 1955; senior minister at a Self Realization Fellowship retreat and ashram in southern California, and one of its international lecturers.

5:00 PM–5:30 PM Salon III

“Jainism and Business Ethics”

Professor Jagdish Sheth

This presentation will explore the basic Jain principles of co-existence and non-violence. What can they contribute to business management in the coming century?

Professor Jagdish Sheth—Professor of marketing at Emory University, Atlanta, GA.; has worked for numerous industries in the U.S.A., Europe and Asia, both as a consultant and as a seminar leader; author of many books and articles; numerous awards for his outstanding contribution to his profession.



9:00 AM-9:45 AM Adams Ballroom

"National and International Zones of Peace"

Ivanka Vana Jakic

This presentation will focus on the definition of "Zones of Peace," explain their immediate and long-term goals, show how they could contribute to the creation of a global culture of peace—a more just and secure world economically, socially and spiritually. We will consider how, in times of conflict, with the prior consent of religious and political leaders, National Zones of Peace could serve as centers for negotiations and international relief efforts. Also explored would be the application of peace zones to the protection of sacred and cultural legacies of indigenous peoples and all religious systems.

Ivanka Vana Jakic—initiator of the "Zones of Peace Transnational Project"; reconciliation missionary for past five years; native of the former Yugoslavia; Tibetologist.

9:00 AM-12:00 PM Crystal Room

"Buddhist-Christian Monastic Dialogue: Sunyata and Kenosis—the Universal Arising of Compassion in the Spiritual Journey"

His Holiness the Dalai Lama; Fr. Julian von Duerbeck, OSB; Br. Wayne Teasdale; Sr. Johanna Becker; Ven. Dr. C. Phangcham, Ph.D.; David Steindl-Rast; Bhante Seelawimala; Dr. Patrick Henry; Father Thomas Keating, OCSO; Sr. Pascaline Coff, OSB; Father James Connor

This seminar will be a high level, in-depth dialogue on the above theme. It will follow a structure of four presentations by Buddhists and four by Christian monks/nuns, with a Moderator. After these presentations, we will break up into predesignated discussion groups, each with a leader. Then the groups will report back to the plenary group, including the observers. A discussion between the panelists and the larger gathering will follow. We want to explore the differences and similarities of Sunyata (Emptiness) and Kenosis (Self-Emptying) and their relationship to growth in compassion in our spiritual lives.

His Holiness the Dalai Lama—Exiled spiritual leader and head of state of Tibet; spiritual leader of 50 million Buddhists worldwide, Nobel Prize winner and world leader.

Fr. Julian von Duerbeck, OSB—Benedictine monk of St. Procopius Abbey, Lisle, IL; member of Monastic Interreligious Dialogue; has contributed much to interfaith understanding and cooperation.

Br. Wayne Teasdale—Christian sannyasi (monk, renunciate) in the lineage of Father Bede Griffiths; member of Monastic Interreligious Dialogue; writer, lecturer and teacher; resides at St. Procopius Abbey.

Sr. Johanna Becker—OSB, Benedictine nun at St. Benedict's Convent, St. Joseph, MN; member of Monastic Interreligious Dialogue; lecturer in the area of art in the world religions.

Ven. Dr. C. Phangcham, Ph.D.—Vice-President, American Buddhist Congress, Midwest Regional Headquarters. Director, Vipassana Meditation Center, Wat Dhammaram, the Thai Buddhist Temple of Chicago.

David Steindl-Rast—OSB, Benedictine monk associated with the Camaldolese Benedictine community at Big Sur, CA; advisor to MID; author leader in interfaith dialogue.

Bhante Seelawimala—Sri Lankan Buddhist abbot in the Theravadan tradition; eminent speaker.

Dr. Patrick Henry—Executive Director; Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research in Collegeville, MN.; author, *For the Sake of the World: Buddhist and Christian Monasticism*; has done much in the area of intercultural dialogue.

Father Thomas Keating, OCSO—Former Abbot of St. Joseph's Abbey, Spencer, MA; Former Chair, North American Board of East-West Dialogue, which fosters exchange between monks and nuns of the world's religions; Board member, Temple of Understanding and the Snowmass Ecumenical Conference; author, *Open Mind, Open Heart*;

Invitation to Love; The Mystery of Christ; The Kingdom of God is Like...; Awakenings; and Reawakenings; active in the advancement of the Christian contemplative tradition through the practice of Centering Prayer.

Father James Connor—OCSO, Cistercian (Trappist monk); member of MID and editor of its publication, *Bulletin*; monk of Abbey of Gethsemani, Trappist, Kentucky, where Thomas Merton was also a monk.

9:00 AM-11:00 AM Grand Ballroom

"Meditation and Mindfulness"

Ven. Thich Nhat Hanh

An introduction to the essential techniques of meditation. A glimpse of mindfulness.

Ven. Thich Nhat Hanh—Vietnamese Buddhist monk; world-renowned teacher of meditation and mindfulness.

9:00 AM-9:45 AM Monroe Ballroom

"The Whole World is a Single Flower"

Zen Master Seung Sahn

Unique among species, human beings alone don't understand their true role and function. Their basic ignorance stems from a reliance on our habits of thought. When we return to our mind before thinking, compassion appears. In that clear state, the universe is one. The discovery of one's true self is the basis for world peace.

Zen Master Seung Sahn—78th Patriarch, Chogyo Order of Korean Buddhism; the leading teacher in the Chinese/Korean Zen tradition in the western world. Active in the US since 1972, he has established practice centers in North and South America, Western and Eastern Europe, South Africa, and Australia; his teaching has been collected in several works, among them *Dropping Ashes on the Buddha; Only Don't Know*; and *The Whole World is a Single Flower*.

9:00 AM-9:45 AM Parlor G

"Hinduism as a Way of Life, and the Message of the Bhagavad Gita"

Saint Asharamji Maharaj

An address on the modern relevance of the Hindu path with particular attention to the sacred scripture, the *Bhagavad Gita*.

Saint Asharamji Maharaj—known popularly as "Bapu"; founder, International Yoga Vedanta Society Society, in Germany, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, East Africa, the U.S., Canada, Hong Kong, and India; society runs twelve ashrams, meditation centers, and retreats worldwide.

9:00 AM-9:45 AM Parlor H

"Relevance of Sri Aurobindo and Rudolf Steiner for World Spirituality at the Turn of the Millennium"

Robert McDermott

This lecture will briefly characterize Sri Aurobindo's Integral Yoga and Rudolf Steiner's Anthroposophy, summarize their respective admonitions concerning the karmic destinies of Asia and the West, and recommend their teachings as an antidote to the corrosive dimensions of contemporary thought and culture.

Robert McDermott—President of The California Institute of Integral Studies, an interdisciplinary, multicultural graduate school in San Francisco; professor emeritus, and former chair, Department of Philosophy, Baruch College, CUNY; lectures and research focus on the relevance of philosophical and spiritual paradigms in the evolution of consciousness; best known for his knowledge on the life and work teachings of Rudolf Steiner, founder of Anthroposophy and the Waldorf approach to education.

9:00 AM–9:45 AM Salon I

"The Contemporary Role of Religion in the Family and its Relevance to Our Daily Realities"

Siri Singh Sahib Bhai Sahib Harbhajan Singh Khalsa Yogiji
Happiness is the birthright of every human being. When we as individuals live conscious lives in harmony with our basic inner truth, life becomes a fulfilling harmonious flow.

Siri Singh Sahib Bhai Sahib Harbhajan Singh Khalsa Yogiji—internationally recognized religious and spiritual leader; chief Religious and Administrative Authority for Sikh Dharma of the Western Hemisphere; founder, Peace Prayer Days.

9:00 AM–9:45 AM Salon II

"Educational Values and the Fostering of a Global Perspective in the Coming Generation"

Shandan Roychaudhuri

Shandan Roychaudhuri—General Secretary, Asiatic Society, Calcutta, India.

9:00 AM–9:45 AM Salon III

"Religious Fundamentalism"

Dr. Abdel Aziz Sachadina

Topics of this workshop are: What is fundamentalism? The forces behind the rise of fundamentalism in contemporary religions, modernity, spiritual vacuum, moral crisis, socio-economic injustices, etc. Islamic fundamentalism, its new features and future.

Dr. Abdel Aziz Sachadina—Professor of Islamic Studies, West Virginia University.

10:00 AM–10:45 AM Adams Ballroom

"Buddhism in the Modern World"

Ven. Preah Maha Ghosananda

Ven. Preah Maha Ghosananda—Supreme Patriarch of Cambodian Buddhism.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Grand and State Ballrooms

"African American Mass Parliament Choir"

Dr. Rose Jackson, Coordinator

Music is an integral part of the African American religious and worship tradition. Choirs and choir members from around the city will make a joyful noise through song as they lift their collective voices and share the musical traditions of African Americans. A limited number of tickets for this event will be available at the Registration Center.

10:00 AM–10:45 AM Monroe Ballroom

"Islam in America: Opportunities and Challenges"

Imam Waris Din Mohammad; Dr. Asad Husain

Topics of this workshop are: the advent of Islam. The North American continent. Muslim slaves from Africa during the 17th and 18th century. The recent wave of Muslim immigrants. The establishment and development of Muslim countries. The main features of African American and immigrant Islam. Is Islam a positive force for change or is it irrelevant in modern America?

Imam Waris Din Mohammad—Nation of Islam.

Dr. Asad Husain—President, American Islamic College; Professor, Northeastern Illinois University; Director, Summer Institute of Islamic Studies.

10:00 AM–10:45 AM Parlor H

"Unity Leaves No One Out"

James Dillet Freeman

Unity's approach has always been to emphasize similarities and cooperation and harmony among the world religions. In this presentation, Mr. Freeman, Poet Laureate of the Unity Movement, will share his poems, prayers, and inspiration from 50 years of dedicated ministerial service. He is a dynamic speaker who has the ability to touch and express the heart of humankind.

James Dillet Freeman—world renowned poet and author, began working at Unity School in 1929 by the invitation of Myrtle Fillmore, co-founder of the Unity Movement; his poems have been translated into 15 languages, as well as taken to the moon on both the Apollo 11 and Apollo 15 missions.

10:00 AM–10:45 AM Salon III

"Orthodox Christian Perspective on the Environment"

Nicholas P. Conostas

Commentary on the Patriarchal Encyclical of the late Demetrios I, Patriarch of Constantinople; issued on the Day of the Protection of the Environment (Geneva, 1989); and the Proclamation on the Environment, authored by His All Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople and signed by all the Primates of the Orthodox Christian Church on the Sunday of Orthodoxy, 1992 at the Phanar Constantinople, Turkey.

Nicholas P. Conostas—Ph.D. (Catholic University of America), Patristics Historical Theology; M. Div. Summa cum Laude, Holy Cross School of Theology (Greek Orthodox); B.A., Summa cum Laude, Hellenic College, Brookline, Massachusetts.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Salon IV

"The Silent but Singing Revolution: The Swadhyaya Movement in India"

Betty Miller Unterberger; Jayashree Athavale-Talwalker; Shri R.K. Shrivastava

Presentation on the Swadhyaya Movement, founded Shri Pandurangshastri Athavale, which has been bringing man closer to man, removing barriers based on race, color, religion, nationality, etc. An account of the various socio-economic experiences which have brought revolutionary changes in the lives of millions of people all over the globe.

Betty Miller Unterberger—Professor of International History at Texas A&M University; author of numerous books and articles; has lectured at International Symposia in India, Pakistan, Turkey, China and at the U.S.S.R. Academy of Sciences; first American scholar to research and write about the Swadhyaya Movement.

Jayashree Athavale-Talwalker—post graduate in Philosophy, Bombay University; lectured for some time in Philosophy at the Elphinstone College, Bombay; has been principle representative of the Swadhyaya Family in international conferences like "Living With the Earth"; the central focus of her life is *Swadyaya*, dealing with the whole range of problems that beset our time; as the daughter of Shri Pandurang Shastri Athavale (Dadaji), the founder of the Swadhyaya Movement, she is also the symbol of its community.

Shri R.K. Shrivastava—born in 1942, educated in Kanpur, Delhi and London; Ph.D. in International Relations; Fellow of the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies; current research concerns are: developing problematic and sociology of religions and movements.

11:00 AM–11:45 AM Red Lacquer Room

"Reflections on Death and Dying"

Elizabeth Kubler-Ross

Elizabeth Kubler-Ross—pioneer in the modern inquiry into death, dying, the near-death experience; author of numerous books and articles, including, *Death and Dying*.



10:00 AM–11:30 AM Burnham Wing #2

“Qur’an and Science: Qur’anic Revelation and Scientific Knowledge”

Dr. Ibrahim B. Syed

A lecture/slide presentation showing the correlation between the revelations of the Qur’an and modern scientific knowledge. Scientific arguments for the existence and oneness of God. Scientific exegesis of Qur’anic revelations on the creation of man, the barrier between two seas, comets of ice, the Last Day and Resurrection.

Dr. Ibrahim B. Syed—Ph.D.; Clinical Professor of Medicine, University of Louisville School of Medicine; President, Islamic Research Foundation, Louisville, Kentucky; research physicist.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Burnham Wing #3

“Contemplative Dwelling I: Dwelling Process Failure, Planetary Crisis, Underlying Causes and Alternative Dwelling Design”

Steve Kozan Beck

The direct contemplative experience of the transcendent and the scientific perspective, reveal a thoroughly interdependent universe, which inherently functions in cooperation with itself, to consistently achieve an optimum with a minimum. Our present dwelling process has come to do the opposite—engaging us in an often desperate competition to produce secondary and non-necessities first, in order to obtain food, water, energy and especially housing.

This presentation, the first of two, will propose alternative dwelling design—the urban density detached, owner-buildable, solar homestead—beginning in size, amenity and materials with the universally affordable; and proceeding to the site design of neighborhood community and settlement pattern that optimizes public transit and habitat preservation.

Steve Kozan Beck—Certified as a priest and teacher of Buddhism; holds a Master of Architecture degree; over the past ten years has designed, built and lived in a series of affordable solar dwellings and continues to do so.

10:00 AM–11:30 AM Burnham Wing #4

“Worldviews and Ecology”

Mary Evelyn Tucker; Stephanie Kaza; John Grim; Jay McDaniel

This panel discussion (with audience question and answer period) will include presentations dealing with traditional religious attitudes toward nature and resources for contemporary ecological thinking. We will concentrate on five major areas:

John Grim: Native American Religions

Stephanie Kaza: Buddhism

Mary Evelyn Tucker: Taoism and Confucianism

Jay McDaniel: Christianity

Mary Evelyn Tucker—Ph.D. in History of Religions (Confucianism in Japan), Columbia University; has published *Moral and Spiritual Cultivation in Japanese Neo-Confucianism*; currently teaching courses in world religions, Bucknell University; associate of the Global Forum for Spiritual and Parliamentary Leaders.

Stephanie Kaza—Associate Professor of Environmental Studies with focus on environmental ethics and eco-feminism, University of Vermont; chair, Board of Directors, Buddhist Peace Fellowship; lay-ordained student of Zen Buddhism; author of *The Attentive Heart; Conversations with Trees*.

John Grim—Associate Professor, Department of Religion, Bucknell University; annual field studies in Native American rituals; doctoral dissertation on Ojibway shamanism, under mentorship of Thomas Berry, published as *The Shaman: Patterns of Religious Healing among the Ojibway Indians*.

Jay McDaniel—Director of Steel Center and Associate Professor of

Religion, Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas; author, *Of God and Pelicans; Earth, Sky, Gods, and Mortals*; editor, *Good News for Animals: Christian Approaches to Animal Well-being*; Board Member, Center for Respect of Life and Environment (Washington, D.C.)

10:00 AM–11:30 AM Burnham Wing #5

“Earth Day XXV and the Globalization of an Earth Ethic”

Bruce Anderson

Earth Day-related activities can serve as a barometer of the global community’s reverence for the sacredness of all creation, and of the conviction that compassion is the key to realizing a healthy, vibrant planet. This workshop will develop ideas, strategies, and working groups to assist the world religious community in utilizing the 25th anniversary of Earth Day in 1995 to accelerate this trend.

Bruce Anderson—President, Earth Day USA/Earth Day 1995; Chair, North American Coalition on Religion and Ecology; author/editor of 10 books on energy and environment; former publisher, *Solar Age* magazine.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Clark Wing #1

“A Proposal to Evolve the Parliament Toward a ‘U.N. of Religions’”

Rohinton M. Rivetna

A plea to Parliament attendees and to the Assembly of Religious Leaders to support the formation of a World Body to provide a forum for the religions of the world to dialogue and to resolve critical issues at a global level.

Rohinton M. Rivetna—Founder President, Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America; has devoted his life to perpetuating the Zoroastrian faith in North America; Director of Environmental Engineering, American National Can Company.

10:00 AM–10:30 AM Clark Wing #2

“Swami Vivekananda’s Contributions to Human Services and Personal Fulfillment”

Raj Prabhakar

This presentation examines the uniqueness of Swami Vivekananda’s ideas with regard to the philosophy and practice of service and personal fulfillment.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Clark Wing #3

“Humanism, Autonomy, and Community: The Reconstructionist Approach to Judaism”

Rabbi Arnold Rachlis

We believe that God is the power within us that helps us strive to be loving and caring people, that force which moves us towards self-fulfillment and ethical behavior. This religious, humanistic approach has not only made us respectful of the Jewish tradition, but has also given us the determination to open up new paths in ritual, ceremony, and philosophy. Reconstructionist Jews speak of ‘predicate theology’, in which God is experienced as working through human beings to bring *Tikkun Olam*, repair of a broken world.

Rabbi Arnold Rachlis—Rabbi, University Synagogue, Irvine, California; graduate, University of Pennsylvania, Temple University, and the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College; has served or currently serving, President, Chicago Board of Rabbis, Leadership Greater Chicago, Senior Foreign Affairs Advisor, U.S. Department of State; member, board or advisory board, Mazon, Jewish Fund for Justice, Peace Now, the Jewish Federation, American Jewish Committee, etc.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Clark Wing #5

“Islam and Religious Pluralism”

Dr. Maher Hathout; Dr. Syed Hashim Ali; Anis Ahmed; Abidullah Ghazi, Ph.D.

Islam’s approach to coexistence between religions, races, men and women of different cultures and different faiths.

Dr. Maher Hathout—Islamic commentator; President, Islamic Center of Southern California, Los Angeles, California.

Dr. Syed Hashim Ali—former Vice-Chancellor of both Aligarh and Osmania Universities, India; Principal Secretary (retired) to Government of Andhra Pradesh, India; consultant, World Bank and Asian Development Bank; advisor to F.A.O.; author, *Indian Muslims at the Crossroads*; lecturer and scholar on Islamic topics.

Anis Ahmed—Dean, Faculty of Revealed Knowledge, International Islamic University, Malaysia; scholar of interfaith matters.

Abidullah Ghazi, Ph.D.—Executive Director of IQRA International Educational Foundation, Chicago; Ph.D. in Islam and Hinduism, Harvard University.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Clark Wing #6

“Interreligious Dialogue: Why and How?” Part I: A Model for Life, Living and Dialogue”

Dr. Rahim Sheikholeslami

A workshop to help clergy and lay participants gain skill and confidence in interreligious dialogue. Provides information, guidelines, and practical techniques for engaging in dialogue with people of other religions. Part I: Through a slide presentation, participants explore the place of humans in the universe and look at the cultural and religious diversity of the world. Then, a criteria-based model for life, living and dialogue, responsive to human needs, interests, and potential, is introduced and opened to discussion. The uses of the criteria-based model in affirmation of diverse religious and ideological beliefs and practices, and in intercultural dialogue will be reviewed.

Dr. Rahim Sheikholeslami—Founder and President, Society for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue, Wallingford, PA; Muslim; interdisciplinary credentials in education, administration, psychology, and religion; broad experience in human resources, leadership development teaching, research, and interfaith dialogue.

10:00 AM–11:45 AM Clark Wing #7

“The Convergence of Two Ways of Light: Kabbalah and Vedanta”

Dr. James N. Judd, Ms.D.

The purpose of this presentation is to show the harmony between the mystical teachings of the Jewish Kabbalah and the Hindu Vedanta. During the seminar, each verse of the Isa Upanishad will be compared with one or more verses from the Kabbalah. Note: this seminar involves an in-depth study of mysticism and is not recommended for the casual student.

Dr. James N. Judd, Ms.D.—Teacher of metaphysics, Kabbalah, and Vedanta; lecturer on interfaith topics; author of four books and numerous articles; founder, Universal Teachings; listed in *Who’s Who Worldwide*.

10:00 AM–11:30 AM Clark Wing #8

“The Bahá’í Faith and Interreligious Dialogue”

Robert H. Stockman

The Bahá’í concept of progressive revelation states that all religions come from a common divine source. This doctrine, and exhortations in Bahá’í scripture that Bahá’ís should consort with people of all religions, have encouraged Bahá’ís worldwide to become extensively involved in interreligious relations at a local level. The concept of progressive revelation has also complicated Bahá’í involvement in interreligious dialogue by incorporating the other religions into Bahá’í sacred history on Bahá’í terms.

Some solutions to the resulting problems are proposed.

Robert H. Stockman—director of the Research Office at the Bahá’í National Center in Wilmette, Illinois; author of one book and several scholarly articles on aspects of Bahá’í history; part time teacher, Religious Studies Department, DePaul University, Chicago.

10:00 AM–11:00 AM Clark Wing #9

“Christian Reflections on the Bhagavad-Gita”

Sister Charlene Altemose

The *Bhagavad-Gita’s* message is applicable to all. Sister Altemose presents the *Bhagavad-Gita* as a paradigm of each person’s individual spiritual journey. One’s seeking can be fulfilled by an intimate relationship with God. A Christian’s reflections! Like Arjuna, we all long to be open and see the light. From moral conflict through discernment to liberation in being united with the Infinite. This is everyone’s story. The *Bhagavad-Gita* opens to all of us the way to total fulfillment: “I stand firm; my doubts dispelled. I act on thy word, Lord.” (*Bhagavad-Gita*, 18:73)

Sister Charlene Altemose—Missionary Sister of Sacred Heart and author of *Why Do Catholics?* and *What You Should Know About Mass*; has been a Professor of Theology, a columnist for the Religion Page of the Bethlehem PA Globe-Times, a Fulbright Scholar in India, a contributor to “India News” on India’s Religions and Christianity, and a contributor to the Religious News Service; received the Christian Leadership Award to Israel through American-Israeli Friendship League; presently, an author for Ligouri Publications.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Clark Wing #10

“Liberal Religion in Relation to the World’s Religions”

Prof. John Godbey; Rev. Dr. Khoren Arisian; Rev. Dr. Spencer Lavan
Three noted authorities will present papers on the theme, followed by open discussion. (1) “The Nature of Liberal Religion,” Prof. John Godbey; (2) “Emerson, Humanism, and Religious Universalism,” Rev. Dr. Khoren Arisian; (3) “Interfaith Dialogue and Liberal Religion: a Model for Global Theology,” Prof. Spencer Lavan.

Prof. John Godbey—Professor of church history at Meadville/Lombard Theological Seminary in Chicago, Illinois; has studied the international liberal religious movement, especially as liberal religious traditions are expressed today in Unitarianism and Universalism, and attended congresses of the International Association for Religious Freedom (IARF).

Rev. Dr. Khoren Arisian—Served as a leader of the Ethical Culture Societies of New York City and Boston, and is regarded as a leader of the American humanist movement. He presently serves as co-minister of the First Unitarian Society of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Rev. Dr. Spencer Lavan—Dean of Meadville/Lombard Theological Seminary in Chicago, Illinois; has served as a Unitarian Universalist minister for more than thirty years, and has served as professor of Islamics and Asian religions; particularly interested in the interaction of Islam with western cultures.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Dearborn Wing #1

“Transformational Imagery: Application of Imagery for Emotional and Physical Healing”

Charlotte A. Smith, Ph.D.

An experiential workshop. Participants will imagine travelling through their brain hemispheres and bodies to bring about the balancing of the psyche, to enhance physical well-being, and to support spiritual life.

Charlotte A. Smith, Ph.D.—psychotherapist in private practice for twenty five years; graduate of Northwestern University and her doctoral dissertation focused on the effect of imagery on brain wave patterns. Her philosophical focus is that healing is attained through a holistic approach.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM LaSalle Wing #1

"Stories of the Spirit"

Joseph Bruchac

Traditional tales of native peoples touch our mind and heart and help us to develop greater awareness of ourselves and others. Through stories we deepen the spiritual understanding which helps to connect us to the Earth and to each other. Abenaki storyteller, Joseph Bruchac, will entrance and engage us with stories from his tribe and other native cultures.

Joseph Bruchac—poet, writer, international storyteller, and a keeper of the traditions of the Abenaki tribe; "Publishers Weekly" has called him "perhaps the best-known contemporary Native American storyteller"; author of such books as: *Keepers of the Earth; Keepers of the Animals*, co-authored with Michael Caduto, and most recently, *Dawn Land*; editor and publisher of the "Greenfield Review Press"; on the Board of the National Association for the Preservation and Perpetuation of Storytelling; an editorial advisor and regular contributor to *Parabola Magazine*; in 1992 was Chairman, 1st National Conference of Native American Writers and Poets.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM LaSalle Wing #2

"Our Vision for the Earth: A Call to Loving Action"

Judith Elia Brosius; Albert Brosius; Barry Bryant; Rosemary Fillmore Rhea

Each of us weaves a unique and irreplaceable thread in the rainbow tapestry of Earth. This creative worship experience will honor the individual spiritual journey of each participant while encouraging sharing the diverse cultural, religious, and spiritual traditions of all the peoples of the Earth. We will contemplate, meditate, sing, dance, and listen to the heartbeat of the drum. We will ask one another: "What are the practical spiritual solutions to the apparent world problems?" Our answers will be presented through the co-creation of an affirmative ritual for Hope, Healing, and Harmony for the Whole World.

Judith Elia Brosius—Marriage and Family Therapist; trained extensively with Virginia Satir; has organized conferences for World Peace, Holistic Medicine, and World Religious Unity in the U.S. and India; has been leading transformative workshops internationally since 1985; currently a ministerial student at Unity School for Religious Studies.

Albert Brosius—investment banker for over twenty-five years, and since 1987 has been studying intensively with indigenous spiritual teachers; has been initiated into the ancient Shamanic tradition by Native Healers throughout Brazil and Peru; gifted spiritual healer and an inspiring group facilitator.

Barry Bryant—Artistic Director of Samaya Foundation and author of *The Wheel of Time Sand Mandala*.

Rosemary Fillmore Rhea—Granddaughter of Charles and Myrtle Fillmore, co-founders of the Unity Movement; has served most of her life in the media field, producing and hosting Unity's five-minute TV broadcast "The Daily Word" and co-directing "The Word" with over 1000 radio and TV stations.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM LaSalle Wing #3

"Economic Justice: Women's Strategies for Change"

Selena Derry; Judy Vaughn

An experiential workshop focusing on understanding present economic realities and injustices in the lives of women. A "faith reflection" on women's vision of economic justice, followed by exploration of strategies for realizing this vision. Discussion of women's economic cooperatives will be included.

Selena Derry—Founder of IBEJ, an economic cooperative aimed at responding to the cultural and economic needs of women; member of the National Assembly of Religious Women.

Judy Vaughn—On the National Office Team of NARW.

10:00 AM–10:45 AM LaSalle Wing #4

"Spiritometry—the Scientific Step Towards God"

Dr. Shreenivas Samdarshi

Spiritometry is verification (analysis) or inference, experience, and realization of Spirit (the absolute, the Divine Supreme Self). It is the subjective synthesis of objective analysis, getting to comprehend the Self and the unmanifested manifest.

Dr. Shreenivas Samdarshi—founder and director of the Indira Gandhi Institute of Cardiology, and the chairman of both the Indian Institute of Business Management and the International Institute of Polypathy; author of such books as *Trin Venu; He and We Spiritometry*; and *Shringinad: the Voice of divine Trumpet*.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Montrose Wing #1

"Women in Islam"

Amina McCloud; Mary Ali; Suad Al-Fatih; Dr. Riffat Hassan; Sheila Musaji; Nancy Ali; Nasiha al-Sakina

This seminar will deal with the roles of women in Islam. There will be emphasis on value strong family and social structure; Muslim women as mothers; Muslim women raising future generations of Muslims; and the responsibilities of Muslim women.

Amina McCloud—Assistant Professor, Islamic Studies, DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois.

Sheila Musaji—Editor, *American Muslim* magazine, St. Louis, Missouri.

Mary Ali—Registrar, American Islamic College, Chicago, Illinois.

Dr. Riffat Hassan—Chairperson of the Religious Studies Program at the University of Louisville; born in Lahore, Pakistan of a Syed Muslim family, she has done pioneer work in developing feminist theology in the context of the Islamic tradition; extensive work in Jewish-Christian-Muslim dialogue; co-creator of Women's and Men's Liberation: Testimonies of the Spirit.

Nancy Ali—Muslim activist.

Nasaha al-Sakina—clinical psychologist; anchor, television program, "Islam," California.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Montrose Wing #2

"The Unfoldment of a World Civilization"

Sovaida Ma'ani; Brent Poirier

The establishment of world peace requires an international legal structure as well as a spiritual foundation. New international institutions, headed by men and women with a combination of spiritual qualities, freedom from prejudice against any nation, and a knowledge of international laws must be brought into being. This approach will be compared and contrasted with those of Tolstoy and Gandhi. This workshop seeks to bridge the theological and intellectual gap between workers for peace who advocate renunciation of all force, and those who believe that force as the servant of new peace-making institutions is necessary for international law enforcement.

Sovaida Ma'ani—member, Board of Directors of the Bahá'í Justice Society, and its present Chair; qualified Barrister-at-Law in England and Wales; member of the Washington, D.C. Bar; L.L.M. in Public International Law, Cambridge University; master's degree, Comparative Law, George Washington University.

Brent Poirier—member of the Board of Directors of the Bahá'í Justice Society; founder and first chair of the Section of International and Immigration Law of the State Bar of New Mexico; former intern, legal offices of UNIDO, United Nations, Vienna; practices law in southern New Mexico.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Montrose Wing #3

"The Zoroastrian Way of Life for Modern Men, Women, and Families"

Mehroo M. Patel

The teachings of Zarathushtra emphasize equality and interdependence of men and women in the overall design of human

experience. Issues revolving around the family units—nuclear and extended, interrelationships between men, women, children and parents in the religious and cultural life of Zoroastrians in East and West will be explored in this presentation.

Mehroo M. Patel—family physician in private practice; diplomate of the American Board of Family Physicians, Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians, and College of Surgeons of Edinburg, Scotland; member of the Chicago Medical Society, Illinois State Medical Society, and American Medical Association; Director of the Board of the Zoroastrian Association of Metropolitan Chicago and its Community Affairs and Program Coordinator.

10:00 AM–10:30 AM Montrose Wing #4

“The Practice of Nonviolence in Multicultural Perspective”

Dr. David Brookman

The purpose of this statement is to challenge listeners to “ground” *Ahimsa* in daily life in order to remediate damage to human and other life forms commonly justified for the sake of technological progress. The paper is developed by focusing upon three values articulated by cultural historian Thomas Berry that evaluate the multivalent intentionalities of *ahimsa*.

Dr. David Brookman—degrees in theology and the history of religions; ordained in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in 1980; has served as Protestant Campus Minister at Fort Hays State University, Hays, Kansas; currently serving the campus community of Michigan Technological University, Houghton, Michigan, on behalf of Portage Lake United Ministries in Higher Education.

10:00 AM–11:00 AM Montrose Wing #5

“Putting Children and Families First: The Tradition Continues”

Mr. Francis P. Hannigan

This presentation will highlight the U.S. Catholic Bishops’ statement: “Putting Children and Families First, A Challenge for Our Church, Nation and World.” The realities children and families face, national and local initiatives and developing a “family perspective” will be included. Examples of family sensitive parishes and ministries will be shared.

Mr. Francis P. Hannigan—Director of the Family Ministries Office of the Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago; Co-author, *A Marriage in the Lord*, marriage preparation workbook.

10:00 AM–11:00 AM Parlor A

“The 1893 World’s Parliament of Religions: Context; Agenda; and Significance”

Dr. Richard Hughes Seager

Analysis and description of the original World’s Parliament of Religions in light of the centennial celebrations. This will include discussions of the broad contours of the domestic and international religious scene in 1893, the various religious and theological trajectories articulated by representatives on the Parliament floor, and an assessment of the Parliament’s enduring significance.

Dr. Richard Hughes Seager—has taught at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Harvard Divinity School, Weston Seminary, and Harvard University; editor of *The Dawn of Religious Pluralism: Voices from the World’s Parliament of Religions, 1893*.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Parlor B

“Ultimate Concerns that Shape our Values and Visions: An Open Forum—Part I”

Will Thackara; John Coker

A Parliament interfaith event inviting audience discussion. The two sessions will encourage exploration of the ultimate questions of existence, of who and what we are and how we interact with

the world and people around us. Title of this session is:

“Suffering and Injustice: Is Life Fair?” Audience discussion will focus on the following topics: how do we conceive the ultimate source of being? If divine wisdom, justice, and mercy order the universe, why is there disparity, inequality, and suffering? What is good and evil? How does our understanding of immortality, grace, karma, compassion, choice, responsibility, free will, fate, and destiny affect our response to life?

Will Thackara—staff member of The Theosophical Society, International Headquarters, Pasadena, California.

John Coker—staff member of The Theosophical Society, International Headquarters, Pasadena, California; artist, homeopath; co-founder, Deva Natural Clothes.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Parlor C

“Gay and Lesbian Clergy Ask: Can You Be Gay and Lesbian and Still Be Religious?”

Rev. Annie Holmes; Rev. Tony Larsen

All major religions are currently struggling with the question of the place of gay/lesbian people in their communities. Some religions are struggling with the question of ordaining gay/lesbian religious leaders. As an association, the Unitarian Universalists have opened their doors to gay/lesbian clergy. In this presentation the experiences of gay/lesbian religious leaders serving primarily straight congregations will be shared. Participants will be invited to share their tradition’s struggle with this issue.

Rev. Annie Holmes—Minister of Bradford Community Church (Unitarian Universalist) in Kenosha, Wisconsin; comes to Unitarian Universalism from Catholic and Lutheran background.

Rev. Tony Larsen—ordained Unitarian Universalist minister, has served Olympia Brown Church in Racine, Wisconsin since 1975; author of *Trust Yourself! You Have the Power*.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Parlor G

“The Contemporary Interpretation and Application of the Lotus Sutra by Rissho Kosei-kai, a Lay Buddhist Movement”

Rev. Katsuji Suzuki; Rev. Masuo Nezu; Rev. Masumi Goto; Rev. Michinori Maruta

Rissho Kosei-kai is a lay Buddhist movement, started in Japan in 1938. Founder of the movement, Rev. Nikkyo Niwano has been guiding the movement in a practical and do-able way from the spirit and the teaching of the Lotus Sutra in order to bring peace to families, communities, countries, and world. Faith in the universality of buddha nature within each individual, and the essential oneness of all human beings, is the guiding principle in widening the circle of spiritual awakening to a buddha nature. This can be found through HOZA practices (HOZA is a sharing group based on the spirit of the Lotus Sutra), through social services, in multi-religious actions for peace, in participating in UN activities, as one of the most actively engaged religious NGOs. Workshop consists of two presentations, with a question and answer period, followed by a worship service done in the form of scripture chanting followed by some words of prayer for peace.

Rev. Katsuji Suzuki—Minister of Rissho Kosei-kai New York Buddhist Church, NGO Representative of Rissho Kosei-kai to the United Nations.
Rev. Masuo Nezu—Responsible officer of Rissho Kosei-Kai headquarters.
Rev. Masumi Goto—Director, External Affairs Department, Rissho Kosei-Kai headquarters.

Rev. Michinori Maruta—Minister of Rissho Kosei-kai of San Francisco.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM PDR #9

“Paths to Enlightenment: Comparative Religion”

Elda Hartley

Renowned filmmaker, Elda Hartley, introduces her own work at the Parliament Film and Video Festival. “In Search of A Holy

Man," captures the beauty of India, the excitement of a great festival attended by the Dalai Lama, and the wisdom of Buddhist nuns from around the world who reflect Buddhist teachings by their attitude toward life and its problems. In "The Mood of Zen," (Blue Ribbon, American Film Festival Award of Merit), Alan Watts explains some of Zen's basic teachings, and the role and goals of meditation. "The Art of Meditation," (Finalist, American Film Festival), is a demonstration by Alan Watts of what he considered the most important dynamics of the art of meditation.

10:00 AM-11:30 AM Pool Promenade

"Zen: Spirituality and Practice"

Ven. Do An Sunim; Rev. William Brown; Tony Somlai; Ronald R. Kidd
An exploration of the simplicity and directness of Zen spirituality; what *koan* practice really is; a demonstration of zen practice in the Korean tradition (Chogyo Order); chanting as zen practice.

Ven. Do An Sunim—Abbot, Kwan Um School of Zen, North America; Abbot, Providence Zen Center
Rev. William Brown—Senior Dharma Teacher, Maquoketa, Iowa.
Tony Somlai—Abbot, Racine (Wisconsin) Zen Center.
Ronald R. Kidd—Executive Director, Institute for World Spirituality; director, Bultasa Zen Group.

10:00 AM-12:00 PM Sandburg Wing #1

"A New Focus for Educational Policy and Practice in Guatemala"

Susan A. Clay

The Bahá'í teachings on the importance of the education of girls and women as a vehicle for promoting the social and economic development of Guatemala have served as the catalyst for uniting the leaders of the public and private sectors in a national movement that has been historic because of its spiritual rather than political nature.

Susan A. Clay—Chief of the Education Division of the Agency for International Development in Guatemala. Over the past 20 years, she has worked at the policy and program level in the design and implementation of major international development programs throughout Latin America.

10:00 AM-12:00 PM Sandburg Wing #2

"Post Modernism"

Mumtaz Ahmed; Dr. Ziauddin Sardar; Dr. Ghada Talhami; Dr. Akbar Muhammad, Dr. Zafar Ishaq Ansari

The moral and spiritual crisis in Islam. Adjustment with secular consequences.

Mumtaz Ahmed—Professor of Political Science, Hampton University, Hampton, Virginia.
Dr. Ziauddin Sardar—Commentator on Islam, British Broadcasting Corporation, London, UK.
Dr. Ghada Talhami—Professor of History, Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Illinois; noted Islamic scholar.
Dr. Akbar Muhammad—Professor of Sociology, New York University, New York.
Dr. Zafar Ishaq Ansari—Professor, Director, Islamic Research, International Islamic University, Islamabad, Pakistan.

10:00 AM-12:00 PM Sandburg Wing #3

"Women and Spirituality in the Business World"

Laura L. Kangas

The essence and impact that women can bring to the business world through the honoring and acknowledgement of their spirituality will be the focus of this workshop. The lives of women entrepreneurs and others will be discussed and celebrated with an emphasis upon the spiritual element. Workshop facilitator will share her own experiences and invite sharing from partici-

pants as one of the learning tools employed.

Laura L. Kangas—President of RiverBend Associates and RiverBend Press; M.A. from Harvard University; 20 years experience in the field of organizational and individual change; member of the faculty, Lesley College, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

10:00 AM-11:00 AM Sandburg Wing #5

"Five Centuries of Interfaith—Sikhism"

Dr. Gurbakhsh Singh; Mr. Kuldeep Singh

In 1499 when Guru Nanak stated that humanity should not be divided into Hindus and Muslims, a faith for all people was revealed. People have the same One Father and Mother, whom they may love by any name such as Allah, Ram, etc. As modern technology has brought our many cultures and languages physically closer, let all of us seek the path of peace and pleasure defined for us by Sikh philosophy. (Moderator: Dr. Rajwant Singh)

Dr. Gurbakhsh Singh—Ph.D. Ohio State University; Professor of Religious Studies, Akal University; author of numerous books on the Sikh faith; organizer of Sikh youth camps in the U.S.
Mr. Kuldeep Singh—Director of Ohio Clinical Ref. Laboratories, Sylvania since Nov. 1986; Director & Manager, Alpha Laboratories, Detroit, Michigan, from 1975-86; F.R.S.H. (London), B.L.M. (AAB), C.L.S. (NCA), C.L.T. (MDH); member of the Bilingual Advisory Committee, Lansing Mich. (1974-84); Distinguished service award by US District Court Monitoring Commission in 1984; edited *Sikh World*, a quarterly Sikh Journal from 1971-85; directed nearly 25 youth camps including 18 camps in U.S.

10:00 AM-12:00 PM Sandburg Wing #6

"Praying with Feminine Images of God"

Virginia Ann Froehle

Discovering feminine as well as masculine images of God contributes to our modern view of prayer. Workshop will begin with brief history of feminine images before and in the Judeo-Christian tradition, followed by a look at the political, economic and social implications coming from different images of God. Participants will be invited to pray with guided-imagery and ritual.

Virginia Ann Froehle—Member of Sisters of Mercy; author of *Called Into Her Presence: Praying with Feminine Images of God; Loving Yourself More: 101 Meditations for Women*; and the audioset "Relax and Pray: Eight Guided Imagery Meditations."

10:00 AM-11:30 AM Wabash Parlor

"Eurythmy: The Creative Power of Speech and Music"

Brigida Balczun

Eurythmy, a form developed in 1912 by Austrian-born scientist and philosopher, Rudolf Steiner, is described as visible speech and visible tone or song. In both, the Eurythmist is concerned not only with the finished movement, but also with the process or formation of the movement. According to Steiner, "... As language itself breaks forth from the inner being of man according to laws, so it is also possible to transpose into movement inner soul conditions..." This participatory workshop will explore background and practice, working with classical music or modern poetry. Performance by artist.

Brigida Balczun—Eurythmist; trained in Vienna; teacher of Eurythmy, Detroit Waldorf School; has performed and taught children and adults throughout Germany and the U.S.

10:45 AM-11:15 AM Montrose Wing #4

"Jainism as a Religion of Non-Violence (Ahimsa Dharma)"

Gurudev Shree Chitrabhanuji

The workshop deals with the following concepts. Ahimsa: understanding one's self as the first step. Mindset: thoughts and

attitudes toward other living Beings. Evolution: understanding all living Beings: Plants, Insects, Animals, Humans. Relativity of Thinking: from conflicts and isolationism to Brotherhood. Benefits: Wholeness of our Physical, Mental and Spiritual Development.

Gurudev Shree Chitrabhanuji—first Jain Master to visit the West; first to Switzerland at the Geneva Conference in 1970 and then in 1971 at Harvard Divinity in the United States; now travels the world with his message of Ahimsa & Reverence for All Life; founder of the Divine Knowledge Society in Bombay and the Jain Meditation International Center in New York.

11:00 AM–11:30 AM Clark Wing #2

**“Nagarjuna:
The Buddhist Philosophy of Emptiness”**

D.V.M. Yoga Guru

11:00 AM–12:00 PM Clark Wing #9

“Recitation of the Glorious Qur’an”

Qadir Husain Khan; Maulana Qari Abdullah Salim; Qari Hafiz Yaqoub Sharif; Imam Sanad

Qadir Husain Khan—President, Consultative Committee of Indian Muslims, Barrington, Illinois.

Maulana Qari Abdullah Salim—President, Institute of Islamic Studies, Gilbert, Illinois.

Qari Hafiz Yaqoub Sharif—Imam, Islamic Society of Northwest Suburbs, Rolling Meadows, Illinois.

Imam Sanad—Islamic Cultural Society, Northbrook, Illinois.

11:00 AM–12:00 PM LaSalle Wing #4

“Universal Integration”

Sri Viswayogi Viswamji

Viswamji is a seeker of truth and well-wisher for all humanity. His message is that the human body is a temple and the heart and altar of God. He is a symbol of enlightenment for humanity. His presentation includes his message to humankind and the mission of the Universal Integration Movement (with the establishment of the Universal Integration Center in New Jersey) to promote Sanathan Dharma—Peace, Tolerance, Equality, and Co-existence.

Sri Viswayogi Viswamji—Guru of the Dattatreya tradition; a Yogi in India with an ashram in Guntur promoting a universal integration movement; founder, “Viswa Manava Samaikyata Samsat,” whose purpose is to bring Sanathana Dharma and Yoga Sastra into practical usage, and to propagate the oneness of all religions.

11:15 AM–12:00 PM Sandburg Wing #5

“Pluralism—Religion, Education, and Censorship”

Rowan Fairgrove; Joseph McMahon

Schools and libraries in this country are faced with the problem of educating people to live in a pluralistic society. We will examine the dilemma between teaching tolerance and the tradition of separation of church and state. California’s new Religious Curriculum will be discussed. We will also cover the rise of censorship attempts in libraries and challenges over textbooks.

Rowan Fairgrove—Wiccan Priestess for over twenty years; past officer of both national and local councils of the Covenant of the Goddess; member of the Intellectual Freedom Roundtable, American Library Association.

Joseph McMahon—Gardnerian High Priest for 22 years; involved in Pagan networking for 8 years; well-respected Elder in his region; taught secondary school for 32 years.

11:30 AM–12:00 PM Montrose Wing #4

“Jainism as a Religion of Non-Violence”

H.H. Bhattarak Charukeertiji

From the beginning Jain Masters have thought that in order to

live we have to have non-violence in our thoughts, actions and deeds. Jainism is a living religion of the world and through its main principal Ahimsa we can bring peace on earth. Live and let live and help others to live is the base of Jainism.

H.H. Bhattarak Charukeertiji—well known for his charitable and educational work in and around Moodbidri, India; under his leadership many Jain temples have been renovated; has established a research institute on Jainology; has often visited the U.S.A., U.K., and Japan.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Burnham Wing #1

“Global Stewardship: Consumption, Population and Technology Issues. Leadership”

Don Conroy

This Leadership action panel will present a dynamic picture of the environmental concerns facing the religious community and the eco-ethical crisis of our society. A video and the main address will be followed by responses from different faith traditions as they deal with the earth and planetary environmental concerns: Jewish, Islamic, Christian, Buddhist, Hindu and Indigenous traditions will be considered.

Don Conroy—President of the North American Coalition on Religion and Ecology and Chair of the Consortium on Religion and Ecology-International.

Panelists:

Dr. Sidney Blair—Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel.

Mrs. Barbara Tipton—NACRE Regional Representative and President, Interfaith Environmental Association.

Phil Lane—University of Lethbridge.

Rabbi James Rudin—Director, Office of Inter-Religious Affairs, American Jewish Committee.

Rodney Peterson—President, Boston Theological Institute.

Elizabeth Ferrero—Visiting Professor in Humanities, St. Thomas University, Miami.

Seyyed Hossein Nasr—University Professor of Islamic Studies, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Burnham Wing #2

“Sacred Cells: The Yoga Of The Cells”

Ariel Browne

In this workshop, a background of the “yoga of the cells” from the teachings of The Mother and Sri Aurobindo will be given as well as an experience of the “yoga of the cells.” Participants may experience within their own cells this “great adventure” into cellular consciousness which The Mother pursued for forty years. The record of her work, *Mother’s Agenda* will be our primary reference as will the unitary cellular consciousness itself, representing the Divine Force of creation. It will be part of this workshop, through experiential imagery, sound, movement and group meditation, to give participants an opportunity to know the cells as a collective unity, in perpetual service to the Divine. As The Mother said, the cells are our teachers for the “new being—no longer just individuals, but a Divine community, evolving in Truth-Consciousness.”

Ariel Browne—came to The Mother and Sri Aurobindo in 1983; doctoral dissertation, “Willed Cellular Response In Psychology,” was researched extensively in India at the Sri Aurobindo Ashram Archives in 1989-1990; co-founder, with her husband, of Aur-ientation Integral Healing Center (since 1978) in Atlanta; presents workshops for group experience of “The Yoga Of The Cells” in Atlanta and in the United States and India, as well as group meditations, classes and healing services for the public.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Burnham Wing #3

“Islam and Scientific Progress”

Dr. Munawar A. Anis; Irfan Ahmed Khan; Dr. M. Amir Ali; Dr. Mohammad Aslam Niaz

How does Islam define scientific progress? Should scientists spend their time figuring out “how to do it”? Or should they

rather worry about "what is to be done"? Discussion will include a consideration of genetic engineering and related topics.

Dr. Munawar A. Anis—Editor-in-Chief, *Periodica Islamica*, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Irfan Ahmed Khan—Professor, American Islamic College, Chicago, Illinois.

Dr. M. Amir Ali—Director, Institute of Islamic Information and Education, Chicago, Illinois.

Dr. Mohammad Aslam Niaz—Head, Training Division, Islamic Doi Bank, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

2:00 PM–4:00 PM Burnham Wing #4

"Building and Nurturing Eco-Communities"

Charlene Spretnak; Rev. Finley Schaef; Gary Valen; Wendy Johnson Rudnick

How do we build just and sustainable local communities which take into account global realities? What do faith traditions have to offer to the building and nurturing of ecological communities? A consideration of the larger economic and political context of eco-communities, followed by case studies of such communities in four settings: campus, urban, rural, and prison.

Charlene Spretnak—author, *States of Grace: the Recovery of Meaning in the Postmodern Age*; *The Spiritual Dimension of Green Politics*; and *Lost Goddesses in Early Greece*; editor of the anthology, *The Politics of Women's Spirituality*; currently visiting professor of philosophy and religion, California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco.

Rev. Finley Schaef—United Methodist pastor in Brooklyn, New York; co-founder of a coalition of churches to promote energy conservation; instrumental in the development of alternative community institutions; long-time activist for peace and civil rights.

Gary Valen—Executive Vice President, the Kerr Center for Sustainable Agriculture; former Dean of Students, Simpson College and Hendrix College; long active in community-building and the promotion of environmental awareness among students.

Wendy Johnson Rudnick—Green Gulch Zen Center, Head Gardener.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Burnham Wing #5

"Science and Spirituality"

Dr. Ravi Ravindra

Theme of the workshop is that transformation of nature takes place in two realms, the inner and the outer. The process of the inner way is that of spirituality; the outer way is that of science and technology. In both cases, transformation proceeds towards increased coherence, order, and usefulness—either of matter-energy or of human being. But the nature of transformation depends on the intention and quality of the transforming agent which are quite different in the two enterprises.

Dr. Ravi Ravindra—Professor of Physics and of Comparative Religion, University of Halifax, Nova Scotia; published works include *Theory of Seismic Wave Heads*; *Whispers from the Other Shore*; *The Yoga of Christ*; and *Science and Spirit*.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Clark Wing #1

"The Theosophical Congress at the 1893 World's Parliament of Religions"

Dr. Michael Gomes

Participation during the 1893 World Parliament was a triumph for theosophists. The workshop tells their efforts to gain representation in a stark and sometimes humorous vein, highlighting the forces that were not ready to examine unorthodox ideas and findings of psychic research. The concerns which were typical of other presentations at the Parliament are contrasted with the ideas presented by theosophical speakers. Their remarks were focused on the doctrine of the unity of all spiritual beings, of spirit and matter, and how these and other divine truths are discoverable and verifiable by enlightened humans.

Dr. Michael Gomes—historian of theosophy as reflected in his books, *The Dawning of the Theosophical Movement* and *HPB Teaches*; formerly at

Columbia University in New York; has recently completed two years research in India for a new book, *Theosophy in the Nineteenth Century*.

2:00 PM–3:00 PM Clark Wing #2

"The Unity of Religion"

Venerable Worasak Worathammo

All sentient beings, especially humankind, have one common problem which is, How to reach the perfect life? This can be divided into two problems: One, the lack of material to support the convenience and comfort of the physical life, and two, the lack of the spiritual knowledge to manage the human's spirit for the real happiness in spiritual life. All religions try to solve directly the second problem while worldly knowledge solves the first problem. Spiritual knowledge and physical knowledge should go together without contradiction in every aspect. Then all religions shall be united for the perfect life of sentient beings.

Venerable Worasak Worathammo—BA degree in Economics from Thammasat University; was an officer in the Corrections Department of the Ministry of Interior; ordained as a Theravada monk in 1967; studied Buddhism and practiced meditation under the supervision of the Venerable Buddhadasa; has written books and gives lectures domestically and internationally.

2:00 PM–2:30 PM Clark Wing #3

"Past and Present of a Jain Festival"

Professor Nalini Balbir

This program is a discussion of the Akshaya-Tritiya festival as practiced from the 10th century until today. Thanks to a vast literature preserved in Sanskrit, Prakrit, Apabhramsa, Hindi, and Gujrati, we can follow the development and evolution of this festival in the course of time and examine the religious discourses delivered by the monks of the past on this special day.

Professor Nalini Balbir—professor of Indian studies at the University of Paris; student of Prof. Mrs. C. Caillat and studied Jainism as her main field of research; since 1980, has been involved in the study of classical Jain literature.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Clark Wing #5

"Vivekananda—Historical Footprints—Feminism, Training, Spiritual Identity"

Ann Myren; Pravrajika Prabhuddhaprana; Dorothy Madison

The topics to be discussed include the origin and development of Vivekananda's focus on woman's independence, his methods of training as applied in spiritual practice, and Vivekananda's effect on cross-cultural assimilation of traditional religious modes.

Ann Myren—Editor of *Living at the Source*, a book on the teachings of Vivekananda celebrating his participation in the 1893 Parliament of Religions; retired college instructor presently at work on book about women and Ramakrishna, Sara Devi, and Vivekananda.

Pravrajika Prabhuddhaprana—first American to join Sri Sarada Math of India; writer; her recent book is a biography of a woman who was a close friend of Swami Vivekananda.

Dorothy Madison—M.A., Sanskrit, U.C. Berkeley; editor of *Living at the Source*, a book on the teachings of Vivekananda celebrating his participation in the 1893 Parliament of Religions; articles on Vivekananda published in *Prabhuddha Bharata* and *Vedanta Kesari*.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Clark Wing #6

"Voodoo in Haiti"

Rénald Clérisme

Lecture, slide presentation, followed by question and answer period. The role and importance of Voodoo in Haitian society and as a tool of liberation.

Rénald Clérisme—former Roman Catholic priest; former Provincial, the Monfort Fathers; former National Director, CARITAS; Co-founder, TET KOLE, a national peasant movement; one of Haiti's most respected authorities on Voodoo, with many years of research on the subject; currently on the faculty of the Anthropology Dept., Yale University.

2:00 PM-3:30 PM Clark Wing #7

"Churches' Questions About Interfaith Relations"

Dr. Jay T. Rock

This workshop will focus on issues which the churches face as they enter more and more into relationships with people of other faiths. It will include a brief review of the history of the ecumenical community's dialogue work. Discussion.

Dr. Jay T. Rock—Presbyterian pastor; Co-Director for Interfaith Relations, National Council of Churches in the U.S.A.

2:00 PM-3:30 PM Clark Wing #8

"What Do Christians and Jews Have to Say to Each Other"

Rev. Michael McGarry

A roundtable beginning with a presentation and followed by two responses. It proposes interreligious conversation as a means to discover ourselves.

Rev. Michael McGarry—priest of the Congregation of Saint Paul and Rector, St. Paul College, Washington, D.C.; member of the Faiths of the World Committee of the National Association of Diocesan Ecumenical Offices; Consultant, National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

2:00 PM-3:30 PM Clark Wing #9

"The Sikh Religion: Overcoming Discrimination and Adversity to Become a Major Religious Force"

Sat Jivan Khalsa; Ranbir Singh Sandhu; Jaswant Singh Neki

The Sikhs have endured, survived and overcome five centuries of persecution and discrimination. The Sikh Religion is now poised to become a major religious and political force. We will examine the adversity experienced by Sikhs and the upliftment of all minorities in the century to come.

(Moderator: Dr. Sangat S. Syalee)

Sat Jivan Khalsa—a practicing attorney and founder of the oldest law firm serving the Sikh community in the New York Metropolitan Area; active advocate of Human Rights in the Punjab and for the rights of Sikhs in the U.S. Executive Director of the International Human Rights Organization and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Sikh Temple in Manhattan.

Ranbir Singh Sandhu—Ohio State University, Department of Civil Engineering; has written over 150 reports and articles on topics in engineering and in Sikh faith.

Jaswant Singh Neki—M.D., Ph.D.; eminent psychiatrist; former consultant to the World Health Organization and the United Nations Development program; author of several books on Sikh philosophy and theology; prominent Punjabi poet.

2:00 PM-3:30 PM Clark Wing #10

"The God Who is Love and the Personalist Traditions of Spirituality"

Richard J. Payne; Ewart H. Cousins; David M. Sherman

A presentation of the trinitarian, incarnation or embodied, and salvific God at the heart of the world's monotheistic traditions (as experienced in Christian mysticism, Jewish Kabbalism, Islamic Sufism, Hindu Vaishnavism, Pure Land Buddhism, Zoroastrianism). The seminar will explore the worship of the God Who is Love in history, the character of the resultant universal core morality and high civilization.

Richard J. Payne—editor, publisher, long-time leader in the field of inter-religious dialog; conceived and developed the 75-volume *The Classics of Western Spirituality*, the 25-volume *World Spirituality: An Encyclopedic History of the Religious Quest*, and the forthcoming 60-volume *Classics of Eastern Spirituality*; Executive Director, the Arcadian Institute, Rockport, Massachusetts.

Ewart H. Cousins—Professor of History, Fordham University, New York; General Editor, *World Spirituality: An Encyclopedic History of the Religious Quest*; author, *Christ of the 21st Century*; Director, Arcadian Institute Studies Center.

David M. Sherman—independent scholar; has prepared over 100 volumes of research on the noetic roots of science, art and literature.

2:00 PM-3:30 PM Dearborn Wing #1

"How to Have a Spiritual Experience"

Marshall Zaslove, M.D.; Ricki Linksman, M.Ed.

Discover the different types of spiritual experiences people have through near-death experiences, and meditation practices, and learn how it is possible to have a spiritual experience for yourself.

Marshall Zaslove, M.D.—Educated at Columbia and the UCLA Neuropsychiatric Institute; Diplomate, American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology; psychiatric practice since 1967; over a dozen research publications; explores connection between mysticism, spirituality, and psychotherapy.

Ricki Linksman—M.Ed.; writer, educator, and speaker on spiritual and educational topics; has written and edited several books on spirituality as well as curricula for educational institutions in Virginia and Florida; special interests: meditation, mysticism, and science; education and spirituality.

2:00 PM-3:30 PM Dearborn Wing #2

"Spiritual Psychology—Preparing the Soul for the Future"

Robert Sardello, Ph.D.

What is the nature of the convergence between spirituality and psychology? This workshop will explore the possibilities for providing a spiritual basis for the renewal of individual soul life.

Practices for strengthening the soul's longing for beauty and for enhancing its inner sensibility.

Robert Sardello, Ph.D.—Eleven years as Co-Director and director of program in spiritual psychology, Dallas Institute of Humanities and Culture; author, *Facing the World With Soul*; completing compilation of the lectures of Rudolf Steiner concerned with spiritual psychology.

2:00 PM-3:30 PM LaSalle Wing #1

"Mystic Goal-lessness: Where the Traditions Meet"

Rabbi Herbert Bronstein; Jim Kenney

This presentation is based on the wonderful mystery that all spiritualities have at their core a motif and practice of the transcendence of ego as a means to the discovery of true self and the release from the attachments that shut out reality and suffocate love. Associated with this motif is the notion of a purpose beyond the self (nirvana, the Void, "detachment from the fruits," diminution of pride, etc.). The aim of the presentation is to set forth the parallels in various traditions and to promote within the group that very higher perspective, thus working toward one of the loftiest goals of the Parliament itself.

Rabbi Herbert Bronstein—editor of liturgies for liberal Judaism, including *The Home Service for Passover (the Haggadah)*; has lectured at Lake Forest College, Northwestern University, the University of Illinois, the University of Rochester, the University of Chicago Divinity School, and numerous other institutions; Senior Rabbi, North Shore Congregation Israel, Glencoe, Illinois.

Jim Kenney—Co-Founder and Executive Director, Common Ground interfaith study center; Co-Editor, *Fireball and the Lotus: Modern Spirituality from Ancient Roots*; Vice-Chair and Program Chair, Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions.

2:00 PM-3:30 PM LaSalle Wing #2

"What is Spiritual Companionship?"

Elizabeth G. Edwards

The workshop consists of brief presentation by Elizabeth Edwards and members of The Institute of Spiritual Companionship board

and graduates on the theme of Spiritual companionship. Team members represent various Christian denominations.

Elizabeth G. Edwards—Director of the Institute of Spiritual Companionship, Christian Laity of Chicago; Doctor of Ministry; master's in Adult and Continuing Education; master's in Pastoral Studies; spiritual companion to others and does pastoral psychotherapy which includes body work.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM LaSalle Wing #3

"The Ribbon Project"

Justine Merritt; Diane Grams

In this workshop, Justine Merritt will encourage participants to use their compassionate imaginations and creative energies to thread their lives through meditation and prayer to the lives of others like themselves around the Earth. Through creating Ribbon segments, as per The Ribbon Project, participants seek to attain personal peace and to join with others in seeking peace worldwide. She demonstrates how to employ the Ribbon segments as a unifying element to express the need for peace and understanding. The workshop will transcend the boundaries of faith traditions. It is an opportunity to honor the diversity and celebrate the unity on our individual journeys toward the Transcendent.

Justine Merritt—creator of many Ribbons, and the founder of The Ribbon Project; invented the idea of creating the Ribbon segments to attain personal peace and to join with others in seeking peace worldwide.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM LaSalle Wing #4

"Religion in the Emerging Era of Electronic Orality"

L. Keith Williamson

This workshop will discuss three major media and religious eras and how the communication of the era affected the belief system. The first of these eras is primary orality, or the face to face human world of speaking and listening. The next is the literary era, which began with the advent of writing, and accelerated with the development of the phonetic alphabet and later the printing press. The final era is the emerging media era of secondary or electronic orality. The implications of electronic orality for religion will then be discussed.

L. Keith Williamson—Assistant Professor in the Elliott School of Communication at Wichita State University, and a United Methodist clergyman; co-author of several communication textbooks; research interests are in the areas of media and religion, and the history of rhetoric and communication.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM LaSalle Wing #5

"Native American Spirituality in Mind, Body, and Spirit"

Jennie Joe; Michael Yellow Bird; Alfred Yazzie; Arvol Looking Horse

This session will address the issues of combining Native Traditional Spiritual healing practices with Western synthetic medicine. Discussions from three different perspectives, including the United States and Canada.

Jennie Joe—Navajo, RN, MPH, Ph.D.; Associate Professor of Family Medicine; Director of Native American Research and Training Center, University of Arizona.

Michael Yellow Bird—Three Affiliated Tribes, Ph.D. Asst. Professor,

School of Social Work, University Vancouver, Canada

Alfred Yazzie—Navajo, Healer, Spiritual leader.

Arvol Looking Horse—Lakota; Keeper of the Sacred Pipe.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Montrose Wing #1

"The Strength of the Native American Extended Family Network"

Thomas Banyacya; Pemina Yellow Bird; Marilyn Benton; Naomi Russell; Burton Pretty On Top

Each panel member will speak of his or her tribal roots and the teaching of Spirituality as a basis for maintaining the strength of extended family network.

Thomas Banyacya—Hopi, Traditional Spiritual Leader, Interpreter of Hopi prophecies.

Pemina Yellow Bird—Three Affiliated Tribes, Lecturer, Writer, Advocate for Native American Reburial issues.

Marilyn Benton—Wisconsin Ojibwe, Traditional Woman, Spiritual teacher, consultant to Lac Court Oreilles Institute on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

Naomi Russell—Wisconsin Winnebago, Granddaughter of Mountain Wolf Woman; Winnebago Tribal Aging Advisory Board.

Burton Pretty On Top—Crow Nation; spiritual leader and pipe carrier.

2:00 PM–3:00 PM Montrose Wing #2

"Addressing the Critical Issues in Your Own Country"

Dr. Gerald O. Barney; Ann Foltz; Dr. Katharine C. Esty
Opportunities abound for national action on the critical issues of the 21st century. If these issues are to be addressed we must each leave the 1993 Parliament with real commitments and specific plans for action in our own countries. This workshop will provide practical suggestions on how to "get started" when we return home. Discussions focus on methods of grass-roots activities fringing from hands-on work projects to national strategic studies.

Dr. Gerald O. Barney—Executive Director, Millennium Institute; Director for the Global 2000 Report to President Jimmy Carter; author, *Global 2000 Revisited: What Shall We Do?*

Ann Foltz—M.A.; Coordinator, Collegiate 21st Century Studies Program, Millennium Institute; previously 13 years in staff relations, World Bank; 9 years experience in radio broadcasting in Ethiopia.

Dr. Katharine C. Esty—Founding Partner and President, Ibis Consulting Group; social psychologist with over 15 years experience with issues of innovation, management of large systems change, gender and growth; currently working in area of managing diversity and the work-family interface.

2:00 PM–3:00 PM Montrose Wing #3

"Differing Beliefs About International Population Growth: Where the Disagreements Are and Why"

Martha Campbell

This workshop introduces five schools of thought that are influential in international population policy, with their respective beliefs, policy choices, and primary interests. Discussion will include the nature of belief (defined as what is accepted as fact), given the differing beliefs on population growth.

Martha Campbell—founder and director of Population Speakout, a non-profit program focusing on communication problems connected to population issues; degrees from Wellesley College and the University of Colorado (M.A., political science); completing her Ph.D. at the Graduate School of Public Affairs, University of Colorado.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Montrose Wing #4

"Conserving the Wisdom of the World's Elders"

Steven McFadden

For two years The Wisdom Conservancy has been gathering the wisdom of learned elders from around the world. The Workshop will discuss what they have learned and how people can actively cultivate wisdom in their own lives.

Steven McFadden—Director of The Wisdom Conservancy, National Coordinator for the Council Circles Project for Earth Day 1993; author of *Profiles in Wisdom, Native Elders Speak about the Earth*, and others.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Montrose Wing #5

"Service to Humanity Beyond the Boundaries of Religion"

Hanuman Marur

A workshop discussion of the possibilities of outreach and social service, based on a project for the benefit of the needy, implemented by the Paschima Kasi Sri Viswanatha Temple, in Flint, Michigan.

Hanuman Marur—professional engineer, social worker; President, Bharatiya Temple, Flint, Michigan; dedicates all his work to Swami Vivekananda, Swami Chinmayananda, Swami Dayananda, Swami Balagangadharanatha and other great spiritual masters of the Hindu and other faiths; was responsible for building a hospital and school in his home town in India; actively promotes social service projects in India and the U.S.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Parlor F

“The Spiritual Body”

Al Huang

This presentation will explore Joseph Campbell’s view of the role of movement and dance in spiritual life.

Al Huang—Tai Chi master; author of *Thinking Body, Dancing Mind*.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Parlor G

“Congress of the Spirit for the Americas: A Contribution to a New Spiritual World Order”

Elizabeth Espersen; Dr. Robert Muller

This presentation invites participants to learn about the “Vision for the Americas,” to be presented to the United Nations in 1995 on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; The Center for World Thanksgiving conceived the idea of people of the Americas asking guidance of the spirit in seeking a vision for the next 500 years; ceremony, discussion, invitation to participate and contribute.

Elizabeth Espersen—Executive Director, Thanks-Giving Square, Dallas, Texas, national and international programs; Co-Chair of North American Interfaith Network: leader in interfaith work for more than 20 years.

Dr. Robert Muller—Chancellor for the United Nations University for Peace; honorary chair, Congress of the Spirit for the Americas.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM PDR #5

“Contributions of Religious and Spiritual Traditions to a Global Culture of Peace”

Linda Groff; Paul Smoker

This experiential workshop considers esoteric and exoteric forms of religions as these relate to inner, mystical experience (with parallels to new scientific paradigms) and to outer learned behavior (with principles of intercultural communication to help people in valuing diversity). Also explored will be the relationship of these forms to inner and outer concepts of peace.

2:00 PM–4:00 PM Pool Promenade

“Yoga: Here and Now”

Suddha Weixler

A demonstration of Yoga poses in flow will be followed by a workshop exploring the interdependence of body, breath and mind. Breath awareness and deep relaxation are introduced for their rejuvenating effect.

Suddha Weixler—Director of the N.U. Yoga Center of Chicago; head instructor of Hatha Yoga at the University of Chicago, and a faculty member at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Sandburg Wing #1

“A Pedagogy for Moral and Spiritual Education”

Irene J. Taafaki

The workshop will present a set of beliefs, theoretical assumptions, and pedagogical applications regarding the moral and spiritual education of children. This will include a discussion of classroom social relations, and the curriculum content and instructional methodologies appropriate to teaching children to

think and act in a morally responsible way towards all people in a religiously and culturally diverse world.

Irene J. Taafaki—currently professor at Cambridge College, where she teaches courses on diversity in Education; co-founder of Amherst Educational Consultants; author, *Thoughts, Education for Peace and One World*.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Sandburg Wing #2

“Enriching Family Life Through Interfaith Dialogue”

Rev. Nelkupa V. John

“It takes a whole village to raise a child” (African proverb). This presentation will explore the therapeutic insights of the world’s religions with respect to marital and family therapies. How to incorporate ultimate concerns into life-cycle theories and practices (e.g., Erikson, Capps).

Rev. Nelkupa V. John—Founder-Director, Community Wholistic Growth Center.

2:00 PM–3:00 PM Sandburg Wing #3

“The Ontological Foundation of Gender Equality”

Prof. Robert B. McLaren

Inequality between the sexes has persisted during the long centuries of recorded history, reinforced by the major religious traditions, and by political and legal structures. From a careful examination of scripture from the various traditions, the suggestion emerges of an original equality between the sexes based on the intent of the Creator; that in every major culture, concepts of justice contain inherent assumptions about the equal rights of men and women.

Prof. Robert B. McLaren—School of Human Development and Community Service, California State University, Fullerton, California.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Sandburg Wing #4

“Religion and the Arts: An Alliance for Peace and Justice”

Cliff Joseph

This paper calls for a global alliance of Religion and the Arts, the two most visionary, prophetic and spiritual powers on the planet. These two powers represent a counter-force to evil, and can inspire and empower us to work more effectively in our struggle to achieve lasting peace and justice.

Cliff Joseph—visual artist, art psychotherapist, and community activist; has taught drawing and painting in adult and adolescent programs for the New York City Board of Education; has also given lectures, workshops, and demonstrations at cultural, educational, and religious institutions nationwide, and exhibits his paintings and drawings nationally and internationally; co-author of *Murals of the Mind: Image of a Psychiatric Community*.

2:00 PM–2:45 PM Sandburg Wing #5

“The Role of Women in Ancient and Modern Synthesis”

Dr. Vasant E. Merchant; Sakunthla Gangadharam Pattisapu

In the Vedas, the woman has been called Usha—the Dawn—the bringer of sun shine and light in the universe. Because of their natural intimacy with life itself, women must continue to give birth to a better kind of world on the psychological and practical levels by enriching, nurturing and inspiring the society.

Dr. Vasant E. Merchant—consultant and researcher, adjunct professor of Humanities and Religious Studies at Northern Arizona University at Flagstaff; editor and publisher of *International Journal of Humanities and Peace* and former Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs, World Peace University; has published extensively on com-

parative philosophies, religions and values; in 1986, built a temple of world peace honoring world religions.

Sakunthla Gangadharam Pattisapu—Ph.D. Research Scholar in Indian Philosophy, Andhra University, India, subject: minor works of Adi Shankara; Guest Lecturer in Indian Philosophy, Metropolitan State University, Denver; Adjunct Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Houston; President, Hindu Society of Colorado; presented papers in several National and International Conference on Indian Philosophy; Gold Medalist from Madras University.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Sandburg Wing #6

“Educating Youth as Leaders for the 21st Century”

Dr. Ray Johnson

We will work together to explore the critical issues of our time (racial, gender, moral, environmental), and learn skills to help people address these issues (consultation, conflict resolution, unity building). We will consider how a vision, sense of purpose, skills, and insight into essential challenges help equip youth to work effectively to build a more peaceful world.

Dr. Ray Johnson—has international experience with elementary, high school and university administration in three countries; interests include the design of educational programs to help fully release human potential.

2:45 PM–3:30 PM Clark Wing #3

“Jain Literature”

Pravin K. Shah

This lecture shows that in the development of Indian literature, Jain intellectuals have made unique contributions. Rising above narrowness of linguism and provincialism, they have created literature for the upliftment of the common people in various languages and varied themes. They have written on matters concerning spirituality, yoga, metaphysics, philosophy, logic, poetry, history, geography, mathematics, astronomy, astrology, mantra, tantra, etc.

Pravin K. Shah—M.S. Electrical Engineering; employed by IBM, 25 years; founding member of Jain Study Center of NC (Raleigh)-1979; has prepared a Jain religion course to teach Jainism to youths of North America; also the founding member and a chairperson of Jain Electronic Bulletin Board that allows Jain literature to be available to any one in the world using computer and modem system from their home.

4:00–5:00 PM Clark Wing #10

“Techniques of Meditation”

Fr. Thomas Baima

This seminar is a study of the Christian method of mental prayer. It covers the different techniques of using the five senses in an imaginary journey into a scene or event in the biblical text. Participants will learn a brief history of this method, becoming familiar with its structure and application. A portion of the session will be practice of the techniques so that a real experience of Christian meditation can be had by participants. Session will last one hour.

Fr. Thomas Baima—priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago and Director of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs; trustee of the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions; spiritual director for the Cursillo Movement.

4:00 PM–5:00 PM Burnham Wing #1

“Earth Healing as a Component of Agri-Spirituality”

Albert Fritsch

This workshop is a discussion of how some ecologically fragile regions have suffered immensely from exploitation and careless resource extraction methods. Would you like to discover more about the process of “Earth Healing”? The discussion will include a selection of ways to cure the impacted areas, cooperation with human and creatures, and the power of prayer.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Burnham Wing #2

“A Beneficial Conflict: Science vs. Christianity in Western Culture”

David S. Toolan, S.J.

The workshop deals with the tension between modern science and religion. The basic thesis is that this tension has been responsible for the creativity of Western culture. Both the myths of science and Christianity aspire to be the central myth by which we live. Neither is wholly dominant or victorious and this keeps both honest and self-critical (in contrast to what happened in Islamic culture.) Illustrated by controversies over Marx, Darwin and Freud. The challenges in each of these cases work both ways.

David S. Toolan, S. J.—Ph.D.; associate editor of *AMERICA*, a public affairs magazine published by the Jesuit Order in New York City; author of *Facing West from California's Shores* (1987), a study of the American Consciousness movement in the '60s and '70s.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Burnham Wing #3

“Islamic Contributions to World Civilization—Part One: The Arts”

Mazhar Ahmed; Khadiji Hashmi; Sami Anqawi; Hameed

Ahmed; Atiq Mahmood; Hakim Khilafatullah; Aziza Al-Hibri

The first of two programs discussing the contributions that the Islamic peoples have made to world civilization, including physics, algebra, architecture, philosophy, histography, navigation - Christopher Columbus, and astronomy. Part One focuses on the role of the arts in Islam.

Mazhar Ahmed—Muslim activist, Batavia, Illinois.

Khadiji Hashmi—architect; Muslim activist; Chicago, Illinois.

Sami Anqawi—Muslim World League, Mecca, Saudi Arabia.

Hameed Ahmed—architect; Muslim activist; Batavia, Illinois.

Atiq Mahmood—Co-Editor, *Muslim Journal*, Chicago, Illinois.

Hakim Khilafatullah—distinguished *hakim* (physician), Madras, India.

Aziza Al-Hibri—corporate attorney; author on issues of Muslim women.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Burnham Wing #5

“Caring for the Web of Life: Towards a Public Eco-Theology”

Jerome A. Stone; Rev. Dr. Charles R. White

The workshop will address the following questions: How can the Christian tradition encourage care for the Earth without dominating her?; How can a Christian speak about this to non-Christians?

Jerome A. Stone—Professor of Philosophy at William Rainey Harper College and Pastor in the United Church of Christ. Ph.D.; University of Chicago; author, *The Minimalist Vision of Transcendence: and A Neoliberalist Philosophy of Religion*.

Rev. Dr. Charles R. White—Founder and President, Multifield Resources, Wofford Heights, Pennsylvania; ordained minister, Presbyterian Church (USA); degrees in sociology and religion; extensive experience as pastor, teacher, administrator in intercultural and interreligious situations.

4:00 PM–5:00 PM Clark Wing #1

“Hinduism: Its Relevance to the Present”

Dr. Sriram Sonty; Shashi Buluswar; Murli Buluswar;

Vijayalakshmi Susarla

Four speakers will address various aspects of Hinduism with relevance to the modern situation. Topics include: 1) “The Ten Tenets of Hinduism, as they Apply to Youth”; 2) “The Relevance of Religion to the Modern Political Situation”; 3) “Religion and Ethics in International Marketing”; and 4) “Psycho-therapeutic approaches in Hinduism: East-West Differences.”

Dr. Sriram Sonty—M.D., Ophthalmologist; held Chairmanship religious committee, Sri Venkateswara Temple, Aurora, Illinois; founder trustee of the same temple.

Shashi Buluswar—M.S., Computer Science, Robotics, University of

Massachusetts, Amherst; a masters/doctoral student in Robotics/Computer Science.

Murli Buluswar—MS Economics student, Auburn University; a masters/doctoral student in International Finance/economics; journalist, freelancer to College Journals and Indian News Papers/Media.
Vijayalakshmi Susarla—Ph.D. in Psychology, Andhra University, India; Assistant Director, Institute of Yoga and Consciousness, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam India; author, *Effect of Yoga on Anxiety etc.*

4:00 PM–4:45 PM Clark Wing #2

"The Doctrine of Jainism and its Contribution to World Peace"

Shantilal Sheth

The presentation takes the view that the reciprocal and intimate relationship between the personalistic and social dimensions of human life as envisaged in Jainism lends foundational support to the idealistic of the tradition. The view is substantiated by an analysis of the concept of Anuvrata. The key term used is that of "moral regeneration" of man. And the leading idea that emerges is that religion, according to Jainism, is an instrument of personal transformation though the latter has a positive and perennial influence on the institutional (social) life of man.

Shantilal Sheth—philanthropist well-known for his activities in the Jain community in India; former Superintendent, P.V. Research Institute, Varanasi; eminent scholar of Jainology; delegate to the World Peace Council, Moscow, 1967; well-versed in Prakrit, Pali, Sanskrit, Gujarati, Hindi, and English.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Clark Wing #3

"Ethics and Values: a Sikh Perspective"

Balbir Singh Nijjar; Dr. Darshan Singh; Ms. Sahib Kaur; Gurinder Singh Mann

(Moderator: Dr. Jagmeet Singh Soin)

Balbir Singh Nijjar—President, Sikh Missionary Society, Canada; General Secretary, Canadian Institute of Sikh Studies.

Dr. Darshan Singh—Professor and Chairman, Dept. of Guru Nanak Sikh Studies, Punjab University, India. Writer of several books on Sikh philosophy and theology.

Ms. Sahib Kaur—author, *Sikh Thought*; educator.

Gurinder Singh Mann—Professor of Sikh Studies, Columbia University, New York.

4:00 PM–4:30 PM Clark Wing #4

"The Evolution of Jainism in North America: Achievements and Challenges"

Dr. Sulekh Jain

The lecture will deal with history, progress and evolution of Jain Community in North America. There are 50,000 Jains and 70 Jain organizations which comprise the dynamic and progressive Jain Community.

Dr. Sulekh Jain—President of the Federation of Jain Associations in North America (1989-present); for four years, secretary of JAINA; actively involved in Jain activities in North America.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Clark Wing #5

"What is the International Association for Religious Freedom and What Has It Been Doing for the Last Hundred Years?"

Rev. Marlene Walker; Rev. George Kimmich Beach; Rev. Alice Blair Wesley

The International Association for Religious Freedom (IARF) is a world community of religious organizations encompassing 55 member groups representing religious traditions from all continents. The IARF include liberal Christians and Unitarians, Buddhist, Shinto, Hindu, Muslim and Sikh groups as well as tribal

communities and individual members of the Jewish and Roman Catholic Traditions. It is a world community rooted in Religion, upholding freedom, affirming service, and seeking peace. This workshop will present in depth the history and programs of the IARF and its vision of openness to diverse expressions of faith and wisdom necessary to realize justice and peace in the world.

Rev. Marlene Walker—King School for the Ministry, Berkeley, California; minister of Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Frederick Maryland; Member of Board of Directors US Chapter, International Association for Religious Freedom.

Rev. George Kimmich Beach—Senior Minister, Unitarian Church of Arlington, Virginia; Board of Trustees, U.S. Chapter of IARF; IARF World Congresses in Holland, Tokyo, Palo Alto; Commission on Appraisal of the Unitarian Universalist Association; editor of essays by James Luther Adams; graduate of Oberlin College, Harvard Divinity School, Wesley Seminary.

Rev. Alice Blair Wesley—Unitarian Universalist Minister; serves a congregation in Bel Air, Maryland; member of IARF since 1978, attending congresses in England, the Netherlands, Japan and Germany, often presenting papers; has served on the Board of the American Chapter of the IARF.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Clark Wing #6

"Interreligious Dialogue: Why and How? Part II: Experiencing Interreligious Dialogue"

Dr. Rahim Sheikholeslami; Rev. Dr. Charles R. White

A workshop to help clergy and lay participants gain skill and confidence in interreligious dialogue. Provides information, guidelines, and practical techniques for engaging in dialogue with people of other religions. Part II: A number of exercises with structured formats for interreligious dialogue will be introduced that require role playing, imaging, and/or sharing perceptions of religious beliefs and practices. The participants select a subject and the format for dialogue.

Dr. Rahim Sheikholeslami—Founder and President, Society for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue, Wallingford, Pennsylvania; Muslim; interdisciplinary credentials in education, administration, psychology, and religion; broad experience in human resources, leadership development teaching, research, and interfaith dialogue.

Rev. Dr. Charles R. White—Founder and President, Multifaith Resources, Wofford Heights, Pennsylvania; ordained minister, Presbyterian Church (USA); degrees in sociology and religion; extensive experience as pastor, teacher, administrator in intercultural and interreligious situations.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Clark Wing #7

"A Christian Approach to Dialogue"

Dr. Jay G. Williams

This workshop will involve discussion of some important Scriptural passages related to the process of dialogue. Participants will consider together such stories as the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus meeting with the woman at the well, and the Prologue to John. Exploring the idea that the Christian commandment to love your neighbor not only encourages but requires interreligious dialogue and genuine respect for other religions

Dr. Jay G. Williams—M.Div., Union Theological Seminary; Ph.D., Columbia University; Professor of Religion, Director of Asian Studies, Hamilton College, Clinton, New York; author, *Ten Words of Freedom; Yeshua Buddha; The Riddle of the Sphinx; Judaism; Along the Silk Route.*

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Clark Wing #8

"An Agenda for Change: Interfaith Impact"

Rev. James Bell; Robert Greenwood

This workshop will explore the new potential that exists in our working together on Public Policy. Interfaith Impact is the voice of Protestants, Jews, Catholics, and Muslims turning shared values into votes on Capitol Hill.

Rev. James Bell—Executive Director, Interfaith Impact, Washington,

D.C.; formerly director of Inter-Faith Ministries, Wichita, Kansas.
Robert Greenwood—Communications Director, Interfaith Impact,
Washington, D.C.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Clark Wing #9

"Similarities Between Sikhism, Islam, Christianity, and Judaism"

Mr. Kuldeep Singh; Daljit S. Jawa

To highlight similar features of various religions. Overemphasis on our differences with virtually no mention of our similarities has created a wedge between us. If we start highlighting our similarities, we will be successful in bringing various religions closer to one another.

(Moderator: Dr. Rajwant Singh)

Mr. Kuldeep Singh—Director of Ohio Clinical Ref. Laboratories, Sylvania, since Nov. 1986; Director & Manager, Alpha Laboratories, Detroit, Michigan, from 1975-86; F.R.S.H. (London), B.L.M. (AAB), C.L.S. (NCA), C.L.T. (MDH); Member of the Bilingual Advisory Committee, Lansing Michigan (1974-84); distinguished service award by U.S. District Court Monitoring Commission in 1984; Edited *Sikh World*, a quarterly Sikh Journal from 1971-85; directed nearly 25 youth camps including 18 camps in U.S.

Daljit S. Jawa—Professional Civil Engineer; Executive Director, Sikhs Serving America, Topeka, Kansas; Coordinator of Sikh Camps, Youth Affairs, Community Welfare, and Public Relations, Midwest Sikh Association of Kansas City; Member, World Sikh Organization, Washington, D.C.

4:00 PM–5:00 PM Dearborn Wing #1

"Spiritual Embodiment: Integration Through Communication"

Deb Greene

This workshop will define somatics, describe connections between somatics and spirit, and explain 'somatic rhetoric'. This will be followed by a brief demonstration and participation of somatic technique.

Deb Greene—M.A. University of Kansas, current Ph.D. student at Ohio State University.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Dearborn Wing #2

"People of Faith and AIDS"

Ken South

This workshop will present the approach of the AIDS National Interfaith Network to working across religious lines in responding to AIDS.

Ken South—Executive Director, AIDS National Interfaith Network; with ANIN since 1989; ANIN, an association of America's 2,000 AIDS ministries, provides them with technical assistance and networking services and represents the religious community in AIDS advocacy efforts on Capitol Hill.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Dearborn Wing #3

"Native American Spirituality Stronger than Poison Spirit"

Maryellen Baker; Art Shegonee; Paulette Running Wolf; Archie Mosay; Carol Ann Looking Horse

Historically, alcohol has been used against Native People to corrupt their spirit. This panel will discuss the unique Native American process of recovery and, in their journey, how they have reclaimed their traditional spirituality.

Maryellen Baker—Lac Courtes Oreilles Ojibwe, Traditional Woman; Founder, LCO Institute on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

Art Shegonee—Menominee/Potawatami, Director of Native American Center - Madison, Counselor on AODA issues

Paulette Running Wolf—Blackfoot, Doctoral Candidate in School of Counseling Psychology University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Archie Mosay—Ojibwa spiritual leader.
Carol Ann Looking Horse—Lakota.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Clark Wing #6

"Judaism Beyond God: A New Way of Being Jewish"

Rabbi Sherwin T. Wine

A conversation based on Rabbi Wine's book of the same name. What is 'humanistic Judaism'? A lively, informative, and provocative discussion.

Rabbi Sherwin T. Wine—graduate, University of Michigan (A.B., A.M.) and the Hebrew Union College; founder, Birmingham Temple, Detroit, Michigan, the first congregation of Humanistic Judaism; founder (1969), Society for Humanistic Judaism; President, the Humanist Institute; President, International Association of Humanist Educators, Counselors, and Leaders; chair, Leadership Conference of Secular and Humanistic Jews; author, *Humanistic Judaism; Judaism Beyond God; and Celebration*.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM LaSalle Wing #2

"Service Through Meditation"

Angela G. Kooros

This workshop will start with a short review of Theosophical principles, a discussion of kinds of service meditations, and the purposes and requirements of service meditations. This will be followed by a description and actual doing of three sample meditations. There will be a question and answer period at the end.

Angela G. Kooros—born in Los Angeles to Theosophist parents, became an elementary teacher and a concert pianist, and lived in Iran for eleven years; during the revolution, she and her family returned to the U.S., where she resumed study of Alice A. Bailey, and the Theosophical authors.

4:00 PM–5:00 PM LaSalle Wing #3

"Inner and Outer Peace Through Meditation"

Sant Rajinder Singh Ji Maharaj

A concise, cogent explanation of the meditation process. How the joy and bliss experienced in meditation imbues the participant "with an everlasting divine intoxication." Revealing the "inner" meaning of numerous religious scriptures through meditation. The significance of the near-death experience.

Presentation will include a 20-30 minute meditation practice.

Sant Rajinder Singh Ji Maharaj—spiritual leader and head, Science of Spirituality, with 800 centers in 40 countries; internationally renowned teacher of meditation and human unity; author, *Ecology of the Soul; Education for a Peaceful World; Spirituality in Modern Times*; teaches a practical method for direct experience of the Light within each of us and within all creation, leading to inner and outer peace.

4:00 PM–5:00 PM LaSalle Wing #4

"Voicing the Unthinkable: Sacred Thoughts for the Modern World"

Kerry Brown; Ursula King

Lecture and audience discussion exploring sacred texts a contemporary resource in shaping our future as a global community. What are the specific insights and values of our spiritual heritage that have slipped unnoticed from the modern agenda? How can religions affect the materialist trinity of science, technology, and economics which dominate our lives? The presentation will draw broadly from religious texts, including the first seven books to be published in the forthcoming International Sacred Literature Trust series.

Kerry Brown—Director of the International Sacred Literature Trust; religious consultant, World Wide Fund for Nature; author, *The Singing Planet: World Music and the Environment*; editor of several works, including, *Buddhism and Ecology*.

Ursula King—Chair, Dept. of Theology and Religious Studies, Bristol

University, UK; founding trustee, International Sacred Literature Trust; scholarly interests include women's theology and mysticism; publications include *The Spirit of One Earth: Reflections on Teilhard de Chardin and Global Spirituality* and *Voices of Protest—Voices of Promise: Exploring Spirituality for a New Age*.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM LaSalle Wing #5

"Grassroots Spirituality: What, Why, and Where?"

Prof. Robert Forman; Frances Vaughn; Rabbi Lawrence Kushner

This panel will discuss the enormous groundswell of interest in that which many traditions call "spirit". This is the deepest center of the person which is seen as open to the transcendent dimension, and through which the individual may experience ultimate reality. It seems to be developing in part out of dissatisfaction with institutionalized religions, as a response to the modern pluralistic world, and as a search for a new vision. Growing out of their work in the Forge Institute, the four panelists will explore the sources of this widespread interest, its deeper character, and its potential future.

Prof. Robert Forman—Director of the Forge Institute for Spirituality and Social Change; Assistant Professor of Religion, City University of New York, Hunter College; author of 5 books, including *Meister Eckhart: Mystic as Theologian*; and *The Problem of Pure Consciousness*; editor of the third edition textbook, *Religions of the World*.

Frances Vaughn—past President of the Association for Transpersonal Psychology; author of four books and numerous articles, including "The Inward Arc"; Co-editor, with Roger Walsh, of *Beyond Ego: Transpersonal Dimensions in Psychology*.

Rabbi Lawrence Kushner—Rabbi, Congregation Beth El in Sudbury, Massachusetts; Rabbinic Chairman of Reform Judaism's Commission on Religious Living; member of the Board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations; author of five books, including *God Was In This Place and I, I Did Not Know*.

4:00 PM–5:00 PM Montrose Wing #1

"The Practice of Justice"

James Lund

A presentation of the work of the office for the ministry of Peace and Justice of the Archdiocese of Chicago. A discussion of social ethics in practice through the Catholic Relief Services, the Campaign for Human Development and other programs.

James Lund—Director, Peace and Justice Center, Archdiocese of Chicago.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Montrose Wing #2

"500 Years of Survival—All Treaties Were Broken, and the Spirituality Survives"

Matthew Snipp; Tom Maulson; Burton Pretty On Top
The US Government signed over 400 agreements and Treaties, most of which the U.S. has already violated.

The panel members will give a historical perspective and the implications of the continued loss of Land and its profound effect on spirituality.

Matthew Snipp—Cherokee/Choctaw; Ph.D.; Professor of Rural Sociology, Director, American Indian Studies Program, University of Wisconsin at Madison.

Tom Maulson—Anishinabe/Ojibwe, Lac du Flambeau Tribal Chairman, Wa Swa Gon Treaty Association; Treaty Rights Activist.

Burton Pretty On Top—Crow Nation; spiritual leader and pipe carrier.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Montrose Wing #3

"Islamic Economics and Banking"

Dr. M. Razaul Haq; Dr. Mohammad Nejatullah Siddiqi; Mr. Marghoob Qureshi

This program will discuss Islamic Economics and Banking,

focusing on topics such as: What is Islamic economic and banking?; the basis of the Islamic economic system; the distribution of wealth; the workings of an interest free economy; sharing and partnership; business rules and ethics; the betterment of society rather than merely of the individual. Additional topics: the tax system, Zakat, Ushur.

Dr. M. Razaul Haq—Professor of Business Administration, University of Windsor, Windsor, Canada.

Dr. Mohammad Nejatullah Siddiqi—Center for Research in Islamic Economics, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia; Recipient, King Faisal Prize in Economics.

Mr. Marghoob Qureshi—Business management consultant, Palo Alto, California.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Montrose Wing #4

"The Wisdom of the Council Circle"

Steven McFadden

The workshop begins with a short lecture discussing The Council Circle, an ancient democratic tradition among indigenous people in the Americas. In a council each person puts his or her "good mind" on the issues at hand, using a Talking Stick to keep the circle in harmony. The workshop will conclude with its own Council.

Steven McFadden—Director of The Wisdom Conservancy, National Coordinator for the Council Circles Project for Earth Day 1993; author, *Profiles in Wisdom, Native Elders Speak about the Earth*.

4:00 PM–4:45 PM Montrose Wing #5

"Non-Violence and Universal Brotherhood"

H. H. Bhattaraka Devendrakeerti

This lecture shows that to live in the world, one has to be non-violent. Once you become a non-violence person that will bring automatically universal brotherhood: non-violence in thoughts. Deeds and action are the highest religion of mankind.

H. H. Bhattaraka Devendrakeerti—initiated into monkhood at an early age. B.S. and M.A.; speaks many languages; has travelled all over India and he was the first Bhattaraka to travel abroad for propagation of Jainism; He has written many books and articles on Jainism and has attended many conferences concerning vegetarianism.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Parlor B

"The Teaching and History of the African-American Church"

Dr. David D. Daniels

The history and teachings of African-American Christianity is the subject of this workshop. The presentation will focus on the central role worship and the struggle for racial justice has played in the development of African-American Christianity in the United States.

Dr. David D. Daniels—Associate Professor of Church History at McCormick Theological Seminary; doctor of Philosophy degree, Union Theological Seminary, New York City; Master of Divinity degree, Yale University; bachelor of arts degree, Bowdoin College.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Parlor G

"Vocabulary for the 21st Century"

Eugene Kennedy; David Miller; David Tracy; Bob Walter; David Steindl-Rast

David Miller—Watson-Ledden Professor of Religion at Syracuse University and chair of the Joseph Campbell Foundation Advisory Committee on Myth in Higher Education.

David Tracy—professor at the University of Chicago and author of "The Analogical Imagination."

Bob Walter—is the Vice President and Director of the Joseph Campbell Foundation and editor of Joseph Campbell's *Historical Atlas of World Mythology*.

David Steindl-Rast—OSB, Benedictine monk associated with the Camaldolese Benedictine community at Big Sur, CA; advisor to MID; author, and leader in interfaith dialogue.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM PDR #7

"Nine Steps to Excellence: Strategies for Transforming Your Business"

Dr. Riaz Khadem

Nine Steps to Excellence constitutes strategies and methodologies that transform the culture of any organization. They facilitate behavior change that is key to excellent execution, to quality, and to exceptional service. These strategies are the further development of concepts described in Dr. Khadem's book, *One Page Management*. The animating power that sustains the transformed new culture derives from the following set of spiritual principles: Purpose, Honesty, Justice, Unity, Creativity, Service, Priority, Economy and Excellence. The Nine Steps to Excellence enable the organization to transform itself by incorporating these principles into its systems, policies and practices.

Dr. Riaz Khadem—Master's Degree, Harvard; Doctorate, Oxford University; author; consultant, specializing in the role of information in quality improvement and culture change; creator, "The One Page System," a comprehensive management system explained in his book, *One Page Management*.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Pool Promenade

"Tai Chi"

Bruce Moran

4:00 PM–5:00 PM Sandburg Wing #1

"The Problems and Hazards of Religious Pluralism"

Dr. Donald N. Blakeley

This workshop will discuss religious diversity, both as a wonderful asset to human experience and something that can create conditions that stimulate some of the most intractable difficulties in personal, social and political affairs. This workshop examines not only the promise, but also some of the hazards of religious pluralism as an approach to the religions of the world and to interreligious dialogue.

Dr. Donald N. Blakeley—Coordinator of the Religious Studies Program, Department of Philosophy, California State University, Fresno.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Sandburg Wing #2

"Hermeneutics in the Qur'an"

Dr. T.H. Irving; Irfan Ahmed Khan; Mahmood Ghazi; Dr. Shaikh Ahmed Zaki Hamad; Dr. Nazir Ahmed, Dr. Habibul Haq Nadvi

Approaches to understanding the language of the Qur'an. The methodology of exegesis.

Dr. T.H. Irving—(Talim Ali); highly respected scholar in Islam; author, first American version of the *Qur'an*.

Irfan Ahmed Khan—Professor, American Islamic College, Chicago, Illinois.

Mahmood Ghazi—Director General, Dawah Academy, International Islamic University, Pakistan.

Dr. Shaikh Ahmed Zaki Hamad—scholar in Arabic and Qur'an, Chicago, Illinois.

Dr. Nazir Ahmed—noted scholar; Chair, Persian Department, Aligarh University, India.

Dr. Habibul Haq Nadvi—Professor, Head of Department of Arabic, Persian, and Urdu, University of Durban, South Africa.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Sandburg Wing #3

"Theosophy and the Critical Issues—Part I: Human Communities and Universal Brotherhood"

Nancy Coker; Leslie Royce Pochos

This workshop consists of an introductory presentation on bridging the gap between acceptance and intolerance among those of differing faith, culture, race, or gender. An audience discussion on all aspects of practical brotherhood.

Nancy Coker—staff member, The Theosophical Society, International Headquarters, Pasadena; Co-founder of Deva Natural Clothes; volunteer community mediator.

Leslie Royce Pochos—lecturer; Associate of the United Lodge of Theosophists, Philadelphia; businesswoman.

4:00 PM–4:30 PM Sandburg Wing #4

"Music and Meditation: Two God-Ways to Bring Peace Into the World"

Prachar Stegemann

Lecture and discussion on the role of music in traditional spiritual and religious practice and ceremony, especially as a vehicle for the liberation of higher consciousness within the individual, through the spiritual nature of melody and the devotional mood that such music inspires.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Sandburg Wing #5

"Postmodernity and Human Values: Complementary or Contradictory"

Dr. Jim Norwine, Ph.D.

We are in the early stages of a radical transformation, one comparable to the scientific nova of 500 years ago, to the beginnings of agriculture 10,000 years ago, to the Sumerian invention of writing some 5,000 years ago, or to the Europeanization of the New World in recent centuries. It is no less than the death of one age and the birth of another. This presentation is based on Prof. Norwine's new book, *A Postmodern Tao*.

Dr. Jim Norwine, Ph.D.—Professor of Geography, Texas A&I University; teacher of oriental philosophy as well as geography and climate; 1983 Distinguished Alumni Research Professor; author of numerous books and articles; travel in India and Yugoslavia as Fulbright Scholar and in Egypt and Iraq as Malone Fellow; his fourth book, *A Postmodern Tao*, was published in 1993 by the University Press of America.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Sandburg Wing #6

"Sexual Equality, A Prerequisite for World Peace"

Fafar Guillebeaux

This workshop will explore the cost of inequality between the sexes; to women, to men and to humanity as a whole. Practical suggestions will be outlined to aid each gender to overcome the harmful legacy of an inherent sense of superiority and inferiority in preparation for full partnership as a foundation for world peace.

Fafar Guillebeaux—psychotherapist and consultant; has facilitated numerous workshops on a variety of topics; has worked as a consultant for "Multicultural Diversity Appreciation" Training; served on the Bahá'í National Committee on Women from 1987 to 1992.

4:15 PM–5:30 PM Burnham Wing #4

"Rural Spirituality: Sustaining the Land, Sharing Spirit"

Miriam Brown, OP; Rev. Richard Ament; Phillip Hueneke; Janet Kassel; Rita Engelken; Dr. Thomas Lindhal

This seminar (with input segments and facilitated discussion) will address the Land-God connection, the contribution of rural spirituality to global sustainability, and the nurturing of rural life and spirituality. I. The Land-God Connection: Felt Experience; Religious Traditions. II. Contribution of Rural Spirituality to Global Sustainability: Deep-rooted Knowledge and Love; The Urgent Call from Around the Globe. III. Nature of Rural Life and

Spirituality: Churches and Grassroots Organizations; Developing a National Will.

Miriam Brown, OP—Executive Director, Churches' Center for Land and People, an ecumenical organization that brings together individuals, churches, and organizations in Wisconsin, Iowa, and Illinois, around concerns of ethics, renewal, stewardship, and ministry.

Rev. Richard Ament—Rural pastor, team for five parishes.

Phillip Hueneke—Organic farmer, Land Stewardship Award from Iowa Sierra Club.

Janet Kassel—Organic farmer, member of Family Empowerment Institute.

Rita Engelken—Past president, Iowa Natural Food Associates; author, speaker.

Dr. Thomas Lindhal—Dean of College of Agriculture, University of Wisconsin, Platteville.

4:45 PM–5:30 PM Clark Wing #4

“Western Perceptions of Jainism”

Dr. Noel King

The workshop shows that inklings of Jain belief and practice are to be found in ancient Greek and Roman writers and in church fathers and mothers. Some medieval and early modern travel narratives. Perceptions and misperceptions amidst the orientalists, missionaries and pioneer western scholars. Emergence and shape of present expectations as a truly global world view comes into being.

Dr. Noel King—M.A., Oxford, England; Ph.D. Nottingham; university teacher in Ghana and Uganda; visiting Professor at Punjab University and Papua/New Guinea; Emeritus Professor of History and Comparative Religion, University of California, Santa Cruz.



10:00 AM-12:00 PM Burnham Wing #1

"Greenspirit: A Marriage of Ecology and Multi-Faith Spirituality"

Mr. Albert LaChance

Albert LaChance's book, *Greenspirit: Twelve Steps in Ecological Spirituality*, and his Greenspirit support groups are a response to Thomas Berry's call for a "deep cultural therapy" to heal our society's cultural pathology. As LaChance sees it, the current ecological crisis is a spiritual, psychological and physical malady rooted in addiction. Greenspirit addresses this malady using the nonsectarian 12-step spirituality and process and integrating contributions from the major world religions. This marriage of multi-faith spirituality and ecology into a 12-step eco-spirituality is proving to be a very powerful tool of transformation and renewal.

Mr. Albert LaChance—husband, father, poet, environmentalist, author, therapist and lecturer; co-founder, with his wife, Carol, Greenspirit Center in New Hampshire; his book, *Greenspirit*, was highly recommended by Thomas Berry as a practical extension of his own work.

10:00 AM-12:00 PM Burnham Wing #2

"The Greening of Judaism" or "Toward an Eco-Kosher Judaism"

Dr. Arthur Waskow

This workshop will focus on the emergence and trajectory of an environmentally concerned Jewish community. Some of the suggested areas of change include: "Liturgy and Prayer", "Daily Practice", and "Public Policy". The discussion of Liturgy and Prayer will cover festivals such as the earth/moon/sun cycle, Shabbat—being not "doing", and prayer forms and language; the discussion of Daily Practice will cover "Eco-Kosher" practice in consumption and investment (food, energy sources, money, etc.); and the discussion of Public Policy will cover action which could be taken by the Jewish community to change public policy (energy, transportation, water use, etc.) to protect the earth.

Dr. Arthur Waskow—Director of The Shalom Center, Fellow of ALEPH/Alliance for Jewish Renewal, and author of *Godwrestling; Seasons of Our Joy; and Becoming Brothers.*; member of the faculty of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, 1982-89.

10:00 AM-12:00 PM Burnham Wing #3

"Contemplative Dwelling II: Alternative Business Enterprise, Universally Affordable Dwelling, Contemplative Practice and Planetary Harmony"

Steve Kozan Beck; F. Byron Nahser

For millennia the indigenous, pre-industrial vernacular dwelling traditions provided a largely sustainable means of dwelling, affordable in some form by all, which functioned by producing necessities in cooperative self-reliance first, and non-necessities second, allowing the competitive economy to fluctuate without jeopardizing survival. This presentation, the second of two, will explore alternative development and business enterprise design based on this principle. It will also examine relationships between a potential for the universally affordable ownership of a sustainable means of dwelling, social harmony, ecosystem balance, contemplative practice and planetary survival.

Steve Kozan Beck—Certified as a priest and teacher of Buddhism; holds a Master of Architecture degree; over the past ten years he has designed, built and lived in a series of affordable solar dwellings and continues to do so.

F. Byron Nahser—President and CEO, Frank C. Nahser, Inc./Advertising; M.B.A., Northwestern University; M.A., Religious

Studies, Mundelein College; Executive-in-Residence, DePaul University Graduate School of Business; pursuing Ph.D. in Philosophy at DePaul, concentrating in American Business Philosophy.

10:00 AM-1:00 PM Burnham Wing #4

"Discovering Our Common Ground: Spirituality in Agriculture"

David Lynch; Barbara Coffman

A dialogue process designed to bring people together who represent a wide range of spiritual values around the topic of spirituality in agriculture. The significance of this process lies in its deliberate intention not to try to solve agricultural problems or resolve organizational differences, but to create an atmosphere in which greater wisdom and understanding can occur.

David Lynch—Chairman for the coalition for Spirituality in Agriculture, a network of individuals and organizations devoted to the spiritual values that underpin the sustainable agriculture movement; agricultural director for a 150-acre Stewardship Farm and Conference Center and President of the Stewardship Community.
Barbara Coffman—Core facilitator for the MIT Dialogue Project, a Kellogg Foundation Leadership program to develop dialogue as a way to guide polarized groups into an expansive, innovative consciousness.

10:00 AM-12:00 PM Burnham Wing #5

"The Road from Rio: An Ecological and Spiritual Perspective"

Carolyn Ford; Peter H. Aykroyd

The theme of this workshop is Ecology and the Earth. All religions must come together to bring a moral, spiritual and ethical dimension to the blueprint for the 21st Century. We must reconnect with Mother Earth. We must find the sacredness in every living being, sentient and insentient. We must put aside our greed and nurture our ailing planet. We must live with reverence for all which God has made. We must come back to our primitive roots, back to beginner's mind, if we are to undo the damage already done. Rio begins here.

Carolyn Ford—Peace and Justice Director at St. Isidore Church, Diocese of Joliet; teacher, writer, lecturer, ecologist, peace and civil rights activist, composer, musician and singer; has performed in concert all over the world and frequently gives workshops; represented the Diocese of Joliet at last year's Earth Summit in Brazil.
Peter H. Aykroyd—former director of public relations, Centennial Commission, Canada 1967; former Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet and assistant deputy minister, Research and Development, Transport Canada; Chairman of the Board, Millennium Institute; author, *The Anniversary Compulsion*.

10:00 AM-10:45 AM Clark Wing #1

"From the Rig Veda to Sri Aurobindo—Continuity of Indian Thought"

Dr. Adwaita P. Ganguly

This workshop will discuss the relevance of Vedantic thought in our times through the idea of the world as a trinity: Ancient Indian, Medieval Islamic and Modern Western Civilizations.

Dr. Adwaita P. Ganguly—M.A., Ph. D.; lecturer in Indian Studies at the City Literary Institute, London, England since 1972; author of *India: Mystic, Complex and Real*, published in 1990, a multi-dimensional study of Forster's 20th century classic, *A Passage to India*.

10:00 AM-10:30 AM Clark Wing #2

"Hinduism as a Way of Life"

Swami Asramji Maharaj

A discussion of Hinduism as a way of life, with an emphasis on the *Bhagavad Gita*, universal peace, and universal harmony.

Saint Asramji Maharaj—known as Bapu; self-realized at age of 22 with his Guru-Kripa; founder of the International Yoga Vedanta Society, established in Germany, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, East Africa, the United States, Canada, Hong Kong, and India; society administers twelve ashrams worldwide.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Clark Wing #3

"The Concept of Revelation in the Qur'an"

Inamul Haq; Dr. Assad Busool; Vincent Cornell; Aziza Shoshani; Muzammil Siddiqi; Dr. Husein Hamid Hasan

This program will discuss Revelations in Islam, including the divine nature of Revelation, unique to Islam; the belief that the divine nature of the Revelation is axiomatic to Islam; Revelation vs. intuition, different religions' approaches to Revelation.

Inamul Haq—Principal, Islamic Foundation School, Villa Park, Illinois.
Dr. Assad Busool—Chairman, Arabic Department, American Islamic College, Chicago, Illinois.

Vincent Cornell—(Mansur-ul Mujahid); Professor of Islamic Studies, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina.

Muzammil Siddiqi—Islamic scholar of North America; Director, Orange County Islamic Center, California.

Dr. Husein Hamid Hasan—Vice-Chancellor, International Islamic University, Islamabad, Pakistan.

10:00 AM–11:00 AM Clark Wing #5

"Sri Aurobindo's 'Savitri'—Mantra, Mythos, and the Mystic Hero's Journey"

Rod Hemsell

"Savitri. A Legend and a Symbol", is Sri Aurobindo's epic poem of spiritual transformation and the conquest of death. Moreover, it is the embodiment of that unique gift of visionary poetic inspiration that has kept Indian spiritual culture so alive for millenia, from Vyasa to the present. This program offers an introduction to the tradition as well as to this modern expression which should make both more accessible, as well as offering keys to interpreting the mission of one of India's great modern Yogis.

Rod Hemsell—teacher and writer; has spent many years in India studying and working in the Auroville project and the Sri Aurobindo Ashram; has taught Indian philosophy and history, classical languages, and Third World studies at various schools in the U.S.; recently director of the Gaia Learning Center and Savitri Solar School in Colorado, where he currently teaches and develops programs in special education.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Clark Wing #6

"Interreligious Dialogue: Why and How? Part III: Materials, Models, Exercises, and the Experience"

Dr. Rahim Sheikholeslami; Rev. Dr. Charles R. White

A workshop to help clergy and lay participants gain skill and confidence in interreligious dialogue. Provides information, guidelines, and practical techniques for engaging in dialogue with people of other religions. Part III: After a brief review of the basic materials, and the criteria-based model for life, living, and dialogue; participants select a subject and choose format(s) for interreligious dialogue, sharing perceptions of religious beliefs and practices. A slide presentations is included.

Dr. Rahim Sheikholeslami—Founder and President, Society for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue, Wallingford, Pennsylvania; Muslim; interdisciplinary credentials in education, administration, psychology, and religion; broad experience in human resources, leadership development teaching, research, and interfaith dialogue.

Rev. Dr. Charles R. White—Founder and President, Multifaith Resources, Wofford Heights, Pennsylvania; ordained minister, Presbyterian Church (USA); degrees in sociology and religion; extensive experience as pastor, teacher, administrator in intercultural and interreligious situations.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Clark Wing #7

"Inclusivity, Commitment, and Consensus in Spiritual Growth Groups"

John H. Parks, M.D.

A workshop based on the experiences of the Spiritual Growth Network of Lexington, Kentucky. Focus on the small-group processes which facilitate and deepen spiritual experience. Interactive, experiential program, working with people from different faiths. Inclusiveness, commitment and consensus processes will be experienced and discussed.

John H. Parks, M.D.—Spiritual Growth Network; Life Member, American Psychiatric Association; Director, Kentucky Center of Psychosynthesis; Member, Planning Committee, Muslim-Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Lexington, Kentucky.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Clark Wing #8

"Non-Zoroastrians in Zoroastrian Precepts"

Adi J. Davar

Zarathustra preached a universal faith, yet many Zoroastrians believe that one has to be born into it. The talk examines evidence traditionally unavailable to them: the Prophet's utterances in the Gathas, scriptural/religious writings, anthropological/sociological facts and history of the faith's practice, to trace why this belief has been rooted and conclude that the prophet welcomed all who of their free will choose to follow the path of the Good Mind and Righteousness.

Adi J. Davar—member of the Federation of Zoroastrian Association of North America's Planning and Education Committees; and Zoroastrian Scholars Committee of North America; founder and president of the Zoroastrian Association of Metropolitan Washington; consultant on international economic development; ex-director of the World Bank.

10:00 AM–11:30 AM Clark Wing #9

"The Witch as Shaman: Rediscovering the Ancient Shamanistic Traditions of Western Europe"

Andras Corban Arthen

This workshop will be a discussion of the much-misunderstood and maligned practice of European Witchcraft in the context of the shamanistic tradition.

Andras Corban Arthen—initiated into the traditional practices of a Scottish family of Witches in 1969; Cunningman of the Glainn Sidhr Order of Witches and Director of the EarthSpirit Community, one of the largest Pagan organizations in the country; has served on the board of officers of Covenant of the Goddess, a national council of Witches; and has recently released a recording of stories, titled, "Tales of Wonder."

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Clark Wing #10

"Diversity Within the Church Ecumenical"

Dr. Jay T. Rock

This workshop includes panelists from a number of traditions within the Church - Orthodox, Protestant, African American - to discuss diversity and the role of diversity within our unity. This seminar will explore the diversity within the Church and an understanding of the role of diversity in the unity the churches seek.

Dr. Jay T. Rock—Presbyterian pastor; Co-Director for Interfaith Relations, National Council of Churches in the U.S.A.

10:00 AM–10:45 AM Dearborn Wing #1

"Healing Matters!: Your Life in the Balance"

Barry A. Sultanoff

This workshop will explore what it means to be on a healing journey—and to be consciously co-creating a healthy life, in cooperation with Spirit. Questions like: "What stands in the way of our

fully living and expressing our true nature?' and 'How can we activate the healing process that can liberate us from our separateness and suffering?' will be addressed. Dr. Sultanoff will draw upon his two decades of experience as a practicing physician in sharing some perspectives and approaches that he has found most valuable in bringing harmony and balance in our lives.

Barry A. Sultanoff—leading a spiritually-based counselling practice in the Washington, D.C. area; founding member and former Board Member of the American Holistic Medical Association; Medical Director of the G-Jo Institute of S. Florida (a not-for-profit health education center); Advisory Board Member of the National Wellness Coalition; columnist for Holistic Medicine magazine; national and international lecturer and workshop facilitator.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Dearborn Wing #2

"Thomas Merton and the Enneagram"

Suzanne Zuercher, O.S.B.

Enneagram theory states that every person has characteristic personality dynamics which emerge repeatedly within the life-cycle. Presentation explores the autobiographical and spiritual writings of Thomas Merton in light of this theory, tracing steps toward his unique contribution to contemplative spirituality.

Suzanne Zuercher, O.S.B.—licensed psychologist and author of two books on the enneagram: *Enneagram Spirituality: from Compulsion to Contemplation and Enneagram Companions; Relationship and Spiritual Direction*; former co-director of The Institute for Spiritual Leadership, Loyola University; has conducted workshops on this topic in North America, Japan, Hong Kong, Indonesia and Wales.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Dearborn Wing #3

"Spiritual Outreach Network, A Program of the Pastoral Counseling Service of Greater Chicago"

Fran Rubens; Emma Bragdon; Gill Schwartz; Kalman J. Kaplan; Heather Maclaren; The Rev. John B. Houck, Ph.D.; Stanley Selinger

Spirituality or Insanity? Psychoreligious and Psychospiritual code will be included in the American Medical Association's revised American Diagnostic and Statistical Manual, in January. This panel discussion will address the establishment of criteria for distinguishing the difference between mystical states and psychosis and take up the question of traditional and/or alternative modes of treatment.

Fran Rubens—B.Ed.; Administrative Director of the Pastoral Counseling Service of Greater Chicago and founder of the Spiritual Outreach Network; former teacher; currently working on her master's degree in Human Service Administration at Spertus College.

Emma Bragdon—Ph.D.; author, *A Sourcebook for Helping People in Spiritual Emergency and The Call of Spiritual Emergency: from Personal Crisis to Personal Transformation*; editor, *Spiritual Emergence Network Journal*; private practice in California; teaches 8-day seminars around the USA to nurture spiritual evolution in a supportive environment.

Gill Schwartz—M.A.; has taught forms of yoga, meditation and the healing arts over 25 years; has studied practices in Tibetan, Hindu, Christian and Native American traditions; offers intuitive energy balancing, spiritual education and works with individuals in spiritual emergence at Body Therapeutics and The Pastoral Counseling Service of Greater Chicago.

Kalman J. Kaplan—Ph.D.; co-author, *The Family-Biblical and Psychological Foundations and The Psychology of Hope: An Antidote to the Suicidal Pathology of Western Civilization*; numerous articles on biblical psychology, interpersonal relations, human development and suicide; licensed clinical psychologist providing interpersonal therapy for individuals, couples and families; developer of the Tilt Program teaching individuals to live together.

Heather Maclaren—B.S. Ed.; psychotherapist with the Pastoral Counseling Service of Greater Chicago providing services for individuals, couples, families and groups in a way that integrates mind, body and spirit; currently pursuing her doctorate in clinical psychology.

The Rev. John B. Houck—Ph.D.; Executive Director of the Pastoral Counseling Service of Greater Chicago; licensed psychologist in Illinois; Episcopal priest in the Diocese of Chicago, with ministerial

standing in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); private practice in psychology; leads classes and workshops in *A Course in Miracles*, dream interpretation, personal and spiritual growth in England, Germany, Chile and the USA.

Stanley Selinger—Ph.D.; clinical psychologist for 17 years; Section Head of Psychology at Christ Hospital; private practice in Chicago; faculty member at the University of Illinois.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM LaSalle Wing #1

"Religion as Transforming Experience"

Theodore J. Nottingham

An exploration of individual inner transformation and the encounter with the sacred that is found at the heart of all religions. Key themes: (1) Origins: the universal truths at the core of religious teachings; the phenomenon of separation and institutionalization of inner knowing. (2) Teachings: prayer as encounter; exploring the depths of sacred texts. (3) Practices: awareness as spiritual transformation; various techniques.

Theodore J. Nottingham—author, translator, ordained minister (Christian Church, Disciples of Christ); recently published *Written in Our Hearts: The Practice of Spiritual Transformation*; numerous published articles; Managing Editor, *Mid-Stream*, an international ecumenical journal; with his wife Rebecca, has published three translations dealing with Eastern Christianity and the teachings of Karlfried Graf Durckheim.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM LaSalle Wing #2

"Reconnecting with the Divine: In Your Self, In All Those You Meet Today, In All of Creation: Part I"

Paul Walsh

First in a series of three workshops sharing a common theme but differing in content. Paul Walsh will lead the group in prayer and meditation practices from different faith traditions (e.g. guided and walking meditation, chanting, the use of mantras and readings from sacred literature, centering prayer, etc.). Participants will be encouraged to create their own prayers and expressions of prayer (perhaps through dance, song, art, etc.). Active group participation.

Paul Walsh—President, Fellowship in Prayer; former Overseer, Princeton Friends Meeting (Quaker); former founder/director Princeton Zen Buddhist Society.

10:00 AM–10:45 AM LaSalle Wing #3

"Kriya Yoga"

Swami Hari Harananda Giri; Swami Atmananda Giri

Kriya Yoga is a scientific method that can help develop simultaneously body, mind, intellect and finally realisation of soul.

Swami Hari Harananda Giri—disciple of Sri Swami Yukteswara Giri; initiated into Kriya Yoga in 1932; received 2nd Kriya from Paramahansa Yogananda in 1935; began the life of renunciation in 1937.

Swami Atmananda Giri—previously a physician-neurologist; became a Monk in 1971, spreading the message of Kriya Yoga since 1989 throughout the world.

10:00 PM–12:00 PM LaSalle Wing #4

"Through All the Worlds of God—Bahá'í Teachings on the Immortality of the Soul"

Leilani Smith

This workshop will discuss the Bahá'í beliefs on death and dying. It will touch upon topics such as immortality of the soul, spiritual progress, proofs of life after physical death, death of infants and youth, relationships, burial laws and rites, and prayers for the departed.

Leilani Smith—B.A., Illinois Wesleyan University. External Affairs

Secretary, Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of Chicago; recipient of the 1991 City of Chicago Human Relations Commission Religion Award of Merit; has served at the Bahá'í World Centre, Haifa, Israel and in Bahá'í communities in Western Europe and North America, since 1969.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM LaSalle Wing #5

**"Theosophic Worldview—Part II:
Reimbodying Universes and the Web of Life"**

John Coker; Adam Warcup; Carolyn Van Horn

Second of a series of four, each independent of the others, this panel presents basic concepts of the theosophical tradition for audience discussion. The known cosmos is a living expression of an underlying spiritual reality. Every particle of life from galaxies to atoms, being rooted in divinity, is interconnected with every other and evolves through cycles of activity and rest. Theosophy's vision of this cosmic drama gives scope and profound meaning to human existence.

John Coker—staff member of The Theosophical Society, International Headquarters, Pasadena, California; artist, homeopath; co-founder, Deva Natural Clothes.

Adam Warcup—General Secretary, The Theosophical Society in England.

Carolyn Van Horn—lecturer; coordinator and Associate of the United Lodge of Theosophists, Los Angeles, California; Mayor, Malibu, California; President, 5 Points Community Association, South Central Los Angeles.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Montrose Wing #1

"In the Wake of Freedom: Human Rights and Development in India"

Dr. Shobha Srinivasan; Subir Sinha; Dr. Meenal Mamdani;

Rachana Kamtekar; Dr. C.M. Naim; Thomas Kocherry

This panel discussion will be divided into two 1-hour sessions. Session A will address Rural and Urban Development, Technology and Human Rights, and Health. Session B will take up the following topics: Tribals, Dalit, Religious Minorities, and Women.

Dr. Shobha Srinivasan—sociologist; works as a lecturer and Statistician with Loyola University in Chicago; research is primarily focused on Third World Women; presently working on oppression of women in India and Indian women in the U.S; for the last fourteen years and has been involved in various human rights and grass root organizations.

Subir Sinha—graduate student of political science at Northwestern University; research focuses on the ways in which the environment becomes an issue in peasant politics in India, and the interaction between "development" and the environment.

Dr. Meenal Mamdani—Assistant Professor of Neurology, Loyola University Medical Center; born in India and did graduate work in Bombay; in Chicago since 1971, involved in development and human rights organizations.

Rachana Kamtekar—graduate student of Philosophy at University of Chicago; works with a Chicago-based Indian human rights organization and has worked in India with women's groups and travel welfare organizations.

Dr. C.M. Naim—Associate Professor in the Department of South Asian Languages and Civilizations at the University of Chicago; born in a Muslim family in India, has lived in the United States since 1957; active in several local groups concerned with human rights and developmental issues.

Thomas Kocherry—Redemptorist priest; President of the National Fish Workers Federation in India, bringing all fish workers along the coastline of India together and organizing them against the big mechanized trawlers that are monopolizing the waters.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Montrose Wing #2

"Religion and Peacemaking: Regarding the Other—Narratives of Compassion"

William French; Susan Shown Harjo; John Pawlikowski;

Miyako Matsuki

This session will explore the spiritual resources offered by different religions which heighten feelings of compassion for the suffering of members of other religions and national groups. We will explore religious narratives which promote cross-cultural and cross-religious compassion, sensitivity and respect. These narratives are important resources for checking tendencies to demonize "the Other."

William French—Ph.D., Ethics and Society, University of Chicago; Associate Professor, Theology, Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois.

Susan Shown Harjo—Cheyenne/Hodulgee Muscogee, President and Director of Morning Star Foundation, Vice President of Native's Children Survival, Poet, Writer, Mother.

John Pawlikowski—O.S.M.; Ph.D., University of Chicago; Professor of Social Ethics, Catholic Theological Union.

Miyako Matsuki—Ph.D. Candidate, University of Wisconsin at Madison; Visiting Assistant Professor, History of Religions, Buddhism, Loyola University, Chicago.

10:00 AM–11:30 AM Montrose Wing #3

**"Centuries of Refugeeism:
The Plight of African Refugees"**

Erku Yimer; Akbar Virmani; Dr. Hannah Abeodu Jones

This panel discussion program will focus on three topic areas: 1) Refugeeism, a perennial problem for Africans, its crippling effect on African development; 2) the refugee situation and the plight of refugees; 3) Solutions: what can people do?

Erku Yimer—born and raised in Ethiopia; now Executive Director, Ethiopian Community Association of Chicago; attended graduate school at the University of Chicago and University of Wisconsin, Madison; Ph.D. in Adult Education; has contributed greatly in building the Ethiopian community in the Chicago area.

Akbar Virmani—born and raised in Uganda, from where he fled in 1972 during the brutal reign of Idi Amin; currently Assistant Director of the Program of African Studies and Lecturer in Political Science at Northwestern University; major areas of research include African political and economic development, human rights issues, and the refugee crisis in Africa.

Dr. Hannah Abeodu Jones—Ph. D., Northwestern University; Assistant Professor of History, Chicago State University; former Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Liberia to the United Nations, New York.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Montrose Wing #4

**"Religious Education Curricula:
God Images and Stories About God"**

Mary Ann Moore

"God Images" and "Stories About God" are year-long curricula written for use in Unitarian Universalist Congregations. Both draw on images from many of the world's religions. In this workshop, the participants will become familiar with the goals, the theology, the psychological needs of the age groups, as well as samples from several lessons.

Mary Ann Moore—Accredited director of religious education; has served Unitarian Universalist churches for more than 12 years as a religious educator; B.A. in elementary education at the University of California, Los Angeles; M.A. in theology, Andover-Newton Theological School; has written several religious education curricula for elementary-age children.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Montrose Wing #5

"Stories of Faith-Based Social Action in 1993"

Rev. Peter Dougherty

Interfaith groups face the problems of "The Brave New World Order": 1) Nurturing a spirituality with which to face the problems; 2) Stories of resistance to weapons of mass destruction; 3) Curbing violence in war-torn areas; stories of peace team projects; 4) Stories of walking with the poor in the struggle for justice.

Rev. Peter Dougherty—priest of the Roman Catholic Diocese of

Lansing, Michigan; Master's Degree in Psychology; founder, Covenant for Peace, a faith-based peace community that focuses on the dangers of the nuclear arms race; co-founder, Michigan Life Community, a group committed to civil resistance as part of challenging war and militarism.

10:00 AM–11:00 AM Parlor A

"The Critical Issues—A Multi Media View"

Dr. John Kaserow

A video presentation and discussion of the global critical issues from the media archives of Maryknoll. This dramatic footage is drawn first hand from the missions of the world.

Dr. John Kaserow—Professor of Mission, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago; Maryknoll priest.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Parlor B

"The Divine Feminine, Wicca and the World's Religions"

Phyllis Currott

A panel of religious leaders and scholars from various religious traditions, including Wiccan Elders, will discuss the centrality of the Goddess to Wiccan theology as well as the role of the Goddess in other spiritual faiths; the significance of the Divine Feminine to concepts of Divinity; the Goddess as deep source for interfaith harmony and the transformation of relationships between women and men, humanity and Nature, humanity and the sacred as we enter the 21st century.

Phyllis Currott—J.D., New York University School of Law; Wiccan High Priestess; 1st Officer and President, Covenant of the Goddess; founder and high priestess, Circle of Ara; priestess of Minoan Sisterhood; practicing attorney.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Parlor C

"Workshop on Comparative Liturgy: Session I"

Rabbi Herbert Bronstein; Fr. Julian von Duerbeck, OSB

The first of three workshops on comparative religious liturgy, each addressing the theme of liturgy as a design of spirituality. Introduction, Dom Julian von Duerbeck, OSB;

1st Presentation: "Judaism—Jewish Liturgy and the Design of Judaism," (Rabbi Herbert Bronstein);

2nd Presentation: "Hinduism—Bhakti Puja" (Hari Sharma); Observer/Facilitator: Zoroastrian (Dr. Kersey Antia); Open Discussion follows presentations.

Rabbi Herbert Bronstein—editor of liturgies for liberal Judaism, including *The Home Service for Passover* (the *Haggadah*); has lectured at Lake Forest College, Northwestern University, the University of Illinois, the University of Rochester, the University of Chicago Divinity School, and numerous other institutions; Senior Rabbi, North Shore Congregation Israel, Glencoe, Illinois.

Fr. Julian von Duerbeck, OSB—Benedictine monk of St. Procopius Abbey, Lisle, Illinois; member of Monastic Interreligious Dialogue; has contributed much to interfaith understanding and cooperation.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Parlor F

"Celebrating Life with the Earthsong Ceremonial Community"

Tom Daly, Ph.D.; Jude Blitz

This presentation will explore ways for creating sacred dance and ceremony (as developed by the Earthsong Ceremonial Community of Boulder, Colorado). This form is a model for the creation of very personal and unique rituals in community for the celebration of holy and meaningful events in our lives.

Topics include: marking sacred space and time; co-created leadership; integration of various spiritual traditions; incorporating light and dark energies; and building a community of creativity and support. Audience participation through storytelling and

practice of dance form. End with the Dance of Life.

Tom Daly, Ph.D.—Therapist, essayist, multi-media artist; Co-Director, Living Arts Foundation; past 10 years as leader, Earthsong Ceremonial Community, dedicated to the partnership of women and men in creating a healthier world for everyone; author, *Wild Men at the Border*.
Jude Blitz—Certified Hakomi therapist; teacher, Naropa Institute, Boulder, Colorado; leads workshops for women on Moon Lodge, Accessing Womb Power, and Mother/Daughter Relations.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Parlor G

"Muslims and Western Media: Part II"

Ayad Madni; Atique Mahmood; Abdullah Aslam; Hashir Farooqui; M.J. Akbar

It can be argued that the 'western media', both print and electronic, have shown a remarkable degree of unfairness and imbalance when dealing with Muslims and Islamic issues. Is this a result of ignorance and prejudice or is it based on unconscious racism? Examples of the media's negative impact on Islam and possible remedies will be discussed.

Ayad Madni—Managing Editor, *Saudi Gazette*.

Atique Mahmood—Co-editor, *Muslim Journal*, Chicago, Illinois.

Abdullah Aslam—Editor, *Minaret*, Los Angeles, California.

Hashir Farooqui—Editor, *Impact*, the United Kingdom.

M.J. Akbar—Member of Parliament, India; noted author.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Pool Promenade

"Dance Movement Therapy: The Four-Fold Path of Creation Centered Spirituality and the Feminine Experience"

Tria Thompson

This experiential workshop will begin with an introduction to the Four-Fold Path and an discussion of the basic concepts of Dance Movement Therapy. We will also explore a Jungian approach to several dimensions of the feminine experience. Then participants will be invited to experience the movement process.

Tria Thompson—M.A., Dance Movement Therapy; ME religious education/spirituality; nationally known liturgical performing artist; education consultant; therapist.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Sandburg Wing #1

"Marriage of Equals: Contrasting Past Expectations with Present Requirements"

Hoda Mahmoudi; Homa Mahmoudi

This workshop examines married couple's expectations from the past where marriages were authoritarian within a patriarchal system to a new model of equality between husband and wife. The new model allows for the development of the talents and abilities of each of the family members regardless of gender, develops children's spiritual and moral character, utilizes consultation as a process which preserves justice, fairness, individual differences and equality among all members. In order for the new paradigm to become successfully operational, traditional stereotypic thinking and behavior will be discussed and practical ways by which the new model can be implemented will be examined.

Hoda Mahmoudi—Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Associate Professor and Chairperson of the Sociology and Administration of Justice Department at California Lutheran University; serves on the Advisory Board of the Journal of Bahá'í Studies; member, Board of Directors; Secretary, Women for International Peace and Arbitration.

Homa Mahmoudi—Senior Psychologist at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center Department of Psychiatry; one of the leaders in the development of community programs for implementing better understanding between gang members and people of different races in Los Angeles after the recent riots; international lecturer, researcher and author on women's issues and related subjects.

10:00 AM–11:30 AM Sandburg Wing #2

**"The Artist as Shaman:
Being Transparent to the Transcendent"**

Roger Dell; John Lobell; Mimi Lobell; Bob Walter; Keith Cunningham
This slide presentation and panel discussion examines the role of the artist as shaman in contemporary society.

Roger Dell—Director of Museum Education at the Chicago Museum of Contemporary Art.

John Lobell—Director of Membership of the Joseph Campbell Foundation; Professor of Architecture at the Pratt Institute.

Bob Walter—Vice President and Director of the Joseph Campbell Foundation and editor of *Joseph Campbell's Historical Atlas of World Mythology*.

Keith Cunningham—filmmaker and poet.

10:00 AM–10:45 AM Sandburg Wing #3

"The Spirituality of Menopause"

Diana L. Paxson

Ancient goddesses and archetypes as role models for and guides to making the passage from Mother to Wise Woman.

Diana L. Paxson—Elder of the Covenant of the Goddess; founder of Darkmoon Circle and the Fellowship of the Spiral Path; past First Officer, CoC; has lectured and led workshops around the country; author of several novels with religious themes.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Sandburg Wing #4

"Education for Unity in Diversity"

Dwight W. Allen; Carlton Brown

As the world becomes psychologically smaller, peoples and cultures are drawn to interact with increasing frequency and intensity. This interaction can become a strong sense of unity, but only if there is appreciation and understanding of both similarities and differences. This workshop suggests educational practices, drawn from the Bahá'í faith and from social science research, which, if adopted, will enhance harmonious, multicultural working relationships.

Dwight W. Allen—has directed major educational reform efforts as professor of education, Stanford University, and as Dean of the School of Education, University of Massachusetts; has served as a member of the National Spiritual Assemblies of the Bahá'ís of the United States and Botswana; has published many books and articles relating to both education and the Bahá'í faith.

Carlton Brown—has been a leader in multicultural education for several decades; has long been a spokesperson for the appreciation of diversity as one of the most important foundations for true unity; has served on many Bahá'í consultative bodies addressing problems of race unity and has published many articles on educational issues of multiculturalism.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Sandburg Wing #6

**"Theological Education to Meet the
Environmental Challenge; Toward Just and
Sustainable Communities"**

Richard M. Clugston, Ph. D.

This workshop will explore a variety of approaches being taken in North American theological education to respond to the global ecological crisis. There will be a special emphasis placed on reviewing current curricular offerings.

Richard M. Clugston, Ph. D.—Humane Society of the United States; Director, Center for Respect of Life and Environment, Washington, DC.

10:40 AM–11:20 AM Clark Wing #2

"Tantra in Vedas and Hinduism"

Dr. Ramavarapu Saratbabu

This lecture/presentation discusses the role of Tantra Vidya as an alternate pathway to attain salvation, as described in Atharva

Veda. The methods of studying the "Tantra Sastra" and various famous practitioners of this study will be presented.

Dr. Ramavarapu Saratbabu—Doctorate in Sanskrit, Telugu, Diplomate in Theater Arts; Curator of Manuscripts at Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, India; author of *Advaita Philosophy of Adi Sankaracharya* and *Tantra Sastra, the Alternate Approach*.

11:00 AM–11:45 AM LaSalle Wing #3

**"The Scientific Rationale of Astrology and
Cosmic Oneness"**

Mr. M.C. Bhandari

11:00 AM–12:00 PM Parlor A

"The Inculturation of Christianity in Africa"

Fr. Thomas Kane

A multi-media presentation on the blending of African culture with the Christian Faith, with a special focus on traditional and contemporary religious dance.

Fr. Thomas Kane—priest of the Congregation of St. Paul (the Paulists); professor of theology at Weston School of Theology in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

11:00 AM–11:45 AM Sandburg Wing #3

"Buddhism and Women's Emancipation in Asia"

Hema Goonatilake

The workshop discusses the extent to which Buddhism helped transform socio-cultural attitudes about women in selected Asian countries. Although with the creation of a female monastic community in 6th century B.C., the Buddha opened new horizons and provided alternative social options for women, in practice, egalitarian principles in Buddhism did not have enough success in combatting the prevailing dominant ideology of patriarchy, from the time of the Buddha up to the present times.

Hema Goonatilake—Ph.D. in Sociology of Buddhism, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London; university teacher, researcher and activist in Sri Lanka until 1989; now a consultant to the United Nations, New York; coordinator of the Buddhist Women's Network, New York.

11:30 AM–12:00 PM Clark Wing #2

**"The Study of the Atharvaveda
in Modern Times"**

Dr. Jayaraj Acharya

The relevance of the study of the Atharvaveda will be explored. The need for a fresh new approach to the study of the Atharvaveda will be discussed, and a plea will be made that the scholars in modern times study it in the way it can enhance our knowledge.

Dr. Jayaraj Acharya—Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Nepal to the UN; Masters degrees in Sanskrit, English, Linguistics, and a Ph.D. in Linguistics from Georgetown University; author, *A Descriptive Grammar of Nepali* (1991); *The Nepala-mahatmya of the Skanda-purana* (1992), and several books and articles.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Burnham Wing #1

**"Global Stewardship: Consumption,
Population and Technology Issues. Grassroots"**

Don Conroy; Dr. Sidney Blair; Mrs. Barbara Tipton; Phil Lane; Rabbi James Rudin; Rodney Peterson; Elizabeth Ferrero;

Dr. Seyyed Hossein Nasr

This Grassroots action panel will present a dynamic picture of the environmental concerns facing the religious community and the eco-ethical crisis of our society. A video and the main address will be followed by responses from different faith tradi-

tions as they deal with the earth and planetary environmental concerns: Jewish, Islamic, Christian, Buddhist, Hindu and Indigenous traditions will be considered.

Don Conroy—President of the North American Coalition on Religion and Ecology and Chair of the Consortium on Religion and Ecology-International.

Dr. Sidney Blair—Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel

Mrs. Barbara Tipton—NACRE Regional Representative and President, Interfaith Environmental Association

Phil Lane—University of Lethbridge

Rabbi James Rudin—Director, Office of Inter-Religious Affairs, American Jewish Committee

Rodney Peterson—President, Boston Theological Institute

Elizabeth Ferrero—Visiting Professor in Humanities, St. Thomas University, Miami

Seyyed Hossein Nasr—University Professor of Islamic Studies, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Burnham Wing #2

“Endangered Earth/Sacred Earth: Challenge to World Religions”

Mary Southard, C.S.J.

A revelation is occurring in our time. The life systems of earth are endangered, science uncovers an evolutionary universe, a new world view is emerging. These new perceptions challenge our time-honored responses to fundamental questions which have shaped religion and culture throughout human history. By means of input and group interaction, this workshop will explore these ideas which quicken our religious sensitivities and encourage us to call forth new responses to the challenges we face.

Mary Southard, C.S.J.—Sister of St. Joseph of La Grange; Co-founder, Co-director, SpiritEarth, Center for the Sacred Universe, New England; artist, painter, sculptor; educator in religious formation and renewal work, nationwide.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Burnham Wing #3

“Judaism and the Environment”

Sharon Morton

This presentation will focus on a number of areas: The glorification of nature in Biblical passages; the connections between the agricultural calendar, the seasons and the Jewish calendar, such as the seasonal origins of Jewish holidays; environmental awareness and action in the Jewish community today.

Sharon Morton—Chairperson of SoJuRN, a social action resource center for the Chicago Jewish community and active in its environmental work; Director of Education of Congregation of Am Shalom.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Burnham Wing #4

“An Invitation to Auroville: The City of Human Unity Emerging in India”

June Maher; Dr. Karan Singh; ; Dr. Paul Edmonston; Rod Hemsell; Kirti Hemsell; Robert Muller; Paula Murphy; Bryan Walton

Introducing Auroville: Dr. Karan Singh, Chairman of Auroville Foundation Governing Board. Slide presentation with commentary and original music. The presentation will explore the many dimensions of Auroville, from the most practical to its spiritual context and the challenges confronted in fulfilling the basic needs of the collectivity. In summary, Auroville belongs to humanity as a whole. This session is an invitation. A panel of participants will answer audience questions. Moderator: Dr. Paul Edmondston.

June Maher—B.A.; International Relations and Economics, Stanford University; Board member emeritus, Auroville International USA; a founder of AVI USA in 1971; president 1971-85; since its founding has worked with others here and in India for Auroville's development in fields of education, environment, and the Matrimandir.

Dr. Karan Singh—President, Temple of Understanding, India Chapter; former Indian Ambassador to the United States; leader of Indian reform movement dedicated to the crusade against untouchability

and other undesirable customs which have weakened Hindu society, and to the promotion of solidarity among reform and social service organizations; active in environmental and global consciousness movements and in interfaith dialogue.

Dr. Paul Edmonston—Professor emeritus of Art, University of Georgia; Fulbright fellow to the Netherlands, widely and exhibited as painter and draughtsman; member/participant numerous international art conferences including International Society for Education Through Art; Sabbatical in India 1968, attended Auroville's founding ceremony and has just returned from Auroville's 25th anniversary celebration.

Rod Hemsell—teacher and writer; has spent many years in India studying and working in the Auroville project and the Sri Aurobindo Ashram; has taught Indian philosophy and history, classical languages, and Third World studies at various schools in the U.S.; recently director of the Gaia Learning Center and Savitri Solar School in Colorado, where he teaches and develops programs in special education.

Kirti Hemsell—Broadly experienced teacher in alternative education; lived in Africa until her family moved to Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry, India; Grandfather A.B. Patel, a disciple of Sri Aurobindo, founded World Union; studied and taught at the Sri Aurobindo International Centre of Education 1969-1975.

Robert Muller—Chancellor, Universidad Para la Paz - Costa Rica; author, *New Genesis, Shaping a Global Spirituality*; longtime friend and supporter of Auroville.

Paula Murphy—Case Western Reserve master's candidate in nursing; certified nurse midwife; 1971 stayed in Sri Aurobindo Ashram and met the Mother; visited Auroville five times in intervening years; contributed to Auroville health care; worked as a midwife.

Bryan Walton—lived in Auroville 1971-1980; established Fraternity, a handicraft training center; active in Auroville's emerging villages' development program; teaches in Elder Hostel and university programs, giving slide lectures focusing on world culture, art and religion.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Burnham Wing #5

“Theosophy and the Critical Issues—Part II: Earth and Environment”

Rudi Jansma; Steven Levy

This workshop consists of an introductory presentation followed by audience discussion on “New Environmental Ethics and Ancient Philosophies: Ecology for the Third Millennium.”

Rudi Jansma—M.Sc., Tropical Ecology, State University of Utrecht, Netherlands; lecturer, The Theosophical Society, Pasadena, Netherlands Section.

Steven Levy—M.D., psychiatrist; lecturer; Associate of the United Lodge of Theosophists, Philadelphia.

2:00 PM–2:30 PM Clark Wing #1

“World Religions and World Religion”

Archie Bahm

In spite of religious aims for peace, wars continue. This presentation explores the causes of world crises and their relationship to religious intolerance. Discussion about religion as the solution to its own problem because of its concern for the ultimate, intrinsic values of life, and how the preservation of traditional cultures can contribute to world peace. Religion unites; religions divide. World religion is more important than any one of the particular religions, but only if it is truer in its basic presuppositions and doctrines and in its promotion of human welfare.

Archie Bahm—Professor of Philosophy Emeritus, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque; author, *The World's Living Religions, Comparative Religions*; and 20 other books on philosophy and religion.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Clark Wing #2

“Sikhism in the New World Order”

Dr. Gurcharan Singh; Mr. Rajinder Singh; Dr. Sangat S.

Syalee; Dr. Balwant S. Hansra

This presentation examines the universality of Sikhism—based on the principles of truth and justice, equality and human digni-

ty, courage and humility, freedom and peace—and its relevance to the new world order. Though the concept of the new world order has different meaning for different people, it reflects a common human yearning for a better world based on the principles of freedom, justice, and peace as enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This study underscores the conceptual and operational compatibility between the tenets of Sikhism and the ideals of the new world order.

(Moderator: Mr. Guljit Singh)

Dr. Gurcharan Singh—Professor and Director, International Studies Dept., Marymount Manhattan College, New York.

Dr. Balwant S. Hansra—Professor and Department Chairman of Natural Sciences, Richard J. Daley College; Past President, Sikh Religious Society, Chicago, Illinois.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Clark Wing #3

“Jews and Judaism in Latin America”

Dr. Victor A. Mirelman

Jewish communities are found in all Latin American countries. Jews reside mainly in the larger metropolis and have integrated totally to their respective societies. Since they represent less than 1% of the population, questions of identity, survival and Jewish spirituality are important in a continent plagued by political turmoil. Other issues are relations with the Catholic majority and the Church, with the military, and the individual involvement in the political process of each nation.

Dr. Victor A. Mirelman—rabbi of West Suburban Temple, River Forest, Illinois; adjunct professor of History, Spertus College of Judaica, Chicago; authority on Latin American and Sephardic Jewry; latest book, *Jewish Buenos Aires 1890-1930: In Search of an Identity*.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Clark Wing #4

“Jihad: the Struggle for Peace and Justice”

Jamal Badawi; Dr. Sayyid Mohammad Sayeed

Jihad is commonly misunderstood as ‘Holy War’. However, the Islamic concept of Jihad is described as a struggle against the inner (self) evil, external oppression, and injustice. Islamic attempts to strive for peace and justice will provide the focus for this discussion.

Jamal Badawi—Professor, Business Administration, St. Mary’s University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, w

Dr. Sayyid Mohammad Sayeed—Director, Outreach Program, IIIT, Washington, D.C.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Clark Wing #5

“Building A Common Ground: Jews, Christians and Muslims Working Together”

Dr. Shai Har-El; Reverend Bassam J. Abdallah; Rabbi Douglas Goldhamer; Abidullah Ghazi

After viewing a 20-min film entitled “A Common Ground: Three Religions Meet Together”, an exciting and informative discussion (panel) will take place between three very distinguished clergymen and scholars on Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. The religious similarities that forms a basis for binding mankind together will be discussed by the panel and moderated by Dr. Shai Har-El. Participation by the audience in the question and answer period will be encouraged.

Dr. Shai Har-El—president and founder of the Middle East Peace Network; Ph.D., University of Chicago, Middle Eastern History. Reverend Bassam J. Abdallah—Reverend at the First United Lutheran Church in Hammond, Indiana; Ph.D.; University of Louisville.

Rabbi Douglas Goldhamer—Founder and President of the Hebrew Seminary of the Deaf; full-time Rabbi of Congregation Bene Shalom; Ph.D. candidate in Islamic Philosophy at the University of Chicago.

Abidullah Ghazi—Ph.D.; Executive Director of IQRA International Educational Foundation in Chicago; Ph.D. in Islam and Hinduism, Harvard University.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Clark Wing #6

“Los Angeles: Model of Interreligious Cooperation”

Dr. Havanapola Ratanasara

Despite the recent racial unrest, Los Angeles is acknowledged for much pioneering work among religious groups. Programs have ranged from regular dialogue and retreats involving local leaders representing all major world religions to historic and precedent-setting community service and events that have impacted the world. Dr. Ratanasara outlines—from a Buddhist perspective—the past 20 years of developments, and the models and methods utilized in active interfaith cooperation.

Dr. Havanapola Ratanasara—born in Sri Lanka; President, American Buddhist Congress; President, Buddhist Sangha Council of Southern California; Director, College of Buddhist studies, Los Angeles.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Clark Wing #7

“People, Faith, Prayer, Spirit”

Dr. Robert Traer

The International Association for Religious Freedom is the oldest international interfaith organization in the world. It has more than 60 member groups with members from all the major world religious traditions. This workshop will describe and illustrate its particular approach to interfaith understanding and cooperation in Europe, Asia, Africa, North America, and the countries of the Pacific Rim.

Dr. Robert Traer—General Secretary, International Association for Religious Freedom; author of *Faith in Human Rights: Support in Religious Traditions for a Global Struggle*; *Faith in the Buddhist Tradition*, and many essays on interfaith issues; teacher of ethics and world religions; ordained minister in the PCUSA; international human rights lawyer.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Clark Wing #8

“What Do Christians and Muslims Have to Say to Each Other?”

Dr. John Renard; Dr. Harold Voegelar; Ghulam Haider Aasi

A roundtable beginning with a presentation and followed by two responses. It proposes interreligious conversation as a means to discover ourselves.

Dr. John Renard—Professor of Theology, St. Louis University; member, Faiths of the World Committee, National Association of Diocesan Ecumenical Officers.

Dr. Harold Voegelar—Professor of World Religions, Lutheran School of Theology; founding president, Conference of improved Muslim-Christian Relations.

Ghulam-Haider Aasi—Associate Professor of Islamic, American Islamic College; Trustee.

2:00 PM–3:00 PM Clark Wing #9

“When the Indigenous Traditions of the World Come Here”

Dr. John Kaserow

A conversation on the meeting of different religions in the Chicago area. Explores the changes this encounter could bring to all of us. Examines “how” to encounter each other in dialogue.

Dr. John Kaserow—professor of Mission, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago; Maryknoll priest.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Clark Wing #

“Dialogues on Our Buddhism”

Ven. Dr. C. Phangcham; Ven. Dr. Phisit Kotsupho; Dr. Ananda Wickremeratne; Prof. David Kalupahana

Conversations on the meaning and relevance of Buddhism in the modern world.

Ven. Dr. C. Phangcham—Ph.D.; Vice-President, American Buddhist Congress, Midwest Regional Headquarters; Director, Vipassana Meditation

Center, Wat Dhammaram, the Thai Buddhist Temple of Chicago.
Ven. Dr. Phisit Kotsupho—Deputy Director, Graduate School, Mahachula Buddhist University, Bangkok, Thailand (1989-92); Wat Dhammaram, Thai Buddhist Temple of Chicago.
Dr. Ananda Wickremeratne—Visiting Professor in Religion, Loyola University, Chicago; Visiting Fellow and Associate Member, Committee on Southern Asian Studies, University of Chicago.
Prof. David Kalupahana—Ph.D.; Professor of Philosophy and Director, Center for Buddhist Studies, University of Hawaii.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Dearborn Wing #1

“The Global Health Care Crisis: An Assessment and a Vision”

Richard T. Czerniejewski; May Khadem

This workshop explores the global nature of the health care crisis confronting humankind with its varied manifestations in different areas of the world, the major issues affecting the health of humanity, and changes required to redress the present problems.

Richard T. Czerniejewski—M.D., Chairman, Board of Directors, Health for Humanity, Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics, Rush-Presbyterian, St. Luke's Medical Center.

May Khadem—M.D., Secretary, Board of Directors, Health for Humanity, Assistant professor of Clinical Ophthalmology, Northwestern Medical School.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Dearborn Wing #2

“The Mystical Dimensions of Death and Dying”

Joan Kellogg, MA

Workshop will begin with a lecture developing an overview and historical perspective on death and dying, featuring mystical experience such as near death experience and out of body experience as a normal dimension of dying. Workshop will conclude with meditation.

Joan Kellogg—M.A.; Co-founder and co-director of Mary's Place, a healing center offering traditional and natural healing therapies; has served as a hospice bereavement counselor; in private practice as a grief therapist and counseling astrologer.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Dearborn Wing #3

“Spiritual Dimensions of Health and Healing”

Dr. Onslow Wilson

In these days of high tech and high stress, it is important to understand that psychologically, stress and related diseases result from an interaction between the individual sense of self and the environment. Spiritually, however, stress is the result of an unconscious lack of confidence in the divine within. Becoming conscious of our individual stress-triggers liberates us from negative thought patterns, improves health, allows for conscious control of our creative energies, and facilitates communion with the divine spark within.

Dr. Onslow Wilson—President and CEO, CIRCES International, Inc.; Biochemist trained in Investigative Medicine, former President of Rose-Croix University International, author of many publications; conducts workshops internationally on spiritual and health issues; former Professor and Vice-Chair, Dept. of Chemistry, Dawson College, Montreal, Quebec.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM LaSalle Wing #1

“The Relevance for Our Time of the Mysteries of the Round Table: The Individual and the Community”

Rene Querido

The symbolism of the Round Table and the Quest for the Holy Grail have been a source of deep interest for generations. Today, in a transformed manner, these themes are relevant for day-to-day

life. This workshop will explore many of the most fascinating aspects of this intriguing topic.

Rene Querido—General Secretary of the Anthroposophical Society in America; former Director, Rudolf Steiner College, Sacramento, California; active for many years in Europe as teacher and adult educator; has lectured widely in North America, Europe, and Japan; author of a number of books on educational and historical subjects, some of which have been translated into French, German, and Japanese.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM LaSalle Wing #2

“Stories: Memories of Life, Art of Faith”

Alice Cecilie Rubio

This demonstration/workshop will introduce participants to several of the world's legendary, mythic and religious story traditions including the Jataka Tales (Buddha Birth Stories), the Panchachantra, stories from several African and American Indian cultures, and Jesus Tales. The workshop will address how stories can be used in formal and informal situations to enhance the experience of faith.

Alice Cecilie Rubio—storyteller for over 10 years; much of her work relates to curriculum relevance and enhancement, personal enrichment and spiritual growth.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM LaSalle Wing #3

“The Importance of Ancient Visions and Prophecies in Contemporary Times”

Ras Boanages; Mikael Gabriel; Ras McPherson; Tzaddi

Waadadah I; Isaiah Ferguson; Abraaham Alemu

Each panel member will offer a brief presentation on the visions and prophecies of the Ancients and how they apply to the world today, from a Rastafarian perspective. Time will be allocated for questions and answers.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM LaSalle Wing #4

“The Literature of Fiction and Fantasy: Constructive or Deconstructive of Faith?”

Judith E. Espenschied

Many religions have employed stories as pedagogical and mnemonic devices to transmit the common history, and as parables to teach ethical principles. Published works of fiction and fantasy, officially unconnected with any religious tradition, deliberately convey obvious metaphysical and ethical messages. Yet religious leaders have, from time to time, expressed outrage at particular works of fiction (e.g., Rushdie's *Satanic Verses*, Ayn Rand's *The Fountainhead*, L. Frank Baum's *The Wizard of Oz*). It appears that there is sometimes a subculture problem. If fiction can be constructive and deconstructive of religious faith, then perhaps the mechanisms by which fictions move us ought to be of concern to philosophers and theologians as well as to literary critics.

Judith E. Espenschied—has taught philosophy, led the Philadelphia Ethical Society, and published fiction and articles; former president, Liberal Ministers of the Delaware Valley and president, the National Leaders' Council, the American Ethical Union.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM LaSalle Wing #5

“The Near-Death Experience as a Basis for Religious Unity”

Dr. Robert S. Ellwood

This workshop will, with input and discussion from participants, explore the similarities of near-death experiences and consider how they enhance appreciation of a core perception of the spiritual universe shared by the world's diverse religions. Recently quite a bit of interest has been aroused by reports of experiences by persons near death, or even brought back from clinical death, which seem to some to give significant insight into the post-

mortem condition. These accounts have been collected cross-culturally and have also been compared to such classic accounts in the world's religions as the *Tibetan Book of the Dead* and the heavenly journeys of Muhammad, Dante, or Swedenborg. The accounts show a remarkable similarity across traditions, and are strikingly similar to Theosophical and Spiritualist views.

Dr. Robert S. Ellwood—Professor in the School of Religion at the University of Southern California; author of over twenty books including, *Many Peoples, Many Faiths; Alternative Altars; Mysticism and Religion; Theosophy*; and *The History and Future of Faith*; has lectured extensively throughout the world.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Montrose Wing #1

“Transformational Politics”

Professor Corinne McLaughlin

The new political paradigm emerging today, based on whole systems thinking, win/win approaches to conflict, and a higher synthesis of liberal/conservative polarities, will be presented, featuring organizations that are embodying this new approach to solving social problems.

Professor Corinne McLaughlin—co-author *Spiritual Politics: Social Change for the Millennium*; and *Builders of the Dawn*; co-founder of Sirius Community, an ecological village in Massachusetts; currently teaches Transformational Politics at American University in Washington, D.C.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Montrose Wing #2

“Voices of the Disposed—Native American Perspective”

Steven Newcomb; Julio Revolorio; Tupac Amaro Indi; Jennie Joe; Birgil Killstraight

Each presenter will talk about his or her struggles for the human rights of their people. They will speak of their experiences of oppression from their government and how their Spirituality has been their strength.

Steven Newcomb—Shawnee and Lenape; Indigenous Law Institute, Marcula, OR.

Julio Revolorio—Mayan, Guatemala, International Mayan League

Tupac Amaro Indi—Quichue, Amazon; Human Rights Activist

Jennie Joe—Navajo, RN, MPH, Ph.D. Associate Professor of Family

Medicine; Director of Native American Research and Training

Center, University of Arizona.

Birgil Killstraight—Lakota; Indigenous Law Institute, Marcula, OR.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Montrose Wing #3

“Conscious Evolution—Our Crisis is a Birth from Creature to Co-creator”

Barbara Marx Hubbard

This workshop begins with a lecture on the theme of Conscious Evolution understood as the next phase of spiritual, scientific, and social development. The lecture will be followed by a discussion of the meaning of Conscious Evolution for our generation and will offer a participatory process for spiritual leaders to come together to identify their unique contribution to our conscious evolution.

Barbara Marx Hubbard—President of The Foundation for Co-Creation, is an internationally known futurist, speaker and writer; author, *The Book of Co-Creation: An Evolutionary Interpretation of the New Testament*.

2:00 PM–4:00 PM Montrose Wing #4

“Religious Non-Violence: Envisioning a World Without Religious Violence”

The Reverend Eileen L. Epperson

What is it like to live in the midst of, or be the target of, religious violence? How are all of our lives affected? What would our lives be like without the threat of that violence? In a truly safe environment, what would be available for the practice of our faith, not to

mention the rest of our lives? Can we boldly forge a common vision for this possibility? We will begin by briefly addressing the facts about current religious violence and then envision together what a safe world might be like. Participants are asked to bring to this workshop a willingness to release their certainty about future directions and come courageously willing to step into the unknown.

The Reverend Eileen L. Epperson—Presbyterian minister; Executive Director of “The Religious Freedom Project.”

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Montrose Wing #5

“Islamic Solutions to the Moral/Social Crisis in the World”

Sulayman Nayang; Dr. Hasan Hathout; Fared Essack;

Dr. Akbar Muhammad; Dr. Hasan Al-Ahdal

A consideration of the low incidence of some contemporary social and moral problems in Muslim societies. An examination of cultural and religious influences.

Sulayman Nayang—Professor of African Studies, Howard University, Washington, D.C.

Dr. Hasan Hathout—Television commentator on Islamic issues, Los Angeles, California.

Fared Essack—Professor, Selly Oak College, Birmingham, United Kingdom; Islamic scholar, specialization in South African affairs.

Dr. Akbar Muhammad—Professor of History; author, biography of Russell Webb; New York University, Binghamton.

Dr. Hasan Al-Ahdal—Director, Research, Muslim World League, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

2:00 PM–3:00 PM Parlor C

“Ritual in the Ecological Age”

Thomas Berry; Rev. Finley Schaeff

This presentation by Thomas Berry, on the significance of ritual for a truly ecological age, will be introduced by the Rev. Finley Schaeff.

Thomas Berry—historian of religions and writer with special concern for the foundation of cultures in their relations with the natural world; 1966-1979, Founder, Riverdale Center for Religious Research, Riverdale, New York; author, *Buddhism; Religions of India; The Dream of the Earth*; and (with Brian Swimme) *The Universe Story*.

Rev. Finley Schaeff—United Methodist pastor in Brooklyn, N.Y.; co-founder of a coalition of churches to promote energy conservation; instrumental in the development of alternative community institutions; long-time activist for peace and civil rights.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM PDR #5

“Effective Communications Skills for Interfaith Dialogue”

Dr. Peter Laurence; The Rev. Dr. Clark Lobenstine

Interactive discussion workshop, intended for those who will be facilitating multi-religious dialogues during the Parliament or in other settings. Focus on: (1) Roadblocks to Communication; (2) Active Listening; (3) Verbal Communication; (4) Nonverbal Communication; and (5) Building Blocks to Communication.

Dr. Peter Laurence—Executive Director, Temple of Understanding, a global interfaith association and one of the world's oldest international interfaith organizations headquartered at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City; Temple of Understanding was founded in 1960 to address the urgent need for dialogue and understanding among the religions of the world.

2:00 PM–4:00 PM Pool Promenade

“Hatha Yoga Therapeutics”

Gabriel Halpern

Giving relief in one easy session; safe and effective means for skillfully managing stress will be taught through gentle stretching, guided breath control exercises, and deep relaxation techniques. Hatha Yoga makes broad claims for healing a variety of chronic ailments. In this workshop, you will experience how to

"do it yourself" and you'll leave knowing why it works.
Gabriel Halpern—Director of The Yoga Circle in Chicago; degrees in Philosophy and Psychology, and has been committed to growth and support groups since 1967.

2:00 PM–3:15 PM Sandburg Wing #1

"Peace and Building Community: A Lutheran Perspective"

John Stumme

World peace, it can be argued, depends on world community. Human beings, however, are finite persons who inhabit limited and therefore very different communities. What then is meant by "world community"? How do religious people, who live within a particular community, contribute to the building of a world community that embraces people of many different communities? The workshop addresses these questions from a Lutheran perspective. In so doing, it invites others to consider the same questions from within their own religious community. When people from different religious traditions speak together about peace, are there ways of building the bonds of unity while respecting genuine differences?

John Stumme—Associate Director of Studies; Pastor, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, since 1977. Missionary and Seminary Professor, Argentina, 1977-1987; Associate Director for Studies, DCS, ELCA, since 1988.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Sandburg Wing #2

"Implementing an Anti-Bias Curriculum in a Suburban Community"

Nancy Peddle; Margaret Ariens; LaVita Lyons; Kurt Henning
The panel's purpose in presenting this information is based on their unyielding belief in an anti-bias, multi-cultural curriculum and environment; the foundation of their congregational church; the geographic setting (white suburban, affluent community); and our conviction to be advocates of change for the next generation. "We must never forget that we serve All God's children" is Harkness House for Children's key philosophy.

Nancy Peddle—M.S.; Director of The Harkness House for Children; member of the Steering Committee for the National Ecumenical Child Care Network; Advisor for the Chicago Metropolitan Association for the Education of Young Children's (Chicago Metro AEYC) Anti-Bias Project; Editor, *Congregations and Child Care*.

Margaret Ariens—M.A.; Assistant Director of the Harkness House for Children; teacher, parent, educator, and trainer.

LaVita Lyons—Lead Teacher with children four through six years old; has been focusing her efforts on anti-bias work in herself, at HHC, in her studies and in the greater early childhood community.

Kurt Henning—M.S., Assistant Teacher.

2:00 PM–3:15 PM Sandburg Wing #3

"Community Development Banking"

Jean Pogge

This workshop will describe the spiral of decline that results from disinvestment and what has been learned about how to reverse this destructive process and reinvigorate local markets. The range of types of community development financial institutions in the United States will be described. These include community development banks, community loan funds, community development credit unions, and microloan funds.

Jean Pogge—Vice President, south Shore Bank, Chicago; manager, Development Deposits™ for South Shore Bank, the premier community development bank in the U.S.; The \$130 million Development Deposits™ portfolio of deposits from individuals, businesses, and institutions from across the country provides the resources for the community development loans made by the bank.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Sandburg Wing #4

"Want to Start an Ecumenical, Cross Cultural Small Group?"

Hal Edwards

The workshop illustrates stories of spiritual pilgrims who search for love and compassion and truth in small communities.

Hal Edwards—President, Christian Laity of Chicago, ecumenical and cross-cultural organization which promotes spirituality and service in small groups.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Sandburg Wing #5

"The New Family: Non-Monastic Religious/Spiritual Community"

Regina Sara Ryan, M.A.

Individualism, isolation and independence have wrought havoc on the family in contemporary culture. But, side by side with the deterioration of the family structure within industrialized nations, there are emerging models of spiritual community which incorporate family within a larger context. This presentation will discuss the challenges faced and the lessons learned in the evolution of a contemporary spiritual culture.

Regina Sara Ryan, M.A.—former Catholic nun; member of a spiritual community of Western Bauls; instructor at Prescott College in the Department of Human Development; a principle coordinator of the First Conference on Crazy Wisdom and Divine Madness in 1992; currently working on the October 1993 conference.

2:00 PM–4:00 PM Sandburg Wing #6

"Discussion of 'What Shall We Do?' Plenary Session"

Dr. Gerald O. Barney; Jane Blewett; Kristen Barney

Follow-up session to the Plenary Session (Sunday, August 29, 2:00 p.m.) entitled, "What Shall We Do?" A chance for registrants to dialogue with the three authors of the Millennium Institute's report to the Parliament, entitled *Global 2000 Revisited: What Shall We Do?*

Dr. Gerald O. Barney—Executive Director, Millennium Institute; Director for the Global 2000 Report to President Jimmy Carter; author, *Global 2000 Revisited: What Shall We Do?*

Jane Blewett—Executive Director, EarthCommunity Center; Chief Liaison for the Center of Concern to the United Nations; author, lecturer, leader of workshops on the role humans play within the total community of life.

Kristen Barney—Program Associate, Millennium Institute; M.A., Spanish, University of Wisconsin.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Burnham Wing #3

"Sharing the Planet"

Rev. Phoebe Wray

This presentation offers an ethic for dealing with environmental conflicts, arguing that we are not "saving" the whales or the rain forests or the swamps, rather we are dividing what's left of the planet's resources. People should and must become involved at every level of society in the process of sharing, and religion should and must take a more active, vocal, and aggressive role in educating people for change.

Rev. Phoebe Wray—Priestess of Sekhmet, Temple Scribe, The Lyceum of Venus of Healing, Ayer, Massachusetts; Professor of Theater, Boston Conservatory; Executive Director, The Center for Action on Endangered Species; twenty years experience as international advocate for endangered species, marine mammals, and environmental issues; author, *The Whalebook*, and *Ethical Questions in Whaling*; numerous lectures, monographs, papers, seminars, videos; member, US delegations to Treaty Organizations.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Burnham Wing #4

"The Significance of an Earth Charter"

Dr. Daniel Martin; Peter Timmermann; Kusumita Pedersen
The growing appreciation of the magnitude of the critical issues and the depth of transformation required highlights the need for the proclamation of an Earth Charter.

Dr. Daniel Martin—Roman Catholic priest, Founder/Director, International Coordinating Committee on Religion and the Earth, member: International Board of Advisors, The Temple of Understanding (New York City) and Fellowship in Prayer, Princeton, New Jersey.

Peter Timmermann—Director, Institute of Advance Studies, Canada.

Kusumita Pedersen—Director, Conference on Religion and Human Rights.

4:00 PM–5:00 PM Burnham Wing #5

"Nature, Protection, and Education in the Lands of the Qur'an and the Bible"

Dr. Sidney J. Blair; Dr. Syed E. Hasan
Discussion of Qur'anic and Biblical Literature as it pertains to present nature protection in the Middle East. A discussion of various countries' initiatives to maintain and restore the natural landscape, animals, and plants in the region.

Dr. Sidney J. Blair—M.D., F.A.C.S.; Professor, Loyola University Medical Center

Dr. Syed E. Hasan—Ph. D.; Professor of Environmental Geology, University of Missouri, Kansas City.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Clark Wing #1

"Landmarks of the Esoteric Tradition"

Joy Mills
This workshop will show how underlying every religious traditions are certain universal truths which, in essence, constitute the esoteric wisdom embedded in the diverse scriptures and outer forms of worship. In her major work, *The Secret Doctrine*, H.P. Blavatsky pointed to an Archaic Wisdom-Religion, whose fundamental principles provide the landmarks of the esoteric tradition.

Joy Mills—General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Australia; former president of The Theosophical Society in America, before becoming the Society's International Vice-President in 1974; Director of the Krotona School of Theosophy, in Ojai, California; past editor, *The American Theosophist*; author, *One Hundred Years of Theosophy: A History of the Theosophical Society in America*, and of numerous articles.

4:00 PM–5:00 PM Clark Wing #2

"History of Religions"

Pallan R. Ichaporria; K.D. Irani; Adi J. Davar
This presentation will trace the history of religion, commencing with shamanistic beliefs, first transformed by Zarathushtra to monotheistic religious thought, followed by other great religious traditions—Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Professor Irani and Mr. Davar will respond.

Pallan R. Ichaporria—bachelor's degree in Avesta/Pahlavi, and master and doctorate in business administration from Oklahoma.

K.D. Irani—Emeritus Professor of Philosophy, City College of New York; has lectured on ancient thought and the philosophy of the Indian-Iranian tradition at several universities in North America and Europe; extensive publications in science, philosophy of mind, and philosophy of religion.

Adi J. Davar—member of the Federation of Zoroastrian Association of North America's Planning and Education Committees; and Zoroastrian Scholars Committee of North America; founder and president of the Zoroastrian Association of Metropolitan Washington; consultant on international economic development; ex-director, World Bank.

4:00 PM–4:30 PM Clark Wing #3

"Jainism: Myth, Ritual, and Tradition"

Ramesh Chandra Jain
Myth represents religious symbolism and is a basic constituent of human culture. Ritual is symbolic behavior that refers to a transcendent reality and the ultimate values of a community. Tradition is the belief in the value of rites, customs, and institutions transmitted through generations. In Indian society in general—and in the Jain community in particular—myth, ritual, and tradition are very much a part of the cultural heritage.

Ramesh Chandra Jain—B.S., Industrial Chemistry, Benaras Hindu University; Executive Director, the *Times of India* Group of Publications; trustee, Bharatiya Jnanpitya, a premier literary organization in India; President, the All India Diganbar Jain Parishad.

4:00 PM–5:00 PM Clark Wing #5

"Major Ecumenical Community in North America"

Hanne Marstrand Strong
Discussion of the ecumenical community in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of Colorado.

Hanne Marstrand Strong—President, Manitou Foundation; has devoted the last 14 years to establishing a place for traditional religious orders to gather; has also organized the Habitat Youth Conference in Vancouver; known and done work with Mother Teresa since the early '70s; recently organized two meetings at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro.

4:00 PM–4:30 PM Clark Wing #6

"Ask—By All Means—What Jainism Can Do For You"

Vinod Kapashi
We live in the age of science and technology, but the Jain principle of Ahimsa (non-violence) transcends the boundaries of science. An introduction to the value of Jainism for personal life and spirituality.

Vinod Kapashi—Author of several books on Jainism; research worker; expert on the Jain Monk Hemchandra; editor of Jain and non-Jain periodicals.

4:00 PM–4:45 PM Clark Wing #7

"Monastic Quest and Interreligious Dialogue"

Rev. Gilbert G. Hardy
The monastic ambiance is the ideal context for interreligious dialogue - why is this so? According to Hardy, author of a book on the subject, the answer lies in the deep structure of the Monastic Quest, common to all religions.

Rev. Gilbert G. Hardy—Cistercian Monk, Professor of Philosophy at the University of Dallas; author of four books and several articles on issues in the philosophy of religion, philosophy of language, modern and contemporary philosophy.

4:00 PM–5:00 PM Clark Wing #8

"Unity: Change and Challenge in the 21st Century"

Reverend Christopher Jackson; Karen Jackson
This workshop will be a concise presentation of Unity teachings as promulgated by Charles and Myrtle Fillmore 100 years ago, and how the teachings apply in an unpredictable world of change. There will also be a brief description of how Unity School of Christianity (world headquarters of the Unity movement) has sought to keep its teachings and its organization alive and active in the contemporary society.

Reverend Christopher Jackson—Executive Vice President of Unity School of Christianity; lifelong student of Unity; contributing author to Unity's magazine, *DAILY WORD*, as well as a frequent guest minister at Unity Village Chapel and other Unity churches in the country; Unity School is the parent organization of the worldwide Unity movement, a nondenominational, religious, educational organization.

4:00 PM-4:45 PM Clark Wing #9

"Skepticism, Faith, and the World's Religions"

Dr. Jay G. Williams

Skepticism is usually seen as the enemy of faith and religion and as an obstacle to be surmounted if religious faith is to be acquired. But skepticism can also be construed as the root of faith and as a source for mutual understanding among the world's peoples. The notion of the positive contributions of skepticism to the contemporary world will be explored in this presentation.

Dr. Jay G. Williams—M.Div., Union Theological Seminary; Ph.D., Columbia University; Professor of Religion, Director of Asian Studies, Hamilton College, Clinton, New York; author, *Ten Words of Freedom*; *Yeshua Buddha*; *The Riddle of the Sphinx*; *Judaism*; and *Along the Silk Route*.

4:00 PM-5:30 PM Clark Wing #10

"Women, Spirituality, and Leadership"

Sr. Mohini; Ursula King; Leticia Shahani

In a vision, God showed Prajapita Brahma that women were the ones who had to perform the major role in effecting world change. They would be the primary spiritual teachers who would guide and sustain each soul as it came to find a relationship with God. Their intrinsic qualities of tolerance, patience, gentleness and sacrifice were essential in bringing peace to a war-torn world brought about by men.

Sr. Mohini—President, Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University—North and South America; Permanent Representative of the BKWSU at the United Nations.

Leticia Shahani—Senator; assistant majority floor leader, Philippines; prime mover of the Moral Recovery Program, Philippines.

4:00 PM-4:45 PM Dearborn Wing #1

"Meditation and Schizophrenia"

Dr. James N. Judd, Ms.D.

Analyzing the case history of a schizophrenic, and using comparative psychological research, and insights from Christian and Hindu mysticism, this presentation explores the fine line between madness and spiritual realization and how to safely travel through the numinous 'waters' on the inward journey.

Dr. James N. Judd, Ms.D—teacher of metaphysics, Kabbalah, and Vedanta; lecturer on interfaith topics; author of four books and numerous articles; founder, Universal Teachings; listed in *Who's Who Worldwide*.

4:00 PM-5:30 PM Dearborn Wing #2

"Contributing Factors to Human Wellness and the Emerging Trends Toward Wholeness"

Dr. Jo Ann Cannon

Lecture identifying and discussing fifteen contributing factors to high level human well-being, focusing on upgrading structures of support for factors that do contribute to a higher quality of life. Some audience participation.

Dr. Jo Ann Cannon—President of Inward Bound Ventures, Inc., developer of the "Leading Causes of Wellness"; pioneer in America's wellness movement.

4:00 PM-5:00 PM Dearborn Wing #3

"Taoism, Health, and Wellness—A Comparison of the Western and Taoist Approaches to Health"

Elliot Kravitz

Taoism is often known as "The Art of Health and Longevity". Its association with Chinese medicine and healing methods such as chi-kung (the circulation of internal energy) has made Taoism one of the most attractive approaches in alternative medicine. Central to the Taoist idea of health is circulation of chi, or internal energy. Therefore, the Taoist have invented exercises that gather and circulate internal energy. Western physiology also

views circulation as the key to health. A healthy organism is one in which there is harmony and synchronization of all the circulatory systems. This Seminar will discuss how Taoist exercises can affect our health status from both a traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) and Western medical perspective.

Elliot Kravitz—trained in both Western and Eastern Medicine; student of Earlier Heaven Wu-chi sect master Mr. Moy Lin-shin since 1986; specializes in bridging western medicine and the traditional Taoist arts of health; Assistant Professor of Medicine at McGill University, Montreal; practicing clinician in Geriatric Medicine at the Montreal General Hospital.

4:00 PM-5:00 PM LaSalle Wing #1

"The Universal Message of Non-Violence"

Acharya Sushil Kumarji

We are living in the age of science. The world is drifting away from the spiritual mooring. Man is becoming more and more materialistic in his outlook. Forgetting that there exists an intrinsic treasure of tranquillity and happiness within him, he tries to find it in the external world perceived by his senses, which is only a mirage. Through meditation, the workshop will provide instruction on how to cope with worldly problems.

Acharya Sushil Kumarji—Jain Master, founder of Jain Monastery and Temple in New Jersey; leading humanitarian, orator and writer, world traveler, and crusader for peace and non-violence; participant, the 1992 Earth Summit, Rio de Janeiro; founder member, the World Movement of Non-violence for Peace and Environment.

4:00 PM-5:00 PM LaSalle Wing #3

"The Legend of Shambhala and Enlightened Society in the Modern World"

Prof. Rita M. Gross, Ph.D.

The legend of the enlightened society of Shambhala, hidden in inner Asia, has been transmitted to the West in a form specifically geared to the needs of urban, postindustrial society through the work of Chogyam Trungpa, in the multifaceted Shambhala Training program. The presenter, a senior teacher of Shambhala training, will discuss the book *Shambhala: the Sacred Path of the Warrior* and present the major outlines of the program and its vision of fostering enlightened society the multi-cultural context of religious pluralism.

Prof. Rita M. Gross, Ph.D.—History of Religions, University of Chicago; 5 years as program chair, Women and Religion section, American Academy of Religion; author, *Unspoke Worlds: Women's Religious Lives and Buddhism After Patriarchy: a Feminist History, Analysis, and Reconstruction of Buddhism*; Professor, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire.

4:00 PM-5:30 PM LaSalle Wing #4

"Presksha Dhyana (Meditation)"

Saman Sthitprajna Ji; Saman Shri Shrutprajna Ji

We are living in the age of science. The world is drifting away from its spiritual moorings. Man is becoming more and more materialist in his outlook. Forgetting that there exists an intrinsic treasure of tranquility and happiness within him, he tries to find it in the external world perceived by his senses, which is only a mirage. Through meditation, the program will provide instruction on how to cope with worldly problems.

Saman Sthitprajna Ji—indepth knowledge of Jainism. Praksha meditation, Anuvrat and science of living; visited U.S.A., U.S.S.R., Japan and other countries where he gave training in meditation to people of all ages.

4:00 PM-5:30 PM LaSalle Wing #5

"Spark in the Shadow"

Louisah Teish; Rebecca Armstrong; Keith Cunningham

This presentation explores the theme of the hidden or repressed element in western spirituality.

Louisah Teish—Vodun Shaman; dancer; author, *Jambalya*.

Rebecca Armstrong—musician, storyteller, and founder of The Joseph Campbell Society in Chicago.
Keith Cunningham—filmmaker and poet.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Montrose Wing #1

“The Ultimate Theft: The Reburial Issue”

Pemina Yellow Bird; Larry Johns; Raymond D. Apodaca
In the Americas, Native people continue to suffer the exploitation of their ancestors, whose remains are on public display internationally. The panelists will share their work of returning their ancestors to their rightful resting places.

Pemina Yellow Bird—Three Affiliated Tribes; lecturer, writer; dvocate for Native American reburial issues.
Larry Johns—Oneida; Effigy Mounds Specialist.
Raymond D. Apodaca—Isleta del sur Pueblo; Chair, Human and Religious Rights Committee, National Congress of American Indians.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Montrose Wing #2

“Religion and Peacemaking: Conflicting Loyalties and the Common Good”

William French; William George; Ghulam Haider Aasi; Rabbi Reuven Kimelman

This session will chart how religions both promote identification with the entire human family and, at times, intense feelings of hostility to those outside the border of the particular religious community itself. Different religions thus hold important resources for peace-making even as too often they validate aggression.

William French—Ph.D., Ethics and Society, University of Chicago; Associate Professor, Theology, Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois.
William George—Executive Director of the Chicago Center for Peace Studies; Ph.D., Ethics and Society, University of Chicago.
Ghulam Haider Aasi—Professor, American Islamic College, Chicago.
Rabbi Reuven Kimelman—Ph.D.; Professor of Talmud and Midrash, Brandeis University.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Montrose Wing #3

“America’s Spiritual Vocation—A Laboratory for Conscious Evolution”

Thomas Fletcher Lanier

This workshop will discuss creating a planetary culture based on radical freedom and universal responsibility, and a call for the realization of America as an ideal community beyond geography and nationalism.

Thomas Fletcher Lanier—convener of an open house forum in San Francisco “A New American Place” to consider the future of the United States as a co-creator of a global culture; has been active in experimental theatre, served as an urban priest, and an advisor to charitable foundations.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Montrose Wing #4

“From Heaven to Earth—Spiritual Living in a Market Oriented World”

Reverend Aaron Zerah

The emphasis of this program will be on topics such as the place of faith in the material world, and the relationship of faithfulness to success. It will largely be drawn from material presented in Rev. Zerah’s book of the same title. Stories anecdotes, and quotes from current and traditional spiritual and business leaders will form an integral part of this presentation.

Reverend Aaron Zerah—grew up in a “small business” family and has been engaged in entrepreneurial pursuits for 20 years; interfaith minister and teacher, with an extensive background in philosophy, economics, alternative healing and religious scripture; current ministry is the business community; serves as a Board Member of Food for All, a California based organization working to end world hunger, and does research and consultation for Threshold Enterprises, a dietary supplement manufacturer and distributor.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Parlor A

“The African-American Church and the City”

Rev. Claude Wyatt; Rev. Addie Wyatt

This workshop presents the transformative role the African-American Church plays in the life of the contemporary city. The African American Church has historically been in the forefront of transforming its community. This role is even more critical in large urban areas as we approach the challenges in the next century.

Rev. Claude Wyatt—Founder and Pastor of Vernon Park Church of God. The Church, founded in 1955, serves more than 1000 members on Chicago’s South Side; known for leadership roles in the community, including labor, civil and women’s rights, interfaith dialogue and peace.
Rev. Addie Wyatt—Co-Pastor of the Vernon Park Church of God; member of the Board of Trustees for the Parliament of the World’s Religions; known for leadership roles in the community, including labor, civil and women’s rights, interfaith dialogue and peace.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Parlor G

“Simply Sikhism: A Youthful and Modern Perspective on a Young and Modern Faith”

Kulmeet Singh; Gurdit Singh; Gagandeep Kaur; Navjeet Singh; Gurinder Singh; Sarabpreet Singh; Kalitdeep Singh; Gurmeet Kaur; Irwinpreet Singh; Jatinder Kaur

Founded less than 500 years ago, Sikhism is a young faith that has yet to be institutionalized or contaminated by ritual and dogma. In the tradition of the ten Nanaks, the iconoclastic and revolutionary founders of the Sikh faith, this workshop endeavors to escape from the metaphysical and religious jargon that tends to obscure the humanity and pragmatism of all religion. During the ninety minutes of this workshop, you will encounter no pontification, no intellectualism, and no quick solutions to the meaning of life. You will, however, meet young seekers (Sikhs) of Truth as they discuss what they know and believe about living life to its fullest. Expect audio/visual presentations and a discussion format that involves the audience.

Kulmeet Singh—B.S., Columbia University, New York; B.A., University of Chicago.
Gurdit Singh—M.A. student, Harvard University.
Gagandeep Kaur—Philosophy undergraduate; Editor, *Sikh Generations*.
Navjeet Singh—Engineer and business consultant, R.P.I., Albany, NY.
Gurinder Singh—Mechanical engineer, University of Wisconsin.
Sarabpreet Singh—Computer scientist, Bell Labs, ATT.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Sandburg Wing #1

“Women’s Movements in India: Rethinking Religious Myths and Beliefs”

Nalina Narain

The workshop will begin with a lecture discussing different types of women’s organizations in India, considering the question of whether these activities comprise a cohesive movement. The presentation will explore the need to re-evaluate the ways in which Indian women have come to understand Hindu epics and images, followed with a question and answer session.

Nalina Narain—Coordinator, Synapses; has worked in India with Oxfam America for five years

4:00 PM–5:00 PM Sandburg Wing #2

“Saint Poets of India”

Sarada Purna Sonty; Prof. William Jackson; Prof. Velcheru Narayana Rao

A symposium describing the contributions of the famous Saint-poets of South and North India, their devotional approach to *Bhakti Yoga* as a path to attain salvation and ultimate reunion with “Brahman”. The Saint-poets to be discussed are: Saint Tyagaraja, Saint Annamacharya, Saint Ramadas, Saint Tulsidas,

Saint Kshetranya, and Saint Puranadara Dasa. Their poetry and music will be discussed, and the Hindu theology of their music will be presented. The lecture will have musical interludes, and there will be two or three different speakers on the subject.

Sarada Purna Sonty—research scholar for Ph.D., Andhra University, India, on the life of Saint Annamacharya; conducted conference on Saint Poets of India at World Telugu Convention, 9th TANA meeting, New York.

Prof. William Jackson—Professor of Religious Studies, Indiana University; author of book on Saint Tyagaraja and of *Vijayanagara Empire: The Golden Age in Fine Arts*.

Prof. Velcheru Narayana Rao—Professor of South Asian Studies, University of Wisconsin, Madison; author of work on Saind Kshetranya; Visiting Professor, Andhra University, India.

4:00 PM–5:00 PM Sandburg Wing #3

“Women and Spirituality”

Prabrajika Amala Prana; Prabrajika Viveka Prana

This presentation will focus on several women saints of India, including Saradamoni Devi, the consort of Sri Ramakrishna. The presenters will also discuss their own spiritual experiences and their monastic life.

Prabrajika Amala Prana—Sarada Math, India.

Prabrajika Viveka Prana—Sarada Math, India.

4:00 PM–4:45 PM Sandburg Wing #4

“Women’s Religious Leadership in America”

Dr. Catherine Wessinger

The workshop presents a broad overview of women’s religious leadership in America. The common problem that women face in attempting to exercise religious leadership in both mainstream denominations and marginal religions will be discussed. The factors that support women’s religious leadership and the similar theologies that women create will be examined. Although many different groups will be discussed, it will be seen that women from different religions share common experiences in relation to their religious institutions. Additionally, women as theologians tend to articulate a religious outlook that stresses immanence and interconnectedness. Implications from American women’s experiences and histories will be drawn for the religious leadership of women in the various world religions.

Dr. Catherine Wessinger—Associate Professor of the History of Religions and Women’s Studies at Loyola University, New Orleans; author, *Annie Besant and Progressive Messianism*; editor and contributor, *Women’s Leadership in Marginal Religions: Explorations Outside the Mainstream*; currently editing a book on women’s ministries and leadership in American Jewish, Christian, and Muslim institutions, and writing a textbook on women in the world religions.

4:00 PM–5:00 PM Sandburg Wing #5

“The Science of Spirituality Across the Curriculum”

Dr. Suwanda Sugunasiri

This workshop will discuss a model for the introduction of a spiritual culture to the school system, understanding spirituality as going beyond organized religion. Supplanting the traditional comparative religious approach, a student-centered experiential methodology that includes meditation is proposed as the key to the success of its implementation.

Dr. Suwanda Sugunasiri—founding member of the Board of Directors of the North American Interfaith Network; past president of the Buddhist Council of Canada; instructor at the University of Toronto in Buddhism and interfaith relations.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Sandburg Wing #6

“Our Family and God’s Family”

Larry Finder; Hal Edwards

This workshop will explore some of the darker sides of the

human family and community: addiction, abuse, anger, shame, tainted communication, and dysfunctional beginnings. Experienced facilitators will utilize techniques for group process work to investigate how our names for God, and our experience of God’s community can lead us to the courage to change.

Biblical models for community and what lessons we can learn from the Recovering community will be shared within the group.

Hal Edwards—President, Christian Laity of Chicago, ecumenical and cross-cultural organization which promotes spirituality and service in small groups.

4:30 PM–5:30 PM Burnham Wing #1

“Architecture and Sacred Space”

Clint Good

The seminar will examine the biblical basis for applying sustainability to the development process from a global, a community and a building level. We will consider where we have been in terms of development and review some specifics of where technology is headed in the future. The intent of the seminar is to be optimistic in our assessment and provide practical information for the participants to take with them.

Clint Good—AIA; architect and builder based in Bethesda, Maryland; recognized as a pioneer in healthful home and office design; has extensively researched this area, and has developed a special architectural practice which delivers innovative design and a purer interior environment; author, *Healthful Houses: How to Design and Build Your Own*; has conducted a workshop titled “Growth Planning for Churches” at the Virginia Mennonite Church Conference for the last 4 years.

4:45 PM–5:30 PM Clark Wing #3

“Jainism—The Oldest Religion”

Dr. Vilas Sangave

Topics of this workshop are: the antiquity of Jainism, the Jain tradition of the Tirthankaras, the historicity of the Jain tradition, the Jain tradition and Buddhist evidence, the Jain tradition and Hindu evidence, the Jain tradition and archeological evidence.

Dr. Vilas Sangave—Eminent Jainologist and Sociologist, world renowned author of several standard works on Jain culture and social history; recipient of several university, national and international awards and honors.

4:45 PM–5:45 PM Clark Wing #6

“What is Wicca?”

Covenant of the Goddess Elders

An explanation of the beliefs and practices of neopagan witchcraft by several Elders of the Covenant of the Goddess, introducing the basic concepts of the Craft and dispelling common myths. The presentation will include a short history of the Covenant of the Goddess.

Covenant of the Goddess Elders—this panel includes Starhawk, Phyllis Curott, Don Frew, Michael Thorn and others.

5:00 PM–5:45 PM Sandburg Wing #4

“Women’s Liberation in Won Buddhism”

Rev. Chung Ok Lee

The workshop describes a distinctive movement in Won Buddhism which has allowed women to perform full religious leadership roles to an extent unknown to the western world.

Rev. Chung Ok Lee—Head Minister of Won Buddhist Meditation Center in New York; United Nations Representative of Won Buddhism; General Secretary of International Won Buddhist Committee to promote the United Religions; member, Executive Council of World Conference on Religion and Peace, USA.



10:00 AM–11:30 AM Burnham Wing #2

“God Under the Microscope”

Craig Loehle, Ph.D.

Skeptics claim that science shows that God does not exist. Such claims are examined and shown to be based on demands for proof that are not even met for science itself. New rational arguments are presented for God’s existence, including the predictive power of scripture, examination of the lives of the prophets, theory coherence, and consilience of evidence. His existence is shown to be not improbable.

Craig Loehle, Ph.D.—research scientist working on global climate change, ecology, and mathematics at Argonne National Laboratory outside Chicago; has written 60 scientific articles since 1982; published work on the Bahá’í Faith includes several articles and a forthcoming book, about science and religion, *On the Shoulders of Giants*.

10:00 AM–11:30 AM Burnham Wing #4

“The Earth Charter as a Tool for Transformation”

Dr. Daniel Martin; Peter Timmermann; Kusumita Pedersen

The Earth Charter can be more than a political document; it can also be a tool for personal and institutional transformation.

Dr. Daniel Martin—Roman Catholic priest, Founder/Director, International Coordinating Committee on Religion and the Earth, member: International Board of Advisors, The Temple of Understanding, (New York City) and Fellowship in Prayer (Princeton, New Jersey).

Peter Timmermann—Director, Institute of Advance Studies in Canada.
Kusumita Pedersen—Director, Conference on Religion and Human Rights.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Burnham Wing #5

“Consumption and Lifestyle”

Rev. Douglas B. Hunt

This session will focus on the interconnection of consumption and lifestyle with eco-justice and spirituality. Participants will work to develop paradigms for personal change in individual, family, and community contexts. Themes include: an overview of the 1992 Earth Summit; Agenda 21: alternative NGO treaties and consumption; spirituality and the quality of life; and working out and sharing new paradigms.

Rev. Douglas B. Hunt—founding member of the Chesapeake Center for Creation Spirituality and Geo-Justice; United Church of Christ minister and pastor of Columbia United Christian Church; has led workshops, discussions and seminars on issues of spirituality and eco-justice all over the eastern U.S.; member of the UCC delegation to the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Clark Wing #1

“World Scriptures:

Learning from Other Traditions—Part I”

Thomas G. Walsh; Francis Clark; Dr. Richard Rubenstein; Dr. Riffat Hassan; Dr. Andrew Wilson; H. Em. Metropolitan Paulos Mar Gregorios

This panel is part of a two day symposium on the theme “What can we learn from other traditions.” This session includes the following contributions: “Orthodox Reflections on the New Testament, for Other Faiths” by Dr. Paulos Mar Gregorios; “Jewish Reflections on Christian Scriptures,” Dr. Richard Rubenstein; “Islamic Scripture,” Dr. Riffat Hassan; “World Scriptures,” Dr. Andrew Wilson.

Thomas G. Walsh—Executive Director of the International Religious Foundation, New York and member of the Presiding Council, Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace, New York
Francis Clark—Secretary General of the Inter-Religious Federation for

World Peace, New York; author of many works on theology, ecclesiastical history and religions.

Dr. Richard Rubenstein—author, *Jewish Reflections on Christian Scriptures*; W.O. Lawton Distinguished Professor of Religion, Florida State University.

Dr. Riffat Hassan—Chairperson of the Religious Studies Program at the University of Louisville; born in Lahore, Pakistan of a Syed Muslim family; has done pioneer work in developing feminist theology in the context of the Islamic tradition; extensive work in Jewish-Christian-Muslim dialogue; co-creator of *Women’s and Men’s Liberation: Testimonies of the Spirit*.

Dr. Andrew Wilson—Editor, *World Scriptures*; Executive Director, Encyclopedia Project, International Cultural Foundation, New York.
H. Em. Metropolitan Paulos Mar Gregorios—Metropolitan of Delhi and the North Syrian Orthodox Church of India; Past President, World Council of Churches.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Clark Wing #2

“A Look at NAIN, the North American Interfaith Network”

Elizabeth Espersen; Dr. Jamsheed Mavalwala

Workshop will investigate the development of interfaith work in Canada and the U.S.; how to network in order to form local, regional, global interfaith organizations; opportunity to exchange information with various members of the NAIN Board of Directors representing various religious traditions.

Elizabeth Espersen—Executive Director, Thanks-Giving Square, Dallas, Texas, national and international programs; Co-Chair of North American Interfaith Network; leader in interfaith work for more than 20 years.

Dr. Jamsheed Mavalwala—Professor of Anthropology, University of Toronto; Member of the Executive Board of Vision Interfaith Satellite Network (VISN) in Canada; a Zoroastrian.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Clark Wing #3

“The Future of African-American Church Leadership”

Rev. Dr. Leon Finney, Jr.

Dr. Finney and panel members will discuss the role of the African American Church in community development and community transformations. Critical to this transformative role is the development and training of African American church leadership. This panel will discuss the nature of African American church leadership, the skills and competencies that these leaders need to be effective in transforming communities and the multitude of issues and challenges faced by African American leadership.

Rev. Dr. Leon Finney, Jr.—Pastor of the Christ Apostolic Church; Director of the African American Leadership Partnership of McCormick Theological Seminar where he also serves on the faculty; community organizer who trained under Saul Alinsky and served for over 20 years as the President of the nationally-known community organization, The Woodlawn Organization; as a pastor, teacher, political and community organizer, he is acutely aware of the importance of African-American church leadership in community development and transformation.

10:00 AM–10:45 AM Clark Wing #4

“Jainism As a World Religion”

Dr. Ramjee Singh

The days of personal or sectarian religion are over; therefore, platforms such as the CPWR have advocated the concept of universal religion. To think that I alone am right and the rest are in the clutches of the devil is not only hypocrisy but the source of many acts of violence. Non-violence in action is impossible without non-violence in thought. Jainism is concerned with the arrogance of man towards nature. Either we adopt a life of plain liv-

ing and high thinking or face an ecological disaster, which is more dreadful than the nuclear bomb.

Dr. Ramjee Singh—author, writer, publisher of many books, research papers and articles; has worked in many capacities at various educational institutions in India; a scholar of Jainism, he was President of Indian Society of Gandhism Studies; currently President of Jain Vishva Bharati Institute.

10:00 AM–11:00 AM Clark Wing #5

“How Hindu Thought Can Unite the Divided World”

Dr. Karan Singh

Dr. Karan Singh—President, Temple of Understanding, India Chapter; former Indian Ambassador to the United States; leader of Indian reform movement dedicated to the crusade against untouchability and other undesirable customs which have weakened Hindu society, and to the promotion of solidarity among reform and social service organizations; active in environmental and global consciousness movements and in interfaith dialogue.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Clark Wing #7

“A Protestant Response to the Holocaust”

Rev. Dr. Steve Monhollen

This workshop will explore some components of a Protestant response to the Holocaust. The design of an interfaith, international and interdisciplinary program of Holocaust education will be presented.

Rev. Dr. Steve Monhollen—Chaplain and Director of Church Relations, The Holocaust Education Project.

10:00 AM–10:30 AM Clark Wing #8

“The Collision of Religion and Society”

Pervin J. Mistry

The most critical issues facing humankind are the issues of racial violence, religious intolerance and the desolation of our environment. We are witnessing a collision of society and religion. Society deforms if the family disintegrates. The most essential ingredient for a strong family bond is religion. To stop moral decay, religious intolerance and racial violence, in order to promote peace and harmony and an environment which promotes divine learning and spiritual progress, every religion must cooperate with and support other religions.

Pervin J. Mistry—student of the esoteric wisdom known as *Ilm-e-Kshnoom* (*Atma Vidya* pertaining to the Mazdayasni Zarthushti Religion) and of Theosophy which teach the wisdom of the Gods and their work in nature.

10:00 AM–11:30 AM Clark Wing #9

“A Jewish Encounter with Eastern Spirituality”

Harold Kasimow

The question of pluralism has become an urgent issue of our time. However, Jewish scholars have not struggled sufficiently with the question of whether non-Jews, including followers of Eastern religions, are following an authentic religious tradition. This presentation will show how Jewish sources support the validity of Eastern forms of spirituality and how a Jewish encounter with the Hindu and Buddhist traditions can help us to discern more deeply the spiritual riches of our own tradition.

Harold Kasimow—Bachelor of Hebrew Literature, Jewish Theological Seminary; Ph.D., Temple University; George Drake Professor of Religious Studies, Grinnell College, Iowa; articles on Judaism and Eastern religions; coeditor, with Byron L. Sherwin, *No Religion is an Island: Abraham Joshua Heschel and Interreligious Dialogue*.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Clark Wing #10

“Forum on Zoroastrianism”

Panel of Zoroastrian Leaders; Homi B. Dhalla; Ervad Ramiyar P. Karanjia; Purviz Kolsawalla; Homi J.H. Taleyarkhan; Dastoor Kersey Antia

This panel will present an introduction to Zoroastrianism, give demonstration of selected Zoroastrian ceremonies and respond to questions from the audience.

Homi B. Dhalla—Teaches and conducts research in Zoroastrian Studies in Bombay; Board of Advisors of the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace (New York); member of the International Council of the World Conference on Religion and Peace (New York).

Ervad Ramiyar P. Karanjia—M.A. and Ph.D. in Avesta-Pahlavi language; Vice-Principal; Athornan Madressa (Seminary for Zoroastrian priests) in Bombay.

Purviz Kolsawalla—past President of the Australian Zoroastrian Association of New South Wales and Vice-President of the Australian Interfaith Association.

Homi J.H. Taleyarkhan—former governor of Sikkim; Ambassador of India to Italy and earlier to Libya; F.A.O. of United Nations; cabinet minister in Maharashtra State, India and senior member of Minorities Commission Government of India; recipient, SAARC Region Award for Peace and Harmony; Laureate, Academia de la Paix.

Dastoor Kersey Antia—Zoroastrian High Priest of Chicago; scholar of the *Avesta*.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Dearborn Wing #1

“No More Guilt, No More Blame: Women and Men Learning Partnership”

Janice Smith

With Bahá'u'lláh's proclamation of the equality of men and women, the paradigm for relationships shifted from domination/submission to partnership. By coming to understand the profound and permanent nature of the paradigm shift, women and men will see that blame and guilt are inappropriate and resistance to change is pointless. Participants will identify old patterns of thinking, feeling and behaving and begin developing skills and attitudes that will make learning to be equal partners an adventure that men and women can share.

Janice Smith—as a member of the Bahá'í National Committee on Women, helped Bahá'í communities understand the equality of the sexes as a unifying principle; related activities include co-founding a monthly Symposium for the Healing of Racism in New York City; has been writing, lecturing, and conducting workshops on partnership for the last five years.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Dearborn Wing #2

“India's Model for a New World: Businessmen and Sadhus Work Together to Bring Help to Those in Need”

Radhanath Swami; Hrishikesh Mafatlal; Radhanath Swami

India's sporadic violence among religious sects could be a forerunner of things to come for the whole world as more nations move from one-religion societies to pluralistic ones. Partnerships between businessmen, health professionals, and spiritual leaders are bringing new hope for peace, health and prosperity to India's major multi-cultural cities.

Radhanath Swami—a native of Chicago who has spent many years in India as a pilgrim, seeker and now a spiritual teacher; has centers in many parts of India and has inspired scores of Indian businessmen, physicians, and other professionals to dedicate their time and resources to projects that benefit India's poor and help cool tensions among various religious groups on the subcontinent.

Hrishikesh Mafatlal—one of India's leading industrialists; Chairman of Gujarat Gas Company; Vice Chairman of Mafatlal Industries; and Vice Chairman and Managing Director of Mafatlal Fine.

10:00 AM–11:30 AM Dearborn Wing #3

"Therapeutic Touch: Harmonizing the Inner Life with Universal Energy"

Andrea DeLeon-Warnon; Susan Conklin

This workshop is an introduction to Therapeutic Touch, a contemporary interpretation of several ancient healing practices. Therapeutic Touch is a consciously directed process of energy exchange during which the practitioner uses the hands as a focus for facilitating healing. The intervention is administered with the intent of enabling people to repattern their energy in the direction of health. Indications for use include, but are not limited to, the reduction of anxiety and pain, promotion of relaxation, and facilitation of the body's natural restorative processes. The method itself is a compassionate act, a natural human potential. Therapeutic Touch bridges the healing arts of inner listening to the universe "within" and the universe "without." The workshop includes the history, clinical research, basic assumptions, and concepts of Therapeutic Touch.

Andrea DeLeon-Warnon—member of The Theosophical Society in America; involved in the education, research, and practice of Therapeutic Touch since 1976; Senior Nurse Clinician at New York University Medical Center, specializing as a consultant in AIDS, Death and Dying, and Stress Management.

Susan Conklin—psychologist in private practice in Williamstown, Massachusetts; Assistant Professor, graduate division, North Adams State College; member of The Theosophical Society in America.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM LaSalle Wing #1

"Ethics, Morality, & Values as portrayed in Celtic Mythology"

Mr. Steve Blamires

By using many examples from Irish Celtic mythology, and also the Arthurian/Holy Grail legends, Mr. Blamires will show that a very strong moral code is contained therein which reflects the high spiritual values of the Celts, past and present, and helps the individual identify his or her place in the scheme of things. Despite the fact these myths are two thousand years old, they are still very relevant to humankind today with their strong moral code, tolerance of others and others' beliefs and the need to be ecologically aware on the physical, mental and spiritual levels.

Mr. Steve Blamires—a native Celt from Scotland who is an acknowledged expert on Celtic mythology, which he employs to show the very deep spiritual values that are still to be found in the indigenous beliefs of the Celtic people; has published several works on this theme and has given many talks, lectures and workshops on the Celtic spiritual beliefs, values and practices.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM LaSalle Wing #2

"Storytelling as a Sacred Art"

Andy Fraenkel; John Sherwood

The wisdom of the world's religions is often passed down in the form of storytelling. This workshop examines the function of storytelling in the sacred traditions and as a means of healing in our own lives. Included are traditional stories and songs as well as a sampling of techniques to help us learn and convey stories to others.

Andy Fraenkel—Artistic Director, Theatre of Understanding, which toured the U.S. with "Mahabharata: The Eternal Quest"; Co-Director, A Voice We Bring, providing storytelling programs to drug rehabilitation groups and hospital patients.

John Sherwood—Musician and songwriter; Co-Director, A Voice We Bring; has organized youth camps and programs for children.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM LaSalle Wing #3

"Motivational Consequences of Divine Revelation"

J. Curtis Russell; Panelists: Dr. Fatima Al-Hayani; Dr. Roland Cronkhite; Paula Drewek, M. Shastri; Dr. Carol Weisfeld
Lecture and structured discussion will examine the impact of

Divine Revelation upon the human heart and mind. A comparative religion perspective will facilitate devising means for further study of this topic, and designing action plans to address the spiritual quality of personal and community life. Panelists will present Bahá'í, Christian, Hindu, Islamic and Jewish perspectives and will then lead individual breakout groups.

J. Curtis Russell—social and industrial psychologist with teaching, research, and consulting experience in social motivation, multicultural workplace issues, statistics and race relations; has taught the Bahá'í Faith in the United States and Canada, and presently serves as a Bahá'í community facilitator in Illinois, Michigan, and Ohio; Associate Professor of Psychology, University of Detroit, Mercy.

Dr. Fatima Al-Hayani—recent Ph.D., Islamic and Near Eastern affairs; currently at University of Toledo.

Dr. Roland Cronkhite—Professor of Philosophy, University of Detroit, Mercy; interest in impact of Christian ethical thought on human behavior.

Paula Drewek—member, Humanities faculty, focusing on comparative religions, Macomb Community College; Ph.D. program, religious studies, University of Ottawa.

M. Shastri—Hindu priest, Bharatiya Temple, Troy, Michigan; has done scholarly work in the area of Hindu influence on human motivation.

Dr. Carol Weisfeld—Associate Professor, Psychology Department, University of Detroit, Mercy; scholarly interest in cross cultural research, particularly in marriage in the family and relationship between Judaism and human motivation.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM LaSalle Wing #5

"Theft of Spirituality—New Agers, Same as the Old Agers"

Christine Whiterabbit Jendrisak; Oren Lyons; Avis Little Eagle
Against constant oppression, Native Americans have continued to practice their Spirituality. These presenters will discuss the cultural appropriation of their Spiritual traditions for the financial gain of pseudo-shamans.

Christine Whiterabbit Jendrisak—Wisconsin Winnebago, Buffalo Clan; writer; member, Wisconsin Winnebago Language and Culture Preservation Board.

Oren Lyons—Onondaga Faith Keeper, New York.

Avis Little Eagle—Lakota; environmental reporter, *Lakota Times*.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Montrose Wing #1

"Wisdom of the Elders, Part II: The Sacred Circle of Life"

Charles Chipps; Imam Talib Abdur Rashid; Swami Bhaktipada
Three male elders will share their vision of how the spiritual leaders and practitioners of the world's religions can join together to revitalize the interdependent "web of life" through a return to life in self-sufficient communities of faith (in harmony with all other life systems in their bioregion) as our ancestors did successfully for millennia.

Charles Chipps—(Ta Canupa Wakan), Prominent spiritual leader of the Woptura Medicine Society and the Lakota Sioux Nation, from Pine Ridge, South Dakota; great-grandson of medicine man to Crazy Horse; leads sacred rock lodges and sundances in South Dakota, Oregon and Ohio.

Imam Talib Abdur Rashid—Spiritual leader of the Mosque of Islamic Brotherhood, New York City; very active in presenting the essential, nonsectarian message of Islam; has spoken before the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Swami Bhaktipada—Founder of the 25-year-old Interfaith City of God in West Virginia; builder of "America's Taj Mahal," a shrine to his teacher, Swami Prabhupada; author of several books praised by ecumenists.

10:00 AM–11:00 AM Montrose Wing #2

"Towards a Civilization with a Heart"

Br. Wayne Teasdale; Magdalena Gomez; Reverend Paul Manship; Arlo Guthrie; Ma Jaya Bhagavati; Russill Paul D'Silva; Father Bruno Barnhardt; Asha Paul D'Silva
What will be explored is the spirituality of non-violence as one of

the pillars of a new civilizational order that is governed by the highest moral and spiritual principles of the world religions. The document "The Universal Declaration on Non-violence," a joint effort of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and monastic interreligious dialogue, will provide the context for the presentation and discussion.

Br. Wayne Teasdale—Christian sannyasi (monk, renunciate) in the lineage of Father Bede Griffiths, and a member of Monastic Interreligious Dialogue, a writer, lecturer and teacher; St. Procopius Abbey.

Magdalena Gomez—Poet, dramatist, teacher, writer.

Reverend Paul Manship—Director, Hispanic Youth Ministry; R.C. Diocese of Springfield, Massachusetts.; Professor of New Testament Studies, Elms College, Chicopee, Massachusetts.

Arlo Guthrie—Folksinger, environmentalist, Jewish-Christian-Hindu devotee, and a disciple of Ma, the spiritual teacher of the Kashi Church community.

Ma Jaya Bhagavati—founder and spiritual director of Kashi Ashram; since her spiritual awakening in 1972, she has led seekers to a deeper place within themselves and has devoted her life to serving humanity; widely recognized for her work with death and dying and for her teachings on caregiving; for the past ten years much of her time has been spent helping those infected with HIV/AIDS.

Russill Paul D'Silva—Disciple of Father Bede Griffiths, OSB Cam., the sage of South India who recently passed away; composer, musician and vocalist, poet and meditation teacher.

Father Bruno Barnhardt—OSB Cam.; Benedictine monk, member of Monastic Interreligious Dialogue, a writer and a strong supporter of the peace and nonviolence movement.

Asha Paul D'Silva—Disciple of Father Bede Griffiths, OSB Cam., the sage of South India who recently passed away.

10:00 AM–11:30 AM Montrose Wing #3

"Catholic Social Teachings: What We Have to Learn From Other Religions"

Charles Strain; John Lawlor

Catholic social teachings comprise a rich and varied tradition developed not only in papal encyclicals and the letters of various organizations of bishops but also in the writings of liberation theologians from Latin America and across the globe and in the engaged witness of Catholic activists like Dorothy Day and Archbishop Romero. By focusing on two issues of universal concern, human rights and human liberation, the session will explore how this tradition can be transformed and developed in dialogue with other religious traditions.

Charles Strain—Professor of Religious Studies, DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois; co-author of *Policy and Practice: A Program for American Practical Theology*.

John Lawlor—ordained Dharma teacher in the lineage of the Ven. Thich Nhat Hanh.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Montrose Wing #4

"The Spiritual Dimension of a Sustainable World Order"

Rebequa Getahoun

In the midst of spiritual, social, political and economic chaos, there is a growing call throughout the world for some semblance of order. No area of human endeavor remains untouched by the turbulent changes sweeping the world. As the disintegration process picks up speed individuals in all parts of the world become overwhelmed by the magnitude of the problems they face. This workshop will explore the idea that "... the storms battering at the foundations of society will not be stilled unless and until spiritual principles are actively engaged in the search for solutions to social problems."

Rebequa Getahoun—B.A. in social and Economic Planning, University of Alaska; M.A. in International Studies, University of Oregon; member of the Baha'i delegation to the recent Earth Summit and Global Forum; U.S. Bahá'í representative to the United Nations.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Montrose Wing #5

"The Common Good in Global Context: People of Faith in Support of Civil Society"

Edgar G. Crane; William E. Leshner; Robert Marshall;

Karen Bloomquist; John Stumme

What is civil society? How does it contribute to the common good? What is its importance in a global economy? What can a global civil society network contribute? Why is the role of people of faith, on an ecumenical interfaith basis, so critical? How can people of faith communicate and act in support of civil society and the common good? What are the potential leadership roles of institutional religion and people of faith acting in their lay capacities?

Edgar G. Crane—Co-Director, Ecumenical Civil Society Project; former Director, Corporate Social Responsibility, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

William E. Leshner—President, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Chicago.

Robert Marshall—Center for Global Mission, Lutheran School of Theology. Karen Bloomquist—Director of Studies, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

John Stumme—Pastor, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, since 1977; Missionary and Seminary Professor, Argentina, 1977-1987; Associate Director for Studies, DCS, ELCA, since 1988.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Parlor B

"Ultimate Concerns that Shape our Values and Visions: An Open Forum—Part II"

Alan Donant; Nancy Coker

Title of this session is: "Why Do We Die?" Our view of death directly influences how we see the world and our responsibilities in it. Topics of this panel are: What is the purpose of death? and what do we mean by such concepts as immortality, afterlife, pre-existence, life/death/life cycles, resurrection, reincarnation, heavens, hells, purgatories, nirvana, salvation, and divine fulfillment?

Alan Donant—staff member, The Theosophical Society, International Headquarters, Pasadena, California.

Nancy Coker—staff member, The Theosophical Society, International Headquarters, Pasadena; Co-founder of Deva Natural Clothes; volunteer community mediator.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Parlor C

"Workshop on Comparative Liturgy: Session II"

Rabbi Herbert Bronstein

The second of a series of three workshops on comparative liturgy, each addressing the theme of liturgy as a design of spirituality.

Introduction, Rabbi Herbert Bronstein

1st Presentation: "Islam—the Hajj" (Dr. Asad Husain)

2nd Presentation: "Tibetan Buddhism—Pilgrimage"

Observer/Facilitator: Greek Orthodox (Fr. Demetri Kanitzavelos)

Open Discussion follows presentations.

Rabbi Herbert Bronstein—editor of liturgies for liberal Judaism, including *The Home Service for Passover* (the *Haggadah*); has lectured at Lake Forest College, Northwestern University, the University of Illinois, the University of Rochester, the University of Chicago Divinity School, and numerous other institutions; Senior Rabbi, North Shore Congregation Israel, Glencoe, Illinois.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Parlor F

"Shintaido Body Movement"

Haruyoshi F. Ito

Shintaido ("New Body Way") is a Japanese form of health exercise which combines self-expression, meditative practice, and elements of martial arts and dance. Instead of self-defense, Shintaido emphasizes communication, expression, and unification with nature. Mr. Ito will introduce Shintaido to participants and demonstrate its techniques.

Haruyoshi F. Ito—Creator of Shintaido ("New Body Way"); featured

performer, Berlin Jazz Festival, 1992; student of Hiroyuki Aoki; graduate, Chuo University, Tokyo; holder 5th-degree black belts in karate at age 22; editor, *A New Art of Movement*.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Pool Promenade

**"Hatha Yoga Flow—
Aware Within & Aware Without"**

Jai Luster

This workshop will have participants share the experience of Hatha Yoga as the flow of prana becomes intensified within our bodies. The pranic energy will guide our posture flow, breath, and minds into a deep state of meditative awareness.

Jai Luster—has practiced and taught yoga for the last 21 years; style of practice is a synthesis of Integral Yoga, Kripalu Yoga and Kundalini Yoga; lived and studied at Swami Satchidananda's Ashram for yoga training; currently teaching yoga and lecturing in the Chicago and North Shore area; business partner with Howard Rossman at Mesriow Financial as an institutional money manager.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Red Lacquer Room

**"Human Rights and Environmental Issues
Facing Native People"**

Walt Bresette; Peterson Zah; Thomas Banyacya

Native American communities suffer from economic and environmental racism. The panel will address their efforts to combat racism and environmental destruction.

Walt Bresette—Red Cliff Ojibwe, Chippewa Treaty Rights Activist.
Peterson Zah—Navajo, President of the Navajo Nation, President of the American Indian Religious Freedom Summit.
Thomas Banyacya—Hopi, Traditional Spiritual Leader, Interpreter of Hopi prophecies.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Sandburg Wing #1

"The Theology of Icons"

Mr. Mirko Dobrijevic

Historical overview of early Christian art leading to the art and science of Byzantine Christian iconography. Emphasis will be made on spirituality of icons and their place in Orthodox Christian worship. A visual presentation will be included.

Mr. Mirko Dobrijevic—M. Div.; Director of Christian Education, Loyola University, Chicago; Graduate of St. Vladimir's Theological Seminary, New York; studied at the Cleveland Institute of Art, personal study of iconography; member of the St. John of Damascus Association of Iconographers; and in 1989 was the SYNDESMOS delegate to Russia, Executive Liaison, IOCC.

10:00 AM–11:30 AM Sandburg Wing #2

"The Interfaith Frontier: Suburbia U.S.A."

Ms. Deborah Levine; Sr. Marge Boyle; Ms. Nancy Ali

What are the multi-faith issues challenging the growing suburban/exurban communities in America? How can they be addressed at a community-based, grass roots level? Leadership of the DuPage Interfaith Resource Network, a pioneering suburban coalition speak of their hands-on experience with regional public education, interfaith worship, law enforcement and political structure.

Ms. Deborah Levine—Executive Director of the DuPage Interfaith Resource Network, consultant to the American Jewish Committee, Central Conference of American Rabbis, free-lance writer for Liturgy Training Publications, adjunct faculty of Elmhurst College.
Sr. Marge Boyle—Sister of Our Lady of Zion, Chair of the DuPage Interfaith Resource Network, former member of Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto, Canadian Council of Christian and Jews, Land of the Bible Archaeological Foundation, B'nai Brith Canada League for Human Rights.
Ms. Nancy Ali—Executive Committee of the DuPage Interfaith Resource Network; member of the Islamic Foundation of Villa Park, lecturer on Islam and I Law and Women; Board of Directors of Christian-Muslim Dialogue of Oak Lawn.

10:00 AM–11:00 AM Sandburg Wing #3

**"Ecofeminism and the Return of
the Female Principle"**

Carolyn Ford

The workshop deals with the loss of the creative, nurturing, and loving ways of the original female nature which lives within us all. We need to return to the lovingness and wholistic ways of our ancestors. We must once again reinvent ourselves and therefore uplift and regenerate the planet. We should synthesize the best of our male and female natures and begin back where we began. Touch the silence. Touch the sacred. Touch the sun.

Carolyn Ford—Peace and Justice Director at St. Isidore Church, Diocese of Joliet; teacher, writer, lecturer, ecologist, peace and civil rights activist, composer, musician and singer; has performed in concert all over the world and frequently gives workshops; represented the Diocese of Joliet at last year's Earth Summit in Brazil.

10:00 AM–11:00 AM Sandburg Wing #4

"The Attitude of Gratitude"

Rabbi Samuel Silver

Rabbi Samuel Silver—Rabbi Emeritus, Temple Sinai, Stamford, Connecticut; currently Rabbi of Temple Sinai, Delray, Florida; author of many books, active in ecumenical dialogue.

10:00 AM–10:45 AM Sandburg Wing #5

**"Hindu Sanatana Dharma—
Relevance to Present Society"**

Swami Purnatmanandaji

This workshop will discuss what moral codes and ethical principles are essential for the progressive evolution of an individual and for society at large, hopefully resulting in harmony, peace and universal brotherhood.

Swami Purnatmanandaji—holds degrees in both history and philosophy from Calcutta University in India; fifteen years of training in the teachings of Vedic philosophy; Chief Coordinator for the activities of Bharat Sevashram Sangha in the West.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Sandburg Wing #6

"Poverty and Spirituality"

Eddy Owens; Millie Ankrun

Workshop on the distressing economic conditions facing many women today begins with an open prayer; considers insight from Christian scripture, myths built around subject of poverty; concludes with discussion and personal stories; asks what churces can do to help.

Eddy Owens—Coordinator of Women for Eco. Security, director of The Welfare Simulation.
Millie Ankrun—Organizer of Women for Eco. Security, recruiter and scheduler for Welfare Simulation.

10:30 AM–11:00 AM Clark Wing #8

"Zoroastrianism: History and Modern Relevance"

Noshir H. Dadrawala

An overview of the Zoroastrian religion with special emphasis on its historical development and the relevance of the teachings of Zarathushtra for modern society.

Noshir H. Dadrawala—Executive Secretary, Centre for Advancement of Philanthropy, Bombay, India; student of Zoroastrian religion for past 15 years; editor of the socio-religious journal, *Deen Parast*; special correspondent, *Jam-e-Jamshed*.

11:00 AM–12:00 PM Clark Wing #4

"Can Jainism Survive in the 21st Century?"

Meera Shah

What makes Jainism a religion—the philosophy and practice

expounded in the Jain scriptures. Will youths of today be the messengers to the 21st century? Will the philosophy and the practice endure?
Meera Shah—student of law at Cambridge University, United Kingdom.

11:00 AM–12:00 PM Clark Wing #5

"Esoteric Teachings of The Liberal Catholic Church"

Rev. Ruben Cabigting

The role of the Trinity or Triple Aspect of God in the Creation of His Universe. The fundamental identity of all souls with God and man's spiritual evolution and destiny. Esoteric significance and symbolism of the Christian Transubstantiation.

Rev. Ruben Cabigting—Rector of the Church of St. Francis, L.C.C. in Chicago; Computer Consultant, The Theosophical Society in America; lectured on various theosophical and religious groups in the U.S.A. and the Philippines; represented the Liberal Catholic Church as one of the speakers during the International Yoga Society's convention held in Chicago in 1984.

11:00 AM–12:00 PM Clark Wing #6

"What is Wicca?"

Covenant of the Goddess Elders

An explanation of the beliefs and practices of neopagan witchcraft by several Elders of the Covenant of the Goddess, introducing the basic concepts of the Craft and dispelling common myths. The presentation will include a short history of the Covenant of the Goddess.

Covenant of the Goddess Elders—this panel includes Starhawk, Phyllis Currott, Don Frew, Michael Thorn and others.

11:00 AM–11:30 PM Clark Wing #8

"Asha—The Pathway to a Zoroastrian Life"

Ervad Ramiyar P. Karanjia

This presentation will discuss Asha—the cardinal principle of Zoroastrian religion. It touches one's life at all levels—physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual. Its global and universal significance will also be discussed.

Ervad Ramiyar P. Karanjia—M.A., Ph.D. in Avesta-Pahlavi language; Vice principal at Athornan Madressa (Seminary for Zoroastrian priests) in Bombay.

11:00 AM–12:30 PM Parlor A

"A New Dharma for the West— The Westernization of Buddhism"

Ven. Walpola Piyananda; Rev. Suhita Dharma; Peter

Timmerman; Rev. Sujata Linda Kleonick; Rev. Norman Fisher;

Rev. Koshin Ogui; Rev. Hye Shim Sunim; Ven. Samu Sunim

A panel discussion of the implications of Buddhism for the Western world and of the implications of westernization for Buddhism. This extraordinary group of participants brings a unique perspective to a vital modern religious and spiritual question.

11:30 AM–12:00 PM Clark Wing #8

"Asha: the Zarathusti Decision-Making Process"

Kaemarz Dotiwalla

An exploration of the principle of *Asha* ("righteousness") and how it can relate to bringing peace and harmony to the world.

Kaemarz Dotiwalla—Karachi, Pakistan; founding member, Zoroastrian Association of Houston; committee chair, FEZANA (Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America).

2:00 PM–3:00 PM Burnham Wing #1

"Global Dharma to the Environment"

O.P. Dwivedi

This presentation will examine how religions and traditional cultures can help us to overcome the environmental crisis; what framework they can provide to change our attitudes towards nature. After giving a brief background on the concept of nature in nine world religions, the speaker will discuss a strategy for "Environmental Sarvodaya" as well as the need for an environmental code of conduct. Program ends with a discussion about our global dharma towards our planet and future.

O.P. Dwivedi—Ph.D., LL.D. (Hon.); professor of Environmental and Public Administration, University of Guelph, Canada; author of *World religions and the Environment, Environmental Ethics: Our Dharma to the Environment*.

2:00 PM–3:00 PM Burnham Wing #2

"The Blind Men and the Elephant— Science and Religion"

Roger L. Blaine

In Saxe's children's poem, six blind men explore different portions of an elephant (e.g., tusk, tail, ear, etc.). Each then opines on the elephant's "true" nature. Similarly, science and religion sometimes see the same reality in quite different ways. An understanding greater than the sum of the parts results when harmony is sought with scientific and religious perspectives.

Roger L. Blaine—Technical Manager for TA Instrument, a manufacturer of scientific instrumentation; author of more than 20 scientific articles; chair of the Science and Technology Seminar of the Association for Bahá'í Studies.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Burnham Wing #4

"Killing Us Not So Gently— Environmental Pollution"

Raymond D. Apodaca; Patty Loew; Valerie Taliman;

Walt Bresette

Virtually every reservation is struggling with petrol contamination, uranium tailings and open mines. This issue is creating devastating health problems to Indian families. The panel members will present the facts and the profound effects on Native people nationwide.

Raymond D. Apodaca—Isleta del sur Pueblo; Chair, Human and Religious Rights Committee, National Congress of American Indians.

Patty Loew—Bad River Ojibwa (Wisconsin); environmental reporter, news anchor. WKOW-TV, Channel 27.

Valerie Taliman—Navajo, Journalist, Student of University of Nevada.

Walt Bresette—Red Cliff Ojibwa, Chippewa Treaty Rights Activist.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Burnham Wing #5

"New Thinking—New Spirit: Call for a New Academy"

Arthur Zajonc, Ph.D.

The subtle new imagination of our universe offered by modern science is open to fruitful engagement with the great spiritual traditions of the world concerning both the nature of our universe and our place in it. One of the critical issues of the next century will be whether humanity heeds the opportunity for this reconciliation, or allows the schism between science and religion to persist. This presentation will explore the implications of the new relationship between science and spirituality for research post graduate education and the development of new technologies: in short, the character of a New Academy.

Arthur Zajonc, Ph.D.—Professor of Physics, Amherst College; Fellow of Lindisfarne Association and The Fetzer Institute; specialist in quantum physics; visiting scientist at many laboratories, including the Max Planck Institute for Quantum Optics, Munich, and the École Normale Supérieure, Paris; recipient of prestigious 1992 Fulbright award; author of *Catching the Light, the Entwined History of Light and Mind*.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Clark Wing #1

"Theosophical Perceptions in Christian Orthodoxy"

Dr. Geddes MacGregor

Of the innumerable interpretations of religion, some hold that the golden thread linking them all has been that ancient wisdom known as theosophy. This workshop explores how theosophy's principles—including those of karma and reincarnation—stand in relation to the Torah, the Gospel, and the concept of Grace. The ancient wisdom can shed much light on liturgical expressions of the inner life which is the essential focus of all living religions. In the 21st century, the vitality of the Church may well turn on such visions of spirituality as that presented by theosophy.

Dr. Geddes MacGregor—Anglican priest and Emeritus Distinguished Professor of Philosophy at the University of Southern California where he was Dean of the Graduate School of Religion; holds advanced degrees from the University of Edinburgh, Oxford, Sorbonne, and Hebrew Union College; author of 31 books including, *Reincarnation in Christianity*; *Reincarnation as a Christian Hope*; *The Christening of Karma*; *Gnosis*; and *The Gospels as a Mandala of Wisdom*.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Clark Wing #2

"The Universality of the Near Death Experience"

Leon S. Rhodes; Rev. Donald L. Rose

Since 1976 when Dr. Raymond Moody's bestseller *Life After Life* made the Near Death Experience well known, it has been found that millions of people all over the world have had this experience. The vivid memories of those who have been "dead" tell us of a wonderful, pain-free existence full of love. Those who have experienced the NDE are profoundly changed, with new purposes in life and no fear of death.

Leon S. Rhodes—lecturer and writer on the subject of the Near Death Experience for seventeen years; past Vice President of the International Association for Near Death Studies and editor of the Association newsletter; editor, the Delaware Valley (Philadelphia) "Near Death Studies" newsletter.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Clark Wing #3

"African Christianity from an African Perspective"

Dr. Abraham Akroong

Africa is the location of the fastest growing church within Christianity. It is also the source for one of the most creative developments in Christianity within theology, liturgy, and the public role of religion.

Dr. Abraham Akroong—doctor of theology degree, Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, master and bachelor of arts degrees from the University of Ghana; native of Ghana and author of the forthcoming book, *The Empowering Christ: An African Christology of Liberation*.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Clark Wing #4

"Mystical Interfaith Healing Service"

Rabbi Joseph Gelberman

Rabbi Gelberman will conduct a spiritual healing service based upon his experience in many traditions, particularly the Kabbalistic tradition.

Rabbi Joseph Gelberman—founder and President, the New Seminary, the world's only seminary educating and ordaining interfaith ministers; founder, American Interfaith University; student and teacher of Kabbalistic mysticism for over 40 years.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Clark Wing #5

"Jews and Poles: An Effective Model for Interreligious and Interethnic Dialogue"

Dr. Byron Sherwin; Krystyna Zambrzycki

Focusing on commonalities engendered by 1000 years of shared existence in Poland, The Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Center of Spertus College of Judaica (Chicago) has implemented an effective

and promising model for theological and cultural dialogue, both in Poland and in the United States. This model confronts ethnic and religious stereotypes by stressing what is shared rather than what separates these two religious/ethnic groups. This workshop will present and analyze the nature and the potentials of this model, and will discuss how it can serve as a basis for other initiatives in interreligious and interethnic dialogue.

Dr. Byron Sherwin—Vice President for Academic Affairs and Verson Professor of Jewish Philosophy and Mysticism at Chicago's Spertus College of Judaica; author of 18 books and over 100 articles on Jewish theology, philosophy, mysticism, ethics, law and cultural history; in 1992, first recipient of the "Man of Reconciliation Award" by the Polish Council of Christians and Jews.

Krystyna Zambrzycki—American-European Consultant of the Archdiocese of Chicago; has played active role both in Poland and the United States in Polish-American affairs and Jewish-Catholic dialogue.

2:00 PM–2:30 PM Clark Wing #6

"Philosophy of Tantra"

Dr. Swami Ajaya

Tantra is the philosophy which enables integration of the highest states of awareness with living in the world. Tantra transcends the traditional conflict found in religion with renunciation and living in the world. "Philosophy of Tantra" will describe three schools of tantra, their distinctions, and the relation of tantra to other philosophical schools, including Vedanta.

Dr. Swami Ajaya—clinical psychologist in private practice in New York City and Morristown, New Jersey; author of *Psychotherapy East and West: A Unifying Paradigm*, and *Yoga Psychology*; co-author of *Yoga and Psychotherapy*; and *Emotion to Enlightenment*; has studied yoga in India and lived with Sri Swami Rama in the Himalayas.

2:00 PM–3:00 PM Clark Wing #9

"Vedic Epithets: Vedic Vision"

Prof. V. Madhusudan Reddy

The exposition and celebration of the Inaugural Dawn in the light of Sri Auribindo. A lecture prepared from Sri Aurobindo's epoch-making exposition, *The Secret of the Veda*, which is the profound expression of his own luminous experience of the Vedic truth and the word. The book *Vedic Epiphany/Vedic Vision* is the basis for this presentation.

Prof. V. Madhusudan Reddy—scholar of Aurobindo Philosophy; formerly Senior Professor of Philosophy at Osmania University, Hyderabad; and the Director of the Institute of Human Study - an advanced center of integral and future studies; presently Emeritus Fellow of the University Grants Commission in India; has travelled widely and has taught and lectured at numerous universities in the United States, Canada, and Europe as a UNESCO fellow (1961), a Fulbright Asian Professor (1969), and a visiting scholar, and has authored and edited more than twenty-five books.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Clark Wing #10

"The Effective Use of Museums in Preserving and Retaining the Religious and Spiritual History of Native Americans"

Jo Allyn Archambault; Martin Redbear

Museums are great resources for cultural preservation for American Indians. This panel discusses the various projects sponsored by the American Indian Program at the National History of the Smithsonian that have aided tribal goals and programs.

Jo Allyn Archambault—Lakota, Ph.D., Director American Indian Program, Smithsonian Institution

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Dearborn Wing #1

"Foundations of Transpersonal Psychology: An Introduction"

Ruta Baltrukenas, Ph.D.

Transpersonal psychology is a relatively new field in psychology that affirms the reality and importance of spiritual experiences and is attempting to develop theoretical frameworks for understanding these experiences. This presentation will introduce the audience to the major thinkers and theories in the field.

Ruta Baltrukenas, Ph.D.—psychologist in private practice and adjunct professor at Roosevelt University in Chicago; field of interest is transpersonal psychology.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Dearborn Wing #2

“Parapsychology and Religion”

Dr. Ramakrishna Rao

This lecture provides an introduction to the field of parapsychology, its findings and their relevance to religious beliefs and practices. It will be proposed that parapsychological phenomena for which there is scientific evidence, such as telepathy, precognition and psychokinesis, closely resemble religious phenomena like prophesy, prayer and miracles. Also discussed will be the future of research in this field, exploring concepts of major concern to religion such as freedom of will, the psyche's survival of bodily death, and the question of dualism.

Dr. Ramakrishna Rao—Director of the Institute for Parapsychology, Durham, North Carolina; Ph.D., D. Lit., University of Chicago, Andhra University, India; editor of the *Journal of Parapsychology*; author of *Experimental Parapsychology, Mystic Awareness, and Gandhi and Pragmatism*.

2:00 PM–2:45 PM LaSalle Wing #1

“Bhakti Marga and the Unity of Religion”

Ravindra Svarupa Dasa

Bhakti has often been treated as an impediment to unity and harmony among religions, being associated with sectarianism, exclusivism and intolerance. This workshop will set forth a non-sectarian, non-exclusivistic theology of world religions based on bhakti. This theology will draw upon the resources of theistic Vedanta to harmonize and reconcile the various spiritual paths in the world. At a time when various sorts of fundamentalisms are growing throughout the world, a theology that is both devotional and universal may have a chance to correct sectarian excesses.

Ravindra Svarupa Dasa—(William Deadwyler); Ph.D., Religion, Temple University; author of several books and academic articles; Chairman, North American Governing Body Commission of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) and an initiating spiritual master/guru for ISKCON.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM LaSalle Wing #2

“Reconnecting with the Divine: In Your Self, In All Those You Meet Today, In All of Creation: Part II”

Anne Walsh

Second in a series of three workshops sharing a common theme but differing in content. Anne Walsh will use Jungian insights to help us understand and nurture our spiritual longings, the feminine aspect of the deity, and the true nature of our Self and our soul. Active group participation.

Anne Walsh—Jungian psychoanalyst, with a private practice in Princeton, New Jersey and in New York City where she also teaches at the C.G. Jung Foundation.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM LaSalle Wing #3

“Contemplative Prayer in Catholicism”

Prioress Margaret Mary Funk, O.S.B.

Prioress Margaret Mary Funk, O.S.B.—Superior of Our Lady of Grace Monastery; member of Contemplative Outreach; national lecturer on centering prayer in the Roman Catholic tradition; member of the Board of Directors of Monastic Interreligious Dialogue.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM LaSalle Wing #4

“Gods, Goddesses, Goblins: An Introduction to the Celtic Fairy-Faith”

Andras Corban Arthen; Aine Arthen

An exploration of the colorful and intriguing denizens of the “Invisible World” and their role in Nature worship, the evolution of religion, and contemporary “UFO abductions.”

Andras Corban Arthen—initiated into the traditional practices of a Scottish family of Witches in 1969; Cunningman of the Glainn Sidhr Order of Witches and Director of the EarthSpirit Community, one of the largest Pagan organizations in the country; has served on the board of officers of Covenant of the Goddess, a national council of Witches; and has recently released a recording of stories, titled, “Tales of Wonder”.

Aine Arthen—degree in Psychology with an emphasis in Women's Studies, and is an initiate of the Glainn Sidhr Order; leads workshops on a range of topics, including Celtic Spirituality and communication issues between women and men.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM LaSalle Wing #5

“Theosophic Worldview—Part III: Bridging Science, Religion, and Philosophy”

Will Thackara; Joy Mills; Rob McOwen

Third of a series of four panels, each independent of the others, presenting basic concepts of the theosophical tradition for audience discussion. The universe may be understood in its wholeness only by accessing a source of truth. Irrespective of religious orthodoxy, people have attained a perspective from which science, religion, and philosophy are seen as different aspects of a sublime unity. Illumined by compassion, this unified approach leads to a higher view of life and recognition of the inherent worth of every being.

Will Thackara—staff member of The Theosophical Society, International Headquarters, Pasadena, California.

Joy Mills—General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Australia; former president of The Theosophical Society in America, before becoming the Society's International Vice-President in 1974; Director of the Krotona School of Theosophy, in Ojai, CA; past editor, *The American Theosophist*; author, *One Hundred Years of Theosophy: A History of the Theosophical Society in America*, and of numerous articles.

Rob McOwen—writer and lecturer; Associate of the United Lodge of Theosophists, Los Angeles.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Montrose Wing #1

“Struggle for Religious Freedom”

Dr. Robert Traer

This workshop will describe and illustrate the International Association for Religious Freedom's struggle, as an international interfaith organization, in support of nonviolent movements in Romania and Pakistan.

Dr. Robert Traer—General Secretary, International Association for Religious Freedom; author of *Faith in Human Rights: Support in Religious Traditions for a Global Struggle*, *Faith in the Buddhist Tradition*, and many essays on interfaith issues; teacher of ethics and world religions; ordained minister in the PCUSA; international human rights lawyer.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Montrose Wing #2

“The Meaning of the Land: the Mayan Religion”

Juanita Batzibal; Daniel Matul Morales

To the Maya people, the land plays a role which goes far beyond economics. The Maya vision of the world and life is rooted in the land: it is the basis of the philosophy, religion, and science of the Maya people.

Juanita Batzibal—Maya Kakchikel; anthropologist; President, International Maya League; has toured extensively in the U.S. and Europe, lecturing about Maya culture.

Daniel Matul Morales—Maya Kiché; Doctor in Judicial and Social Sciences; Master in Public Administration; author, numerous articles about the Mayas and Guatemalan society; member, International Maya League.

2:00 PM-3:30 PM Montrose Wing #3

"Bringing Spirit into the Media"

Michael Toms; Justine Toms

For more than two decades Justine and Michael Toms have used broadcast and print media to inspire, empower and enlighten thousands through the presence of life enhancing and spiritually rooted ideas. Their National Public Radio series "New Dimensions" has received wide acclaim and has become a model for how to use mass media sensitively and engagingly. Here they speak about the roots of their work and how the working process itself nurtures and transforms their lives. This is a mini-workshop on how to use the media to change the world, beginning with ourselves.

Michael Toms—Co-founder, New Dimensions Radio, host and executive producer of the "New Dimensions" National Public Radio series; serves as Senior Acquisitions Editor for Harper San Francisco; Chairman emeritus of the California Institute of Integral Studies and author of *At the Leading Edge*.

Justine Toms—Co-founder and Executive Director of New Dimensions Radio; editor, *New Dimensions Journal* and past board member of the Association for Transpersonal Psychology.

2:00 PM-3:00 PM Montrose Wing #4

"Torture and the Destruction of Spirituality"

Antonio Martinez

This presentation will discuss how torture works to destroy spirituality and how the restoration of spirituality is a major component of rehabilitation.

Antonio Martinez—Ph.D.; Coordinator, Marjorie Kouler Center for the treatment of survivors of torture; international consultant on treatment of survivors and cross-cultural issues.

2:00 PM-3:30 PM Montrose Wing #5

"Spiritual Politics"

Professor Corinne McLaughlin; Gordon Davidson

The hidden causes of world events can be discovered by shifting our perception from outer forms and activities to the inner, causal level—the spiritual dimension of politics. The interplay of human and Divine consciousness creates the social reality we see, according to the Ageless Wisdom. This workshop will explore current events, such as environmental crises, as the out-working of inner forces and collective karma.

Professor Corinne McLaughlin—co-author of *Spiritual Politics: Social Change for the Millennium*; and *Builders of the Dawn*; and co-founder of Sirius Community, an ecological village in Massachusetts; currently teaches Transformational Politics at American University in Washington, D.C.

Gordon Davidson—co-author of *Spiritual Politics: Social Change for the Millennium*, a metaphysical perspective on world events, and *Builders of the Dawn*, an overview of new age communities today; co-founder of Sirius Community in Massachusetts and The Sirius School of Spiritual Science, and Fellow of the Findhorn Foundation; has taught at American University in Washington, D.C., the University of Massachusetts, and Boston College, and has been featured in interviews with *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Boston Globe* and the NBC Today show.

2:00 PM-3:30 PM Parlor C

"Worldwide Religious Freedom: Current and Future International Agreements"

James S. Mulholland, Jr.

Seminar/report on the United Nations World Conference on Human Rights, held in Vienna in June of 1993. Dr. Mulholland, Chair of the U.N. NGO Subcommittee on Freedom of Religion or Belief, and chair of the World Conference Vienna meeting, will lead this seminar. What religious leaders can and ought to do to influence the worldwide climate for religious freedom.

2:00 PM-3:30 PM Parlor G

"Muslims and 'Western Media': Part II"

Nazir Khawaja; Ahmedullah Siddiqi; Amir Abdul Haleem;

Abdul Malick Mujahid; Ayad Madani

Nazir Khawaja—Executive Producer, Islamic Information Service, Los Angeles, California.

Ahmedullah Siddiqi—Professor of Mass Communications, Western University, Malcolmb, Illinois.

Amir Abdul Haleem—Editor, *Islamic Horizon*.

Abdul Malick Mujahid—Director, Sound Vision, Chicago, Illinois.

Ayad Madani—Managing Editor, *Saudi Gazette*, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

2:00 PM-3:30 PM Pool Promenade

"Buddhist & Taoist Exercise for Longevity and Health—Meditation and Qigong Healing"

Yu Cheng Huang; Robert Poile; Russell Berkman; David Cohen

This demonstration will include a variety of Buddhist and Taoist exercises which will illustrate the therapeutic and beneficial aspects of internal and external meditation techniques. Segments of the demonstration will focus on Qigong Meditation, *Tai Chi Chuan* (frequently termed "meditation in motion"), *Shaolin Kung Fu*, and *PaGau Chang*. These demonstrations will focus on the presence, gathering, and movement of Qi and its relationship to the human body and mind.

Yu Cheng Huang—Doctor of Traditional Chinese Medicine specializing in Qigong, Herbal Medicine and Acupuncture; 31st generation descendent from the Shaolin Temple in China and holds the rank of "master" in Chinese Martial Arts including Tai Chi and Kung-Fu.

2:00 PM-3:00 PM Sandburg Wing #1

"Taoism and Women's Issues"

Karen Laughlin

This seminar will explore the inter-relationships between Taoism and contemporary women's issues. A look at the history of women's place and participation in Taoism will establish a context for understanding those philosophical principles of Taoism which anticipate and speak to contemporary women's movements. Although it is a very ancient tradition, Taoism has much to say to modern women and men, and may even offer ways to work through some of the obstacles that have stood in the way of achieving feminist goals.

Karen Laughlin—Associate Professor of English and Humanities at Florida State University; teaches courses in Women's studies, feminist theory, and modern literature; has been studying the Taoist arts with Earlier Heaven Wu-chi sect master Mr. Moy Lin-shin since 1976; was initiated into this sect in 1981; lecturer and member of the Translation Committee for the Fung Loy Kok Institute of Taoism.

2:00 PM-3:30 PM Sandburg Wing #2

"Seeding the Spiritual Life"

Ted Tollefson; Kristin Tollefson; Stephen Larsen; Robin Larsen;

Gerry Armstrong

The role of mythological education in nurturing the spiritual terrain for the coming generations will be discussed in this presentation.

Ted Tollefson—Co-founder of Mythos Institute.

Kristin Tollefson—Co-founder of Mythos Institute.

Stephen Larsen—Co-author of *A Fire in the Mind: The Life of Joseph Campbell*.

Robin Larsen—Co-author of *A Fire in the Mind: The Life of Joseph Campbell*.

2:00 PM-3:00 PM Sandburg Wing #3

"Religion and Women's Fundamental Rights"

Dolly Dastoor

Explores the influence of Religion on fundamental rights of women. Does religion protect women's fundamental rights?

Dolly Dastoor—former president of the Zoroastrian Association of Quebec; secretary of the Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America (FEZANA).

2:00 PM–3:00 PM Sandburg Wing #4

"Business Ethics"

Dr. Dennis McCann

This seminar will examine the many-faceted challenge of ethical business practice. Special attention will be paid to the insights that global and cross-cultural markets are bringing to the ethical discussion.

Dr. Dennis McCann—Professor of Ethics at DePaul University, Chicago.

2:00 PM–2:30 PM Sandburg Wing #5

"The Role of Women in the Jain Religion"

Dr. Kumarpal Desai

The Jain religion has provided a place of pride to women, since a religion devoted to the equality of all naturally sees men and women as on an equal footing. In addition to the liberation of woman, the Jain tradition has also given careful attention to the highest aspect of her achievement—her spiritual advancement. In the fields of religion, politics, and art, the contributions of Pahinidevi, Shridevi, Arupamadevi, Champa Shrivika, and Nun Pavani are remarkable indeed.

Dr. Kumarpal Desai—renowned sports columnist; author of numerous books; scholar of Jain philosophy and religion; trustee and officer for several Jain trusts.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Sandburg Wing #6

"The Journey from Fanaticism and Fundamentalism to Freedom"

James Kavanaugh, Ph.D.

The presenter traces his spiritual path from a stern, distant Father God, through rigid revelation and law, to the Spirit of God within. He sees this same dynamic in most religions that proclaim ancient orthodoxy rather than the "God of a Thousand Faces," Who can lead us from fear and egotism to freedom and mysticism. Highlighting his thought with his poetry, he addresses a common spiritual core with clarity and humor. The late Dr. Carl Rogers said of Kavanaugh, "In an earlier day, he would have been burned at the stake."

James Kavanaugh, Ph.D.—Former Catholic priest; author of thirty works of prose and poetry including, *A Modern Priest Looks at his Outdated Church*; *There are Men Too Gentle to Live Among Wolves*; and *GOD LIVES! Beyond Myth and Traditional Religion*; lectures, workshops and poetry readings, worldwide.

2:45 PM–3:30 PM LaSalle Wing #1

"Hinduism and Tolerance"

Prof. SS Rama Rao Pappu; Prof. Mahesh Mehta;

Prof. Arvind Sharma

This workshop will consist of three short presentations which examine tolerance in Hinduism from different perspectives, dealing with such questions as "Why is Hinduism tolerant internally and externally?" Ancient and modern, Indian and Western thinkers have repeatedly described Hinduism as a highly tolerant religion, both within and without. Hinduism is considered tolerant "within", because it did not decry non-conformism and heretics were not sent to torturer's racks. Its tolerance "without" is also testified ever since the first century A.D. when Jews fled the persecution of Romans and came to India. Likewise, during the fourth century A.D., several Christians who came to Kerala to escape persecution from the Persian emperor were received with open arms. Prof. SS Rama Rao Pappu: "Hinduism and Tolerance—Philosophical Foundations"; Prof. Mahesh Mehta: "Hinduism and Tolerance—Religious Foundations."

Prof. SS Rama Rao Pappu—teaches at Miami University in Ohio; organized conference on Vivekananda Centenary and Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Centenary.

Prof. Mahesh Mehta—teaches at University of Windsor.

Prof. Arvind Sharma—teaches at McGill University.

4:00 PM–4:30 PM Burnham Wing #1

"The Microcosm"

Dr. Kapila Castoldi

Workshop will be in lecture form discussing the history of physics and discussing the need for a dynamic interplay between mystical intuition and scientific analysis.

Dr. Kapila Castoldi—researcher in Experimental High Energy Physics at the Fermi National Accelerator Lab in Chicago for the past 12 years; student of Sri Chinmoy for the past seven years.

4:00 PM–5:00 PM Burnham Wing #2

"Return to the Sacred Planet: Growing Green Spirituality"

Kerry Brown

Lecture and audience discussion exploring one of the most important and underestimated socio-religious developments in recent decades—the entry of the world's religions into the environmental movement. This lecture will address the work of the Worldwide Fund for Nature since the 1986 launch of its Network for Conservation and Religion, to which eight world religions now belong. It will also draw on the experiences of two initiatives which grew out of the Network: the Sacred Earth Drama Trust and the International Sacred Literature Trust. What are the changes and challenges facing both secular conservationists and the religious traditions as they attempt to create a movement which can reach the roots of the environmental crisis—the crisis of the human spirit?

Kerry Brown—Director of the International Sacred Literature Trust; religious consultant, World Wide Fund for Nature; author of *The Singing Planet: World Music and the Environment*; editor of several works, including, *Buddhism and Ecology*.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Burnham Wing #4

"Natural Resources and Persecution of Native Lands"

Susan Shown Harjo; Oren Lyons; Thomas Banyacya;

Gaiashkibos; Thomas Yellowtail

The presenters will speak of the effect the stripping of natural resources on Native land. Each member will discuss what his or her tribe has done to develop ecological programs to counteract the ill effects.

Susan Shown Harjo—Cheyenne/Hodulgee Muscogee, President and Director of Morning Star Foundation, Vice President of Native's Children Survival, Poet, Writer, Mother.

Oren Lyons—Onondaga Faith Keeper, New York.

Thomas Banyacya—Hopi, Traditional Spiritual Leader, Interpreter of Hopi prophecies.

Gaiashkibos—Anishinabe, President of the National Congress of American Indians.

Thomas Yellowtail—Crow Nation Religious Leader, Montana.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Burnham Wing #5

"Theosophy and the Critical Issues—Part III: Science, Technology, and Human Values"

Joe Martin; Mark Davidson

This workshop consists of an introductory presentation to stimulate audience discussion on the relationship of consciousness and matter, creation and evolution, as well as ethical issues concerning artificial prolongation of life, abortion, euthanasia, animal rights, etc.

Joe Martin—lecturer; Associate of the United Lodge of Theosophists, Los Angeles; general contractor/builder.

Mark Davidson—staff member, The Theosophical Society, International Headquarters, Pasadena, California.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Clark Wing #1

“World Scriptures:

Learning from Other Traditions—Part II”

Sulayman Nyang; Rev. Dr. Kananke Dhammadinna; Dr. Cliff Edwards; Dr. Whalen Lai

This session includes the following contributions: “Buddhist Scriptures for Other Faiths,” Rev. Dr. Kananke Dhammadinna; “Japanese Buddhism and Other Faiths,” Dr. Cliff Edwards; “Confucian Teachings for Other Faiths,” Dr. Whalen Lai.

Sulayman Nyang—Chairman of the African Studies Department, Howard University; President, Association of Muslim Social Scientists of America; President, Center for American-Muslim Research and Information.

Rev. Dr. Kananke Dhammadinna—President, International Cultural and Peace Promotional Foundation, Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Dr. Cliff Edwards—Professor of Religion, Virginia Commonwealth University and Member, Buddhist-Christian Dialogue Conference

Dr. Whalen Lai—Department of Religion, University of California, Davis.

4:00 PM–5:00 PM Clark Wing #2

“The Development of a Religious Subsystem Preference Inventory to Facilitate Interfaith Group Discussion”

Allan L. Ward, Ph.D.

Dealing with religious organizations as systems, their various components may be viewed as subsystems. Group discussions among participants of differing paradigms can be unmanageable at the whole-system level, but at the subsystem level, manageable units of information can be considered and explored. This workshop describes the development of the Religious Subsystem Preference Inventory, provides the opportunity for participants to experience it, review the results, and shows how it can facilitate interfaith discussion, understanding, and cooperation.

Allan L. Ward, Ph.D.—Professor of Speech Communication at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock; application of study has included business, education, government, religious, international, and social organizations.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Clark Wing #3

“Inclusive Christianity and Community Churches: Moving Beyond Denominational Differences”

Larry A. McClellen

A review of the diversity of congregations in the inter-racial International Council of Community Churches as a model for “Inclusive Christianity.” An exploration with those in attendance of the emergence of churches that are inclusive, ecumenical, and open to the diversity of the world’s wisdom traditions. We are in the midst of the next great Christian Reformation, the coming of the third (or fourth?) form of Christianity, and we need to see it, name it, celebrate it.

Larry A. McClellen—Immediate Past President of the International Council of Community Churches and Senior Pastor of St. Paul Community Church, Homewood, Illinois; writer; former Village Mayor in Illinois; Professor of Sociology and Community Studies at Governor’s State University in Illinois.

4:00 PM–5:00 PM Clark Wing #5

“Absolute Respect: The Swedenborgian Theology of Charles Bonney”

George F. Dole

An examination of the Swedenborgian theology of Charles Bonney, one of the principle organizers of the 1893 World’s Parliament of

Religions: his social activism, wide-ranging intellectual curiosity, and his combination of an intensely Christian faith with the conviction that other faiths were not merely “tolerable” but essential to global well-being. The discussion will be set in the context of turn-of-the-century optimism and will also note Bonney’s unsuccessful efforts to enlarge on the accomplishments of the 1893 event.

George F. Dole—Professor of Bible, Languages, and Theology, Swedenborg School of Religion, Newton, Massachusetts.

4:00 PM–5:00 PM Clark Wing #7

“Unity Among Buddhists: Amity Among Religions”

Ven. Dr. Havanapola Ratanasara

Part biography, part current events, “Unity” traces 50 years’ work by Ven. Dr. Havanapola Ratanasara and his colleagues to promote pluralism in both hemispheres. Shot on location in Sri Lanka and Los Angeles, the film shows places and moments never seen before by television viewers, including American Buddhist temples that played pivotal roles as the great Asian migration of the past 20 years changed the face of American pluralism.

4:00 PM–5:00 PM Clark Wing #8

“Reflections on Religion’s Failure to Promote Harmony”

Jamshed Modi

This presentation explores rigidity, attitudes, and failures of responsibility at important levels of society.

Jamshed Modi—one of the original members of the Zoroastrian Association of Chicago; recently retired, after years of service with Motorola, Inc.; currently performing consulting work in Chicago.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Clark Wing #9

“Evolutionary and Ecological Consciousness in Sikh Religion”

Dr. Karamjit S. Rai; Ms. Sahib Kaur

Guru Nanak, the founder of Sikhism, explained more than 500 years back that the universe had its origin in a singular act, and that it evolved into its present form. By definition, ecology is the balance, or coming to terms between the individual and one’s environment. The entire creation including our minds and thoughts constitute our environment and we interact with it every breath of our existence. The Sikh scriptures dwell on understanding such interaction for the conscious realization of inner peace of the spirit and its unity with the Creator through harmony with His creation, our environment. This presentation will discuss the Sikh concept of the origin of the universe and the appreciation of the inter-connectedness and unity between the individual self and one’s environment, the so-called Kudrit, as a means of attaining higher consciousness and thereby realization of God. (Moderator: Dr. Jasbir Kaur)

Dr. Karamjit S. Rai—Ph.D. in Botany 1960, University of Chicago; Professor at the University of Notre Dame; Consultant: United Nations, WHO.

Ms. Sahib Kaur—author, *Sikh Thought*; educator.

4:00 PM–5:00 PM Clark Wing #10

“Popular Religiosity in Chicago”

Ethnic Ministry Staff

A narrative exploration of the customs and practices of the many ethnic and cultural groups in Metro Chicago. A tour of popular as opposed to official religion. Shrines, devotions, home, and family religious practices make up this colorful presentation.

Presentation by Ethnic Ministry Staff.

Krestyna Zambrzycki—European American Consultant, Archdiocesan Office of Ethnic Ministries; ministers to 12 different European-American ethnic groups present in the Archdiocese; active partici-

part in Catholic/Jewish and Catholic/Polish Dialogue.
Sheila Adams—African American Consultant, Archdiocesan Office of Ethnic Ministries; serves her parish, Our Lady Gate of Heaven as lay minister in liturgy and music; Region VII and VIII Coordinator, National Black Catholic Congress of the NABCA; former Chair, Bishop's National Advisory Council.

Sr. Dominga M. Zapata—native of Puerto Rico; member, Society of Helpers; Hispanic and Native American Consultant, Archdiocese of Chicago; doctoral candidate, University of Salamanca, Spain.

Teresita L. Nuval—R.N.; M.A.; Assian American Consultant, office of Ethnic Ministries, Archdiocese of Chicago; former Director, Office for the Filipino Apostolate; coordinates four Asian Centers, the Indo-Chinese Center, the Chinese Center and two Korean Centers, in the area of organizational and program Development.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Dearborn Wing #2

"Spirituality, Healing, and AIDS"

Reverend Aaron Zerah: Panelists: Teriananda; James Hicks; Arthur Shatluck.

Several panel members, many of whom are HIV positive, or who have been diagnosed with AIDS, will discuss the importance and significance of spiritual beliefs and attitudes in maintaining and building healthy lives. A brief history of religious attitudes towards health, homosexuality, and compassion for the sick, will be part of this program.

Reverend Aaron Zerah—grew up in a "small business" family and has been engaged in entrepreneurial pursuits for 20 years; interfaith minister and teacher, with an extensive background in philosophy, economics, alternative healing and religious scripture; current ministry is the business community; serves as a Board Member of Food for All, a California based organization working to end world hunger, and does research and consultation for Threshold Enterprises, a dietary supplement manufacturer and distributor.

Panelists include:

Teriananda—works with Act-Up in New York; life-long interest in Native American and Buddhist teachings.

James Hicks—HIV+, diagnosed with AIDS, devoted to the understanding of healing on all levels.

Arthur Shatluck—acupuncturist and Chinese herbalist; student of spiritually based medical practice; runs Chicago clinic, treating AIDS patients.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM LaSalle Wing #1

"Astrology; The Sacred Science"

Joan Kellogg

This workshop will feature a historic perspective on the development of astrology and the practical applications both ancient and modern. We will discuss the pastoral, psychological, and healing settings including its relationship to eastern and western medicine and natural healing techniques.

Joan Kellogg—M.A.; Co-founder and co-director of Mary's Place, a healing center offering traditional and natural healing therapies; has served as a hospice bereavement counselor, and is in private practice as a grief therapist and counseling astrologer.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM LaSalle Wing #2

"Sacred Stories: The Relationship of Creativity and Spirituality"

Anne A. Simpkinson

This workshop explores the elements that make stories sacred, and the renaissance of storytelling in the U.S. Sacred stories will be shared, both by the presenter and within the group.

Anne A. Simpkinson—Editor, *Common Boundary* magazine; with her husband, Charles Simpkinson, edited an anthology about Sacred Stories which will be published by Harper San Francisco this fall.

2:00 PM–3:00 PM LaSalle Wing #3

"Divine Love Meditation"

Sushree Meera Devi; Sushree Hari Dasi

This presentation will focus on divine love meditation as revealed by the tradition of the Rasik Masters of Vrindaban,

India, and offer a clarification of the path to attaining God's love and an explanation of the science of devotion and grace.

Includes traditional chanting meditation, song, and an explanation of passages from Vedic Scriptures in the original Sanskrit.

Sushree Meera Devi—sannyasi teacher; vice-president of the International Society of Divine Love; disciple of His Divinity Swami Prakashanand Saraswati; after many years of devotion and study in India under the direct guidance of Shree Swami Ji, the first Western woman to receive Vaishnav sanyas in the tradition of Raganuga bhakti; lectures extensively in India, New Zealand, Canada, and the United States on the philosophy of divine love.

Sushree Hari Dasi—sannyasi teacher, International Society of Divine Love.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM LaSalle #3

"Bhakti Yoga (Divine Love Meditation): Longing for the Divine Beloved"

Sushree Meera Devi; Sushree Hari Dasi

The ultimate goal of the soul is to receive the unlimited love of God. The supreme sweetness of Divine love has been described by the Vrindaban tradition of spiritual masters and the sacred Vedic scriptures of India. This workshop will explore the practical aspects of selfless devotion to the personal form of God and the attainment of Divine love. The devotional meaning of key verses from Vedic scriptures will be explained. Chanting meditations will be taught to gently inspire feelings of love for God.

Sushree Meera Devi—sannyasi teacher; Vice-president, International Society of Divine Love; disciple of His Divinity Swami Prakashanand Saraswati; first western woman to receive Vaishnav sannyasi in the tradition of Raganuga bhakti; lectures extensively around the world.

Sushree Hari Dasi—sannyasi teacher, International Society of Divine Love.

4:00 PM–5:00 PM LaSalle Wing #4

"Spiritual Initiation: Gateways to Transcendent Consciousness"

Rev. Dr. Barbara O'Guinn Condron

From near-death experiences to precognitive dreams, from meditative peace to visionary ecstasy, by learning to acknowledge the mysticism in our lives we can begin to unfold our consciousness to include our Creator and all of creation. These experiences are described as spiritual initiations—steps in awareness which open our minds and hearts to greater understanding of who we are and why we exist. A vision of the unfolding inner creative consciousness, as lived and taught by the world's masters of spirituality for thousands of years.

Rev. Dr. Barbara O'Guinn Condron—Chair, Board of Directors, School of Metaphysics and International Church of Metaphysics; author of seven books, including *Kundalini Rising: Mastering Creative Energies*; ordained minister in ICOM; professor of metaphysics and spiritual disciplines for almost two decades.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Montrose Wing #1

"World Vision 2000: The Vision of Wholeness for the 21st Century"

Dr. Mahesh J. Mehta

Centuries of experimentation in all fields of knowledge lead us to believe that solutions to current problems facing the human community lie in the integral or holistic approach to life. This program explores the need for a paradigm shift in our current fragmentary world view.

Dr. Mahesh J. Mehta—President, Vishwa Hindu Parishad of America; Chair, World Vision 2000 programs;

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Montrose Wing #2

"The Meaning of the Land: The Mayan Cosmivision"

Juanita Batzibal; Daniel Matul Morales

To the Maya people, the land plays a role which goes far beyond economics. The Maya vision of the world and life is rooted in the land: it

is the basis of the philosophy, religion, and science of the Maya people.

- Juanita Batzibal—Maya Kakchikel; anthropologist; President, International Maya League; has toured extensively in the U.S. and Europe, lecturing about Maya culture.
 Daniel Matul Morales—Maya Kiché; Doctor in Judicial and Social Sciences; Master in Public Administration; author of numerous articles about the Mayas and Guatemalan society; member, International Maya League.

4:00 PM–5:00 PM Montrose Wing #3

“Let the Dogs Bark—The Caravan Moves On”

Paul Cash

In the context of interpreting Vivekananda's remark, “Let the dogs bark, the caravan moves on,” this presentation explores what can be learned from the observation that the Dalai Lama has become a notable exception to the way spiritual leaders are generally treated by western professional media. What does this tell us about the future for the interface of authentic spirituality and a trans-sectarian audience? The roles of dedicated (to a viewpoint), so-called impartial, commercial and non-profit media will be contested in asking the question: How can the increasing secularization and cynicism promoted by western media now serve the interest of the creative spiritual outlook?

Paul Cash—Director of Larson Publications; editor-in-chief, *The Notebooks of Paul Brunton*; MacKenna transl., *Plotinus: The Enneads*; Rumi's *Diwan-i Kibir*.

4:00 PM–5:00 PM Montrose Wing #4

“How to Revive the American Economy”

Dr. Ravi Batra

Dr. Ravi Batra—M.A., Delhi School of Economics; Ph.D., Economics, Southern Illinois University; Professor of Economics, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas; author, *The Great Depression of 1990*; and *Surviving the Great Depression of 1990*.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Montrose Wing #5

“Spiritual Economics: An Economic Paradigm to Save a Materially Exhausted Planet”

Dhaneshvara Das

Lecture will suggest new ways of thinking about economic problems, rethink fundamental economic concepts, and define “spiritual economics” and how its aims can be achieved.

Dhaneshvara Das—Director of Vaishnava Community Development aka Don Rouse B.S., M.S., has studied Vedic philosophy for twenty years as a disciple of his Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami, and has studied economics for twelve years.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Parlor A

“The World's Oldest Oppression—Women in Prostitution”

Edwina Gateley

In this workshop we will explore the causes and consequences of prostitution. We will hear stories of how women get involved in prostitution and what can be done to walk with them in the journey towards healing and wholeness. We will experience the despair and the dreams of these most misunderstood and abused women.

Edwina Gateley—Catholic lay minister, writer, poet and artist; founded the Volunteer Missionary Movement, which has sent over 1000 men and women to serve in developing countries; founded Genesis House in Chicago, which serves women in prostitution; has worked with women in prostitution for ten years and is currently engaged in giving talks and retreats, and in advocacy for women throughout the United States and Britain.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Parlor B

“Native Women's Wisdom—Our Spiritual Paths”

Omie Baldwin; Pemina Yellow Bird; Jo Ann Jones; Alice Yazzie;

Carol Ann Looking Horse; Patricia Locke

Native women, true to their cultural heritage, share their wisdom and address the issue of spiritual theft for profit and fame. (Our spiritual path cannot be sold.)

Omie Baldwin—Navajo, MSW Counseling and Consultation Center, Univ. of Wisconsin.

Pemina Yellow Bird—Three Affiliated Tribes, Lecturer, Writer, Advocate for Native American Reburial issues.

Jo Ann Jones—Wisconsin Winnebago, Wisconsin Winnebago Tribal Chairwoman, Lawyer.

Alice Yazzie—Navajo, Traditional woman living on the reservation.

Carol Ann Looking Horse—Lakota.
 Patricia Locke—Standing Rock Sioux and Minnesota Chippewa; educator; National coordinator of the Coalition for the amendments to the American Indian Religious Freedom Act.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Parlor G

“Africana Spirituality Symposium: Rituals in Revolution—Revelations in Resonance”

Hunter Adams III; Phil Cohran; Rosalind Jeffries; James Small; Dr. Jacob Carruthers; Dr. Amina Wadud

This symposium explores the inner life's expression, evolution and elevation by examining the dynamics between art, astronomy, music, myth, life, land, woman and man, from the earliest members of the human family, the Zini of east Africa, to that of the ancient Egyptians and its resonances in the diverse religious traditions across the African continent and beyond. It gives fresh insights towards addressing the challenging issues of today to transform disorder into order for the possibility of achieving higher levels of harmonious human social life.

Hunter Adams III—Scientist/philosopher/consultant, Lifeways Sciences Institute, Chicago, IL

Phil Cohran—Composer/musician/scholar, Zulu Productions, Chicago, IL

Rosalind Jeffries—Adjunct Asst. Prof. in the Dept. of Art and African-American Studies at Jersey City State College; internationally recognized as an art historian and scholar; serves as consultant to numerous schools and museums across the U.S.; featured lecturer at N.Y. Metro. Museum of Art, Bergen England of Art & Science (NJ), New England Quilt Museum (MA), Harlem School of the Arts, Howard Univ., and others; served as a Juror of Exhibitions at various galleries all over the world on the UN Hospitality Committee hosting international artists, heads of states, and other government dignitaries.

James Small—Adjunct Lecturer at the City College of N.Y.; president of the P.T.A. Resurrection Catholic School, V.P. of the Organization for African People's Participation in Tech.; former Minister of Muslim Mosque, Inc. founded by Malcolm X; has served as Exec. Dir. of the Institute for Youth sponsored by the Assoc. for the Study of Classical African Civilization; featured writer for numerous national publications inc. *Essence Mag*, *The National Soc. of Black Engineers Mag*; and *NOISE* (Japanese Mag); frequent guest on national radio and tv including Geraldo Rivera, Tony Brown's Journal, CNBC Cable, People are Talking; currently has distinguished honor of holding a “Linguist Staff” with the CA community of Accara, Ghana.

Dr. Jacob Carruthers—Author, Egyptologist; prof. of Inner City Studies, Northeastern IL University; Director of the Kemetic Institute, Chicago, IL.

Dr. Amina Wadud—Koranic scholar/feminist; Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Pool Promenade

“Yoga: Here and Now”

Suddha Weixler

A demonstration of Yoga poses in flow will be followed by a workshop exploring the interdependence of body, breath and mind. Breath awareness and deep relaxation are introduced for their rejuvenating effect.

Suddha Weixler—Director of the N.U. Yoga Center of Chicago; head Instructor of Hatha Yoga at the University of Chicago, and a faculty member at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM PDR #5

"The Spiritual Dimensions of Globalization"

Sally J. Walton

Spirituality is a human orientation underlying cultural values and behaviors. In this seminar we will examine spirituality in cultural context, exploring different viewpoints from various societies and value systems as a tool for visioning the future of our world.

Sally J. Walton—has 12 years international experience; currently a consultant in globalization strategies and multicultural workforce issues for corporations, government, and organizations.

4:00 PM–6:00 PM Sandburg Wing #1

"A Pilgrim's Portrait of Blessed Women"

Laryl Fett

Based on the presenter's photo documentation, this lecture with slides will describe her pilgrimage among known and not well known women spiritual healers, mentors, and leaders.

Presentation is followed by participation and sharing by the group, of their own experience with women spiritual healers; concluding with a ceremony celebrating women of spirit.

Laryl Fett—Co-Founder/Director with Rev. Frederick Potter of "For All Season's" seminary at "Comes the Season Life Sanctuary" in NW Indiana; author of the forthcoming book, *A Pilgrim's Portrait of Blessed Women*.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Sandburg Wing #2

"Mini-Cities Throughout the World: Models for a New Society"

Jo-Ellen Karstens

Members of the Focolare in the United States will present the movement's 15 mini-cities throughout the world through slides, video excerpts, and a brief history of their development and cultural characteristics. These little cities have blossomed in all continents since 1964 as a model of how modern society could ideally function with Christian mutual love as a basis. They range in size from 50 to 800 inhabitants, including families and persons of all ages, cultures and religious traditions, and they are sustained by economically viable manufacturing and agricultural enterprises.

Jo-Ellen Karstens—member of the Focolare Movement, a Catholic movement founded by Chiara Lubich (1977 recipient of the Templeton Prize) and present in 186 countries.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Sandburg Wing #3

"Spiritual Communities Today and Tomorrow"

Gordon Davidson; Professor Corinne McLaughlin

This talk will explore the benefits and challenges of spiritual community living, and the innovative ideas being pioneered by these community "research and development centers" for both personal and social change. New community approaches to social problems will be discussed, including group attunement and meditative decision making, conflict resolution techniques, worker owned businesses, sustainable agriculture and ecological architecture. Examples will be given from the Findhorn and Sirius communities of how real people have benefitted from a deep exploration of the dynamic dance between the individual and the collective.

Gordon Davidson—co-author of *Spiritual Politics: Social Change for the Millennium*, a metaphysical perspective on world events, and *Builders of the Dawn*, an overview of new age communities today; co-founder of Sirius Community in Massachusetts and The Sirius School of Spiritual Science, and Fellow of the Findhorn Foundation; has taught at American University in Washington, D.C., the University of Massachusetts, and Boston College, and has been featured in interviews with *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Boston Globe* and the NBC Today show.

Professor Corinne McLaughlin—co-author of *Spiritual Politics: Social Change for the Millennium*; and *Builders of the Dawn*; and co-founder of Sirius Community, an ecological village in Massachusetts; currently teaches Transformational Politics at American University in Washington, D.C.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Sandburg Wing #4

"Spiritual Democracy: A Key to Personal Transformation and Global Change"

Arthur Stein

This talk/participatory workshop develops two new concepts: spiritual democracy and the democratization of spirituality, as links to the experience of peace within ourselves and to the building of peace across the planet. We will explore insightful ways of understanding the mystic core of the world's great religious and spiritual traditions, and of making these oft-hidden treasures accessible to inquiring people everywhere. Therein may lie the key to personal and global awakening.

Arthur Stein—Ph.D., Woodrow Wilson Fellow in International Relations from the University of Pennsylvania in 1965; post-doctorate in South Asian Studies and later a Scholar in Residence at the University of California in Berkeley; studies abroad included a Fulbright Fellowship at the University of Melbourne, Australia; has studied, traveled or lectured abroad in over 50 countries including a dozen visits to the Indian subcontinent.

4:00 PM–5:00 PM Sandburg Wing #5

"Human Life at the Margin—Women and Feminine Dignity"

Mary A. Hallan

A seminar on the critical issue of the marginalization of women. Particular attention will be paid to the elderly woman, the mother, children and babies. This will be an opportunity to hear voices of women who are not heard elsewhere.

Mary A. Hallan—director of Respect Life Activities for the Archdiocese of Chicago; Doctor of Jurisprudence degree, DePaul University.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Sandburg Wing #6

"Spirituality, Socialization and Sexuality of Girls 9–15"

Gretchen Buenger Leppke; Barbara Meier Barkony; Jody Gardner; Donna Goetz; Kathy Dickens Wager

Designed from survey and study on the spiritual development of girls, aged nine to fifteen, this workshop explores the issue from the standpoint of socialization and sexuality. Along with encouraging self-esteem in young women, does the development of a spiritual sense offer new ways for Christian women to "image" God?

Gretchen Leppke—Women of Faith Resource Center, Evanston, Illinois; member, Program Committee, Council for Parliament of the World's Religions.

Barbara Meier Barkony—A.B. Psychology, Univ. of Michigan; N.A. Education Administration, Case Western; on staff of the Ecumenical Institute in Chicago; on Women of Faith Board.

Jody Gardner—M.A. Religious Studies, Mundelein College, Chicago; PhD candidate in Education and Women's Studies, Union Institute, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Donna Goetz—PhD in Psychology, Wheaton College; Professor of Psychology, Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, IL.

Kathy Dickens Wager—M.A. Counseling and Pastoral Studies, Loyola University, Chicago; training in Spiritual Companionship and Shamanic Studies.

4:45 PM–5:30 PM Burnham Wing #1

"Jain Legends in Art and Rituals"

Dr. Saryu Doshi

Jainism, one of the oldest religions of India, has bequeathed a rich artistic legacy to its adherents. Its myths and legends have found expression in paintings, in ancient sacred texts written on palm-leaf or paper, in metal images, and—above all—in temple sculptures executed in stone or wood. This talk will describe some of the legends of the Tirthankaras and show their interpretations in art. It will interweave the rituals connected with these

legends and their practice by Jain clergy and laity today.

Dr. Saryu Doshi—well known curator of Jain Architecture, specializing in Indian miniature painting; post-doctoral studies, University of Chicago; Visiting Professor, University of Michigan (1976) and University of California (1979); Editor (1980-83), Marg Publications, Bombay; author of 3 books and editor of several others.

10:00 PM–11:00 PM Clark Wing #6

“Guru Nanak’s Message for Humanity”

Dr. Balwant Singh; Dr. Kirpal Singh

Guru Nanak’s message is universal for humankind, as Guru Nanak treats all human beings as equal because they come from the same light. Guru Nanak made use of all the philosophical streams of thought as had advanced into his time and defined God in different terms. His principles eliminated the need of gods and rituals. His was a balanced approach: a mind free from prejudice and personal ego, and the ability to differentiate between good and bad—essential qualities to the generation of love, compassion, and truthfulness. (Moderator: Dr. Satwant K. Dhamoon)

Dr. Balwant Singh—M.A., Economics and Statistics, Panjab, Delhi, and Pennsylvania Universities; Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania; Professor of Management, Bucknell University, 1967, 1969-93; recipient, Burma Bowl Award for International Understanding.

Dr. Kirpal Singh—M.D.; Board Certified Psychiatrist; Medical Director, Mental Health Center of Mid-Iowa, Marshalltown, Iowa; Founding Member and Ex-President, Midwest Sikh Association, Kansas City; Founding Member, Iowa Sikh Association, Des Moines, and Sikhs Serving America, Topeka, Kansas.



10:00 AM–11:00 AM Burnham Wing #1

"An Experiment in Ecumenical Architecture: the Vivekananda Rock Memorial"

Dr. Michael D. Rabe

On Christmas day, eight months before the first Parliament of Religions, Swami Vivekananda swam out to rocks just offshore from the southern tip of India, and there received his vision to go West. Seventy years later, on the eve of Vivekananda's birth centenary, planning was inaugurated for commemorative structures at the site that would boldly integrate several disparate traditions of sacred architecture. As designed by Sthapati S.K. Achari, the resultant pair of buildings and surrounding precincts, constitute a fitting visualization of what Vivekananda called "Hinduism—a Universal Religion."

Dr. Michael D. Rabe—son of Protestant missionaries; raised in an ecumenical community in South India; undergraduate studies in philosophy at Houghton College and Benares Hindu University; doctorate in South Asian Art History at the University of Minnesota; presently an Associate Professor of Art History at Saint Xavier University and an Adjunct South Asia specialist on the faculty of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago; has recently completed a monograph on the famous Great Bas-relief at Mamallapuram, known alternatively as Arjuna's Penance or the Descent of the Ganges.

10:00 AM—11:00 AM Burnham Wing #2

"Ecology as a Woman's Concern"

Ms. Pat Smuck

A joint program of the National Council of Women and the Wildlife Foundation.

Ms. Pat Smuck—Catholic laywoman; member, National Council of Catholic women; one of the planners of the Marian Dialogue, a year-long joint program between Catholics and Episcopalians in Chicago.

10:00 AM–11:30 AM Burnham Wing #4

"Dialogue with Baba Virsa Singh: Transforming Agriculture and Community"

Baba Virsa Singh

An opportunity for open dialogue with Baba Virsa Singh, drawing on his 30 years of practical experience in inspiring people of all faiths and all sectors of society to work together voluntarily, out of love for God, transforming thousands of acres of barren wastelands into extraordinarily productive croplands for the sake of the hardworking poor. Hopeless people who have been rejected by society are also restored to productive life.

Baba Virsa Singh—Gobind Sadan, India; spiritual leader from the Sikh tradition; blessed since childhood with an intense love of God; he teaches while working in the fields, empowering all who meet him—from international scientists and religious scholars, to the very poor—to overcome otherwise intractable social problems.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Burnham Wing #5

"Creating an Interfaith Environmental Action Coalition—How to Get Started"

Elizabeth U. Dyson, MBA

Presentation and facilitated participatory discussion, begins with sharing experience of the Minnesota group in developing a coalition, planning conferences, and sustaining ecology core groups within faith communities. Models from Seattle, Washington, and Geneva, Illinois, will also be considered. Participants will then be led through the process of creating a vision of what they want on behalf of their environment, and how this can be enhanced by their interfaith groups. Finally, strategies for taking "first steps" to actualize this vision will be brought forth. The results of this work as a group will

be mailed to participants within a week (for mailing cost).

Elizabeth U. Dyson, MBA—President of the North American Conference on Christianity and Ecology (NACCE), and editor of the NACCE newsletter, *Earthkeeping News*; co-founder of the Minnesota Interfaith Ecology Coalition (MIEC); has worked with churches and community groups for the past 25 years, using participatory methods in organizing and problem solving; has lived in India, Iran, Lebanon, Germany and several U.S. cities.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Clark Wing #1

"World Scriptures: Learning from Other Traditions—Part III"

Hon. Voyce Durling-Jones; Dr. Ursula King; Dr. Seshagiri Rao; Dr. Larry Shinn; Sulayman Nyang

This session includes the following contributions: Dr. Ursula King, "Hindu Scriptures for Other Faiths"; Dr. Seshagiri Rao, "What Christian Can Learn from Hindu Scriptures"; Dr. Larry Shinn, "Islamic Scriptures for Other Faiths"; Dr. Sulayman Nyang.

Hon. Voyce Durling-Jones—Chairman of Red Indian Society of the Americas, Dallas, Texas; Presiding Council Member, Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace; Coordinating Committee Member, Indigenous Peoples Alliance on Human Rights; Speaker on Sacred Ecology, Vice-President of Isthmus Institute.

Dr. Ursula King—Professor and Chair, Department of Theology and Religious Studies, University of Bristol, U.K.

Dr. Seshagiri Rao—Professor of Religious Studies, University of Virginia; President, International Association of Gandhian Studies, Philadelphia; Editor, *World Faiths Encounter*.

Dr. Larry Shinn—Professor of Religion and Vice-President of Academic Affairs, Bucknell University

Sulayman Nyang—Chairman of the African Studies Department, Howard University; President, Association of Muslim Social Scientists of America; President, Center for American-Muslim Research and Information.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Clark Wing #2

"Challenges of Parenting for a New World Order"

Dr. Anne R. Breneman

This workshop will present the fundamental principles of parenting from a Bahá'í perspective and explore how parents can train their children from infancy to love all humanity, to respect all religions, to accept the equality of the sexes, to see the entire earth as one fatherland, to communicate with others effectively, to be staunch in faith, to strive for excellence, and to dedicate themselves to service to God and their fellow man.

Dr. Anne R. Breneman—member, National Bahá'í Education Committee and Task Force since 1987; professor of Social Science and currently the chairperson of her department at Allen University in Columbia, South Carolina

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Clark Wing #3

"The Role of Women in the African-American Church"

Rev. Dr. Willie T. Barrow

Rev. Barrow will provide insights as to the various roles women play within the African American Church, the significance of their contribution, the challenges they face as they move to leadership roles, and the need for the church's recognition of the importance of fully utilizing the talents of women in the church.

Rev. Dr. Willie T. Barrow—one of three original staff members for Operation Breadbasket, now known as Operation Push; in addition to being a gifted leader, national political organizer and international civil rights advocate; ordained minister in the Church of God; skilled in breaking barriers in a male-dominated profession.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Clark Wing #5

“Muslim Experience in Secular Societies”

Dr. Zakiyya Muhammad; Dr. Syed Salman Nadvi; Tahir Mahmood; Hassan Abedin; Qazin Ashfaq Ahmed
 Muslims living as minorities in many of the modern societies, mostly western, find themselves in a dilemma. On the one hand, secularism offers them protection from government interference in their religious affairs. On the other hand, they realize that secularism is the very antithesis of Islamic ideology. The ways in which Muslims are trying to resolve this dilemma and possible solutions to it will be discussed.
 Dr. Zakiyya Muhammad—Professor of education; author, California.
 Dr. Syed Salman Nadvi—Professor of Religion and Chairman, Department of Persian, Urdu, and Arabic, University of South Africa, Durban, South Africa.
 Tahir Mahmood—Professor of Islamic Law, Delhi University, Delhi, India.
 Hassan Abedin—Ph.D. candidate in Islamic Studies, London, UK.
 Qazi Ashfaq Ahmed—Director, Islamic Center, Sydney, Australia.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Clark Wing #7

“Of Saviors, Avatars, and Incarnations, and the Spiritual Evolution of Mankind”

Crane Kirkbride; William Stranger
 This seminar is devoted to the role of gurus, avatars, buddhas, and incarnations in our individual development and collective evolution. It presents a new means—the seven stages of life—whereby we can sympathetically appreciate religious leaders of many different traditions.
 Crane Kirkbride—Co-Director of the Outreach Division of the Free Daist Communion and a devotee of Heart-Master Da Avabhasa; has been a monk and abbot, an editor, lecturer, and singer.
 William Stranger—Co-Director of the Outreach Division of the Free Daist Communion and a devotee of Heart-Master Da Avabhasa; has been an educator, international lecturer, editor and writer.

10:00 AM–10:45 AM Clark Wing #8

“The Concept of God in Jainism”

Dr. Jitendra B. Shah
 Jainism interprets God and Godhood in its unique way without any other parallel. God is not a creator, ruler, rewarder or the destroyer of the universe. All the substances in the universe (living and non-living) are governed by their own laws. All living beings are responsible for their own action (Karma) and the results of their action. Jain Gods are the Knower and the Observer of all realities. Every human being has a potential to become God by conquering his own desire permanently.
 Jitendra Shah—Doctorate in Jain Philosophy; frequent speaker on Jain subjects, throughout India; high school principal, Ahmedabad, India.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Clark Wing #9

“The Role of a Priestess/Priest in the Fellowship of Isis”

Naomi Ozaniec
 Overview of the Fellowship, the role of the goddess within it. An introduction to the mysteries and the re-emergence of the mysteries at this time in history, and the role of the sacred drama in the mysteries. A description of the Fellowship and College of Isis. An explanation of the Fellowship by structure, approach, training and intent. Meditation—The Roses of Isis
 Naomi Ozaniec—accomplished author, currently has a “Priestess Training School” of 3 years.

10:00 AM–11:30 AM Clark Wing #10

“Building Interfaith Coalitions: Acting on Mutual Concerns”

Rev. Stanley Davis; M. Usman Baki; Dr. Ahmad Bastani; Rev. Fr.

Demetri Kantzavelos; Rabbi Robert J. Marx; Ms. Deborah Levine
 Working for the needs of everyone in a community is an ideal opportunity for interfaith cooperation. This workshop will feature a panel presentation on broad interfaith coalition efforts which address common social issues such as health, housing, and employment. Presenters which have participated in recent initiatives in Illinois will share the nature and scope of their experiences and discuss what made their efforts successful.

Rev. Stanley Davis—Executive Director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.
 M. Usman Baki—Vice President of the Muslim Community Center of Chicago.
 Dr. Ahmad Bastani—serves on the Spiritual Assembly of Bahá’ís of Chicago.
 Rev. Fr. Demetri Kantzavelos—Registrar of the Greek Orthodox Diocese of Chicago.
 Rabbi Robert J. Marx—serves Congregation Hakafa in Glencoe.
 Ms. Deborah Levine—Executive Director of the DuPage Interfaith Resource Network, consultant to the American Jewish Committee, Central Conference of American Rabbis, free-lance writer for Liturgy Training Publications, adjunct faculty of Elmhurst College.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Dearborn Wing #1

“The UFO Abduction Phenomenon: What Could it Mean for the Human Future”

Dr. John E. Mack
 Dr. Mack has worked intensively with more than 70 men, women, and children who report being taken by humanoid creatures aboard strange craft in the sky, subjected to intrusive procedures and given information about the fate of the earth and its future. These experiences have dramatically changed their lives. This phenomenon, if addressed with the seriousness it deserves, has the power to reshape our sense of ourselves, bring into harmony our relationship to nature and to one another and enable us to reconnect with the experience of the source of divine intelligence from which we have become largely cut off in the past three centuries.
 Dr. John E. Mack—Harvard University; adult and child psychiatrist and psychoanalyst; has written extensively on the applications of depth psychology to a variety of collective human phenomena; for more than three years he has been working with individuals who report being taken by alien beings aboard unusual flying craft.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Dearborn Wing #2

“Sensing the Unseen”

Gill Schwartz
 The Human Energy Field (the Aura) surrounds and permeates our bodies, and affects every aspect of our being. It is the primary link in the Body/Mind connection. Awareness of this Bio-magnetic realm promotes healing, intuitive sensing, and personal and spiritual growth. The workshop will combine discussion, exercises and techniques to directly experience the Aura, enhancing our self-awareness and inner balance.
 Gill Schwartz—M.A., has taught forms of yoga, meditation and the healing arts over 25 years; has studied practices in Tibetan, Hindu, Christian and Native American traditions; offers intuitive energy balancing, spiritual education and works with individuals in spiritual emergence at Body Therapeutics and The Pastoral Counseling Service of Greater Chicago.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Dearborn Wing #3

“Service is Your Spiritual Work”

Ma Jaya Bhagavati
 The workshop will focus on Ma Jaya’s experiences of service as spiritual work. She will teach techniques to avoid the “burnout” often experienced by care-givers to those suffering with serious illness.
 Ma Jaya Bhagavati—founder and spiritual director of Kashi Ashram; since her spiritual awakening in 1972, she has led seekers to a deeper place within themselves and has devoted her life to serving humanity; widely recognized for her work with death and dying and for her teachings on caregiving; for the past ten years much of

Ma's time has been spent helping those infected with HIV/AIDS.

10:00 AM-12:00 PM LaSalle Wing #1

**"In Search of Spirituality:
Soaring Wings and Practical Feet"**

Thelma Thomas Khelghati

This workshop will explore the application of spiritual principles to the practical exigencies of daily life. Participants will look at the internal life of the spirit and the translation of that spirit in deeds and service. The life of 'Abdu'l-Baha, son of Baha'u'llah, Founder of the Bahá'í Faith and the Center of his Covenant will be examined as a tangible example of One who "walked the spiritual path with practical feet."

Thelma Thomas Khelghati—representative of the Bahá'í community to NAIN; has lectured widely and has conducted workshops and seminars on spirituality in the modern world, women's issues, peace and conflict resolution and multicultural education.

10:00 AM-12:00 PM LaSalle Wing #2

**"Reconnecting with the Divine:
In Your Self, In All Those You Meet Today,
In All of Creation: Part III"**

Dr. Daniel Martin

Third in a series of three workshops sharing a common theme but differing in content. Fr. Daniel Martin will use prayer, ritual, meditation and dance to help us re-connect with our original knowledge that we and everything in creation are inextricably interconnected and must be treated as sacred if life on our planet is to survive. Active group participation.

Dr. Daniel Martin—Roman Catholic priest, Founder/Director, International Coordinating Committee on Religion and the Earth, member: International Board of Advisors, The Temple of Understanding (New York City) and Fellowship in Prayer (Princeton, New Jersey).

10:00 AM-12:00 PM LaSalle Wing #3

**"The Teachings of Paramahansa Yogananda,
A Spiritual Vision for World Unity:
The Role of Kriya Yoga Meditation"**

Brother Achalananda

In this presentation, Brother Achalananda, a monk of the Self-Realization Fellowship Order since 1955, will examine the history and principles behind Kriya Yoga, the ancient science of meditation taught by Paramahansa Yogananda. The concepts and methods embodied in Yogananda's teachings will be considered in the light of their power to help balance today's emphasis on technology with spiritual vision—and to contribute not only to personal enlightenment but also to a more compassionate, humane, and peaceful world.

10:00 AM-12:00 PM LaSalle Wing #4

**"Women's Spiritual Destiny:
A Bahá'í Perspective"**

Juana C. Conrad

An exposition upon the role of women today in the family, the community, the nation and in the global society. A discussion of the unique qualities and attributes of women as applied to education, conflict resolution and the formation of a peaceful society. A Bahá'í perspective.

Juana C. Conrad—Assistant Secretary of the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the U.S.; retired Court Administrator of the East Los Angeles Judicial District; fellow, Institute for Court Management; member, California Judicial Council Advisory Committee on Gender Bias in the courts; founder and president, Women for International Peace and Arbitration.

10:00 AM-12:00 PM LaSalle Wing #5

**"Theosophical Worldview—Part IV:
Conscious Evolution and the Path of Compassion"**

Alan Donant; Rosemary Jourdan; Dr. John Algeo

The last in a series of four panels, each independent of the others, presenting basic concepts of the theosophical tradition for audience discussion. Conventional opinion holds that our world is a vast stage of separate entities wherein humanity holds dominion over all other species. A few in every age have urged us to see nature as sacred and to assume our responsibility to all beings. The path to the divine begins and ends with compassion.

Alan Donant—staff member, The Theosophical Society, International Headquarters, Pasadena, California.

Rosemary Jourdan—lecturer; Associate of the United Lodge of Theosophists, New York.

Dr. John Algeo—Professor of English at the University of Georgia specializing in the history of the English language and its current use; President of the Theosophical Society in America; author, *Problems on the Origins & Development of the English Language; Fifty Years among the New Words: a Dictionary of Neologisms; and Reincarnation Explored.*

10:00 AM-11:30 AM Montrose Wing #1

**"A Global Vision for the 21st Century:
Roots and Gifts of the Spirit"**

By A Call for Peace Drum and Dance Co.

Dawn Lindloff-Shegonee; Nick Hockings; Kayoua Vang; Jesus Avila; Judith Benade; Gerri Gurman; Katie Griffin; Katharine Goray-Moore; Rockameem; Afi; Kwasi Aduonom; Steve Head; Sadira; A Call for Peace Drum and Dance Co.

A panel of members of "A Call for Peace Drum and Dance Company" encompassing American Indian, Hmong, East Indian, Jewish, Irish, African, Middle Eastern and Aztec will share the history and the gifts that each has to bring that fulfills the visions of unity and respect in the Circle Dance of Balance and harmony. It embraces movements and elements of nature bringing reconciliation and healing for our nation, the world, and Mother Earth. Coordinated by Dawn Shegonee.

Dawn Lindloff-Shegonee—Artistic Director of Call for Peace Drum and Dance Co.; Founder of The School of International and Free Spirit Dance at Bayview, Madison, Wisconsin; member, Wisconsin Dance Council Board.

Nick Hockings—Ojibwe, traditional dancer and cultural teacher throughout the state of Wisconsin.

Kayoua Vang—Member of "Call for Peace"; currently holds the title of Miss Hmong, U.S.A.; director of Hmong Traditional Dancers, Madison, Wisconsin.

Jesus Avila—Member of "Call for Peace"; Director of Ballet Folklorico Mexico, Madison, Wisconsin, 1991; first place Festival of the Arts Parade, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Judith Benade—Member of "Call for Peace." Ph.D., literature and culture of South Asia, Director of Alamkara Dances of India; employed Wisconsin Arts Board, Madison, Wisconsin.

Gerri Gurman—Member of "Call for Peace"; dancer, choreographer, teaches drama and dance, Madison Metropolitan School District; in a Jewish context, researched Miriam's Dance from the Old Testament.

Katie Griffin—Member of "Call for Peace"; director, Tir Na Noq, Irish Dance Academy, St. Paul, Minnesota; All Ireland champion dancer, 1983.

Katharine Goray-Moore—Narrator for "Call for Peace"; art teacher for Madison Metropolitan School District, Lincoln School; currently teaches multiple perspectives in the Arts.

Rockameem—Director of WOULL, representing music storytelling, dance of West Africa in Madison, Wisconsin.

Afi—Dancer, director of WOULL, representing music storytelling, dance of West Africa in Madison, Wisconsin.

Kwasi Aduonom—Music Educator on African Drum, from Ghana. Steve Head—Drummer of rhythms of the Middle East, studied with Abdul Alwan.

Sadira—Dancer, representing dance from the Middle East, Director of Riad Dance, Co., Madison, Wisconsin; traveled the Middle East extensively.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Montrose Wing #2

"What Do Christians and Buddhists Have to Say to Each Other?"

Donald Mitchell

A round table beginning with a presentation and two responses. It proposes interreligious conversation as a way to discover ourselves.

Donald Mitchell—professor of comparative philosophy, Purdue University; associate editor of *Buddhist Christian Studies*; author of *Spirituality and Emptiness: The Dynamics of Spiritual Life in Buddhism and Christianity*.

10:00 AM–11:45 AM Montrose Wing #3

"Youth Programs in Culturally Diverse, Underprivileged Communities"

Willie Cobb

Presentation will develop a greater understanding of the experiences of underprivileged youth and the communities in which they live. It will demonstrate how to develop effective programs in culturally diverse, underprivileged communities as well as in privileged communities.

Willie Cobb—Program Coordinator, "I Have A Dream" Program at the Howard Area Community Center, which helps develop programs for a culturally diverse, underresourced community; has worked with adolescents of all races and communities for 15 years, developing leadership skills, social programs, and religious programs.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Montrose Wing #5

"Work and Spiritual Practice"

Jai Luster; Howard Rossman

We often see work as something separate from spiritual practice. We offer a workshop designed to help us enhance and integrate these two aspects of our lives. This unique workshop will utilize meditation, guided imagery, discussion, ritual and group process. Some of the topics to be explored are our beliefs that separate work from spiritual practice, convictions that enable us to integrate spiritual practice and work, and finding support at work for combining work and spiritual practice with individuals that share our common perspective.

Jai Luster—has practiced and taught yoga for the last 21 years; is style of practice is a synthesis of Integral Yoga, Kripalu Yoga and Kundalini Yoga; has lived and studied at Swami Satchidananda's Ashram for yoga training; currently he is teaching yoga and lecturing in the Chicago and North Shore area; for the last ten years, he has been a business partner with Howard Rossman at Mesirow Financial as an institutional money manager.

Howard Rossman—Executive Vice President of Mesirow; doctorate in counseling psychology from the California Institute of Integral Studies, where he studied both eastern and western philosophies and psychologies; has practiced meditation for over 20 years and is currently on several boards of social service organizations; or the last 10 years, he has been a business partner with Jai Luster as an institutional money manager.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Parlor B

"Buddhist Women as Engaged Buddhists: Peace, Non-violence and the Environment"

Amy Krantz; Sonam Lhamo Singer; Bhikkhuni Miao Kwang Sudharma; Hema Goonatilake

This panel of Buddhist women (American and Asian born) will describe their commitments and activities in peace, non-violence and the environment. It is natural for women to be engaged Buddhists. They have been nurturers and caretakers with vision in their roles as mothers, daughters, and wives in the family. As Buddhists, with their concern for all sentient beings, comes a natural environment on a community and global level with issues of peace, non-violence, social action, and environmental problems.

Amy Krantz—American-born engaged Buddhist; coordinator of the New

York chapter of the Buddhist Peace Fellowship; teacher of non-violence and conflict resolution in an alternative high school in New York City. Sonam Lhamo Singer—Vice President of the Tibetan Women's Association; former teacher at the Tibetan Children's Village in Dharamsala, India; one of the recently arrived Tibetan refugees in the U.S.

Bhikkhuni Miao Kwang Sudharma—Ordained in Japan in 1963, received Dasa-sil-mata Ordination in Sri Lanka in 1973; received Higher Ordination and Bodhisattva Ordination in Taiwan in 1983; engaged in peace and environmental activities in her community while residing in her own temple in Eureka Springs, Arkansas.

Hema Goonatilake—Ph.D. in Sociology of Buddhism, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London; was a University teacher, researcher and activist in Sri Lanka until 1989; currently consultant to the United Nations, New York; coordinator, Buddhist Women's Network, New York.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Parlor C

"Workshop on Comparative Liturgy: Session III"

Fr. Julian von Duerbeck, OSB

The second of a series of three workshops on comparative liturgy, each addressing the theme of liturgy as a design of spirituality.

Introduction: Bahá'í (Earnestine Berkey)

1st Presentation: "Roman Catholicism—the Easter Vigil" (Dom Julian von Duerbeck, OSB)

2nd Presentation: "Native American Spirituality—the Vision Quest" (Omie Baldwin)

Observer/Facilitator: Wiccan (Rev. Selena Fox)

Open Discussion follows presentations.

Fr. Julian von Duerbeck, OSB—Benedictine monk of St. Procopius Abbey, Lisle, Illinois; member of Monastic Interreligious Dialogue; has contributed much to interfaith understanding and cooperation.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Parlor F

"Calligraphy with Kaz Tanahashi"

Kazuaki Tanahashi

In the brushwork of the East Asian tradition, no one can make exactly the same stroke twice. Due to its composition, the brush has a life of its own. This workshop will offer hands-on experience of calligraphy and the use of a 5-foot brush for the creation of single-stroke paintings.

Kazuaki Tanahashi—Fellow of the World Academy of Art and Science; author of many books, including: *Brush Mind*; creator of the world's largest set of one-stroke paintings, entitled *Surrender*, first exhibited in 1987 at Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York City; his series of brush performances includes: "If We Go to War..." and "Peace Becomes Tangible."

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Parlor G

"Interfaith Harmony: Some Religious Viewpoints"

Madan Singh; Dr. Syed Hashim Ali; Dr. Ian Talbot; Dr. Karan Singh; H.E. Dr. L.M. Singhvi; H. Em. Metropolitan Paulos Mar Gregorios; Dr. Arthur Lall

This panel discussion will examine concepts of unity among four major religions of India. The panelists are all well recognized among their faiths. The subject is very appropriate, in light of the religious strife in India in recent years. This panel is sponsored by The Organization for Universal Communal Harmony (TOUCH). TOUCH has chapters in New Delhi, London, New York, Washington D.C., and Chicago. The mission of the organization is to promote interfaith understanding and harmony through mass communication media, seminars, intergenerational dialogue, and international exchange programs.

Madan Singh—President and co-founder of T.O.U.C.H. (The Organization for Universal Communal Harmony), Chicago; former Professor, Illinois Institute of Technology; currently President and C.E.O., Engineers International, Oakbrook, Illinois.

Dr. Syed Hashim Ali—former Vice-Chancellor of both Aligarh and

Osmania Universities, India; Principal Secretary (retired) to Government of Andhra Pradesh, India; consultant, World Bank and Asian Development Bank; advisor to F.A.O.; author, *Indian Muslims at the Crossroads*; lecturer and scholar on Islamic topics.

Dr. Ian Talbot—Professor, History and South Asian Studies, University of Coventry, England; Research Fellow in History, School of Asian and African Studies, Sussex University, England; author, *The British Raj and Indian History*.

Dr. Karan Singh—President, Temple of Understanding, India Chapter; former Indian Ambassador to the United States; leader of Indian reform movement dedicated to the crusade against untouchability and other undesirable customs which have weakened Hindu society, and to the promotion of solidarity among reform and social service organizations; active in environmental and global consciousness movements and in interfaith dialogue.

H.E. Dr. L.M. Singhvi—Jurist, philosopher, diplomat (Indian Ambassador in U.K.), human rights exponent, founder and patron of organizations and movement for inter-religious understanding and Jain Declaration on Nature; leading constitutional expert, distinguished Parliamentarian, author, poet, publicist, linguist and literateur.

H. Em. Metropolitan Paulos Mar Gregorios—Metropolitan of Delhi and the North Syrian Orthodox Church of India; Past President, World Council of Churches.

Dr. Arthur Lall—former Indian Ambassador to the United Nations; Professor Emeritus, Columbia University, New York City.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Parlor H

“Spirituality and Healing”

Richard Katz, Ph.D.; Mr. Danny Masqua; Sister Pascaline Coff; Geshe Sopa

Panel presentation by the Fetzer Institute, bringing together a group of spiritual practitioners to discuss how disease and healing have significance that reaches into spiritual dimensions, and methods for achieving healing in each of their own traditions.

Richard Katz, Ph.D.—teaches at Saskatchewan Indian Federated College, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada; author of 3 books on spiritual healing: *Nobody's Child*; *Boiling Energy: Community Healing Among the Kalahari Kung*, and *The Straight Path: A Story of Healing from Fiji*.

Mr. Danny Masqua—Anishinabe (Saulteaux) Elder from the Keesekoose Reservation in Saskatchewan, Canada; traditional story teller and a counselor as well as an Elder-in-Residence at the Indian Education Program, University of Saskatchewan.

Sister Pascaline Coff—O.S.B., Ph.D.; founder and director of Osage Monastery, Forest of Peace, a monastic Ashram in Sand Springs, Oklahoma; since 1976, involved in East-West interreligious and intermonastic dialogues.

Geshe Sopa—The Abbot of the monastery at Deer Park, near Madison, Wisconsin, and principle teacher of the Buddhist community there; Professor of Buddhist Studies in the department of South Asian Studies at University of Wisconsin, Madison; author, *Cutting through Appearances*.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Pool Promenade

“Chinese Qigong—Life Energy from the Universe”

Martha Howard; Master Zheng Hong Chen; Gene B. Arbetter
Qigong (pronounced “chee gong”) means, literally, a method of building energy. This workshop will introduce the concepts of traditional Chinese mind-body medicine that are relevant to the effects of qigong, and that support the experiential learning of the participants.

Following the introduction, participants will be taught a complete set of movements for the enhancement of health that they can do at home.

Martha Howard—Combines Chinese traditional medicine, traditional Western medicine and psychoneuroimmunology in her practice; administrator, teacher and speaker as well as clinician; currently medical director of Wellness Associates of Chicago; faculty member of the Foundations of Holistic Health division of the Quaker Worksite Wellness Program.

Master Zheng Hong Chen—certified as Qualified Director of Xing Shen Zhuang Qigong, and is a graduate of the Shijiazhuang Qigong Medical Program; Chairman of the Shanghai Film Artists' Qigong Research Association and a member of the International Qigong Scientific Research Association; has had two original papers on Qigong presented at the International Qigong Scientific Research Association.

Gene B. Arbetter—member and former Public Information Director of the American Massage Therapy Association; combines a variety of bodywork and healing disciplines in practice of therapeutic massage; managing director of Wellness Associates of Chicago, faculty member at the Chicago School of Massage Therapy; member of the AMTA National Sports Massage Team.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Sandburg Wing #2

“Education—an Islamic Perspective”

Dr. M.A. Waheed Fakhri; Seema Imam; Dr. Tasnema Ghazi; Mary Leila Bekhtiar; Dr. Asifa Husain; Justice Muhammad Afzal Zullah
Education is an integral part of Islam. Topics include: the interface of religious education with secular education; experiences in the education of Muslim children in the U.S. and the West: challenges and opportunities; comparison with experience of other parochial school systems (Jewish, Catholic, and other).

Dr. M.A. Waheed Fakhri—Professor of Education, Chicago State University.

Seema Imam—Principal, Universal School, Bridgeview, Illinois.

Dr. Tasnema Ghazi—Director of Curriculum, IQRA International Educational Fund, Chicago, Illinois

Mary Leila Bekhtiar—Scholar of Psychoethics, Islamic Scholars' Mysticism.

Dr. Asifa Husain—Bilingual Education, Chicago Public School System.

Justice Muhammad Afzal Zullah—Chancellor, International Islamic University, Islamabad, Pakistan.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Sandburg Wing #3

“The Eurocentric View of History”

Dr. Robert Delk; Dr. Yusuf Azami; Dr. Shahid Athar; Dr. Abdullah Ahsan; Dr. Salauddin Malick

This program will be an overview of events in history, considering the fact that the modern study of history has a Eurocentric tilt. This produces skewed perceptions. An alternate, balanced approach will be presented.

Dr. Robert Delk—Professor of History, Columbia College and American Islamic College.

Dr. Yusuf Azami—Professor of English, Osmania University, Hyderabad, India; scholar of Muhammad Iqbal.

Dr. Shahid Athar—U.S. Representative, Motamar Alam Al-Islami.

Dr. Abdullah Ahsan—Professor of Islamic Studies, International Islamic University, Malaysia.

Dr. Salauddin Malick—Professor of History, New York University.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Sandburg Wing #5

“The Islamic Contribution to World Civilization—Part Two: The Sciences”

Dawood Assad; Dr. Abu Baquar Ahmed Baqader; Dr. Abdul Basit; Dr. Din Shamsuddin; Dr. Javeed Akhter; Dr. Ahmed Hai
The second of two programs discussing the contributions that the Islamic peoples have made to world civilization, including physics, algebra, architecture, philosophy, histography, navigation - Christopher Columbus, and astronomy. Part Two focuses on the role of the sciences in Islam.

Dawood Assad—Chairman, Council of Masajid, New York, NY.

Dr. Abu Baquar Ahmed Baqader—Professor of Sociology, scholar of Islam, King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

Dr. Abdul Basit—Superintendent, psychiatric hospital.

Dr. Din Shamsuddin—noted Indonesian Islamic scholar.

Dr. Javeed Akhter—practicing physician; published author, Islamic issues.

Dr. Ahmed Hai—physician; scholar; social worker; Patna, India.

10:00 AM–11:00 AM Sandburg Wing #6

“Religious Humanism”

Khoren Arisian

This workshop will deal with the questions; “Is Humanism religious?” How does one build a community of Humanists? How do Humanists

approach the existential dimension of life? All these elements will be tied together with the practice and theory of liberal religion.

Khoren Arisian—Co-minister, First Unitarian Society of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Associate Dean, the Humanist Institute; Vice President, Fellowship of Religious Humanists; graduate, Crane Theological School; former Ethical Culture leader with New York Society.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM State Ballroom

“Christian-Muslim Dialogue”

Rev. Jack R. Cory; Prof. Dr. Hans Küng; Dr. Mahmoud Ayoub; Dr. Hussein Morsi

Rev. Jack R. Cory—United Methodist Pastor; Chairperson, International Christian-Muslim Dialogue Committee; participant in many interfaith dialogues in the U.S. and abroad.

Dr. Mahmoud Ayoub—World renowned scholar in the Islamic faith and Arabic language; Professor of Islamic Studies at Temple University, Philadelphia; published extensively on interfaith dialogue and Islam.

Dr. Hussein Morsi—nationally and internationally known participant in Christian-Muslim dialogues; affiliated with the Islamic Cultural Center of Chicago; Chair, International Christian-Muslim Dialogue Committee; Chair, Interfaith Dialogue Committee, Council for a Parliament of the World’s Religions.

11:00 AM–12:00 PM Clark Wing #6

“Life Sketch of Virchand Raghavji Ghandi and Jain Philosophy”

Ramesh T. Solanki

The lecture provides a life sketch of Mr. Virchand Raghavji Ghandi, the first Jain to travel to the West. He was delegate and represented Jainism at the Parliament of World Religions held in 1893. With Jain principles and philosophy we can improve and alter the environment around us.

Ramesh T. Solanki—co-founder and past president of The Jain Society of Chicago and former president of Jain Social Group of Chicago; lectures on Jain philosophy; actively involved in promoting Jainism to the next generation.

11:00 AM–12:00 PM Clark Wing #8

“Jainism: Ahimsa Dharma”

H.H. Sadhvi Shilapiji

Ahimsa can be the best cure for the various problems that the world has been suffering from—environmental degradation, pollution, racial conflicts, cold wars, agitation, etc. The practice of Ahimsa can bridge the gap between two minds, be it in a family, society or nation. At present, we are living in an age of nuclear weapons and due to this the existence of the human race is in danger.

H.H. Sadhvi Shilapiji—Jain nun, trained by Acharya Shri Chandna Ji who is the head of Veerayatan, in Rajgiri, Bihar, India.

11:00 AM–12:00 PM Sandburg Wing #4

“Gobind Sadan USA: Demonstrating Interfaith Commitment, From Shared Worship to Shared Service”

Fr. Roy Drake, S.J.; Robert Serafini

Fr. Roy Drake, S.J.: Through faith and hard work, people of all religions are coming together at Gobind Sadan USA, Syracuse, New York, to turn an old dairy farm into a place where the poor, the abused, and those coming from drug and alcohol recovery programs can find spiritual sustenance and share in the practical work of agriculture and woodworking. **Robert Serafini**: One need not be ordained as clergy or pujari to create genuine worship experiences, drawing on the truths set forth by the world’s religions. This workshop will include discussion, a brief video of a moving interfaith worship service at Gobind Sadan USA, and personal experience.

Fr. Roy Drake, S.J.—Nationally known in the area of drug and alcohol abuse; sought after to run retreats for A.A. and like groups; brings a lifetime of experience in a variety of academic and administrative

skills with his deep love of spirituality; his hands-on approach carries all his projects to great heights.

Robert Serafini—successful businessman who has devoted much of his life to a spiritual quest; he and his wife were one of the first couples to help develop and present “Marriage Encounter”.

11:00 AM–12:00 PM Sandburg Wing #6

“Ethics as Religion”

Rev. Jone Johnston

Ethical Culture and Ethical Humanist Societies are local groups of people that believe that living ethically is essential to a meaningful and rewarding life. How can we integrate reason, compassion, and responsibility? How can we focus on high ideals such as freedom, community, and justice without focusing on belief or nonbelief in a deity?

Rev. Jone Johnston—Third-generation Humanist; graduate of Meadville-Lombard Theological School; serves split ministry between Berrien Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, St. Joseph, Minnesota and Ethical Humanist Society, Chicago (an organization which participated in the 1893 Parliament).

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Burnham Wing #1

“Sikh Religious Architecture”

Amerjit Sidhu; Rajinder S. Mago; Mohinderjit S. Saini

Sikh shrines are called Gurdwaras. They are built as memorials, landmarks, forts or simply places of congregation. This presentation will explain the religious thought and the forces behind the evolution of these structures. (Moderator: Mr. Shivjit S. Hundle)

Amerjit Sidhu—is an architect and planner. He was a partner with Shaw & Associates and is currently the Principal at Sidhu & Associates Architects-Planners. He is also design consultant for several Sikh Gurdwaras.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Burnham Wing #2

“Making Your Church a Creation Awareness Center”

Dr. Job Ebenezer

This presentation will introduce the idea of churches and related institutions becoming “Creation Awareness Centers.” A few case studies of successful church based earth-keeping activities will be presented. Participants will be introduced to a newly formed organization called “The American Society of the Green Cross” whose goal is to engage church members in earth restoration activities.

Dr. Job Ebenezer—Director of the Department of Environmental Stewardship, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; ELCA Commission for Church and Society.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Burnham Wing #4

“Biodiversity, Holism, and Health”

Honorable Claudine Schneider

This presentation will focus on the meaning of holism and define the interconnectedness of the health of the planet with the health of the individual, and how our environment is a manifestation of our thoughts and actions. She will describe what the term biological diversity means, its depth and breadth; elaborate on the rapid rate of species loss; discuss why we should care—morale and ethical responsibilities; and, present what can be done to achieve win/win/win solutions.

Honorable Claudine Schneider—served for ten years in the U.S. Congress; amed one of five “Winners in Congress” by the *Wall Street Journal*; authored the Global Warming Prevention Act and the resolution calling for an International Treaty on Biological Diversity, as well as other forward-thinking initiatives; named one of the one hundred leaders for the 21st Century by the book of the same name.

2:00 PM–3:00 PM Burnham Wing #5

“The Zoroastrian View of Ecology”

Homi B. Dhalla

This presentation discusses the critical issue of the problem of envi-

ronmental degradation. Man ought to comprehend the religious and moral dimensions of the relation between nature and the human spirit. It is imperative that the base of man's thinking change.

Homi B. Dhallal—teaches and conducts research in Zoroastrian Studies in Bombay; Board of Advisors of the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace (New York); member of the International Council of the World Conference on Religion and Peace (New York).

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Clark Wing #1

“World Scriptures:

Learning from Other Traditions—Part IV”

Dr. Seshagiri Rao; Dr. Frank Kaufmann; Rabbi Dr. Emanuel S. Goldsmith; Hon. Joyce Durling-Jones

This session includes the following contributions: “Hindu Scriptures for Other Faiths,” Dr. Seshagiri Rao; “Sacred Words of the First Peoples of the Americas,” Hon. Joyce Durling-Jones; “Unificationist Scriptures for Other Faiths,” Dr. Frank Kaufmann; Instructor in Religion, Pace University, New York; “Jewish Scriptures and Humanity in the 21st Century,” Rabbi Dr. Emanuel S. Goldsmith.

Dr. Seshagiri Rao—Professor of Religious Studies, University of Virginia; President, International Association of Gandhian Studies, Philadelphia; Editor, *World Faiths Encounter*.

Dr. Frank Kaufmann—Executive Director, Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace; Instructor in Religion, Pace University, New York.

Rabbi Dr. Emanuel S. Goldsmith—Professor of Jewish Studies, Queens College of the City University of New York and Rabbi of Congregation M'vakshe Derekh, Scarsdale, New York.

Hon. Joyce Durling-Jones—Chairman of Red Indian Society of the Americas, Dallas, Texas; Presiding Council Member, Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace; Coordinating Committee Member, Indigenous Peoples Alliance on Human Rights; Speaker on Sacred Ecology; Vice-President of Isthmus Institute.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Clark Wing #2

“Traditional Afrikan Religion:

The Worship of Ifa, Orisha and the Ancestors by Afrikan Americans”

Metahochi Kofi Zannu; Baba Ifatunji; H.R.H. Araba Oseijeman Adefunmi I, Alase of Oyotunji; H.L. Oluwo Ifamuyiwa Ajamu; H.L. Alagba Omotolokun Omokunde; H.S. Aako Adekola Adedapo; H.L. Agbongbon Songodina Ifatunji

The Orisha religion is a world religion which is native to the Yoruba in Nigeria. There exist Orisha communities in Africa and throughout the Americas. This presentation will introduce the worship of Ifa, orisa and the ancestor among African-Americans.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Clark Wing #3

“Old Fashioned Buddhism for Today”

Venerable Panyananda; Venerable Santikaro Bhikkhu, Interpreter
The Lord Buddha lived and taught 2,600 years ago and the Theravada School has tried to keep these pristine teachings alive through the centuries. Now, in the rapidly changing countries of South and Southeast Asia, as well as in the West, how are these teachings being practiced for wisdom, compassion, and peace amidst the social tensions, economic competition, and environmental destruction?

Venerable Panyananda—one of the most prominent senior monks in the Thai Sangha Order; the country's most popular Dharma exponent, an influential social reformer, a prolific writer, and one of the most important spiritual leaders in Thailand today; ordained as a Theravada monk in 1931.

Venerable Santikaro Bhikkhu, Interpreter—B.A. degree in Literature from University of Illinois; was a Chicago resident until he served in the U.S. Peace Corps in Thailand; ordained as a Theravada monk by Ven. Panyananda in 1984; studied Buddhism and practiced meditation under the supervision of the Ven. Buddhadasa; has translated many books written by the Venerable Buddhadasa.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Clark Wing #5

“Reincarnation and Karma for the West: A Study of the SRF Kriya Yogic Teachings of Paramahansa Yogananda”

Jane Dillon

This presentation offers participants an opportunity to discuss the meaning of reincarnation and karma as taught by Paramahansa Yogananda and analyze the significance of these beliefs and practices on the lives of Self-Realization Fellowship members as well as the impact on the larger society. This workshop will include an examination of the daily life of SRF Kriyaban disciples, centered around the practice of Kriya Yoga meditation, balanced with right activity in the world. Four areas of practice will be identified and analyzed (Meditation, Discipleship, Service, and Dharma).

Jane Dillon—Ph.D., Sociology, University of California, San Diego; recently completed doctoral dissertation is the result of a seven-year ethnographic study of the Self-Realization Fellowship, its teachings, and the Kriya Yoga way of life practiced by monastic and lay disciples of Paramahansa Yogananda; currently developing a Program for the Social Scientific Study of Reincarnationist Theory.

2:00 PM–2:30 PM Clark Wing #6

“Practicing Non-Violence Through Our Daily Food”

Irena Upenieks; Michael Proudfoot

A discussion of vegetarianism from the perspectives of compassion, ethics, and health.

Irena Upenieks—Jain practitioner and teacher of yoga and meditation; Director, Jain Meditation Center, Toronto; Jainism has been her chosen spiritual path since 1978.

Michael Proudfoot—Practitioner of Jainism; teacher of yoga and meditation, Toronto, Canada; Director, Jain Meditation Center, Toronto.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Clark Wing #7

“The New Thought Movement: A Link Between East and West”

C. Alan Anderson

New Thought is a popular application of philosophical idealism, optimistic mental discipline, and the practice and presence of God in healing and in daily living. The movement originated in 19th Century New England, and is now worldwide. New Thought includes Religious Science (Science of Mind), Seicho-No-Ie, Unity, Divine Science and other groups. From its early writings to its current use of process philosophy, it has consciously incorporated Eastern and Western insights.

C. Alan Anderson—J.D., M.A., U. of Connecticut; Ph.D., Boston University; Professor of Philosophy and Religion, Curry College, Milton, Massachusetts; author of *A Guide to the Selection and Care of your Personal God; Healing Hypothesis; and More than Mortal!*

2:00 PM–3:00 PM Clark Wing #8

“Riches from Other Faiths”

Fr. Thomas Ryan

A Catholic priest, author of books on the spiritual life, and Director of the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism, shares how his own spirituality has been enriched and shaped by encounters with Buddhists, Hindus, Muslims, and Jews. Recently back from a sabbatical in India, Fr. Ryan will offer examples of Eastern wisdom which can be integrated into day-to-day Christian living.

Fr. Thomas Ryan—priest of the Congregation of St. Paul (the Panelists) and Director of the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism Montreal, Canada.

2:00 PM–3:00 PM Clark Wing #9

“Satanism in West Texas”

Robert Volkmann

Worshippers of Satan are reported to be infiltrating schools, child

care centers, and many other institutions in the United States. In 1989 alone reports indicate that 50,000 people were killed in sacrificial ceremonies dedicated to the worship of Satan. This presentation will examine some of the reports as well as the methods used by American authorities in addressing reported manifestations of Satan.

Robert Volkmann—founding member of the West Texas Society to Advance Rational Thought, an affiliate of the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal. Mr. Volkmann is active in the oil and gas business in the U.S.; Master of Science degree in geology from the University of Wisconsin.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Clark Wing #10

“Contributions of Islam in Southeast and East Asia”

Atty. Hj. Abdul Rahman R.T. Linzaq; Dr. Haji Ismail bin Ibrahim; KH Achmad Syaikh; Zainul Abidin Rasheed; M. Anuar Tahir

The cultures and influences that have shaped one of the largest Muslim populations in the world, that of Southeast Asia. These presentations will explore the tremendous cultural diversity of the region, and its powerful impact on Islam.

Atty. Hj. Abdul Rahman R.T. Linzaq—President, Islamic Da'wah Council of the Philippines.

Dr. Haji Ismail bin Ibrahim—Director General, Institute of Islamic Understanding, Malaysia.

KH Achmad Syaikh—President, Ittihadul Muballighan, Jakarta Pusat, Indonesia.

Zainul Abidin Rasheed—Chief Executive Officer, MENDAKI, Singapore.

M. Anuar Tahir—Malaysia.

2:00 PM–3:00 PM Dearborn Wing #1

“Vedic Astrology and its Relevance in Modern Times”

Dr. Bangalore Sureshwara

Over 5000 years ago, the ancient Indian (Vedic) seers and sages had the wisdom to integrate materialism with spiritualism to ensure the continuation of human civilization. The Hindus had attained proficiency of a high order in both secular and spiritual knowledge. The Vedic masters not only developed the laws of movement of celestial bodies but also formulated moral and spiritual laws corresponding to these physical laws. These seers observed an intimate relationship between human life and the movements of the cosmos. Vedic astrology integrates human free will and destiny. We will discuss its relevance for modern times.

Dr. Bangalore Sureshwara—regular contributor to *The Astrological Magazine*, published by B.V. Raman, Asia's leading astrological journal; has published articles in the areas of Vedic Astrology, Hindu theology, spiritualism, and *Ramayana*, currently doing further research in the area of *Ramayana* studies.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Dearborn Wing #3

“Restoring the Shattered Community for People with Disabilities”

David P. Wetherow; Claire Langton; Mary-Anne Langton; Scott Klassen

Series of presentations providing first-hand accounts of the role that congregations, clergy and lay leaders can play in welcoming people with disabilities into the church community, and in helping families who have experienced the birth of a child with a handicapping condition. The presenters (a parent, a church leader with disabilities, a community leader with disabilities, and an author and teacher) focus on central truth: including people with disabilities into the church and community enriches the lives of everyone. As a covenant community, the church has a unique role to play in overcoming patterns of rejection and isolation. The workshop explores the universal ‘call’ for congregations to become inclusive

communities, the prophetic and community-building role of people with disabilities, and the function of the church as a ‘sign’ to the broader community. A particular focus will be on pastoral care for the family experiencing the birth of a child with disabilities, and the creation of effective networks of informal support.

David P. Wetherow—Executive Director of the Association for Community Living-Winnipeg; founding member of Prairie Housing, L’Avenir, and PRT Manufacturing Cooperatives—providing integrated housing, personal support and employment services. David is a trainer, speaker and consultant to community groups and governments throughout Canada and the U.S.; senior editor of “The Whole Community Catalogue.”

Claire Langton—the mother of a young woman with cerebral palsy, she struggled to keep Mary-Anne connected to the family, church, education and employment life of the community; she and her daughter are pioneering members of a series of inter-connected circles of support operating in Hartford, Connecticut.

Mary-Anne Langton—Co-Director of Office of Persons with Disabilities of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Hartford; founding member of *Communitas*, an international network in the field of community-building with people who have disabilities, and is the designer and developer of the first inclusive housing cooperative in Connecticut.

Scott Klassen—spent the first twenty-one years of his life in an institution; eight years ago, a team of friends helped him move out of the institution and into the community; now, lives in his own home, works as a radio broadcaster, serves on the boards of several advocacy organizations, and has made major contributions to the disability rights movement in Canada.

2:00 PM–3:00 PM LaSalle Wing #1

“Wiccan Devotionals”

Brandy Williams

As an emerging religion, Wicca is informed by the study of other religions which recognize the Goddess. Wiccan priestesses and priests create devotionals to the Goddess, as individually envisioned, and based on the cycle of seasons. Often, historical research forms the basis of a modern Wiccan devotional. Scholars and students of other religions can benefit from the study of Wiccan re-enactment and adaptation of older pagan celebrations.

Brandy Williams—Wiccan High Priestess; author of *Ecstatic Ritual*; lectures nationwide on subject of sacred sexuality and the history of pagan religion.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM LaSalle Wing #2

“Tangibility and Revelation”

Joyce Bogusky; Gerry Armstrong; Rebecca Armstrong; Keith Cunningham; Ted Tollefson

This presentation will examine the need and the dangers of giving form to the spiritual impulses in the psyche. It will include a discussion of healthy vs. toxic religious longings, as well as a performance of songs, stories and poems.

Joyce Bogusky—Jungian analyst.

Rebecca Armstrong—musician, storyteller, and founder of The Joseph Campbell Society in Chicago.

Keith Cunningham—filmmaker and poet.

Ted Tollefson—Co-founder of Mythos Institute.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM LaSalle Wing #3

“The Ancestral European Religious Vocabulary”

Dr. Michael York

The model for reconstruction of the religious vocabulary of the Proto-Indo-European language follows the seven fundamental configurations comprising the proto-pantheon: sun, moon, earth, heaven, dawn, fire, and lightning. Exploration of proto-designations the ancestral speaker may have used for the opponent to divinity, the principle of chaos, nothingness, and disorder. Examination of key areas of the ritual lexicon and terms for the numinous.

Dr. Michael York—Director, instructor, Academy of Cultural and Religious Studies, London and Varanasi; Ph.D., History and

Philosophy of Religion, King's College, Univ. of London; M.A., Social Science, International Relations, San Francisco State Univ., California.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM LaSalle Wing #4

"Crazy Wisdom: A Necessity of Our Times"

Regina Sara Ryan, M.A.

In a world in which religious values have been overshadowed by materialism, the Crazy Wisdom and loving witness of the man or woman inspired by God will almost always look and sound like heresy, insanity, or even immorality to the community at large. This workshop will acknowledge the Crazy Wisdom tradition as it has shown itself in Buddhism, as well as its parallels in Sufism, Christianity, Baul Practice and Native American spirituality, and discuss the necessity for such an altered world view.

Regina Sara Ryan, M.A.—former Catholic nun; member of a spiritual community of Western Bauls; instructor at Prescott College in the Department of Human Development; principle coordinator of the First Conference on Crazy Wisdom and Divine Madness in 1992; currently working on the October 1993 conference.

2:00 PM–3:00 PM LaSalle Wing #5

"Spirituality by Means of Autobiography"

Rev. Louis Cameli

A noted teacher of prayer and spirituality will offer a lecture on the tradition of autobiography as a teaching method of saints and spiritual masters. He will examine examples of how spiritual autobiography can also be a learning tool for anyone on the spiritual path.

Rev. Louis Cameli—priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago; professor of spirituality at the University of St. Mary of the Lake; author, *Ministerial Consciousness* and articles and books on the spiritual life; member of the Catholic Theological Society of America and the Midwest Assoc. of Spiritual Directors.

2:00 PM–3:00 PM Montrose Wing #1

"Report from World Youth Day"

Fr. David Ryan

Members of the Chicago Archdiocesan delegation to Pope John Paul II's World Youth Day in Denver will offer their reflections as a report to the Parliament. The Delegation will have just returned from a pilgrimage to Denver and a meeting with the Pope.

Fr. David Ryan—Archdiocesan Director of Catholic Youth Office.

2:00 PM–2:45 PM Montrose Wing #2

"Non-Violence and the Modern World"

Acharya Sushil Kumarji

Humanity has been a mute spectator to senseless acts of violence throughout the world. Yet more and more people are realizing that cultivating non-violence is the key to global survival.

Acharya Sushil Kumarji—Jain Master, founder of Jain Monastery and Temple in New Jersey; leading humanitarian, orator and writer, world traveler, and crusader for peace and non-violence; participant, the 1992 Earth Summit, Rio de Janeiro; founder member, the World Movement of Non-violence for Peace and Environment.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Montrose Wing #3

"Theosophy and the Critical Issues—Part IV: Economics, Justice, Politics, and Responsibility"

Carolyn Van Horn; Douglas A. Russell

This workshop consists of an introductory presentation followed by audience discussion on societal transformation and the responsibility of the individual in a world of economic, environmental, and social disparity.

Carolyn Van Horn—lecturer; coordinator and Associate of the United Lodge of Theosophists, Los Angeles, California; Mayor, Malibu, California; President, 5 Points Community Association, South Central Los Angeles.

Douglas A. Russell—staff member, The Theosophical Society, International Headquarters, Pasadena, California; management consultant, corporate director and entrepreneur.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Montrose Wing #4

"Islam in Post-Soviet Countries"

John Woods; Dr. Asad Husain; Dr. Abbas Hamdani; Anwar Abbas
An historical overview. The preservation and transformation of Islam under Communist rule. A review of historical lessons from this experience and projections of the future.

John Woods—Professor of Middle Eastern Studies, University of Chicago.
Dr. Asad Husain—President, American Islamic College; Professor, Northeastern Illinois University; Director, Summer Institute of Islamic Studies.

Dr. Abbas Hamdani—Professor of Middle Eastern Studies, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Anwar Abbas—Noted Indonesian Islamic Scholar.

2:00 PM–3:15 PM Montrose Wing #5

"The Right to Know: Truth in Advertising from a Lutheran Perspective"

David L. Lindberg

Authenticity is as important to me and my faith community as it is to you and yours. What, then, can I share about the Lutheran tradition that is meaningful in interfaith gatherings? Do you have the right to know what I believe? I believe that you do, but you may or may not believe that I have the right to know what you believe. A dialogue on authenticity, sharing and mutual rights gives validity to interfaith relationships.

David L. Lindberg—Ph.D.; Pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America or its predecessor bodies since 1955; Missionary in Japan 1955–62; Professor at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago since 1963, and Director of Field Education since 1970.

2:00 PM–5:30 PM Parlor B

"Women, the Earth and the World's Religions"

Eleanor Rae; Dr. Riffat Hassan; Stephanie Kaza; Lina Gupta; Betsy Katz; Rebequa Murphy; Jenny Holmes

In this program, panelists will each describe from his or her own religious perspective their understanding of the parallels that exist between the imaging and treatment of women and the Earth, and how their images, (or lack thereof), of the Ultimate are related to the experience of women and the earth.

Eleanor Rae—Ph.D. in Theology, Fordham University; founder director, Center for Women, the Earth, and the Divine; president emeritus, North American Conference on Christianity and Ecology; co-author, *Created in Her Image*; and author of the forthcoming *Women, the Earth, the Divine*.

Dr. Riffat Hassan—Chairperson of the Religious Studies Program at the University of Louisville; born in Lahore, Pakistan of a Syed Muslim family; has done pioneer work in developing feminist theology in the context of the Islamic tradition; extensive work in Jewish-Christian-Muslim dialogue; co-creator of *Women's and Men's Liberation: Testimonies of the Spirit*.

Stephanie Kaza—Associate Professor of Environmental Studies with focus on environmental ethics and eco-feminism, University of Vermont; chair, Board of Directors, Buddhist Peace Fellowship; lay-ordained student of Zen Buddhism; author of *The Attentive Heart*; and *Conversations with Trees*.

Lina Gupta—Lecturer in Philosophy with a focus in Asian and comparative philosophy at Glendale College, publisher of many articles on eco-feminism and Hinduism including articles in *Eco-feminism and the Sacred*, and *After Patriarchy: Feminist Transformation of the World Religion*.

Betsy Katz—Chief Director of the Department of Reform Education and Adult Education Consultant for the Board of Jewish Education of Metro Chicago; Adjunct Faculty at National Lewis University.
Rebequa Murphy—Participant in the UNCED preparatory process as United Nations Representative for the Baha'is of the United States; a native of Ethiopia, has studied in Ethiopia, the former Soviet Union and India; Masters of International Studies (University of Oregon) with a focus on

Alternative Models for Women and Development in sub-Sahara Africa.
Jenny Holmes—M.T.S., Wesley Theological Seminary; Board of
Directors, North American Conference on Christianity and Ecology.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Parlor C

"Continuity and the Sacred"

Rabbi Michael Balinsky

Jewish continuity is rooted in a text-based tradition that is at once fixed but also open to radical interpretation. Using the traditional liturgy as a model, we will explore how words deemed sacred were preserved in the face of ever-growing contradictory evidence. Texts will be studied in English translation. Emphasis on dialogue and comparative examples from other traditions will be appreciated.

Rabbi Michael Balinsky—Director, Hillel Foundation, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois; rabbinical studies, Yeshiva University; Orthodox by ordination and affiliation, he exhibits leanings toward the heretical.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM PDR #5

"Celebrating Diversity: In the Workplace and in Our Lives"

Laura L. Kangas; Jim Lew

Participants will learn about the work being done in major corporations and other institutions on the issues of differences - including those of race, gender, religion, cultural, and spiritual orientation. As the workforce becomes more diverse and the marketplace more global, the need to celebrate, as opposed to merely tolerate diversity is a critical factor to economic and creative success, if not survival. Presenters will share the history of the work and landmark accomplishments.

Laura L. Kangas—President of RiverBend Associates and RiverBend Press; M.A. from Harvard University; 20 years experience in the field of organizational and individual change; member of the faculty, Lesley College, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Jim Lew—Organization consultant and trainer in field of diversity, working especially with the Lakota tribal community, national political groups; training in theatre, group process and psychotherapy.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Sandburg Wing #1

"The Practice of Suttee (Sati) in India"

Nalina Narain

The workshop begins with a short lecture discussing the historical origins, practices, and economics of *Sati*, also considering the Hindu reform movement regarding this practice. Why does "Sati" continue to connote mysticism for some women in this culture? Lecture is followed by a question and answer session.

Nalina Narain—Coordinator, Synapses, has worked in India with Oxfam America for five years.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Sandburg Wing #2

"Native Women: The Faithkeepers, Telling our Stories"

Omie Baldwin; Cynthia Delcourt; Jan Saiz; Christine Whiterabbit Jendrisak; Charlotte Black Elk

This panel represents Native women from different levels of the acculturation process. They will share with the audience the struggles of living in two cultures, whether on the reservation or in urban areas, and maintaining their spiritual identity.

Omie Baldwin—Navajo, MSW Counseling and Consultation Center, Univ. of Wisconsin
Cynthia Delcourt—Abenaki, Student
Jan Saiz—Ponca, Recipient of the 1993 Marion McCommond Service Leader Award, UW Student and Grandmother
Christine Whiterabbit Jendrisak—Wisconsin Winnebago, Buffalo Clan; writer; member, Wisconsin Winnebago Language and Culture Preservation Board.
Charlotte Black Elk—Oglala-Pine Ridge, South Dakota; Advisor in the field of Oral Tradition verification, Environmental Ethics Movement, Land Return and Sacred Sites.

2:00 PM–2:30 PM Sandburg Wing #4

"Vivekananda's Vision and 21st Century Issues: Humanism, Human Rights, and Environment"

Eric Ederer; K.S. Sripada Raju

This presentation takes a careful and critical look at Swami Vivekananda's ideas with respect to humanism, human rights, and environmental issues.

Eric Ederer—graduate student, Information and Library Science, University of Michigan; has travelled in India; keen student of Buddhism and of the life and thought of Swami Vivekananda.
K.S. Sripada Raju—Ph.D., Communication; teaches courses in the *Rig Veda* and the *Yajur Veda*; chair, Ganga Kaveri Bhagirathi Trust, Flint, Michigan; secretary, International Service Society, Michigan; founder-member, Vaishnava Center for Enlightenment, Lansing, Michigan; member, Vivekananda Centennial Committee, Lansing.

2:00 PM–3:00 PM Sandburg Wing #6

"Secular Humanism and Its Dimensions"

Jim Zaluba

This workshop/panel will address the positives and negatives of living the secular lifestyle, without religion, ritual, or worship. Rejecting absolute answers, Secular Humanists do not rely on "magical thinking" or subjective metaphysical revelations, but strive to shape an evolving ethical system.

Jim Zaluba—Cofounder, Chicago Secular Humanist organization, Free Inquiry Network; originated idea of a social network for people who would rather practice Humanism than preach it and who feel we can live ethically while facing the uncertainties and ambiguities of life.

2:00 PM–5:30 PM Sandburg Wing #7

"Guide Me, Lead Me: Section One"

Otis Lawrence; Fr. Oliver Jennings; Sheila Adams; Rayetta Holman; Doris Fields

Program initiates workshop and seminar series furthering the work of the late Archbishop James Patterson Lyke of Chicago on strengthening the African American family. Video presentations taken from National Black Catholic Congress VII will be followed by address and discussion.

Otis Lawrence—Ph.D., Governor's State University, Board of Governor's Degree program.
Fr. Oliver Jennings—Pastor of St. John De Lasalle Church.
Sheila Adams—Catholic Archdiocese, Ethnic Ministries.
Rayetta Holman—Sister of Archbishop Lyke.
Doris Fields—Sister of Archbishop Lyke.

2:00 PM–5:30 PM Sandburg Wing #8

"Guide Me, Lead Me: Section Two"

Otis Lawrence; Fr. Oliver Jennings; Sheila Adams; Rayetta Holman; Doris Fields

Otis Lawrence—Ph.D., Governor's State University, Board of Governor's Degree program.

3:00 PM–4:30 PM Red Lacquer Room

"Sacred Psychology and the Earth's New Story"

Dr. Jean Houston

In a vivid and dramatic presentation, Jean Houston will demonstrate how the emerging planetary civilization is both calling forth and being called forth by an evolution in myth, archetype, and spiritual practice. As technological cords bind nations ever closer to each other, we are on the brink of opportunities for human and cultural development previously unknown—we are on the brink of the planetary person, who represents a whole new order of capacities and consciousness necessary for sacred stewardship of the earth. Drawing on her work with over 40 cultures, Dr. Houston

will describe the nature of these new capacities and discuss how the emergent world spirituality is crucial to their development.

Dr. Jean Houston—Internationally-known psychologist, scholar, philosopher, and teacher; after many years of work as a behavioral scientist, has developed and continues to develop revolutionary new ways of unlocking the latent human capacities existent in every human being; has served on the faculties of religion, psychology and philosophy at Columbia, Hunter College, Marymount, University of California, New School for Social Research and the Human Capacities Training Program; author or co-author of a dozen books: *Mind Games; Life Force; The Possible Human; Godseed; The Search for the Beloved; The Hero and the Goddess*; has conducted seminars and worked in human and cultural development in over 40 countries.

3:00 PM–4:00 PM Sandburg Wing #6

“What is Humanistic Judaism?”

Rabbi Dan Friedman

This workshop will explain that Jews do not have to give up their traditions, culture, and roots in order to live a Humanistic life. How does one live a life of secular integrity while holding on to the valuable truths and practices in Jewish tradition?

Rabbi Dan Friedman—Graduate, Hebrew Union College; rabbi, Temple Beth Or, suburban Chicago area; temple serves Jews who view Judaism as a culture and Humanism as a religion to serve their communal needs.

4:00 PM–5:00 PM Burnham Wing #1

“Sacred Places—An Architect’s Personal View”

John MacManus

The sacred environments that people construct or select are often manifestations of different cultural worlds. Some are relevant only to specific peoples—others evoke a spiritual reaction in the viewer, even after the original religious use of the site has been superseded. What are the qualities necessary for a space to bypass language and culture and refer us back to some underlying common spirituality? Examples from Japan, Egypt, Morocco, Spain, Italy, Ireland, and the United States will be discussed.

4:00 PM–4:30 PM Burnham Wing #2

“Jainism and Ecology”

Dr. Michael Tobias

This workshop shows that in its anticipation of many of the world’s critical environmental issues, the Jains have promulgated one of the most thorough ecological credos ever advanced by any world religion. Its details and practice represent a profound challenge to the 20th century.

Dr. Michael Tobias—a Jain; the internationally known author of some 17 books and the writer, director and producer of dozens of films which have been broadcast in over 20 countries.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Burnham Wing #4

“The Islamic Attitude Toward Environment and Ecology”

Luqman Haroon; Dr. Syed Waqar A. Husaini; Dr. M.M. Taqi Khan; Khuram Murad; Dilnawaz Siddiqi; Syed E. Hasan

A discussion of the Islamic approach to balancing the legitimate needs of the growing human community with the imperative of preserving the Earth’s ecology.

Luqman Haroon—Vice-Chairman, Muhammadiyah-Jakarta, Jakarta, Indonesia.

Dr. Syed Waqar A. Husaini—Visiting Scholar, Stanford University.

Dr. M.M. Taqi Khan—Professor of Chemistry, Osmania University, Hyderabad, India.

Khuram Murad—Vice-President, Jamaat-i-Islami, Pakistan.

Dilnawaz Siddiqi—Professor of Science, University of Pennsylvania.

Syed E. Hasan—Associate Professor, Geosciences, University of Missouri.

4:00 PM–5:00 PM Burnham Wing #5

“Native American and Medieval Christian Views of the Community of Creation: Black Elk, Thomas Aquinas, and St. Francis Speak”

William French

This presentation will focus on the parallels between Native American and Medieval Catholic understandings of how creation reveals the Creator, how we must understand human life as participation within a broader community of creation, and how this community is made up of a vast, complex field of relations. Where Thomas insists on God’s direct action throughout the entire field of creation, St. Francis, like much of Native American thought, stresses that we must think of the rest of nature in terms of direct kinship with humanity—Mother, Brother, and Sister.

William French—Ph.D., Ethics and Society, University of Chicago; Associate Professor, Theology, Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois.

4:00 PM–5:00 PM Clark Wing #1

“The River Jordan and the River Ganges: Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel’s View of Other Faiths”

Harold Kasimow

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel remains one of the most important spiritual guides of our century. His Jewish disciples consider him to be the Zaddik, the saint of our generation, while members of other faiths see him as “an apostle to the gentiles.” This presentation will examine classical, modern, and contemporary Jewish attitudes toward other religious traditions, focusing primarily on the views of Rabbi Heschel, who stressed that “religious pluralism is the will of God.”

Harold Kasimow—Bachelor of Hebrew Literature, Jewish Theological Seminary; Ph.D., Temple University; George Drake Professor of Religious Studies, Grinnell College, Iowa; articles on Judaism and Eastern religions; coeditor, with Byron L. Sherwin, *No Religion is an Island: Abraham Joshua Heschel and Interreligious Dialogue*.

4:00 PM–5:00 PM Clark Wing #2

“Creative Peace Meditation”

Narasimha Siddhanti Malladi

Creative Peace Meditation is a state of experiencing our inner silence, full of peace, creativity, and bliss, with simultaneous outer awareness; CPM is achieved by active mental relaxation and focus, made easy by simple rhythmic breathing and basic vowel sounds.

Narasimha Siddhanti Malladi—teaches Mechanical Engineering at Tuskegee University, Alabama, with several years of design experience in U.S. industry; received several awards for his creative professional contributions; has practiced spirituality for 25 years and experienced the Inner Silence.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Clark Wing #3

“Judaism among African Americans”

Rabbi Capers Funye

This workshop presents the practice of Judaism among African Americans community and Judaism before World War I.

4:00 PM–5:00 PM Clark Wing #5

“The Influence of Zoroastrianism on the Major World Religions”

Keki R. Bhoje

As the world’s oldest monotheistic religion, Zoroastrianism came into close contact with Hinduism, Judaism, Christianity, the Greek and Roman cultures and Islam. This presentation will trace the impact of Zoroastrianism on all these major religions and cultures.

Keki R. Bhole—one of the founders of the Zoroastrian Association of America and the Zoroastrian Association of Metropolitan Chicago; among the Chairs of the 2nd North American Zoroastrian Symposium.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Clark Wing #6

"Sikh Scripture as Universal Text"

Dr. Amarjit Singh; Dr. Sangat S. Syalee; Dr. Pritam Singh
The Guru Granth Sahib is the most authentic and the holiest scripture of the Sikhs. It but reveals the innermost mystic experience of a soul to ascending to the high domain of God. Throughout the 1430 pages of the Guru Granth Sahib, the message given by Sikh prophets and other Saints and Mystics who represent different religious backgrounds, echoes and reechoes. Dr. Balwant Singh (Moderator).

Dr. Amarjit Singh—spokesman for the Panthak Committee, the religious and political Sikh organization authorized by the Sarbat Khaisa to lead the Sikh Nation; lectures on different facets of Sikhism in Gurdwaras, universities, human rights seminars and other forums.
Dr. Pritam Singh—Ph.D., Physics; religious leader; Sikh scholar.

4:00 PM–5:00 PM Clark Wing #7

"The Practices of Other Religions and Christian Spirituality"

Fr. Richard Chilson

A Catholic priest and well known author on evangelization looks at how the Christian can benefit from the practices of other religions without any loss of religious identity.

Fr. Richard Chilson—priest of the Congregation of St. Paul (The Paulists) and pastor of Holy Spirit Parish in Berkeley, California.

4:00 PM–5:00 PM Clark Wing #8

"The Vision of a Perfecting World"

K.D. Irani

The world must be recognized as perfectible both socially and spiritually. Socially it can be brought to a state of collective harmonious happiness with a concomitant spiritual upliftment as moral perception becomes clearer and intentions and motives move closer to the divine purpose.

K.D. Irani—Emeritus Professor of Philosophy, City College of New York; has lectured on ancient thought and the philosophy of the Indian-Iranian tradition at several universities in North America and Europe; extensive publications in science, philosophy of mind, and philosophy of religion.

4:00 PM–4:45 PM Clark Wing #9

"Gnosticism and the New Myth of Consciousness"

Dr. Stephan Hoeller

The lecture presents the emerging new myth of the culture that is contrasted and compared with earlier myths of humanity. This emerging world-view grounded in myth is based on the pursuit of personal spiritual experience combined with a religious search for meaning and arises from the rediscovery of the transformative power of becoming conscious of the transcendent. The new myth is examined in relationship to Gnosticism and contemporary Jungian depth psychology.

Dr. Stephan Hoeller—Professor Emeritus of Comparative Religions, College of Oriental Studies, Los Angeles, Director of Gnostic Society of Los Angeles, Lecturer for the Philosophical Research Society of Los Angeles, and Bishop in Ecclesia Gnostica; author, *The Royal Road; The Gnostic Jung and the Seven Sermons of the Dead; Jung and the Lost Gospels; and Freedom.*

4:00 PM–4:30 PM Clark Wing #10

"Jainism and Religious Tolerance"

Professor Jagdish Sheth

As the economy of the world is becoming more global, there is increasing personal mobility. Consequently, religious and cultur-

al diversity is on the rise. This will require better tolerance and understanding among people. This presentation offers a Jain perspective on a unique modern problem.

Professor Jagdish Sheth—Professor of marketing at Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia; has worked for numerous industries in the U.S.A., Europe and Asia, both as a consultant and as a seminar leader; author of many books and articles; numerous awards for his outstanding contribution to his profession.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Dearborn Wing #1

"Birthing the Universal Human"

Rev. Dr. Marcia Sutton

This workshop will focus on individual spiritual evolution, and support people's understanding and experience of the religious life beyond all boundaries and divisions. It will offer the opportunity for participants to heal past wounds of separation and doubt in order to embrace, in common union with others, Divine Love. Practical tools for living the spiritual life as co-creators will be presented.

Rev. Dr. Marcia Sutton—Senior Minister of the Golden Gate Church of Religious Science; member, Board of The Foundation of Co-Creation; participates in the San Francisco Bay Area Interreligious Dialogue.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Dearborn Wing #2

"Transcendence and the Ultimate: Universal Principles of Psychospiritual Transformation"

James E. Royster

A consideration of: (1) the nature of the Ultimate in Itself and in relationship, (2) the universal human sense of separation from the Ultimate as well as from other humans and the natural world, and of inner division and discord, and (3) universal principles of transformation that can be practiced in ordinary life in order to regain a sense of connection, harmony, and oneness.

James E. Royster—Professor, Department of Religious Studies, Cleveland State University; extensive travel and living experience, North Africa, Middle East, Pakistan, India, Asia; currently at work on book dealing with personal transformation in the world's religions.

4:00 PM–5:00 PM LaSalle Wing #1

"The Secret: Spiritual Texts in Children's Stories"

Francine E. Marrus

This workshop will explore the deep structure of children's stories and the spiritual meanings that appear. Emphasis will be on defining spiritual meanings and applying that definition to understanding both traditional folk stories and more current narratives.

Francine E. Marrus—teaches speech and communication studies at Clemson University in South Carolina; research interest is in the spirituality of communication in various contexts; has participated in the Speech Communication Association seminars on spirituality in 1991 and 1992.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM LaSalle Wing #2

"Spiritual Practice on a Multi-Faith Planet"

Rudolf Gelsey

Yoga and mantras, Zen Buddhist meditation, Sufi Dhikr breath purification and sacred dance will be presented as elements for spiritual practice in the global village.

Rudolf Gelsey—born in Vienna, Austria; graduate degree in political science, University of Geneva; degree in divinity, University of Chicago; Unitarian Universalist minister for over 30 years; author of *Imagine... A New Bible.*

4:00 PM–4:45 PM LaSalle Wing #3

"Language and Religion"

Dr. John Algeo

Linguists distinguish between "language", the innate ability of human beings to communicate, and "a language" such as English or Tibetan. It is ironic that "language" is universal, uniform, and exists to facilitate communication, yet "languages" are

particular, diverse, and mutually incomprehensible. May something of the same sort be true of "religion" and "a religion"? Is "religion" an innate impulse in human beings to relate themselves to the mysteries of life?

Dr. John Algeo—Professor of English at the University of Georgia specializing in the history of the English language and its current use; President of the Theosophical Society in America; author, *Problems on the Origins & Development of the English Language; Fifty Years among the New Words: A Dictionary of Neologisms; and Reincarnation Explored.*

4:00 PM–4:20 PM LaSalle Wing #4

"The Power of Prayer"

H.H. Atmanandji Maharaj

Communication of man with the Supreme Being is universally found in all religions. It appeals to all—from laity to the most enlightened aspirant. It promotes unselfishness and annihilation of "I-ness" and "mineness" and purifies the mind.

H.H. Atmanandji Maharaj—saint, scholar, author, orator and chief organizer of scores of yoga-camps and pilgrimages in India, U.K., U.S.A. and Africa; a great proponent of Indian culture, Jain philosophy and Yoga-sadhana.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM LaSalle Wing #5

"A New Myth to Live By"

John Lobell; Mimi Lobell; Stephen Larsen; Robin Larsen; Bob Walter; Rebecca Armstrong; Joyce Bogusky; Keith Cunningham

This presentation summarizes the contributions of Joseph Campbell in the study of mythology and religion and explores the role of the Joseph Campbell Society, Inc. in the coming millennium.

John Lobell—Director of Membership of the Joseph Campbell Foundation; Professor of Architecture, Pratt Institute.

Stephen Larsen—Co-author of *A Fire in the Mind: The Life of Joseph Campbell.*

Robin Larsen—Co-author of *A Fire in the Mind: The Life of Joseph Campbell.*

Bob Walter—Vice President and Director of the Joseph Campbell Foundation; editor of Joseph Campbell's *Historical Atlas of World Mythology.*

Rebecca Armstrong—musician, storyteller, and founder of The Joseph Campbell Society in Chicago.

Joyce Bogusky—Jungian analyst.

Keith Cunningham—filmmaker and poet.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Montrose Wing #1

"Cultural Degradation Through Mascots and Stereotypes"

Dorothy Davids; Jim Fenelon; Raymond D. Apodaca; Nick Hockings; Hugh Danforth

Mascots and stereotypes are issues that Native Americans are dealing with. This panel will discuss alternatives to the mascot caricature and its impact on Native American images.

Dorothy Davids—Stockbridge Munsee; Professor Emeritus, University of Wisconsin, Madison Extension, Leadership Development

Jim Fenelon—Standing Rock Sioux; bilingual education consultant.

Raymond D. Apodaca—Isleta del sur Pueblo; Chair, Human and Religious Rights Committee, National Congress of American Indians.

Nick Hockings—Ojibwe; traditional dancer and cultural teacher throughout the state of Wisconsin.

Hugh Danforth—Oneida; activist on mascot issue; Native American Center Board, Madison, Wisconsin.

4:00 PM–5:00 PM Montrose Wing #2

"God's Messengers to the Native Peoples of the Western Hemisphere"

Jacqueline Delahunt; Kevin Locke; Patricia Locke

There have been "myriad Messengers" to the indigenous peoples of the western hemisphere throughout the centuries. These indigenous nations were organized around a spiritual, rather than a political or secular world view. The prophetic aspects of these indigenous belief systems will be explored.

Jacqueline Delahunt—Lakota and Chippewa educator and lecturer; Coordinator, American Indian Religious Freedom Project, Association on American Indian Affairs.

Kevin Locke—a Lakota and Chippewa flutist and dancer, is an educator and auxiliary board member of the Bahá'í faith.

Patricia Locke—Standing Rock Sioux and Minnesota Chippewa; educator; National coordinator of the Coalition for the amendments to the American Indian Religious Freedom Act.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Montrose Wing #3

"Wisdom of the Elders, Part I: The Path of Unconditional Love"

Dr. Pamela Colorado; Grandmother Pa'ris'ha

Two women elders will share their profound spiritual and practical wisdom on the power of unconditional love to heal the planet. These two women are giants in their fields—not dreamers, but visionary activists working intensely to help people bring their lives and the world back into balance.

Dr. Pamela Colorado—Wisconsin Oneida, of the Iroquois Confederacy; faculty member of the School of Social Work, University of Calgary; founder, Worldwide Indigenous Science Network.

Grandmother Pa'ris'ha—elder of the White Buffalo Society who lives the ways of the Peace Keepers; wife, a mother, a grandmother, and a daughter of the Earth; incurable people watcher; in 30 years of international work, she has been instrumental in bringing the ways of peace to many cultures.

4:00 PM–5:00 PM Montrose Wing #4

"Modern Business the Zoroastrian Way"

K.P. Mehta

This presentation will review the application of ancient Zoroastrian principles to the world of modern business. How can modern men and women meet the challenges of the business world without losing faith in religious principles?

K.P. Mehta—Religious Education Chairperson, Zoroastrian Association of Metro Chicago.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Montrose Wing #5

"The Problem of Displaced People"

Dr. Abdur Rahman Nokedar; Begum Syeda Bhatti; Ayesha Governor; Dr. William Baker; Dr. Mohammad Islamulla Khan

A discussion of religious, economic, and racial refugees. Disenfranchisement and the loss of human dignity. Putative solutions.

Dr. Abdur Rahman Nokedar—President, American Federation of Indian Muslims, Detroit, Michigan.

Begum Syeda Bhatti—Muslim Women Refugees in Canada, Ottawa.

Ayesha Governor—noted champion of human rights; expert on the Bosnian refugee crisis.

Dr. William Baker—author, *The Theft of a Nation*; Professor of Biblical History.

Dr. Mohammad Islamulla Khan—Professor of History, Clarion University, Pennsylvania.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Parlor G

"Africana Ethics Symposium—MA'AT: Framework for a Transcultural Social Ethics"

Michael Quist; Hunter Adams III; Dr. Patricia Newton; Dr. Elaine Mosley; Dr. Carl Spight; Dr. Vernita Fort; Dr. Njeri Jackson

This symposium offers from the Africana ethical tradition a new framework, *Ma'at*, for a transcultural and transreligious comprehensive system of ethics. *Ma'at*, was a social theory which developed about 5500 years ago in northeastern Africa's Nile Valley that integrated all aspects of human existence such as aesthetics, ethics, philosophy, religion and science into an "unbroken wholeness". *Ma'at* was the guiding vision, the highest ideal of living and for governance, the "normative standard" of measurement of every action of a culturally and religiously diverse African popu-

lation. Extending the ancient concept of Ma'at, this panel will explore and critique the complexity of interrelatedness of contemporary ethical issues in a number of areas including art, business, education, ecology, health, politics, religion and science and offers insights in resolving conflicts and increasing peace.

Hunter Adams III—Scientist/philosopher/consultant, Lifeways Sciences Institute, Chicago, IL

Dr. Patricia Newton—President and Medical Director of Newton & Assoc., specializing in Behavioral Medicine with emphasis on the interface of psychic, emotional and physical well-being; President of Newton-Thoth, Inc., an international behavioral science management corporation; Assistant Professor, Psychology, Johns Hopkins University Medical School; provided consultation to the National Institutes of Drug Abuse on Advertising for "AIDS and IV Drug Abuse"; has pioneered the use of "Sociodrama" with chronic mental patients and works regularly with other physicians in the Caribbean and Africa; has one of the most successful chemical dependency rehabilitation programs in the U.S.

Dr. Elaine Mosley—Ed.D.; educator for over twenty-five years; founding principal/chief administrative officer; Corporate community Schools of America, Inc. Chicago, IL; currently, chief fund-raiser and director of program development; professional experiences include teaching (all levels), and educational consulting to school and community groups.

Dr. Carl Spight—Physicist/philosopher; Chicago State University and Jackson, Tull and Graham, Inc., Chicago, Illinois.

Dr. Vernita Fort—ecological economist; United States Aid for International Development; Barbados.

Dr. Njeri Jackson—Political scientist/feminist; Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM PDR #5

"Appreciating Oneness: Promulgating Diversity Throughout Organizations"

Robert Rosenfeld; Michael Winger-Bearskin

The creative potential of an organization and its capability for innovation depends not only on its creative capacity, but its diversity of thought and its appreciation of the oneness of creation. In this seminar, participants will discover their personal creative style for problem solving, an expression of one's cognitive diversity, as well as understand and appreciate the creative environment, the creative process, and the creative organization. Creative style, as described in an Adaption-Innovation theory looks at the manner in which one solves problems.

Robert Rosenfeld—recognized, worldwide leader in the field of innovation; his Office of Innovation Model has been implemented in numerous companies and organizations; cofounder, the Association for Managers of Innovation.

Michael Winger-Bearskin—following a distinguished career in marketing/sales at Eastman Kodak, pioneered the Office of Innovation Model to Kodak's field organizations; joined the ICS in 1989; adjunct faculty position at the Center for Creative Leadership.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Pool Promenade

"Ohashiatsu Touch for Peace"

Matt Sweigart; Jeffrey Horvath

Ohashiatsu Touch for Peace invites you into the Body, mind and spirit as we touch one another from a deeply loving, relaxed and effortless place. We reach out in circle and in pairs, in a mindful and meditative way, to communicate on many levels our needs, wants, and aspirations, and in our communion we find peace and unconditional loving support.

Matt Sweigart—a graduate and certified instructor of the Ohashi Institute, New York City; director, the school in Chicago since 1988, offering classes and offering private sessions in Ohashiatsu; integrates traditional Oriental philosophy and earth based ritual into his practice.

Jeffrey Horvath—MM in vocal performance from Northwestern University; certified instructor of Ohashiatsu.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Salon II

"Global Solutions"

Rolf C. Carriere; William Vendley; Dr. M. Aram

In each of his postings, Mr. Carriere had occasion to work with religious and spiritual leaders in pursuit of the goals for children in the field of health and nutrition, water and sanitation, education and social welfare for children in especially difficult circumstances.

Two brief video presentations ("Three Forty-one" and "Beneath the Penetrating Gaze") followed by a lecture/discussion with slides.

Rolf C. Carriere—Currently UNICEF Representative in Bangladesh; prior to this appointment, was a UNICEF Representative in Myanmar (Burma); began working for United Nations in 1971 in Indonesia (first for the Food and Agriculture Organization, then for UNICEF), subsequently for the World Bank in Washington, and thereafter in-charge of UNICEF India's health and nutrition programme.

William Vendley—Secretary-General, World Conference on Religion and Peace/International; Director International Secretariat staff, New York, Geneva, Tokyo and Melbourne; former Dean, Doctor of Ministry and Master of Arts in Theology programs and Professor of Theology, Roman Catholic Major Seminary, Long Island; Ph.D. Doctor of Philosophy, Fordham University.

Dr. M. Aram—founder and president of Shanti Ashram, India, and former Vice-Chancellor of the Gandhigram Rural University.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Sandburg Wing #1

"All Faiths Action Program 1994 to 1997: Preach-Teach-Use NEGOTIATION"

Stephanie Downs Hughes

A mission of this workshop is to teach every person on Earth the same basic method for resolving conflict through negotiation—so that even when no common tongue, culture or religion is shared a common non-violent, conflict-resolution process is. The negotiation process will be presented and the workshop group will check its compatibility with participants' beliefs and habits. The presenter and group will elaborate how all returning from the Parliament can lead worldwide implementation of this three-year program through outspoken advocacy of negotiation, preaching about it, using it, teaching it in church classes, and asking local and national leaders of all faiths and local and national governments, media, schools and others to teach and use negotiation.

Stephanie Downs Hughes—Business consultant, Board Member of the Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office and member of the International Association for the Religious Freedom; currently helping to shape and promote the Global Preach-Teach-Use NEGOTIATION Action Program spawned by a Peace and Justice Coalition Conference.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Sandburg Wing #2

"The New Interest in Education for Native Americans"

Gary Sandefur; Peterson Zah; Manley Begay

The impact of education on Native people can be a positive force towards preserving Native spirituality and cultural heritage. This panel explore ways Indian people have utilized education, from Native American Indian-controlled schools to major universities, to retain their culture.

Gary Sandefur—Chickasaw, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Professor of Social Work and Rural Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Peterson Zah—Navajo; President of the Navajo Nation, President of the American Indian Religious Freedom Summit.

Manley Begay—Navajo; Harvard University, JFK School of Government; Executive Director, American Indian Economic Development; National Association of Native American Leadership.

4:00 PM–5:00 PM Sandburg Wing #6

“What is the Humanist Tradition?”

Michael Werner

The American Humanist Association is a broad based, democratic humanist group. The Humanist tradition is an evolving one and not a monolithic group or set of beliefs. We will explore the breadth of Humanism in history and culture, and how it provides a life view, in some cases, in marked contrast to traditional religion.

Michael Werner—President, American Humanist Association; Steering Leader, Humanists of Chicagoland; Treasurer, Fellowship of Religious Humanists.

4:45 PM–5:15 PM Clark Wing #10

“Religious Harmony and Fellowship of Faiths: a Jain Perspective”

Dr. Sagarmal Jain

This lecture will show how our world is shrinking but unluckily and disdainfully the distances of our hearts are widening day by day. Instead of developing mutual love, co-operation and faith, we are spreading hatred and hostility and thus ignoring the values of harmonious living and co-existence. The blind and mad race of nuclear weapons is a clear indication that the human race is proceeding towards its formidable funeral procession. In the prevailing circumstances, the only way out left for the survival of mankind is to develop a firm belief in mutual co-operation and co-existence. Religious harmony and fellowship of faiths is the first and foremost need of our age.

Dr. Sagarmal Jain—Ph.D, Jiwaji University, Gwalior, Comparative study of Jain ethics with reference to the ethics of Buddhism and the *Bhagavad Gita*; formerly professor and Head of the Department of Philosophy at Hamidia College Bhopal and M.L.B. College Gwalior; at present, Director, P.V. Research Institute, Varanasi; has ten books and one hundred fifty Research articles to his credit.

4:45 PM–5:15 PM LaSalle Wing #4

“Dynamics of Jain Meditation”

Gurudev Shree Chitrabhanuji

The workshop will explain meditation, its purpose and results. Meditation offers freedom from stress and liberation from emotional shackles. Its purpose: to get in touch with one's own self. To experience one's true nature which is Paramatma-Godhood. The results: meditation prepares an individual to take responsibility for one's thoughts, words and actions. Finding solutions to problems without blaming others.

Gurudev Shree Chitrabhanuji—first Jain Master to visit the West; first to Switzerland at the Geneva Conference in 1970 and then in 1971 at Harvard Divinity in the United States; now travels the world with his message of Ahimsa & Reverence for All Life; founder of the Divine Knowledge Society in Bombay and the Jain Meditation International Center in New York.

5:10 PM–5:30 PM Burnham Wing #2

“Practice of Compassion in Modern Life”

Dr. Sneh K. Jain

The disposition to render assistance to those afflicted by various types of calamities is known as compassion. True practice of this virtue readily enhances our fitness to work for betterment of the Society. The presentation will include a discussion of Vaiyya Vratya, a five-point approach to rendering service to all ailing and suffering co-habitants of Mother Earth.

Dr. Sneh K. Jain—Professor of Pharmacy, University of Sagar, India; first woman to receive a Ph.D. in Pharmacy in India (1964); has done post-doctoral work in Germany; celibate nun in the Digambara sect of Jainism.



A series of colloquia, panel discussions, and presentations by nearly 60 prominent representatives of the world academic community. Significant papers on a wide range of topics related to the major themes of the Parliament will be read and discussed. Selected from over 100 submissions, these presentations have been grouped thematically into twenty sessions, each offering up to three papers for discussion. Each presenter will have 20 minutes and each presentation will be followed by 10 minutes of discussion. The Program Committee and Staff thank Professor Daniel Ross Chandler for his tireless assistance in the coordination of the Academy project.

SESSIONS 1-6, TUESDAY, 8/31

SESSION 1

10:00 AM-10:30 AM Sandburg Wing #7

"Constructing the Spiritual Dimensions of the AIDS Crisis"

Eric Gilder

This lecture constitutes a survey of the AIDS crisis as a contemporary social phenomenon and discerns the spiritual dimension inherent in this epidemics that has developed to catastrophic proportions.

Eric Gilder—Ph.D., Ohio State University; research and teaching interests include communication ethics, social construction of meaning; the "intuitive" construction of the AIDS crisis.

SESSION 2

2:00 PM-2:30 PM Sandburg Wing #7

"Postmodern Peace and World Civilization"

Dr. George Nordgulen

This workshop will discuss the possibility of a postmodern spiritual peace for a world civilization. The fundamental question of the last decade of our century is, are we willing to do the things that make for peace, to beat our nuclear weapons into instruments of food production, to shelter the shelterless, to care for the sick and dying, to build a peaceful world? The task of the spiritual ways of the world is to provide a soul or spirit to the growing world community consciousness of the necessity of world peace.

Dr. George Nordgulen—Professor of Religion, Eastern Kentucky University; leader for trip to India for the United States Educational Foundation in India; author, *Perspectives in World Religion*; and *Faith and Creativity*.

2:30 PM-3:00 PM Sandburg Wing #7

"Interreligious Dialogue as Love: A Proposal Based on the Hidden God"

Dr. Bruce T. Martin

Interreligious dialogue is properly about God. Today, however, an overemphasis on "common faith" seriously misrepresents God's universality. The paper proposes a Christian theology for interreligious dialogue based on God's dreadful presence in suffering and death. The Christian who is engaged in dialogue will want to be present where God is. In this cruciform manner, there will be no hidden missiological agenda or triumphalistic attitude. Only where God cannot be believed as a God of love (i.e., in death) is faith able to believe in the "crucified and hidden God."

SESSION 3

4:00 PM-4:30 PM Sandburg Wing #7

"A Language of Silence: The Performance of Meditation"

Francine E. Marrus

This paper will focus on how we communicate the experience of silence: the meaning, the method, and the result. The discussion will include how people speak about meditation, what it is, how its done, and what happens during and after meditation. Language used to describe the meditation experience will be identified and discussed, as will guided meditation.

Francine E. Marrus—teaches speech and communication studies at Clemson University in South Carolina; research interest, spirituality of communication in various contexts; has participated in the Speech Communication Association seminars on spirituality in 1991 & 1992.

4:30 PM-5:00 PM Sandburg Wing #7

"Freedom in an Interdependent World"

Anna Lemkow

This workshop inquires into freedom from a nondualistic—more particularly, a theosophical—perspective. The latter proposes: 1) illimitable, impartible, cosmic order; 2) inseparability of freedom from inner law or necessity; 3) that individuals can win freedom only by self-effort; 4) that all beings co-participate in an evolutionary process toward a higher life. The world religions, western psychology, and the newer evolutionary theory of science cohere in effect with these propositions. Societal freedom equally demands obeying inner order.

Anna Lemkow—author, *The Wholeness Principle: Dynamics of Unity Within Science, Religion and Society*; worked for many years in the United Nations Secretariat in the field of economic and social development; special interest: integrative approaches to science, spirituality, and world affairs; degrees from the University of Alberta, Canada, and the New School for Social Research, New York.

5:00 PM-5:30 PM Sandburg Wing #7

"The Kairos of Spiritual Unity"

Susanne Schaup, Ph.D.

In the search for a common link between world religions, Divine Wisdom (Sophia) has proved a powerful symbol of integration. Almost entirely lost in the Christian churches of the West, Sophia is being rediscovered by various religions and secular movements of our time. Under different names, Divine Wisdom can be seen to operate in all religious traditions. This presentation explores the concept of Sophia: its impact on the image of God, human beings, the nature of relationship, and the concept of power.

Susanne Schaup, Ph.D.—studied English and German philology, psychology and philosophy in Austria and the US; former editor of religious books on the East; freelance writer, translator, editor and public lecturer with an emphasis on world religions, the Third World and feminist issues; working on a book, *Sophia, The Divine Wisdom*.

SESSION 4

10:00 AM-10:30 AM Sandburg Wing #8

"The Visitation of the Stranger: Some Mystical Dimensions of the History of Religions"

Jeffrey J. Kripal

By briefly analyzing the mystical dimensions of the hermeneutical experiences of Louis Massignon, Gershom Scholem, and Mircea

Eliade, this paper will attempt to demonstrate that there is a type of hermeneutical experience, at once deeply sympathetic and yet still critical, in which the researcher actually experiences the mystical depths of the tradition under study. The paper will conclude by suggesting that such sophisticated forms of encounter and interpretation might serve us well as models for our own attempts to understand and relate to other religious traditions. Like Massignon, Scholem, and Eliade, we too, under the proper conditions, might discover in them a "visitation of the Stranger."

Jeffrey J. Kripal—Ph.D., History of Religions, University of Chicago Divinity School; dissertation, "Kālī's Child: the Mystical and the Erotic in the Life and Teachings of Ramakrishna Paramahansa," focused on Tantric elements in the "secret talk" of Ramakrishna; presently holds the Vira I. Heinz Professorship in Religion at the rank of Assistant Professor at Westminster College in New Wilmington, PA.

10:30 AM–11:00 AM Sandburg Wing #8

"Spirituality and Inquiry"

Donald D. Tukey

This session inquires into the relationship between spirituality and traditional modes of inquiry. The focus will be on Spirituality and inquiry, "spiritual inquiry", the role of symbols in spiritual inquiry, and spiritual inquiry and human development. The lecture will be followed by a brief question and answer period.

11:00 AM–11:30 AM Sandburg Wing #8

"Creativity and Spirituality: Bonds Between Art and Religion"

Earle J. Coleman

This presentation will explore the consideration that all art is religious and all religion is artistic. A look into the common denominators of art and religion will reveal the inseparability of the aesthetic and the spiritual. It will also be proposed that since values—whether religious or aesthetic—belong to human nature, if humans are to be whole, religion and art must be interrelated.

Earle J. Coleman—Ph.D. in Chinese philosophy, University of Hawaii; author, *Philosophy of Painting by Shih T'ao*; editor, *Varieties of Aesthetic Experience*; contributing editor, *Menorah Review*; member, Society of Christian Philosophers, Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy, Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies, and the Judaic Culture Advisory Committee of Virginia Commonwealth University.

SESSION 5

2:00 PM–2:30 PM Sandburg Wing #8

"Sri Aurobindo, The Anthropic Principle, and the Standard Model"

Ulrich Mohrhoff

The one consistently objectifiable structure created by physicists—the theories collectively known as the Standard Model will be shown in the workshop to be to a great extent derivable on *a priori* grounds, all but coterminous with the preconditions of evolution. Why this should be so is examined in the light of Sri Aurobindo, philosophy of spiritual evolution. The relevance of Sri Aurobindo's thought to several important scientific and philosophical will be demonstrated.

Ulrich Mohrhoff—studied physics at the University of Goettingen and at the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore; resident at Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry, India, since 1977.

2:30 PM–3:00 PM Sandburg Wing #8

"Quantum Inferential Leaps: The Rhetoric of Physics"

Mark Lawrence McPhail

Contemporary connections between rhetoric and physics provide the basis for a consideration of the epistemological implica-

tions of our changing understanding of reality. Quantum physics has rejected the notion of an objective reality that exists independent of observers, and the notion of rhetoric as epistemic has also questioned the underlying assumptions of modernistic conceptualizations of science and language. The rhetoric of physics offers a synthesis of these two areas of inquiry, and suggests important directions for rhetoricians interested in articulating a holistic and transformative vision of rhetoric.

Mark Lawrence McPhail—Associate Professor, Department of Communication, University of Utah; this essay appeared in the Spring 1992 edition of the *Southern Communication Journal*.

3:00–3:30 PM Sandburg Wing #8

"Physics as a Sacred Process: Listening to the Universe Within"

Daniel L. Cox

In this presentation, Professor Cox will offer his developing views of the state of modern science and a possible therapeutic path from his perspective as a practicing theoretical physicist. He will describe the mind/body/spirit/practice rifts in physics. He will describe his own experiences in physics, as listening rather than controlling. He will also propose changes in the formats of teaching, researching, reporting, and physics.

Daniel L. Cox—Ph.D., Cornell University; Postdoctoral research, University of California at San Diego, 1984–86; Professor of Physics, Ohio State University; has published over 40 papers; recipient, the Clark Award for excellence, Cornell, 1981.

SESSION 6

4:00 PM–4:30 PM Sandburg Wing #8

"The Social Significance of a Western Belief in Reincarnation and Karma: A Study of the Self-Realization Fellowship"

Jane Dillon

Founded in 1920 by Paramahansa Yogananda, the Self-Realization Fellowship is one of the oldest Eastern religious organizations in the U.S. The central thesis of this paper is that the SRF Kriya Yogic way of life and the attendant beliefs in reincarnation and karma have the possibility for broad acceptance in the Western world as sources of meaning and philosophy for explaining the human condition. This presentation examines the meaning of a Western belief in a reincarnationist theodicy, its impact within the "new" Eastern religions, and the social significance for Western society of a fundamental transformation of a religious knowledge from an salvationist to a reincarnationist paradigm. Reincarnationist Theory is proposed as an explanation of social action based on human spiritual relations.

Jane Dillon—Ph.C., Sociology, University of California, San Diego; doctoral dissertation is the result of a seven-year ethnographic study of the Self-Realization Fellowship, its teachings, and the Kriya Yoga way of life practiced by monastic and lay disciples of Paramahansa Yogananda; currently developing a Program for the Social Scientific Study of Reincarnationist Theory.

5:00 PM–5:30 PM Sandburg Wing #8

"Predestination, the Qur'an, and the Theory of Relativity"

Dr. T.O. Shanavas

The Qur'an states that God knows the past, the present, and the future of man (Chapter 2, verse 255). The West argues, quoting the above verse, that Islam is fatalistic. This paper explores the question of human freedom of choice in the light of God's knowledge of the future.

Dr. T.O. Shanavas—M.D., F.A.A.P.; Fellow, American Academy of Pediatrics; Fellow, American College of International Physicians; Member, Islamic Center of Greater Toledo, Ohio.

SESSIONS 7–12, WEDNESDAY, 9/1

SESSION 7

10:00 AM–10:30 AM Sandburg Wing #7

"The Seduction of Eve and the Exegetical Politics of Gender"

Rabbi Reuven Kimelman

This lecture presents a partial defense of the egalitarian reading of the opening chapters of *Genesis*. It presents a reading of the Eden Story that underscores the significance of featuring both woman and serpent. With regard to method, it links narrative studies, especially those of the reader-response school, and studies on symbolism with works on feminism, sexuality, and personality. It argues that the key to the story lies in understanding the multiple meanings of the name Eve. In grasping these meanings the audience realizes that Adam and Eve were not so much historical prototypes as they are literary archetypes, for the story, alas, is as much everyone's as it is theirs.

Rabbi Reuven Kimelman—Ph.D.; Professor of Talmud and Midrash, Brandeis University.

10:30 AM–11:00 AM Sandburg Wing #7

"By an Immediate Voice': The Feminist Rhetoric of Anne Hutchinson"

Dr. Helen Sterk

This presentation will begin with a brief description of Hutchinson's life. This will be followed by a presentation of feminist rhetorical theory, and an application of the theory to Hutchinson's rhetoric.

Dr. Helen Sterk—Assistant Professor of Communication and Rhetorical Studies, Marquette University; co-author, *After Eden: Facing the Challenge of Gender Reconciliation*; numerous articles on gender and communication.

11:00 AM–11:30 AM Sandburg Wing #7

"Deciphering the Goddess: The Feminine Principle in Puranic (Hindu) Accounts of Creation"

Tracy Pintchman

The essential identity of the Hindu Great Goddess appears to be constructed at least in part in and by Puranic cosmogonies, which provide the context for her definition. Whichever Goddess is identified as "highest" in a given *Purana* or Puranic section is assimilated to certain cosmogonic and cosmological principles. These principles are often correlated with different levels of this goddess's identity which in turn correspond to different stages in the process of creation. The conflation of mythological and philosophical categories that we find in these accounts sets the stage for the equation of goddesses and principles; the result is a unique, all-encompassing principle understood theistically as a Great Goddess. This workshop has a lecture followed by discussion.

Tracy Pintchman—Assistant Professor in the Theology Department at Loyola University Chicago; Ph.D., Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara; area of specialty, the Hindu tradition.

SESSION 8

2:00 PM–2:30 PM Sandburg Wing #7

"Natural Piety as a Spiritual Discipline"

Rev. J. Harley Chapman

The concern with nature has been forced on Western Religious traditions in our time. This presentation will consider natural piety as a form of spiritual discipline. What would it mean to "practice the presence of God" in nature? What would it mean

for a post-modern, depatriarchalized, and de-anthropomorphized outlook? We will draw on various contemporary naturalisms and ontological creativity. This will be an exploration of both theory and practice.

Rev. J. Harley Chapman—Ph.D., ordained United Church of Christ Minister; Dean, Liberal Arts Division, William Rainey Harper College.

2:30 PM–3:00 PM Sandburg Wing #7

"Ecological Sustainability and the Integrity of Creation"

Rev. Joseph E. Bush

This presentation compares the World Council of Churches' recent reflection on the natural environment with the WCC's earlier reflection in the 1970's about the sustainable society. The fundamental tension in the WCC's thought about the natural environment is due not to basic theological or moral differences, but to different perspectives on the social and natural world.

Rev. Joseph E. Bush—chairperson, Board of Church and Society, Northern New Jersey Conference of the United Methodist church; adjunct Assistant Professor of Ethics at New Brunswick Theology Seminary; author of a dissertation for the Ph.D. degree from Drew University on the subject of the WCC's environmental teaching.

3:00 PM–3:30 PM Sandburg Wing #7

"Dominion or Equality? Human Nature and Its Relationship to Nature"

Rev. Roger A. Badham

The preoccupation with the God of history (the human story) has led to a concomitant carelessness re: the God of creation, allowing utilitarianism. Gordon Kaufmann is pessimistic that Christian theology can provide a convincing environmental ethical framework. The enlightenment preoccupation with humanity over nature expanded the chasm between humankind and nature. Attempts to construct a coherent ethics without a comprehensive understanding of human nature are bound for failure. Biocentric ethicists demand that humans perceive themselves as only part of nature yet they appeal to humans to act responsibly on behalf of nature. It is precisely our responsibility ('ability to respond') that separates us from nature even while we are biological entities. The paper concludes by exploring how a theology of inherent worth can be voiced from within the Christian tradition and ways in which the Church may gain insight from other religious traditions.

Rev. Roger A. Badham—Drew University; former Assistant Director of Religious Work, Cornell University; ordained in the United Church of Christ; Plenary Speaker, USAID Conference, "Occupational and Environmental Health in Labor Relations," 1992; publications include *Constructing a Theology of the Environment, in The Years Ahead: Perils, Promises and Problems*; *Jewish, Christian and Muslim Perspectives on Jesus: The 1991 Cornell Conference on Religion*; *Must Scientists Help Define a 'Better World'?*

SESSION 9

2:00 PM–2:30 PM Sandburg Wing #7

"Religious Diversity: The Implications for Monotheism"

Prof. Rita M. Gross, Ph.D.

Because of their history of making exclusive truth claims, monotheistic religions have had difficulty accommodating religious diversity and pluralism. Drawing on modern understanding of the origin of religion and its function in human life, the presentation explores ways in which monotheistic religions could fine-tune their self-understanding in a pluralistic world.

Prof. Rita M. Gross, Ph.D.—History of Religions, University of Chicago; 5 years as program chair, Women and Religion section, American Academy of Religion; author, *Unspoke Worlds: Women's Religious Lives*; and *Buddhism After Patriarchy: a Feminist History*,

Analysis, and Reconstruction of Buddhism; Professor, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire.

2:30 PM–3:00 PM Sandburg Wing #7

“Discerning the Universal Foundation of Religions: The Universal Word and the Unity of Religions”

Professor Ashok K. Gangadean

This paper is a distillation of relevant themes from Professor Gangadean's recently published book, *Meditative Reason: Toward Universal Grammar*, which is the fruition of twenty-five years of research on the foundations of religious worlds in a global context. The paper suggests that the essence of Divine Form, of the Infinite Word, implies a presiding Universal Grammar or Law that is the ground and origin of diverse religious worlds. The paper attempts to articulate this Universal Grammar of the Universal Word as the *common ground* of religions. A central theme of the book and of this paper is the clarification of the Universal Law at the heart of diverse cultures and world religions and the demonstration of the way in which this Universal Word or Grammar has been pragmatically operative in the formation of evolution of cultures and diverse religious forms of life.

Professor Ashok K. Gangadean—Professor and Chairman at Haverford College; has taught courses and published essays in comparative (east-west) philosophy, inter-religious theology, philosophy of language and rationality, Hindu, Buddhist, and Zen philosophy, etc.; first Director of Gest Center for Cross-Cultural Study of Religions which focuses on inter-religious dialogue; author, *Meditative Reason: Toward Universal Grammar*; two other volumes, *Time, Truth and Logic* and *Between Worlds* will appear soon.

3:00 PM–3:30 PM Sandburg Wing #7

“The 1893 Parliament and the Continuing Dialogue of World Religions”

Dr. James A. Kirk

This paper deals with the 1893 Parliament and the opening of religious dialogue. The lecture will explore how the dialogue began at a local level, the ground rules of dialogue, and the courage, audacity, and imagination of the founders. We will also discuss participation and controversies in the 1893 Parliament—including the anti-dialogical forces and their arguments, motivation by hope and commitment, and the leadership of women. The presentation will be concluded with a discussion of the movement of dialogue since 1893.

Dr. James A. Kirk—Professor of Religious Studies, University of Denver, specializing in comparative Studies; author, *Stories of the Hindus*; co-author, *Religion and the Human Image*; has published papers on the 1893 Parliament in the USA and Europe.

SESSION 10

10:00 AM–10:30 AM Sandburg Wing #8

“The Context for Developing a Spiritual Rhetoric”

Allan L. Ward, Ph.D.

There is a body of information relevant to the development of a spiritual rhetoric from which a theory or cluster of theories can evolve. The exploration of these areas can develop a “spiritual literacy” among the investigators, essential for having shared reference points. This paper looks at various studies, their interrelationships, and the context they provide for the development of a theory of spiritual rhetoric.

Allan L. Ward, Ph.D.—Professor of Speech Communication at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock; application of study has included business, education, government, religious, international, and social organizations.

10:30 AM–11:00 AM Sandburg Wing #8

“Rhetoric and The Christian Order: A Historical Perspective”

Omar Swartz

This paper explores the relationship between the classical study of rhetoric in Plato and Cicero and its Christianization by Saint Augustine in his *De doctrina Christiana*. The presentation will review the early Christian debate of what to do with Greek and Roman pagan culture. It will also review how proponents of a neo-Platonic and Christian rhetoric appropriated the Pagan Arts of Persuasion to serve in the apology of the Church, to aid in the interpretation of sacred texts, and to help in the proselytization of new converts.

Omar Swartz—Doctoral student in Rhetorical Studies at Purdue University; has contributed articles to the *Encyclopedia of Rhetoric*, *Rhetoric Review*, and *The Pennsylvania Speech Communication Annual*.

11:00 AM–11:45 AM Sandburg Wing #8

“Spiritual Topoi for Rhetorical Invention”

Dr. James W. Crocker-Lakness

In Western rhetorical theory topoi are places to find material and forms for argument. Western rhetorical theory has viewed human communication from psychological, social, biological and other perspectives but has not seriously considered the spiritual dimensions of being human. This workshop proposes a definition of spiritual from Huxley's perennial philosophy, applies that definition to existing rhetorical topoi, and suggests new topoi more conducive to spiritual communication.

Dr. James W. Crocker-Lakness—Professor of Communication, University of Cincinnati; member, Theosophical Society, Unitarian Universalist Church, and Religious Society of Friends; student of *A Course in Miracles*.

SESSION 11

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Sandburg Wing #8

“Moses, Muhammad, and Malcolm: African Americans in Judaism & Islam”

Robert M. Dannin; Rabbi Hailu Moshe Paris; Jolie Stahl

Over the past two centuries, many elements of black religious history have been ignored, suppressed, or destroyed. However, there is increasingly strong evidence of non-Christian traditions among African-Americans dating back to the colonial period. For example, approximately 15% of the slaves brought to North America came from Islamicized tribes and villages in West Africa. There were also converts to Judaism among plantation slaves in the West Indies. This presentation will explore how these religious traditions were perpetuated and transmitted to subsequent generations. We will also examine theological aspects of Judaism and Islam through the role played by Malcolm X in rekindling the themes of exodus and hijra in the African-American experience. The slide presentation will illustrate the contemporary culture of these communities.

Robert M. Dannin—ethnologist and independent researcher; doctoral degrees in ethnolinguistics and socio-cultural anthropology from the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales in Paris; specialist in ethnohistory of immigration and culture-contact; since 1989, he and Jolie Stahl have devoted themselves exclusively to Black Pilgrimage to Islam, an ethno-historical study of African-American Muslims.

Rabbi Hailu Moshe Paris—born in Ethiopia and came to the US in 1936 and received a western Jewish education in Rabbi Wentworth Matthew's congregation in Harlem; M.A. in education, Yeshiva University; has taught in the New York public school system; member of the Board of the American Association for Ethiopian Jews; presiding rabbi, Mt. Horeb Synagogue, the Bronx.

Jolie Stahl—photojournalist and independent researcher; degree from Boston's Museum School of fine Arts; founder and co-director of a fine art print facility at Lexington, NY; photographs featured in an exhibition entitled, “The Interrupted Life” at the New Museum for Contemporary Art in New York City; since 1985, has concentrated on documentary photography of Muslims in the U.S. and around the world.

SESSION 12

4:00 PM–4:30 PM Sandburg Wing #8

“Religious Pluralism in Hinduism in Light of Sri Vivekananda’s Message”

Dr. Chandana Chakrabarti

This paper will explore and analyse various implications of two fundamental theories viz., religious pluralism and religious monism. Most of the so-called religious wars are the result of taking any one religion to be “the only” religion of the world. In order to transcend this distinction we need to have a better understanding of the Ultimate Reality which appears to be masked in different “costumes.” To a monistic Hindu, this revelation is real and true only from the empirical and conventional point of view. Religious and racist violence will be traced to mistaken identification of the conventional with other possibilities for the “real” nature of truth.

4:30 PM–5:00 PM Sandburg Wing #8

“‘Hinduisms’ and ‘Judaisms’: Embodied Communities and Ethnocultural Integrity”

Barbara Holdrege

The differences between the Hindu and Jewish traditions have often been emphasized, so much so that these traditions have generally been characterized as representing opposite ends of the spectrum of world religions. Contrary to the stereotypical characterizations, brahmanical “Hinduism” and rabbinic “Judaism” may represent two species of the same genus of “religious tradition.” The comparative study of these traditions provides the basis for developing an alternative paradigm of “religious tradition” founded on categories different from those Christian-based categories of interpretation which have tended to dominate the academic study of religion.

Barbara Holdrege—Associate Professor of the Comparative History of Religions, University of California, Santa Barbara; research has focused on historical and textual studies of selected topics within the Hindu and Jewish traditions, as well as cross-cultural analyses of categories such as scripture, myth, and ritual; author, *Veda and Torah; Transcending the Textuality of Scripture*; and *The Mythic Dimension of Religious Life*; as well as an edited collection, *Ritual and Power, Journal of Ritual Studies*, 4, #2 (Summer 1990).

5:00 PM–5:30 PM Sandburg Wing #8

“Swami Vivekananda’s Neo-Vedantic Universality: Its Relevance to the Reconstruction of South African Society”

Dr. Nelistra Singh

This paper will seek to portray the universalistic principles espoused in the Neo-Vedanta philosophy of Swami Vivekananda, with a particular focus on his philosophy of the harmony of religions. A further focus of the paper will be on the relevance of universalism and harmony to the spiritual reconstruction of South African society.

Dr. Nelistra Singh—Senior Lecturer, Department of Science and Religion, University of Durban-Westville, Durban, South Africa; specialist in Hinduism, new religious movements; sociology of religion.

SESSIONS 13–18, THURSDAY, 9/2

SESSION 13

10:00 AM–10:45 AM Sandburg Wing #7

“Beyond East and West: The Vedantic Vision of a Global Village Community”

Ram N. Singh

The participation of the spiritual leader, Swami Vivekananda, in the First World’s Parliament of Religions in 1893 contributed

greatly to bringing Eastern and Western religions together. This paper presents the Swami’s message about abandoning provincialism and exploring our common biological, psychological, social, and cultural needs in order to build a global community.

10:45 AM–11:30 AM Sandburg Wing #7

“Experiential Phenomenology: A New Paradigm from Comparative Religion?”

George M. Williams

Can there be meaningful interfaith dialogue without an understanding of the diversity of religious experience?

11:30 AM–12:15 PM Sandburg Wing #7

“The Significance of Religious Diversity”

Robert McKim

The purpose of this lecture is to explore some implications of the fact that the major religions of the world disagree fundamentally in their claims about those things which religions purport to describe, such as the nature of any supernatural beings, if they claim that there are any such beings, the nature of human beings, and how it came about that there is a universe. This paper appeals to the diversity of beliefs in making a case for the importance of examining, questioning, and comparing our beliefs about religion. It argues that the fact of religious diversity suggests that the matters about which the beliefs are held are ambiguous, that these are areas in which the available evidence does not point clearly in one direction rather than another, and in which it is unclear what we ought to believe.

Robert McKim—Associate Professor in the departments of Religion and Philosophy at the University of Illinois at Urbana; has written on the philosophy of religion, the history of philosophy and ethics.

SESSION 14

4:30 PM–5:00 PM Sandburg Wing #7

“Buddhism and Pluralism: A Tension?”

Ven. Mahinda Deegalle

This paper will examine Theravada Buddhist attitudes towards other religions and how tension emerges in relations between religions in modern society. Focus on doctrinal dimensions of the problem as well as on practical aspects of religious pluralism in Sri Lanka today.

Ven. Mahinda Deegalle—Theravadin Buddhist monk from Sri Lanka; Ph.D. Candidate in History of Religions, University of Chicago; has taught at the Pali and Buddhist University of Sri Lanka.

5:00 PM–5:30 PM Sandburg Wing #7

“Angarika Dharmapala, The Man and His Vision of Buddhism in a Religiously Plural World”

Dr. Ananda Wickremeratne

Angarika Dharmapala, a participant in the original World Parliament of Religions, is a critical figure in the historiography of South Asia and in the spheres of religious anthropology and culture in the Western World. This paper explores his significance then and now.

Dr. Ananda Wickremeratne—Visiting Professor in Religion at Loyola University; Visiting Fellow and Associate Member of the Committee on Southern Asian Studies, University of Chicago.

SESSION 15

4:00 PM–4:30 PM Sandburg Wing #7

“Separation of Church and State at the Crossroads: Zobrest v. Catalina Hills School District”

Prof. Paul Siegel; Robert Hahn, M.S., CSC

As commentators and jurists have frequently pointed out, the

First Amendment to the United States Constitution, which provides for the separation of church and state but also for the exercise of one's religion and one's freedom of expression, seems internally contradictory. This paper briefly reviews the unavoidable tension among the First Amendment's various clauses, then examines the Supreme Court's adjudication of *Zobrest v. Catalina Hills School District* as an example of that tension.

Prof. Paul Siegel—Associate Professor of Communication Arts at Gallaudet University, and Adjunct Professor of Media Law at American University; research interests are freedom of speech and political communication.

Robert Hahn, M.S., CSC—Staff Interpreter at Gallaudet Interpreting Service; holds the Comprehensive Skill Certificate awarded by the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf; has taught ASL interpretation coursework at several colleges in the D.C. area, and has conducted research on linguistic on linguistic and ethical aspects of the interpreting process.

4:30 PM–5:00 PM Sandburg Wing #7

"News Trends and News Values"

Mary Ann Higgins

This lecture is based on the cultural assumption that journalists do have a responsibility to the public. Although our culture has undergone a variety of institutional and value shifts, it has retained its expectations of journalistic civil-mindedness. Within the context of *Megatrends 2000*, journalistic standards in the 21st century must shift to meet the public's need for knowledge. Journalists who accommodate new trends will lead their profession into the next century. If audiences follow them into the new millennium, the shift will also be a pragmatic one. A change in coverage patterns and practices may accommodate the interests of publishers, producers, and the public. By disseminating information and conveying knowledge, journalists may not reduce the surplus of information, but they will enhance the quality of knowledge.

Mary Ann Higgins—Professor at the School of Communication Studies, Walsh University, and Kent State University.

5:00 PM–5:30 PM Sandburg Wing #7

"Something There That Doesn't Love a Wall"

Dr. C. Ray Penn

This paper will deal with the continued reliance upon the metaphor of a "wall" to understand the relationship of Church and State and how it has caused a great deal of misunderstanding on the part of the Supreme Court as well of as those who enforce the law and those who live under the law. The presentation will first sketch out the role of the concept of tolerance in formulating standards of communication ethics in relation to religious messages. Second, it will employ these standards to critique selected past Supreme Court decisions related to Church-State Conflicts. Finally, some key concepts will be suggested that can be used to balance competing claims in future Church-State Situations.

Dr. C. Ray Penn—B.A., M.Div., S.T.M., M.A., Ph.D.; former minister; teaches communication courses and writes about the communication aspect of religion in its personal and organizational aspects.

SESSION 16

10:00 AM–10:45 AM Sandburg Wing #8

"Buddhism and the Philosophy of Religion: Buddhism as a Way of Life"

Frank J. Hoffman, Ph.D.

Paper presentation investigates what is meant by "way" and "way of life" as applied to Buddhism, and some of the main features of the Buddhist way of life.

Frank J. Hoffman, Ph.D.—University of London; author, *Rationality and Mind in Early Buddhism*; articles in *Religious Studies*, *Journal of Indian Philosophy*, etc.; lecturer in England, Japan, Germany, U.S.; member, Oriental Club of Philadelphia, APA, AAR, SACP.; advisory board, MAR/AAS.

10:45 AM–11:30 AM Sandburg Wing #8

"The Indian Impact on Christianity"

Dr. Teresa Albuquerque

Over the centuries the encounter with India's ancient spirituality has enriched Christianity with a deeper dimension to the search for communion with the infinite and harmony with self and environment.

Dr. Teresa Albuquerque—Fellow of the Heras Institute of Indian History & Culture; active Member of the Church History Association of India; Fellow of the Heras Institute; Life Member of the Asiatic Society of Bombay; writings cover the history and culture of the West Coast of India.

11:30 AM–12:00 PM Sandburg Wing #8

"Indian Religion Systems: A Folkloristics Perspective"

Tushar Chattapadhyay

This paper deals with the para-folkloric religious cult/sects outside the *Santan Dharma*, or codified classical religious forms. The study concerns itself with the Indian religious system and a specific case study located in Bengal. The paper formulates an overall theoretical scaffolding and postulates empirical verifications based on the presenter's field research. The position of "higher religion" is explored along with its indigenous dimension. It is proposed that this study might lead to new methodologies for understanding religious cross-currents in historical process, and the interactional parameters of Great Tradition and Little Tradition in the Indian Paradigm. Slide presentation.

Tushar Chattapadhyay—Ph. D., D. Litt.; founder, teacher, head, Department of Folklore, Calcutta Univ. and Kalyani Univ.; distinguished scholar of folkloristics and socio-cultural heritage of India with vast research experience.

SESSION 17

2:00 PM–2:30 PM Sandburg Wing #8

"Religious Views of Life and Human Rights: Convergence or Conflict?"

Prof. dr Henk Vroom

Both human rights and religious beliefs imply universal claims; do they converge or conflict? This workshop will discuss how religious anthropologies have implications for morality, and how religious traditions tend to support human rights selectively.

Prof. dr Henk Vroom—Professor in the Philosophy of Religion, Free University, Amsterdam; main fields of study, hermeneutics and interreligious relations; publications include five books and some thirty articles; co-editor, *Studies in Interreligious Dialogue*; and *Currents of Encounter*.

2:30 PM–3:00 PM Sandburg Wing #8

"Interfaith Interaction in South Africa"

Dr. Anil Sooklal

Interfaith interaction is a relatively new phenomenon in South Africa, despite the fact that South Africa is highly religious, with over 95% of the population professing adherence to religious beliefs. This paper will examine the efforts of the World Conference on Religion and Peace to promote—on the initiatives of Desmond Tutu—interfaith dialogue and interaction in South Africa and will explore the challenge of the interfaith dynamic in nation building.

Dr. Anil Sooklal—Senior Lecturer, Department of Hindu Studies, University of Durban-Westville, Durban, South Africa; member, National Executive (South Africa), World Conference on Religion and Peace.

3:00 PM–3:30 PM Sandburg Wing #8

“The Negotiation of World Peace through Religion: The Postmodern Cause?”

Dr. Michael York

The understanding gained from advancing modernism concerning social psychology and basic human needs, along with post-modernism’s honoring of plurality, innovation, and tradition provide the framework for this presentation. It will be argued that the multi-cultural and multi-religious dialogue is possible in any effort toward problem solution and creative, collective advancement. Presenter cites the Parliament of the World’s Religions as a continual forum in which all religious viewpoints can be expressed, exchanged, validated and respected, as part of humanity’s quest for a viable peace in which differences of belief and practice are not only preserved but encouraged.

Dr. Michael York—Director, instructor, Academy of Cultural and Religious Studies, London and Varanasi; Ph.D., History and Philosophy of Religion, King’s College, Univ. of London; M.A., Social Science, International Relations, San Francisco State Univ., California.

SESSION 18

4:00 PM–4:30 PM Sandburg Wing #8

“Roman Catholicism and Genetic Engineering”

Thomas A. Shannon

This paper will discuss the foundations and issues (including context and specific issues) of genetic engineering in the context of Roman Catholicism. Ther will be a lecture followed by a question and answer period.

Thomas A. Shannon—Paris Fletcher Distinguished Professor of the Humanities, Worcester Polytechnic Institute; author of several books including: *Surrogate Motherhood; What are They Saying About Genetic Engineering; Introduction to Bioethics*; and editor, *Bioethics: Selected Readings*.

4:30 PM–5:00 PM Sandburg Wing #7

“The Future of Buddhist Economics”

Dr. Glen Alexandrin

Dr. Glen Alexandrin—professor of Economics and Statistics at Villanova University in Pennsylvania; worked as an Economist for the Federal Government of Canada and the Bank of Canada; author of many published papers on economics; honorary trustee of the Tibetan Learning Center, NJ, and a founding member of the Philadelphia Buddhist Association; has been a student of Buddhism for over 20 years.

5:00 PM–5:30 PM Sandburg Wing #8

“The Evolution of Catholic Philanthropy in America”

Mary J. Oates

Through their philanthropy, Catholics since 1790 have extended their interests beyond themselves to address evolving social needs in significant ways. Laity, bishops, clergy, and members of charitable religious communities united to develop and finance the extensive network of hospitals, orphanages, homes, schools, and social agencies which came to represent so visibly the Catholic way of giving. This paper considers how a church whose members were, until recent decades, heavily poor and working-class, established its benevolent priorities and strategies. It considers also why contemporary Catholics appear to be giving less to the charities of their church, relative to income, than their predecessors.

Mary J. Oates—Professor of Economics, Regis College, has written extensively on the education and occupational choices of Catholic women; currently writing a book on the American Catholic philanthropic tradition; editor, *Higher Education for Catholic Women: An Historical Anthology*; author, *Economic Change and the Character of Catholic Philanthropy*.

SESSIONS 19–20, FRIDAY, 9/3

SESSION NINETEEN

10:00 AM–10:30 AM Sandburg Wing #7

“The Victorian Broad Church: Seedbed of Twentieth Century Religious Pluralism”

Prof. Hal French, Ph. D.

The Broad Church Movement carried with it the seeds of its own dissolution. Rather than intending to start a new party, contrasting with the High and Low Church parties, it sought to create a climate which could accommodate diverse beliefs under a wide theological umbrella, and to make room, also, for the new insights from higher criticism and scientific thought. Arthur Penrhyn Stanley, Dean of Westminster, was a pivotal figure in this movement, and our attention will focus on him and other figures whose influence was seminal in facilitating subsequent dialogue and a generally more liberal, receptive spirit to new insights.

Prof. Hal French, Ph. D.—McMaster University, STM, Boston University, M. Div., United Seminary; author, co-author or editor of eight volumes on Asia and Asian religion; founder, Group on Religion in Modern India, American Academy of Religion; former President, Editor, and Chair of Local Arrangements, SE Conference, Association for Asian Studies.

10:30 AM–11:00 AM Sandburg Wing #7

“The New Religions as Social Movements”

Dr. Robert S. Ellwood

The historic nineteen-sixties and early seventies were characterized partly by a provocative communicative phenomenon that some scholars described as “rhetoric of revolt.” The Hare Krishna movement, Zen Buddhism, Subud, Meher Baba’s followers, Transcendental Meditation, Sufism, Krishnamurti’s students, the Vedanta movement, Tibetan Buddhism, and Humanistic Mysticism were some of the rhetorical movements described as “new religions.” This presentation traces the growth of this phenomenon whose remnants are regarded in the nineties as “new age.”

Dr. Robert S. Ellwood—Professor in the School of religion at the University of Southern California; author, over twenty books including: *Many Peoples, Many Faiths; Alternative Altars; Mysticism and Religion; Theosophy*; and *The History and Future of Faith*; has lectured extensively throughout the world.

11:00 AM–11:30 AM Sandburg Wing #7

“Christianity ‘Born Again’ for a New Age”

Dr. James W. Crocker-Lakness

While the source of great love and service to humanity, Traditional Christianity has also been the cause of great suffering and evil including imperialism, racism, oppression of women, and homophobia. In a postmodern age Christianity must respond to the challenge of cultural diversity, feminism, the ‘enlightenment’ and the influence of Eastern thought. This workshop will describe several voices of ‘New Age’ Christianity, including the *Aquarian Gospel of Jesus Christ; New Thought and Unity; A Course in Miracles*; and Elizabeth Claire Prophet. Has Christianity ‘been born again’?

Dr. James W. Crocker-Lakness—Professor of Communication, University of Cincinnati; member, the Theosophical Society, Unitarian Universalist Church, and Religious Society of Friends; student of *A Course in Miracles*.

SESSION 20

10:00 AM–10:30 AM Sandburg Wing #8

“Theo-Monistic Mysticism and Religious Pluralism”

Michael Stoeber, Ph.D.

This paper will argue that, although monistic and theistic experi-

ences are different, they can be drawn together in terms of a third kind of experience—called theo-monistic mysticism. Theo-monistic experiences are post monistic, theistic realizations that can be understood in terms of transformative processes that not only point to a Divine which has both personal and impersonal elements, but which also explain the active and personalist orientation of so many monistic mystics. Moreover, we can also draw other mystical experiences into a theo-monistic hierarchy, thus providing an explanation of mysticism that will have a significant and constructive bearing upon issues in religious pluralism.

Michael Stoeber, Ph.D.—Assistant Professor in the Department of Religion and Religious Education at the Catholic University of America; recent publications include articles on rebirth and mysticism, and a book, *Evil and the Mystics' God*.

10:30 AM–11:00 AM Sandburg Wing #8

**“Gregory Bateson’s Notions of Mind:
Implications for Transpersonal Psychology—
One Basis For Interfaith Dialogue”**

George Cairns

The philosopher/scientist Gregory Bateson defines mind as a particular pattern of communication relationships. This paper describes Bateson’s notions of mind, develops a concise definition of the notion of transpersonal psychology derived from Bateson’s ideas, and suggests ways in which interfaith dialogue may be enhanced by the use of this notion. Particular attention is given to the part that this notion of the transpersonal may have for interfaith dialogue regarding spirituality.

George Cairns—Ordained UCC minister; Shalom member; Director, Doctor of Ministry Program, Chicago Theological Seminary; minister of Urban Mission, Peoples’ Church of Chicago.

11:00 AM–11:30 AM Sandburg Wing #8

**“Along a Path Less Travelled:
The Case for a Plurality of Ultimate Realities”**

Prof. Arvind Sharma

This lecture will focus on a neglected dimension of religious plurality—what might be called metaphysical plurality—and will demonstrate that although such a claim challenges latent monolatrous tendencies in both religion and philosophy, it might not only be a viable but also a wholesome possibility which deserves to be entertained seriously and candidly in the context of religious pluralism. Religious plurality is indeed a dominant feature of the religious life of our century both inside and outside the academia. There is the plurality of religious traditions as well as a plurality of methods of studying them. There is a plurality of paths sometimes so admitted even within a religious tradition as well as the wide-spread acceptance of a plurality of revelations from the same Reality or of a plurality of expressions of the experience of the same Reality. By contrast, there is a strong general resistance to the claim that there could be Ultimate Realities rather than just one Single Ultimate Reality.

Prof. Arvind Sharma—teaches at McGill University.

CONFERENCE ON PLURALISM



"Identity, Conflict and Globality"

Thematic Presentations, Working sessions, and Workshops on the themes of "Identity," "Conflict," and "Globality," featuring distinguished figures in religion, philosophy, and social science. What is the position of the world's religions with respect to religious and cultural diversity? How can religions assist their faithful in coming to terms with the increasingly pluralistic character of modern life? The Council and the Program Staff would like to express its gratitude to Professors Jeffrey Carlson and Robert Schreiter for their work in designing and developing this Conference.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31

10:00 AM-12:00 PM Monroe Ballroom

Thematic Presentation: "Religious Identity"

Professor Raimundo Panikkar

Professor Panikkar will deliver a major address in which he reflects on the nature of religious identity in the light of pluralism. Panikkar's self-identification is "Catholic/Hindu/Buddhist."

Professor Raimundo Panikkar—Doctorates in Chemistry, Philosophy, and Theology; Professor Emeritus, University of California, Santa Barbara; author of hundreds of articles and over 30 books, including: *The Intrreligious Dialogue*; *The Silence of the Buddha*; *The Cosmotheandric Experience*; and *The Rhythm of Being*.

2:00 PM-3:30 PM Parlor A

Working Session: "Religious Identity"

Professor Diana Eck; Prof. Arvind Sharma; Thomas Parker

Professor Eck will discuss religious communities that respond to pluralism by trying to maintain their one world in the midst of challenges raised in pluralistic settings. Professor Arvind Sharma will be the Respondent. Moderated by Prof. Thomas Parker.

Professor Diana Eck—Professor of Comparative Religion and of Indian Studies, Harvard University; Chair, Committee on the Study of Religion; currently directing "The Pluralism Project: World Religions in America"; author of *Dasan: Seeing the Divine Image in India*; *Devotion Divine: Bhakti Traditions from the Religions of India*; *Speaking of Faith: Global Perspectives on Women, Religion, and Social Change*.

Professor Arvind Sharma—teaches at McGill University.

Thomas Parker—Professor, McCormick Theological Seminary.

2:00 PM-3:30 PM Parlor B

Working Session: "Religious Identity"

Professor Julia C. Ching, Ph.D.; Hoda Mahmoudi; Leo Lefebure

Professor Ching will speak on the topic of "double-belonging"—how some people seek identity in pluralistic situations by trying to live in two traditions simultaneously. Professor Hoda Mahmoudi, Pacific Lutheran University, will be the Respondent. Moderated by Professor Leo Lefebure.

Professor Julia C. Ching, Ph.D.—Australian National University; Professor of Chinese Religion and Philosophy, University of Toronto; publications include: *Christianity and the Chinese Religions* (co-authored with Hans Küng); *Confucianism and Christianity: a Comparative Study*; *Probing China's Soul*; *Moral Enlightenment*; and *To Acquire Wisdom: the Way of Wang Yang Ming*.

Hoda Mahmoudi—Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Associate Professor and Chairperson of the Sociology and Administration of Justice Department at California Lutheran University; serves on the Advisory Board of the Journal of Bahá'í Studies; member, Board of Directors and Secretary of Women for International Peace and Arbitration.

Leo Lefebure—Professor, University of St. Mary of the Lake

2:00 PM-3:30 PM Parlor C

Workshop: "Vincentians/Daughters of Charity"

Rev. Jay Jung, C.M.; Panelists

"The Vincentian Approach: Need, Not Creed, Determines Our Service." St. Vincent dePaul, the Apostle of Charitable Service in the Roman Catholic Church, founded communities of both men and women to carry on his work of serving the poor, no matter what their social or religious background. members of both the Congregation of the Mission and the Daughters of Charity will share their experience of serving a diverse population in Chicago, making concrete applications of this work within a Catholic context and the Chicago political system.

Rev. Jay Jung, C.M.—Vincentian priest; Religious Superior, Vincentians in Chicago; member, Human Resources Department, DePaul University, Chicago.

4:00 PM-5:30 PM Parlor C

Workshop: "Buddhism in Chicago"

Rev. Sunnan Kubose

This workshop will explore the topic of Buddhist identity in a multi-religious society.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

10:00 AM-12:00 PM Monroe Ballroom

Thematic Presentation: "Religious Conflict"

Most Reverend Samuel Ruiz Garcia

Archbishop Garcia will present a major address in which he reflects on the nature of religious conflict, and discusses his own experiences in responding to conflicts in Mexico and Latin America.

Most Reverend Samuel Ruiz Garcia—Archbishop of Chiapas, Mexico; has done extensive work on behalf of refugees from Guatemala and Honduras; an important voice in the address to issues of enculturation; well-known for his sensitive mediations of conflicts between Evangelical Protestants and Roman Catholics, tensions that pit non-indigenous traditions against indigenous ones.

2:00 PM-3:30 PM Parlor A

Working Session: "Religious Conflict"

Clara Sue Kidwell; Kay A. Read; Gurinder Singh Mann

Professor Kidwell will speak on conflicts between communities. Professor Gurinder Singh Mann will be the Respondent.

Moderated by Professor Kay A. Read.

Clara Sue Kidwell—Professor of Native American Studies, University of California at Berkeley; has written extensively on Native American technologies and medicine, on Native American women, and most recently has completed a book on the Choctaws and their interactions with Christian missionaries.

Kay A. Read—Professor, DePaul University, Chicago.

Gurinder Singh Mann—Professor of Sikh Studies, Columbia University, New York.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Parlor B

Working Session: "Conflict"

Dr. Arthur Waskow; Frida Kerner Furman; Ali Jaffrey

Dr. Waskow will speak on conflicts within communities. Dr. Ali Jaffrey will be the Respondent. Moderated by Professor Frida Kerner Furman.

Dr. Arthur Waskow—Director of The Shalom Center, Fellow of ALEPH/Alliance for Jewish Renewal; author, *Godwrestling; Seasons of Our Joy*; and *Becoming Brothers*; from 1982 until 1989, member of the faculty of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College.
Frida Kerner Furman—Professor, DePaul University, Chicago
Ali Jaffrey—Zarathustrian Assembly

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Parlor C

Workshop: "People's Church of Chicago"

Rev. Marguerite Voelkel; George Cairns

The People's Church of Chicago is a church made up of white, black, Asian, straight, gay, homeless, poor and middle class men and women. They engage in a street ministry for homeless and chronically mentally ill Chicagoans. This workshop will share the experiences of the People's Church.

Rev. Marguerite Voelkel—People's Church of Chicago
George Cairns—Ordained UCC minister; Shalom member; Director, Doctor of Ministry Program, Chicago Theological Seminary; minister of Urban Mission, People's Church of Chicago.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Monroe Ballroom

Thematic Presentation: "Religion—Particularity, Universality, and Globality"

Professor Seyyed Hossein Nasr

Professor Nasr will deliver a major address in which he reflects on the "perennial philosophy" and considers the possibility of a "transcendent unity" of religions.

Professor Seyyed Hossein Nasr—University Professor of Islamic Studies and the History of Science, George Washington University; author, *Ideals and Realities of Islam; An Introduction to Islamic Cosmological Doctrines; Islamic Art and Spirituality; Knowledge and the Sacred; Sufi Essays*; and *Western Science and Asian Culture*.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Parlor A

Working Session: "Globality"

Professor Paul F. Knitter; Ronald R. Kidd; Paul D. Numrich

Professor Knitter will speak on globalization as the context for suggesting a unitive, common ground for addressing issues of pluralism. Upasaka Ronald R. Kidd will be the Respondent. Moderated by Professor Paul D. Numrich.

Professor Paul F. Knitter—Professor of Theology, Xavier University; first became interested in interreligious dialogue as a member of the Society of Divine Word Missionaries; recent publications include: *No Other Name? A Critical Survey of Christian Attitudes Toward the World Religions; Buddhist Emptiness and Christian Trinity; Pluralism and Oppression*; and *The Myth of Christian Uniqueness*.

Ronald R. Kidd—Executive Director, Institute for World Spirituality; director, Bultasa Zen Group.

Paul D. Numrich—Professor, College of St. Francis.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Parlor B

Working Session: "Globality"

Azim A. Nanji; James B. Wiggins; Ghulam Haider Aasi

Professor Nanji will speak on religious/social scientific views of the emerging "global culture." Professor James Wiggins will be the Respondent. Moderated by Professor Ghulam Haider Aasi.

Azim A. Nanji—Professor of Islamic Studies and Chair of the Department of Religion, University of Florida; born in Kenya, his travels and research have taken him to East Africa, Egypt, Iran, Afghanistan, India, Indonesia, China, and Japan; his books include: *The Nizari Ismaili Tradition; The Religious World*; and the forthcoming *Muslim Culture and History*.

Ghulam Haider Aasi—Professor, American Islamic College, Chicago, and Loyola University, Chicago.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Parlor C

Workshop: "The Indian Treaty Rights Committee"

James Yellowbank

This workshop will explore American Indian treaty rights issues and cultural values, and their impact on local, national and international ecology and economy.

James Yellowbank—Winnebago; treaty rights activist; Native American community leader.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Monroe Ballroom

Panel: "Our Religions' in a Religiously Plural World"

Harvey Cox; Professor Arvind Shamra; Professor Seyyed Hossein Nasr; Professor Tu Wei-ming; Prof. Masao Abe; Jeffrey Carlson

Topic: How is the presentation and self understanding of one's own religious tradition affected by the fact that one is making the presentation in a religiously plural world?

Panelists: Professor Harvey Cox, Professor Arvind Sharma, Professor Seyyed Hossein Nasr, Professor Tu Wei-ming, and Professor Masao Abe. Moderated by Prof. Jeffrey Carlson, DePaul University.

Professor Harvey Cox—noted Christian theologian.

Professor Arvind Shamra—scholar of American religions; author of numerous books and scholarly articles.

Professor Seyyed Hossein Nasr—University Professor of Islamic Studies and the History of Science, George Washington University; author, *Ideals and Realities of Islam; An Introduction to Islamic Cosmological Doctrines; Islamic Art and Spirituality; Knowledge and the Sacred; Sufi Essays*; and *Western Science and Asian Culture*.

Professor Tu Wei-ming—Professor of Chinese History and Philosophy, Harvard University; expert on Confucianism.

Professor Masao Abe—Professor Emeritus, Buddhist Studies, Nara University, Japan; Visiting professor of Buddhism and Japanese philosophy, Purdue University; member, Kyoto School of Philosophy; deeply involved in the comparative study of Buddhism and Western thought and in Buddhist-Jewish-Christian dialogue; publications include *Zen and Western Thought*; and *Emptying God*.

Professor Jeffrey Carlson—Professor of Religious Studies, DePaul University, Chicago.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Monroe Ballroom

"Summation/Call to Action"

Robert J. Schreiter; Prof. Jeffrey Carlson

Professor Schreiter will be making the final presentation of the Conference on Pluralism, in which he will summarize and assess the major points raised during the earlier parts of the Conference, in such a way as to point toward the future. Moderated by Prof. Jeffrey Carlson, De Paul University.

Robert J. Schreiter—Professor of Doctrinal Theology, Catholic Theological Union

Professor Jeffrey Carlson—Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois.

SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM

TUES—FRI, 8/31—9/3



"Cosmic Beginnings, Human Ends"

The week of the 1993 Parliament of the World's Religions offers a major opportunity to reflect upon the interaction of religion with science and technology today. The Parliament Science Symposium: "Cosmic Beginnings and Human Ends" will consist of a series of thematically linked presentations by distinguished members of the international scientific community, addressing key areas in which scientific and technological developments are raising issues of direct concern to the world's religious communities. Underlying these presentations are fundamental questions concerning life on earth and in the universe. The Council and Program Staff wish to thank Professor Clifford Matthews, Department of Chemistry, University of Illinois, Chicago, for his extraordinary leadership and effort in the development of this symposium.

Note: In addition to the Parliament Symposium, a second gathering, the Templeton Foundation Symposium (August 31–September 2) will focus on the single theme: "Science and Religion: Two Ways of Experiencing and Interpreting the World." The Symposium will be held at the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago. For more information, see the "Offsite Events" section of this program catalogue or call (312) 753-0670.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31

10:00 AM–11:00 AM Salon III

"The Origin, Evolution, and Distribution of Life in the Universe"

Cyril Ponnampерума

According to the Oparin-Haldane hypothesis of chemical evolution, the formation of molecules of biological significance was a necessary preamble to the emergence of life on Earth. Laboratory experiments help us to retrace this evolutionary path. Planetary probes search for evidence of life or its precursor molecules within our solar system. Radio astronomers have detected a vast array of organic molecules between the stars. We are thus led to the inescapable conclusion that life must exist throughout the universe.

Cyril Ponnampерума—Ph.D., Chemistry, University of California, Berkeley; Professor of Chemistry and Director of the Laboratory of Chemical Evolution, University of Maryland; Science and Technology Adviser to the President of Sri Lanka; President, The Third World Foundation of North America; awarded the first A.I. Oparin Gold Medal for the best sustained program on the origin of life; awarded the Luminary of Science medal for his services to science and Sri Lanka.

11:00 AM–12:00 PM Salon III

"The Smallest Cells Can Teach Us Important Lessons"

James Shapiro

The conventional wisdom about bacteria is that they are primitive, single-celled organisms. Actually, bacteria (the smallest living cells) are essential and sophisticated actors on the stage of life, often outwitting larger organisms for their own (the bacteria's) benefit. Bacteria have an intricate social life that provides them with many adaptive advantages. This means that multicellularity is not an invention of so-called "higher" organisms. Like all cells, bacteria are outstanding genetic engineers, and they have used this capacity to withstand antibiotic chemotherapy. Bacterial antibiotic resistance is one of the best-documented examples of evolution by natural genetic engineering. The discovery that genetic change results from regulated, biological processes instead of random errors and physico-chemical damage to DNA has profound implications for theories of life and evolution.

James Shapiro—Ph.D., Genetics, University of Cambridge; B.A., English, Harvard College; Professor of Microbiology, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, University of Chicago; 1993 Darwin Prize Visiting Professor, University of Edinburgh; organizer, initial conferences on DNA Insertion Elements, Episomes and Plasmids and on Multicellular Behavior of Bacteria; editor, *Mobile Genetic Elements*; current research on control of adaptive DNA rearrangements and multicellular interactions in bacteria.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

10:00 AM–11:00 AM Salon III

"The Universe and Eye"

Timothy Ferris

From a variety of perspectives, including those provided by relativity theory, information theory, quantum cosmology and the multiple-universe cosmologies, we are led to consider that the subject matter of science ultimately has to do less with objective elements such as space, time, matter, and energy than with observer-inherent phenomena. If so, all science necessarily invokes a re-examination of the question of how mind interacts with nature.

Timothy Ferris—Professor, Graduate School of Journalism, University of California, Berkeley; author of six books on astronomy and physics, most recently, *The Mind's Sky*; and *The Universe and Eye*; Guggenheim Fellow; Director, Rocky Hill Observatory; member Board of Directors, Astronomical Society of the Pacific.

11:00 AM–12:00 PM Salon III

"Cosmos, Bios, Noos: A Mandala for Science"

Clifford Matthews

A mandala, as in Buddhist art, is a diagram of the structure of human consciousness. To help in defining our scientific world view, we construct here a mandala arising from fundamental underlying concepts of science concerned with matter, life, and mind. Its mythic elements include the powerful ouroboros, yin-yang, and DNA symbols.

Clifford Matthews—Ph.D., Chemistry, Yale University; born in Hong Kong and received his early education there and in London; after several years in industry, mostly at Monsanto, carrying out fundamental chemical research, became Professor of Chemistry at the University of Illinois, Chicago; research on cosmochemistry and the origin of life has led him to employ the unifying theme of universal evolution in all his teaching.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

10:00 AM–11:00 AM Salon III

"TAO, Modern Science, and Human Destiny"

Hsing-Tsung Huang

TAO is a basic philosophical and religious concept in Chinese culture. It is often translated as the WAY, but it may also be taken as the Ultimate Reality or the Order of Nature. In this paper we shall compare some aspects of TAO with traditional Christian beliefs and examine them in terms of modern discover-

ies in physics and biochemistry. In particular we shall see how some of the ideas may serve as a guide to human behavior.

Hsing-Tsung Huang—Ph.D., Chemistry, Oxford University; former Program Director, Alternative Biological Resources, National Science Foundation; Deputy Director, The Needham Research Institute, Cambridge, UK, where he is collaborating with Joseph Needham on the completion of his monumental work, *Science and Civilization in China*.

11:00 AM–12:00 PM Salon III

"The Birth and Death of Elementary Particles"

Ennackel Chandy George Sudarshan

In the subatomic domain, phenomena are dominated by particles like photons or hadrons which have only a transitory existence. Light is emitted and absorbed. So a new form of dynamics is necessary to describe these processes which make the particles become merely excitations of underlying fields or collections of fields. This yields a new perspective on existence and reality, on change and permanence.

Ennackel Chandy George Sudarshan—Ph.D., Physics, University of Rochester; Professor of Physics, Center for Particle Theory, University of Texas; Fellow of the American Physical Society, Indian National Science Academy, and the International Academy of the Philosophy of Sciences; honorary doctorates from six universities; research in theoretical particle physics, quantum field theory, quantum optics, and nonequilibrium statistical mechanics.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Parlor F

"Cosmic Beginnings"

Edward William Kolb

The presentation will review the most recent cosmological observations, such as the nature of the background radiation believed to be a remnant of the Big Bang, and the discovery of the largest structures in the Universe. We will then consider how potential discoveries could unlock the secrets of the origin of matter and galaxies, and finally, discuss the most fundamental issue of modern cosmology: why is there something rather than nothing; that is, why is there a Universe at all?

Edward William Kolb—Ph.D., Physics, University of Texas; Head, NASA/Fermilab Astrophysics Group; Professor, Astronomy and Astrophysics, University of Chicago; wrote the standard graduate textbook on particle physics and cosmology, and teaches a popular undergraduate course on 'Cosmology for Poets'; research on particle physics applied to the study of the very early universe.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Parlor F

"Religious Responses to the Big Bang"

Ian G. Barbour

The presentation will first consider three responses to Big Bang cosmology that seem dubious, the claims that there is 1) agreement, 2) conflict, or 3) total independence in comparing Western religious ideas of creation with recent scientific theories of cosmology. Then we examine some philosophical implications of cosmology concerning design, chance, and necessity. Finally, we will look at theological implications of cosmology: the intelligibility and contingency of the cosmos; "creation out of nothing" versus "continuing creation"; and the significance of humanity.

Ian G. Barbour—Ph.D., Physics, University of Chicago; B.D., Theology, Yale University; Professor of Religion and Professor of Science, Technology and Society, Carleton College; Guggenheim Fellow; Gifford Lecturer, Aberdeen, Scotland, 1989-1991, leading to the two-volume publication of *Religion in an Age of Science*, and *Ethics in an Age of Technology*, the latest in a series of seminal articles and books including *Issues in Science and Religion* (1966) and *Myths, Models, and Paradigms* (1974).

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

10:00–12:00 PM Salon III

"The Emerging Convergences in Religious Consciousness and their Confrontation with International Technology"

Rustum Roy; Panelists include: Dr. Frederick Franck; Prof. Raimundo Panikkar

Two great convergences have occurred with different momenta during this last century, beginning with the emergence of the world's most powerful religion—international technology—complete with theology, ritual, mystery, and praxis. A much slower and paradoxical convergence is taking place among the world's religions. On the one hand there is the abandoning (often reluctant and slow) of monism and acceptance of a radical pluralist stance towards other religions. On the other—reacting in part to the effects of the forces of globalized technology—there is a grasping for one's historical, religious, ethnic, genetic (?) roots. The "Clash of the Titans" is in the making. [Lecture followed by panel discussion. Respondents: John Dobson, Roy Varghese, Kenneth Vaux, and Alice Dan.]

Rustum Roy—Ph.D., Pennsylvania State University; Evan Pugh Professor of The Solid State, Pennsylvania State University; former Director of the University's Materials Research Laboratory and founder of its Science, Technology, and Society Program, which led to the establishment of the flourishing National Association for Science, Technology, and Society; born in India; simultaneously a 33rd generation Brahmin and 3rd generation Christian; life-long interest in the synthesis of the disciplines of science and religion; gave Hibbert Lectures in London in 1979, published as *Experimenting with Truth*.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Parlor F

"Crucial Conversations: Theology, Feminism, and Science"

Mary Hunt

The conversation between religion and science provides useful insights for both fields. But the specific concerns of feminists in each field are just beginning to be given priority attention. This presentation, with emphasis on the theological concerns from an ecofeminist perspective, will include an outline of the issues, an invitation to deepen the dialogue, and a suggestion for how to prevent the problems of sexism which have plagued both fields in the past.

Mary Hunt—Ph.D., Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California; Co-Director, Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual (WATER); theologian and ethicist; member of the Board, National Association for Science, Technology, and Society (NASTS) where she represents the religious community; especially interested in how contemporary feminist theory and theology intersect with various scientific views; editor, *From Woman Pain to Woman Vision: Writings in Feminist Theology*; author, *Fierce Tenderness: A Feminist Theology of Friendship*.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Parlor F

"Science at the Crossroads"

George Bugliarello

After 500 years of scientific and technological progress, a growing dichotomy between rationality and spirituality, between knowledge and emotion, between material progress and survival of many cultures leads to asking the question as to the future directions of science and science-based technology. A review of old informal compacts between science and the rest of society, including the relation between science and religion, is an essential component of the answer.

George Bugliarello—Sc.D., MIT; President, Polytechnic University, Brooklyn, New York; President, Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society; engineer and educator with a broad background ranging from civil engineering to computer languages, biomedical engineering, and fluid mechanics; extensive international activities include past chairmanship of the Board of Science and Technology for International Development of the National Academy of Sciences; the visionary behind the \$1 billion Metrotech Center in Brooklyn, N.Y., a model for urban development.

SYMPOSIUM

TUES—FRI, 8/31—9/3



"Religion and Violence"

This symposium will bring together representatives of a number of prominent religious and cultural traditions to address one of the most critical issues now facing the religious community. Can religions participate actively in the search for solutions to the problem of religious violence and violence in general? The presentations will address the causes of conflict, war, and religious violence as well as a variety of solutions which have been proposed. The Symposium will include focus groups addressing particular areas of religious conflict, including: India, Pakistan, South Africa, Sri Lanka, and the Middle East. The Staff wishes to thank Ronald Kidd, of the Institute for World Spirituality, and William Vendley, of the World Conference on Religion and Peace, for their contributions to this symposium.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31

10:00 AM—10:45 AM Salon II

"The Role of Religion in Conflict Resolution and Peacemaking"

William Vendley

Dr. Vendley will introduce the topic of the role of religion in conflict resolution and peacemaking, noting modern examples of religious cooperation as well as extraordinary contemporary challenges. The wide range of peacemaking roles for religious communities will be explored.

William Vendley—Secretary-General, World Conference on Religion and Peace/International; Director International Secretariat staff, New York, Geneva, Tokyo and Melbourne; former Dean, Doctor of Ministry and Master of Arts in Theology programs and Professor of Theology, Roman Catholic Major Seminary, Long Island; Ph.D., Fordham University.

11:00 AM—11:45 AM Salon II

"Overcoming the Institution of War"

Dr. Richard Falk

Dr. Richard Falk—Albert Milbank Professor of International Affairs, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Center of International Studies, Princeton, New Jersey.

2:00 PM—3:00 PM Salon II

"Jealousy, Envy and Hatred Among the World's Religions I: Exploring the Shadow Side of Religious Psychology—Jealousy, Hatred, and the Overcoming of Tribalism"

Robert L. Moore

Opening address. "Exploring the Shadow Side of Religious Psychology: Jealousy, Envy and Hate in Religious Tribalism."

Robert L. Moore—President, Institute for World Spirituality; Professor, Chicago Theological Seminary and C.G. Jung Institute of Chicago; Jungian psychoanalyst in private practice; co-author of *King, Warrior, Magician, Lover* and other works setting forth a masculine psychology and spirituality for our times; lectures coast to coast in the U.S. and Canada.

3:15 PM—5:30 PM Salon II

"Jealousy, Envy and Hatred Among the World's Religions II: The Indo-Pakistani World"

Madan Singh; Dr. Anantanand Rambachan; Dr. Ernest

Hamilton; Acharya Sushil Kumarji; Dr. Raja Mrigendra Singh
The panel is chaired by Dr. Madan Singh. An exploration of jealousy, envy and hatred in the Hindu, Muslim and Sikh traditions, with reference to the Indian-Pakistani subcontinent. The ways to work constructively with other religions.

Madan Singh—Dr. Singh is President and co-founder of T.O.U.C.H.

(The Organization for Universal Communal Harmony), Chicago; former Professor, Illinois Institute of Technology; currently President and C.E.O., Engineers International, Oakbrook, Illinois.

Dr. Anantanand Rambachan—Professor of Religion, St. Olaf College, Minnesota; keynote, North America Interfaith Network Conference, Seattle, 1990; author, *The Limits of Scripture: Vivekananda's Reinterpretation of the Authority of the Vedas*, and numerous scholarly articles.

Dr. Ernest Hamilton—Professor of Philosophy and English, Montgomery College, Maryland; former managing editor, *Muslim World*; Research Associate, Center for Jewish-Christian Studies, Chicago; Fullbright Professor, Hassan II University, Morocco and Damascus University, Syria; author, *A Topical Concordance of the Qur'an*.

Acharya Sushil Kumarji—Jain Master, founder of Jain Monastery and Temple in New Jersey; leading humanitarian, orator and writer, world traveler, and crusader for peace and non-violence; participant, the 1992 Earth Summit, Rio de Janeiro; founder member, the World Movement of Non-violence for Peace and Environment.

Dr. Raja Mrigendra Singh—Professor (retired) of Oriental Comparative Philosophy of World Religions, State University of New York, Purchase; appointments in comparative philosophy at City College of New York and in Indian classical music at Yale University; author of many scholarly studies in Sikhism published in the U.S. and in India.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

10:00 AM—10:45 AM Salon II

"Religion and the Healing Function in Political Conflict Resolution"

Joseph V. Montville; Dr. M. Aram; Norma Levitt

The transactional dynamics of interpersonal healing are examined for what insight they can offer for the resolution of communal and ethnic conflict. The special roles of religious communities and traditions in healing political conflict will be addressed.

Joseph V. Montville—Senior Associate and Director of the Conflict Resolution Project; Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.; lecturer on Psychiatry, Cambridge Hospital, Harvard University Medical School.

Dr. M. Aram—founder and president of Shanti Ashram, India, and former Vice-Chancellor of the Gandhigram Rural University.

Norma Levitt—Honorary Vice Chair, Union of American Hebrew Congregations; Honorary Life Vice-President, World Union of Progressive Judaism; an International President of the World Conference on Religion and Peace; United Nations Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Representative; Honorary President, National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

11:00 AM—11:45 AM Salon II

"Religion and the Struggle for Peace in South Africa"

Dr. Fareed Essack; Dr. M. Aram

Focusing on South Africa, the workshop will look at the ways in which religious traditions have been used or abused in situations of conflict and injustice, and to see how religious traditions can concretely contribute to rebuilding communities.

Dr. Fareed Essack—Professor, Selly Oak College, Birmingham, United Kingdom; Islamic scholar, specializing in South African affairs.
Dr. M. Aram—founder and president of Shanti Ashram, India, and former Vice-Chancellor of the Gandhigram Rural University.

2:00 PM–4:00 PM Salon II

“Jealousy, Envy and Hatred Among the World’s Religions III: The Middle East”

André LaCocque; Dr. Jacob Neusner; Dr. Azizha Y. al-Hibri; Dr. Wadi Z. Haddad

An exploration of jealousy, envy and hate in Jewish, Christian, and Muslim traditions, with reference to the Middle East. The ways to work constructively with other religions. The panel is chaired by Dr. André LaCocque.

André LaCocque—professor of Old Testament, Chicago Theological Seminary; founder and director, the Center for Jewish-Christian Studies.

Dr. Jacob Neusner—Distinguished Research Professor, University of South Florida; past president, American Academy of Religion; author, contributor, editor and translator of over 300 books, including *Telling Tales: Making sense of Christian and Judaic Nonsense*.

Dr. Azizha Y. al-Hibri—Associate Professor, T.C. Williams School of Law, University of Richmond; Advisory Board, American Muslim Council; founder, Muslim American Bar Association; founding editor, *Hypatia*; author of *Women and Islam*.

Dr. Wadi Z. Haddad—Acting director, Macdonald Center for the Study of Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations; Professor of Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations, Hartford Seminary; member, Working Committee on Interfaith Relations, National Council of the Churches of Christ.

4:15 PM–5:30 PM Salon II

“Jealousy, Envy and Hatred Among the World’s Religions IV: Conclusions”

André LaCocque; Dr. J. Gordon Melton

Dr. André LaCocque, assisted by Dr. Moore and other panelists, will summarize and conclude this series of explorations into Jealousy, Envy and Hatred among the World’s Religions. A response will be given by Dr. Gordon Melton, reflecting on American sects and cults.

André LaCocque—Professor, Chicago Theological Seminary; founder and director, center for Jewish-Christian Studies.

Dr. J. Gordon Melton—The Director of the Institute for the Study of American Religion in Santa Barbara, California, and a Research Specialist with the Department of Religious Studies of the University of California, Santa Barbara.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

10:00 AM–10:45 AM Salon II

“Religion and the Struggle for Peace in Sri Lanka”

Dr. A.T. Ariyaratne; Dr. Won Yong Kang; Dr. Anand Mohan

This workshop will examine the role of Religion in the present civil conflict in Sri Lanka. It will also examine unique resources religion can bring for healing and peace.

Dr. A.T. Ariyaratne—lay Buddhist leader; founder and president of the Sarvodaya Movement in Sri Lanka; recipient, 1992 Niwano Peace Prize

Dr. Won Yong Kang—head of the Christian Academy in Seoul, Korea and the Co-Moderator of the Asian Conference on Religion and Peace.

Dr. Anand Mohan—Secretary of the Association of Hindu Temples of North America, and a professor at Queens College, New York.

11:00 AM–11:45 AM Salon II

“Religion: Source of Conflict, Source of Peace”

David Little; Norma Levitt; Dr. Won Yong Kang

The workshop will examine key factors which often determine

religion as a source of conflict or peace. Special attention will be given to the significance of religious and civic pluralism.

David Little—Senior Scholar of Religion, United States Institute of Peace
Norma Levitt—Honorary Vice Chair, Union of American Hebrew Congregations; Honorary Life Vice-President, World Union of Progressive Judaism; an International President of the World Conference on Religion and Peace; United Nations Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Representative; Honorary President, National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

Dr. Won Yong Kang—head of the Christian Academy in Seoul, Korea and the Co-Moderator of the Asian Conference on Religion and Peace.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Salon II

“Exploring the Spiritual Aspects of Resolving International Conflict”

John W. McDonald; Dr. Louise Diamond

This presentation will explore the conflicts in Cyprus, Tibet, and among unrepresented nations and peoples from a practical and spiritual point of view.

John W. McDonald—Chairman and co-founder of the Institute for Multi-Track Diplomacy; B.A. and J.D., University of Illinois; graduate, National War College; twice appointed Ambassador representing U.S. at UN World Conferences by Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan; lawyer, diplomat, former international civil servant, development expert and peacemaker.

Dr. Louise Diamond—Executive Director and co-founder, Institute for Multi-Track Diplomacy, Washington, D.C.; Ph.D. in Peace Studies, Union Institute; C.A.S. in Organizational and Human Resource Development, University of Vermont; expertise in human behavior, conflict resolution, and inter-group relations.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Salon II

“The Historical, Scriptural and Linguistic Foundations of Religious and Ethnic Conflict”

Dr. Mahmoud Ayoub; Charles Randall Paul;

Philosophical and theological questions are explored concerning the true nature and origins of what manifests, symptomatically, as religious war in historic and modern times. Are there mandates to be found in the scriptures of the world’s religious traditions which endorse or abhor violence? Where in religious literature has folklore and interpretation given rise to stereotype? Is it possible to determine whether the origins of conflict are ethnic or cultural, rather than truly religious? What has been the role of advocacy in such conflict? In short, how religious is “religious” violence?

Dr. Mahmoud Ayoub—World renowned scholar in the Islamic faith and Arabic language; Professor of Islamic Studies at Temple University, Philadelphia; published extensively on interfaith dialogue and Islam.

Charles Randall Paul—pursuing a doctoral degree at the University of Chicago’s Committee on Social Thought; has prior degrees in Social Psychology and Business Administration from Brigham Young University and Harvard University; writes on subjects related to inter and intra-religious conflict; currently working to organize a center for applied research in religious conflict and cooperation.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Salon II

“Visions for Unity Beyond Religious Conflict”

William Vendley; David Little; Dr. A.T. Ariyaratne; Joseph V.

Montville; Dr. Fareed Essack; Norma Levitt; Dr. Anand Mohan
This workshop will examine the challenges which face religious communities as they attempt to “operationalize” their respective religious warrants for peacemaking. The unique role of multi-religious cooperation will be addressed. The workshop will be conducted as an international and multi-religious panel.

William Vendley—Secretary-General, World Conference on Religion and Peace/International; Director International Secretariat staff, New York, Geneva, Tokyo and Melbourne; former Dean, Doctor of Ministry and Master of Arts in Theology programs and Professor of Theology, Roman Catholic Major Seminary, Long Island; Ph.D. Doctor of Philosophy, Fordham University.

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Joseph V. Montville—Senior Associate and Director of the Conflict Resolution Project; Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.; lecturer on Psychiatry, Cambridge Hospital, Harvard University Medical School.

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Dr. Anand Mohan—Secretary of the Association of Hindu Temples of North America, and a professor at Queens College, New York.

2:00 PM–2:45 PM Salon II

“Agenda for Disarmament, Peace-Building and Global Security in the Post Cold War”

Jonathan Granoff

Presentation addressing creation of a new agenda for Peace. The Cold War created a destructive dynamic founded on fear: insecurity bred armaments while armaments bred insecurity. Now we have a unique historic opportunity that compels us to address these tasks: undo the armament legacy of the Cold War (examples: nuclear weapons and their proliferation); address military and non-military sources of insecurity (examples: conventional arms trading and ethnic conflict); strengthen U.N. based and regional security systems; and initiate new mechanisms for conflict resolution. Attention to the role NGOs (non-governmental organizations) can have.

Jonathan Granoff—(Ahmed Muhaiyaddeen); Attorney, author, screen-writer award-winning “The Constitution: The Document that Created a Nation”; Co-Chair Conference “New Realities: Disarmament, Peacebuilding and Global Security” (1993 at UN); Boards: The Bawa Muhaiyaddeen Fellowship, Society for Interreligious Intercultural Dialogue, Lawyers Alliance for World Security (Pres. Phila. Chap. and UN Rep.), NGO Comm. on Disarmament, Temple of Understanding; a spiritual son of His Holiness Bawa Muhaiyaddeen.

3:00 PM–3:45 PM Salon II

“Round Table of Religious Leaders and Communities”

Ivanka Vana Jakic

This presentation discusses proposals for the establishment of Round Tables, and the Council for Reconciliation, submitted to the World Council of Churches (Geneva), the World Council on Religion and Peace (New York), the United Nations, and at the seminar on the Role of Churches in the Creation of Culture of Peace, held in Barcelona by Centre UNESCO De Catalunya in cooperation with the UNESCO division for Human Rights and Peace.

Ivanka Vana Jakic—initiator of the “Zones of Peace Transnational Project;” reconciliation missionary for past five years; native of the former Yugoslavia; Tibetologist.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Salon II

“Global Solutions”

Rolf C. Carriere; William Vendley; Dr. M. Aram

In each of his postings, Mr. Carriere has had occasion to work with religious and spiritual leaders in pursuit of the goals for children in the field of health and nutrition, water and sanitation, education and social welfare for children in especially difficult circumstances. Two brief video presentations (“Three Forty-one” and “Beneath the Penetrating Gaze”) followed by a lecture/discussion with slides.

Rolf C. Carriere—Currently UNICEF Representative in Bangladesh; formerly, UNICEF Representative in Myanmar (Burma); began working for United Nations in 1971 in Indonesia (first for the Food and Agriculture Organization, then for UNICEF), subsequently for the World Bank in Washington, and thereafter in-charge of UNICEF India’s health and nutrition programme.

William Vendley—Secretary-General, World Conference on Religion and Peace/International; Director International Secretariat staff, New York, Geneva, Tokyo and Melbourne; former Dean, Doctor of Ministry and Master of Arts in Theology programs and Professor of Theology, Roman Catholic Major Seminary, Long Island; Ph.D. Doctor of Philosophy, Fordham University.

Dr. M. Aram—founder and president of Shanti Ashram, India, and former Vice-Chancellor of the Gandhigram Rural University.

BUSINESS SYMPOSIUM

TUES—FRI, 8/31—9/3



"Ethics, Values and Spirituality in the Workplace"

A series of lectures, panel discussions and case studies, involving prominent business leaders from the U.S. and abroad, addressing changing paradigms in the corporate world. How are religious and spiritual issues and concerns affecting the global economic community? What is socially and ecologically responsible business? What can business learn from the world's faith traditions? What can the religions gain from a deeper understanding of the needs and realities of world business? We are grateful to David Johnston, of What's Working, Washington, D.C., and Boulder, Colorado, Brian Bacon, of International Pacific Consulting, Sydney, Australia, and Sharon Drew Morgen, of TE International, Taos, New Mexico, for their efforts on behalf of this series. (Sponsoring grant: Illinois Bell Telephone.)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31

10:00 AM—12:00 PM Salon IV

"Business and Social Responsibility"

Horst M. Rechelbacher

The program will take up the following topics: (1) Business as Steward of the Environment; (2) Plant Based Manufacturing; (3) Plant Based Society; (4) The Experience of the Aveda Corporation; (5) The 21st Century is Here!

Horst M. Rechelbacher—Chairman and Founder, Aveda Corporation, the international manufacturer of cosmetic and environmental care products made from pure plants and flowers; recognized and awarded throughout the world for both his business excellence and environmental activism; as a Board Member, Business for Social Responsibility (BSR), works to give responsible business a strong public voice.

2:00 PM—3:30 PM PDR #7

"Creating Change Within the Organization"

Doug Kruschke; Sharon Drew Morgen

Does it really work? Can our companies embrace ethics, values, and spirituality, and still be effective in the workplace? If so, where are we now, where do we need to be, and how will we get there? This is an experiential workshop which will use questioning strategies to facilitate the discovery process and explore the skills we will need to become change agents.

Doug Kruschke—Master's Degree, Psychology, Pepperdine University; Advisory Boards, National Conference of Ethics in America, and For the Children; founder and President, Insynergy, Santa Monica-based management consulting and training firm, specializing in facilitating strategic planning, teambuilding, communication training, and conflict resolution.

Sharon Drew Morgen—president/founder, Te International, Taos, New Mexico, specializing in changing the paradigm in the sales industry to be integrity-based, win-win, and systemic, through learning-based seminars and keynotes; author, *Sales on the Line: Meeting the Business Demands of the '90s through Phone Partnering*; member, World Business Academy, the World Future Society, the Institute of Noetic Sciences, and the National Speaker's Association.

4:00 PM—5:30 PM PDR #7

"Nine Steps to Excellence: Strategies for Transforming Your Business"

Dr. Riaz Khadem

Nine Steps to Excellence constitutes strategies and methodologies that transform the culture of any organization. They facilitate behavior change that is key to excellent execution, to quality, and to exceptional service. These strategies are the further development of concepts described in Dr. Khadem's book, *One Page Management*. The animating power that sustains the transformed new culture derives from the following set of spiritual principles: Purpose, Honesty, Justice, Unity, Creativity, Service, Priority, Economy and Excellence. The Nine Steps to Excellence enable the organization to transform itself by incorporating these principles

into its systems, policies and practices.

Dr. Riaz Khadem—Master's Degree, Harvard; Doctorate, Oxford University; author and consultant, specializing in the role of information in quality improvement and culture change; creator, "The One Page System," a comprehensive management system explained in his book, *One Page Management*.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

10:00 AM—11:00 AM Salon IV

"Spiritual Economics Through the Divine Circulation Flow"

Gordon Davidson

This presentation will explore how humanity is creating a new, Spirit-based economics out of the deep, inner changes in consciousness and identity that are occurring for thousands of people around the world today. We will examine economics as a system of energy flows, and how blockages develop in the Divine circulation as the result of collective human thought and emotions. We will look at how we can individually move from being the personality/consumer to the Soul/producer in our lives, what we can do to help heal the world economy, and some current examples of an emerging socially responsible economy.

Gordon Davidson—co-author, *Spiritual Politics: Social Change for the Millennium*, a metaphysical perspective on world events, and *Builders of the Dawn*, an overview of new age communities today; co-founder of Sirius Community in Massachusetts and The Sirius School of Spiritual Science, and Fellow of the Findhorn Foundation; has taught at American University in Washington, D.C., the University of Massachusetts, and Boston College, and has been featured in interviews with *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Boston Globe* and the NBC "Today" show.

11:00 AM—12:00 PM Salon IV

"Spirituality and the New Paradigm of Business"

David Johnston; Sherrie Connelly

The session will discuss the evolution of business practices in the last decade, from linear, military style, bottom-line emphasis, to human-centered, service oriented, holistic management. Case studies will be discussed which exemplify the application of spiritual principles to the workplace, with a resultant improvement of the health, productivity, and success of the business in question.

David Johnston—pioneer in the field of solar energy; his construction company, named one of the top 50 in the US in 1989, was exemplary in innovative management and established the "win-win" paradigm in the Washington, DC area; now heads "What's Working," a consulting company in Boulder, Colorado, helping to innovate companies from coast to coast.

Sherrie Connelly—Ph.D.; President, The Strategy Foundation, an organizational consulting firm in Washington, D.C.; author of *Work Spirit: Recapturing the Vitality of Work*; consults with senior management to help build effective teams, manage transition, and plan for the future; recently coordinated publication of the *Blueprint for Presidential Transition*.

2:00 PM-5:00 PM Monroe Ballroom

"The Impact of the World's Religions on the Ethics of Business in a Global Economy"

Dr. Hans Küng; Dr. Paul Minus; Dr. Ronald Green; Clark W. Fisher; Dr. Charles S. McCoy; Dr. A.T. Ariyaratne; Dr. K. Ishwaran

Dr. Hans Küng will open the session with a discussion of how the "Declaration of a Global Ethic for the World's Religions" relates to the formulation of a global business ethic. The panelists, all experts in the field of business ethics, will speak from their individual religious traditions as they comment on Dr. Küng's presentation. Following the panelists' comments and Dr. Küng's response, the floor will be opened for a general discussion among all participants. This session is co-sponsored by the Council for Ethics in Economics, which is bringing members and consultants together during the Parliament for a consultation to plan the Council's five-year International Program on the Ethics of Business in a Global Economy. The Council, established in 1982 and based in Columbus, Ohio, is an association of leaders in business, religion, and higher education working together to strengthen the ethical fabric of business and economic life.

Dr. Hans Küng—World renowned Christian scholar, who has published many books; director of the Ecumenical Institute at Tubingen University in Germany, and is a leading world scholar on interfaith dialogue.

Dr. Paul Minus—Co-founder and President, Council for Ethics in Economics; actively involved in a number of religious and civic organizations, including the World Council of Churches; has written and edited articles and books on a variety of topics concerning religion, business, and ethics.

Dr. Ronald Green—John Phillips Professor of Religion and Director of the Ethics Institute, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire; widely published author; his latest work, *The Ethical Manager*, will be published soon.

Clark W. Fisher—Overseas Private Investment Corporation, Washington, D.C.; extensive experience working and traveling around the world, including the Middle East, India, and North Africa.

Dr. Charles S. McCoy—former professor of theology, Pacific School of Religion; co-founder, Center for Ethics and Corporate Policy in Chicago.

Dr. A.T. Ariyaratne—lay Buddhist leader; founder and president of the Sarvodaya Movement in Sri Lanka; recipient, 1992 Niwano Peace Prize.

Dr. K. Ishwaran—Veerashaiva Hindu; Professor of Sociology, York University, Toronto, Canada.

Academy, and chairman of IPC Worldwide Strategic Management Consultants; international consultant advising many of the world's largest corporations in strategic business and corporate planning. Clients include Coca-Cola, Shell Oil, Good Year, Ford Motor Company and Telecom.

2:00 PM-3:30 PM Salon IV

"The Role of Business in a Transforming Society—An Exploration of the New Paradigm in Business: II"

Rinaldo Brutoco; Brian Bacon; Sharon Drew Morgen

Second of two sessions. The program will include a cross section of world business leaders, academics, and management specialists gathered together at the Parliament by the World Business Academy. The sessions are designed for open dialogue, as well as for focused inquiry into the role of spirituality in organizational transformation.

Rinaldo Brutoco—Founder, World Business Academy

Brian Bacon—Vice-Chair, Board of Governors, World Business Academy, and chairman of IPC Worldwide Strategic Management Consultants; international consultant advising many of the world's largest corporations in strategic business and corporate planning. Clients include Coca-Cola, Shell Oil, Good Year, Ford Motor Company and Telecom.

Sharon Drew Morgen—Te International, Taos, New Mexico; author, *Sales on the Line: Meeting the Business Demands of the '90s through Phone Partnering*; member, World Business Academy, the World Future Society, the Institute of Noetic Sciences, and the National Speaker's Association.

4:00 PM-5:30 PM Salon IV

"Trusteeship—Serving Society Through Industry: The Nagarjuna Case Study"

K.S. Raju

This presentation will examine the remarkable record of Nagarjuna, one of India's fastest growing industrial groups and how it has achieved economic success through an integrated commitment to the community and society, its customers, its employees, and its shareholders. Nagarjuna is regarded as one of the world's finest role models with respect to successful ecologically sustainable development. The case study will reveal details of the unique spiritual development program introduced by Nagarjuna as the basis for self-development of employees and to ensure congruence with the company's corporate values.

K.S. Raju—Executive Director, Nagarjuna Group of Companies, Hyderabad, India.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

10:00 AM-12:00 PM Salon IV

"The Role of Business in a Transforming Society—An Exploration of the New Paradigm in Business: I"

Rinaldo Brutoco; Brian Bacon

First of two sessions. The program will include a cross section of world business leaders, academics, and management specialists gathered together at the Parliament by the World Business Academy. The sessions are designed for open dialogue, as well as for focused inquiry into the role of spirituality in organizational transformation.

Rinaldo Brutoco—J.D. degree, UCLA School of Law; Founder, World Business Academy, international network of business executives and entrepreneurs who utilize their skills and resources to create a positive, sustainable future for the planet; Founder and President, Dorason Corporation, privately owned merchant bank; CEO, Red Rose Corporation, a leading, national mail order company.

Brian Bacon—Vice-Chair, Board of Governors, World Business

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

10:00 AM-12:00 PM Salon IV

"Self-Managing Leadership: Session I"

Brian Bacon

The Self-Managing Leadership course is a six part training program usually conducted over a 3-day period. The underlying philosophy of SML is that authentic, inspirational leadership requires a firm foundation of self knowledge and inner confidence that can only be acquired through a disciplined process of self management, i.e., management of one's thoughts, emotions, and behavior. SML is a fusion of the latest strategic management principles and practices of Raja Yoga. The course was created by international management consultants IPC Worldwide in collaboration with one of India's best known and highly respected educational institutions, the Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University. Session I: Focus; Context and Reality

Brian Bacon—Vice-Chair, Board of Governors, World Business

Academy, and chairman of IPC Worldwide Strategic Management Consultants; international consultant advising many of the world's largest corporations in strategic business and corporate planning. Clients include Coca-Cola, Shell Oil, Good Year, Ford Motor Company and Telecom.

2:00 PM-3:30 PM Salon IV

"Self-Managing Leadership: Session II"

Brian Bacon

Session II: Understanding the Self; Empowering the Self

This session of the SML Course deals with the innate powers we all have necessary to take full control of our lives and emotions but rarely use. We learn, in this session, how to tap the inner powers available to us in order to manage our 'internal world', as the basis or better management of the chaotic world outside.

4:00 PM-5:30 PM Salon IV

"Self-Managing Leadership: Session III"

Brian Bacon

Session III: The Inner Arts and Powers of Leadership; Applied Self Managing Leadership. In this third session of SML, we will be learning how to apply the principles and practices of self-management to every day situations. We will learn about the 8 powers of an effective leader and how to maintain a positive and light attitude, even during periods of turbulence and stress.

THE MEDIA PANELS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3



"New Paradigms for Media in the 21st Century"

The media have been described as "the nervous system of the planet," bringing information and shaping opinion for the overwhelming majority of the world's population. In the setting of the 1993 Parliament, thoughtful and engaged representatives of the American print and broadcast media will ask the question: "How is the American media covering and/or itself being influenced by the modern global changes in paradigms, values, models for understanding, and ethical standards?" Anne Simpkinson, Editor of *Common Boundary*, and Barbara Bernstein, CPWR Program Director, will serve as moderators for these discussions.

Representatives from the fields of publishing and national print and broadcast media will discuss whether and how the American media is responding to and/or responsible for the evolving consciousness in global culture. Morning and afternoon panels will explore the strengths and weaknesses of industries responsible for modern mass-communications: "Publishing," "Mainstream Print and Broadcast," and "Alternative Print and Broadcast."

The Council wishes to express its appreciation to Anne Simpkinson of *Common Boundary* magazine, and Paul Cash of Larsen Publications for their help in coordinating distinguished panels, and their contributions to the design of these provocative, interactive sessions.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM The Crystal Room (3rd floor)

"The Publisher's Panel"

Panelists: Clayton Carlson; Paul Cash; Jeremy Tarcher; Phyllis Tickle

In light of our shared commitment to a saner, more insightful society, can some messages be better communicated through the published word than through the wide variety of other media available in today's world of sophisticated communication systems? What are the roles and responsibilities of religious and spiritual publications in particular? Books have had profound power throughout the last several hundred years of civilization. What is the relationship between the written word and the contemplative realm of the reader's own sacred identity? These and other questions will be explored through interactive discussion. Barbara Bernstein will moderate.

Clayton Carlson—Senior Vice President of HarperCollins Publishers and Group Publisher of HarperCollins San Francisco; Group Publisher, responsible for the management of the following HarperCollins divisions: Harper San Francisco, Collins Publishers/San Francisco, HarperCollins West, The Understanding Business, Access Productions, and New Business Development; has also taken on the direct role of Publisher for both Collins and HarperCollins West.

Paul Cash—Director of Larson Publications; editor-in-chief, *The Notebooks of Paul Brunton*, MacKenna transl., *Plotinus: The Enneads*; and Rumi's *Divan-i Kebir*.

Jeremy P. Tarcher—Trustee, the Esalen Institute; after working as a television writer-producer, he turned to commercial book publishing and founded his own company in 1964; now, one of the foremost non-fiction publishers of books on human consciousness, his list includes numerous titles on personal and social transformation, with a focus on psychology, creativity, business practice, alternative medicine, and human potential; in 1991, Jeremy P. Tarcher, Inc., was sold to the Putnam Berkley Publishing Group, part of MCA.

Phyllis Tickle—Religion editor, *Publisher's Weekly*.

Barbara Bernstein—Program Director, CPWR; co-founder, "The Earth Network" television organization.

2:00 PM–5:30 PM The Crystal Room (3rd floor)

"Print and Broadcast Media"

Panelists: Anne Simpkinson; Helen Tworikov; David Toolan; Howie Samuelsohn; Michael Toms; Don Latin; Virginia Baron Television, radio, and magazines reflect and influence the rapidly changing pulse of social and personal ideologies and ideas. Why are these media well-suited to the pace of today's communication needs? Which print and broadcast models may be becoming obsolete? What about alternative approaches to dialogue at the grassroots and global levels? Communication implies interaction and participation, yet often remains a unidimensional "channel" from broadcaster or editor to audience. As our world evolves toward greater spiritual and ethical maturity, how can these important media contribute and guide most effectively?

Anne A. Simpkinson—Editor of *Common Boundary* magazine; along with her husband, Charles Simpkinson, edited an anthology about Sacred Stories which will be published by Harper San Francisco this fall.

Helen Tworikov—was born and raised in New York City; author, *Zen in America* (North Point Press, 1989, to be reissued by Kodansha America 1994); founder and editor, *Tricycle: The Buddhist Review*, a quarterly now in its third year of publication.

David S. Toolan, S. J.—PhD; associate editor of *AMERICA*, a public affairs magazine published by the Jesuit Order in New York City; author, *Facing West from California's Shores* (1987), a study of the American Consciousness movement in the '60s and '70s.

Howie Samuelsohn—Co-founder, The Earth Network, non-profit television organization dedicated to environment and social consciousness; former producer/director, "Underground News," alternative nightly news program from '60s era.

Michael Toms—Co-founder of New Dimensions Radio, host and executive producer of the "New Dimensions" national public radio series; Senior Acquisitions Editor for Harper San Francisco. Chairman Emeritus, California Institute of Integral Studies and author of *At the Leading Edge*.

Don Latin—Religion Editor, *San Francisco Chronicle*.

Virginia Baron—Co-editor, *Parabola* magazine.

PERFORMANCE SERIES



Song, dance, drama, poetry, and instrumental music have always served to give expression to the messages of the world's spiritual traditions. The Parliament will showcase a broad and rich spectrum of performance art in the Empire Room and the Wabash Parlor of the Palmer House throughout the entire week.

of guidelines for living a peaceful, nurturing, active, appropriate, and guileless life. The message is celebratory and happy. Five performers take the roles of Isis, Osiris, Sekhmet, and two "Chickpeas" (seekers).

2:00 PM–2:15 PM Empire Room

Mondothari, Sabdam

Mrs. Uma Bharathi

This dance brings out the dramatic appeal of Kuchipudi dancing, describing the story of Mondothari.

Mrs. Uma Bharathi—has produced a documentary film on dance of India for educational purposes for the government of Andhra Pradesh India; founder, Arachana Dance Academy, where she trains dedicated students.

2:15 PM–2:30 PM Empire Room

"Cultural Passage to Hindu Mythology"

Sudha Srinivasan

Hinduism preaches dedication of all activities to the divine and dance has long been considered as the highest form of worship most pleasing to the Gods. Bharathanatyamis closely intertwined with Hindu religion, mythology and music. Originating from South India, the songs of this dance express devotional love; the dancer being the devotee and God the beloved.

2:30 PM–2:45 PM Empire Room

"Mohini Attam"

Mrs. Rathna Kumar

Mohini Attam is a graceful and lyrical dance performed only by women. It is also known as the classical dance style of Kerala.

Mrs. Rathna Kumar—Houston, Texas; Bharata Natyam and Odissi dance.

2:45 PM–3:00 PM Empire Room

"Nrityanjali / Dance of Worship"

Sonty Sisters

Dance and music become links between the inner self and the outer personality. They become *upacharas*, services to the divine. This dance presents the ferocious and sublime moods of Adi personality.

3:00 PM–3:15 PM Empire Room

"Radha Abhisar/ Manipuri"

Sunanda Bose

This solo Manipuri dance (Indian classical) depicts Radha, the beloved of Lord Krishna, as she is wandering in the gardens of Vrindavana looking for him. Attracted by her beautiful appearance, a bee hovers around her face, frightening her terribly. She becomes distraught as Krishna is nowhere to be seen, and she leaves for another garden.

Sunanda Bose—started learning Manipuri style of dancing from the age of five from Guru Madhab Singh; has performed in various cities in India and also in various cities of the U.S.A.

3:15 PM–3:30 PM Empire Room

"Nayika—The Eternal Lover of God (In Bharatanatyam, A Classical Dance of India)"

Natyakalaya Dance Company; Students of Mrs. Hema Rajagopalan

The devotional love poems of saints are given visible form. Traditional Bharatanatyam - a classical dance of India—will bring to life the devotional love poems of saints wherein the human soul is

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31

10:00 AM–10:45 AM Empire Room

"Kirtan: Devotional Songs in the Sikh Tradition"

Dasmesh Kirtan Sabha

Devotional songs in the Sikh tradition, offered in great love for God. The hymns are from the *Guru Granth Sahib*, which contains the actual recorded revelations of Hindu and Muslim saints and those who are revered as the Sikh Gurus. All have seen and loved God beyond the confines of any parochial institution and teach us to love truth regardless of who utters it. Transliteration and translation provided.

Dasmesh Kirtan Sabha—in the Sikh tradition, people are taught to work hard in order to support themselves and from that, share with others, always remembering God as the only Do-er; the voluntary service that these Toronto-based young adults share is their wonderful devotional music.

10:00 AM–11:30 AM Wabash Parlor

"Eurythmy: The Creative Power of Speech and Music"

Brigida Baldszun

Eurythmy, a form developed in 1912 by Austrian-born scientist and philosopher, Rudolf Steiner, is described as visible speech and visible tone or song. In both, the Eurythmist is concerned not only with the finished movement, but also with the process or formation of the movement. According to Steiner, "... As language itself breaks forth from the inner being of man according to laws, so it is also possible to transpose into movement inner soul conditions." This participatory workshop will explore background and practice, working with classical music or modern poetry. Performance by artist.

Brigida Baldszun—Eurythmist; trained in Vienna; teacher of Eurythmy, Detroit Waldorf School; has performed and taught children and adults throughout Germany and the U.S.

11:00 AM–12:00 PM Empire Room

"The Unity of All Religions"

Tom Price Conducting the Bahá'í Choir

A program of choral music by the Bahá'í Choir, with soloists, conducted by Tom Price, featuring music from a wide variety of traditions—from Mozart to Ravi Shankar. The program will include a one-half-hour Oratorio which was premiered at the 2nd Bahá'í World Congress last November.

Tom Price Conducting the Bahá'í Choir—composer, arranger, conductor; collaborated in 1986 with renowned Indian composer Ravi Shankar in music for the opening of the Bahá'í Temple in New Delhi; directed Bahá'í Temple Choir, Sydney, Australia; Director, Bahá'í House of Worship Choir, Chicago.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Wabash Parlor

"The Declaration of Innocence"

The Lyceum of Venus of Healing

A short theatrical presentation, which dramatizes the basic tenets of the Egyptian religion, centered around the Declaration of Innocence (sometimes called "The Negative Confession"), a set

symbolized as the love-lorn heroine (Nayika), and God the Beloved yearns for union. The Nayika is various situations and moods.

Natyakalaya Dance Company—Krithika Rajagopalan will be the main presenter of this dance, and will be accompanied by two other dancers; Krithika is a student of Hema Rajagopalan; recipient of the Illinois Arts Council Apprenticeship Program; has performed in festivals in India and has won universal acclaim.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Wabash Parlor

"Songs of the Spirit"

Andras Corban Arthen; Deirdre Pulgram Arthen

A performance of folk songs, both traditional and a modern, that address the needs of the human spirit and provides inspiration, affirmation and healing.

Andras Corban Arthen—initiated into the traditional practices of a Scottish family of Witches in 1969; Cunningman of the Glainn Sidhr Order of Witches and Director of the EarthSpirit Community, one of the largest Pagan organizations in the country; has served on the board of officers of Covenant of the Goddess, a national council of Witches; and has recently released a recording of stories, titled, "Tales of Wonder".

Deirdre Pulgram Arthen—with Andras Corban Arthen, has been performing music across the United States for more than ten years; recently released their first recording, "We Believe;" their songs, both traditional and contemporary, speak of the spirit in all things, of the power of the Earth, of human endurance, and of hope; Directors, The EarthSpirit Community; work through music, teaching and ritual to foster an awareness of the sacred nature of the Earth.

4:00 PM–4:15 PM Empire Room

"Kathak Dance"

Students of Mrs. Anila Sinha

Ganesh Vandana with Tarana. Offering salutations to Lord Ganesh is a time honored tradition. Tarana is rhythmic movements and footwork with todas by intricate rhythmic composition in trital (cycle of 16 beats). Katha means story, and *Kathak* means storytelling with gestures.

4:15 PM–4:30 PM Empire Room

"Kuchipudi"

Mrs. Rathna Kumar

(Mrs. Kumar is joined by her students.) The dance is invocatory, seeking the blessing of the deities, Mother Earth, and the distinguished audience.

Mrs. Rathna Kumar—Houston, Texas; Bharata Natyam and Odissi dance.

4:30 PM–5:00 PM Empire Room

"Nrityotsav"

Papiha Desai (and group)

Visions of India aims to recapture the splendour and glory of Indian Art and culture through its maiden venture. Nrityotsav is a splendid blend of movement, rhythm and joy.

Papiha Desai—daughter of Shri Yog Sunder, an eminent choreographer; choreographic work for the cultural Festival of India was widely acclaimed, both by the press and the public.

5:00 PM–5:20 PM Empire Room

"Dramas of Kalidasa, Sanskrit Poet"

Kumari D. Uma Maheswari; Sri M. Kameswara Rao; Sri P. Ravindra
Harikatha (Bard) is one of the well crafted performing arts of ancient times. It is the synthesis of an elegant mixture of dance, music, literature, and drama. Designed to promote unwavering faith in divine power. It was elevated to the rank of fine art by Late Sri Adibhatla Narayana Dasu of the 19th century. In the presentation, the performer narrates and depicts the love of King Dushyantha for Shakunthala (daughter of Viswamitra and the

apsara Menaka"). Their love and union results in the birth of "Bharatha", the king of Mahabhareth.

Kumari D. Uma Maheswari—artist; well-known in this ancient Indian art form; invited by the International Foundation for Vedic Education, New Jersey, to perform at the International Vedic Conference to be held at the United Nations Organization, co-sponsored by Harvard University.

Sri M. Kameswara Rao—will be playing violin in "Dramas of Kalidasa, Sanskrit Poet".

Sri P. Ravindra—will be playing Mridangam in "Dramas of Kalidasa, Sanskrit Poet".

5:20 PM–5:40 PM Empire Room

"Power of Music"

Srikanth & Lakshmi Venkatramans

It is believed that musical instruments originated in India and are said to have been used as accompaniments to the recitation of the Vedas. Music and Musical instruments go hand in hand to form a fundamental face of Indian religion. Violin is a sophisticated instrument introduced by the British to the Royal Courts of India.

Srikanth & Lakshmi Venkatramans—have been giving performances for the past 10 years; both have received advanced training from Padmasra T.R. Krishanan.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Empire Room

"The Accidental Mystic"

Robin Ramsay; Barbara Ramsay

In this utterly beguiling play from the 1992 Edinburgh Festival, our hero takes us on a helter-skelter adventure through the mysterious East, to an experience that touches the heart of our most ancient memories. "Challenging, Visionary and wonderfully funny!" (*Times*)

Robin Ramsay—has starred in plays in London and on Broadway and his own theatre and film performances have taken him to sixty countries around the world. "There have been many solo shows in Delhi, performed by some eminent actors from abroad, but Robin Ramsey surpasses them all." (*The Times of India*)

Barbara Ramsay—playwright for stage and television; newspaper columnist; author, *Finding the Magic*, a book for children of all ages.

10:00 AM–11:30 AM Wabash Parlor

"Ancient Japanese Sound and Movement: Taiko Drumming and Shintaido"

Haruyoshi F. Ito

A demonstration of the rhythms and power of Taiko drumming and the meditative expression of Shintaido body movement.

Haruyoshi F. Ito—Creator of Shintaido ("New Body Way"); featured performer, Berlin Jazz Festival, 1992; student of Hiroyuki Aoki; graduate of CHUO university, Tokyo; holder, 5th degree black belt in Karate, age 22; Editor, *A New Art of Movement*.

1:30 PM–3:00 PM Empire Room

"Taoist Ceremony and Scripture Chanting"

Chanters from the Fung Loy Kok Institute of Taoism

Traditional Taoist chanting and ceremonies will be performed by the Chanters from the Fung Loy Kok Institute of Taoism. The following scriptures will be chanted: The North Star Scripture; and the Lighting Ceremony of the lords of Heaven, Earth, and Water Realms.

1:30 PM–3:00 PM Wabash Parlor

"Sacred Voices"

Andy Fraenkel; John Sherwood

A unique pilgrimage into sacred traditions through storytelling, poetry, song, and meditation. Selections for this interfaith performance are drawn from the Sufi, Jewish, Christian, Vedic

Buddhist and Native American Traditions.

Andy Fraenkel—Artistic Director, Theatre of Understanding, which toured the U.S. with "Mahabharata: The Eternal Quest"; Co-Director of A Voice We Bring, providing storytelling programs to drug rehabilitation groups and hospital patients.

John Sherwood—Musician and songwriter; Co-Director, A Voice We Bring; has organized youth camps and programs for children.

3:00 PM–4:00 PM Empire Room

"Isis of 10,000 Names"

Fellowship of Isis

A dramatic presentation of an original play, inspired in part by the *Egyptian Book of the Dead* and the poems of Hesiod and Homer.

Fellowship of Isis—promotes a closer communion between the goddess and each member, both singly and as part of a large group; respects the freedom of conscience, with no vows required or commitments to secrecy; all Fellowship activities are optional and members are free to resign or rejoin at their own choice; Fellowship reveres all manifestations of life, respects religious toleration and is not exclusionist; members are free to maintain other religious allegiances; open to all of every religion, tradition and race.

4:00 PM–5:00 PM Empire Room

"Original Music"

Steven Halpern; Nori Rao

An uplifting concert of meditative music designed to relax and attune. The Spectrum Suite will balance chakras, and Nori will accompany two songs with expressive blending of East/West dance. We will also share a chant and group healing visualization.

Steven Halpern—internationally recognized recording artist, author and educator whose music nurtures body, mind and spirit; producer of over 50 albums; outspoken advocate of music for peace and healing.

Nori Rao—past President, Florida Federation, Theosophical Society in America; producer of EXPO '92, Florida; choreographer, dancer and yoga teacher; completing a series of guided meditation tapes in Spanish and English.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM

"The Power of Prayer Throughout the World"

Pamela Carpenter

An inspirational program of insight and song that unifies and uplifts the universal truths from seven of the world's major religions. Prayer as an individual expression of the desire for communion with our Creator is taught in all holy scriptures, including the Bible, the *Tao Te Ching*, the *Dhammapada*, the *Analects of Confucius*, the *Qur'an*, and the *Mahabharata*. This Cantata presentation will touch your soul and expand your awareness of the universal need for divine communication.

Pamela Carpenter—D.D.; coordinates all musical presentations for the International Church of Metaphysics; teacher of music, College of Metaphysics.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

10:00 AM–11:00 AM Empire Room

"MotherTongue—The Wheel of the Year"

MotherTongue

MotherTongue presents performance material which reflects the values and theology of modern Paganism. It is comprised of 24 singers, dancers, drummers, instrumentalists, and storytellers. "The Wheel of the Year" program follows the four seasons, presenting songs, choral arrangements, dance stage magic and spoken verse which depict the archetypal energies of each season in a vibrant and accessible format. Audience participation is a key element to the concert's success and, over the course of the program, listeners may join in with several popular chants and simple songs. The Performers: Leona Stonebridge Arthen, Frances

Anderson, Kaye Hughes, Linda Jean Hall, Michelle Sulser, Peg Aloï, Dawn LaFrance-Linden, Deidre Pulgram Arthen, Sarah Stockwell, Ann O'Brien, L. Morgan Baum, Moira Ashleigh, Susan Kirsch, Paul Hatem Arthen, David Peers (Phaedrus), Walter Kitteridge, Andras Corban Arthen, Walter Wright Arthen, Ted Thibodeau, Jr., Steven Lomas, Colin Rowntree (Director), Catherine Reubin, Rev. Babz Schilke, Frances Bone, Abbi Spinner, Jeff McBride, Aine Arthen, Jennifer Dustin Arthen, Ted Tarr.

MotherTongue—performance group of The EarthSpirit Community, is a truly unique musical ensemble; combining a 24-voice chorus with vibrant dance pieces, dynamic tribal drums, exotic instruments and captivating storytelling, ritual theater and stage magic.

MotherTongue has performed to rave reviews across the country, capturing the feeling of ancient Pagan Europe in songs ranging from inspirational to comical, all grounded in an earthly spirituality that will touch your heart and tickle your fancy.

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Wabash Parlor

"A Celebration of Poetry"

Irving Karchmar; Houmon Pourmehdi; Richard Cohn; Elizabeth-Anne Vanek; Sridevi Rao; Valerie D. Robinson; Ronald R. Kidd; Michael Furuta

The poetry of four great religious traditions in recitation, in music, and in dance. Sufi: "The Poems of Rumi" (Irving Karchmar and Houmon Pourmehdi); Jewish: "The Jewish Poetic Tradition in Song" (Cantor Richard Cohn); Christian: "Nazareth Sequences" (Elizabeth-Anne Vanek, assisted by Victor Both and Georgianne Torres); Hindu: Bharatanatyam (Classical Dance of South India): Verses of the *Bhagavad Gita* (Sridevi Rao); Buddhist: "Poems of Li Po, Han Shan, Shih Te, Dogen Zenji, Issa, Ikkyu, and Ryokan" (Valerie D. Robinson, Michael Furuta and Ronald R. Kidd).

Irving Karchmar—poet; Nimatullahi Order of Sufis, Chicago.

Houmon Pourmehdi—founder, Society for the Advancement and Preservation of Traditional Persian Music, Chicago.

Richard Cohn—Cantor, North Shore Congregation Israel, Glencoe, Illinois; secretary, Chicago Association of Cantors.

Elizabeth-Anne Vanek—D.Min.; University Ministry and Department of Religious Studies, DePaul University, Chicago;

Sridevi Rao—senior student of the Natyakalayam School directed by Hema Rajagopalan, a renowned dance artist from India; has given many performances in the Chicagoland area and elsewhere, including India.

Valerie D. Robinson—actress; has appeared in many plays in the Chicago area in recent years, most recently Alice Walker's "Meridian" at City Lit.

Ronald R. Kidd—Executive Director, Institute for World Spirituality; director, Bultasa Zen Group.

Michael Furuta—accomplished shakuhachi artist; member, Buddhist Temple of Chicago.

11:15 AM–12:00 PM Empire Room

"Millicent Cummings—Original Music"

Millicent Cummings

Millicent Cummings—original singer/songwriter working in a contemporary folk style of her own creation inspired by a variety of musical influences; lyrics seek to form a bridge, stretching from the realm of personal experience to the "other shore" of shared universal awareness and remembrance of the truth beauty and goodness sustaining the world in which we move about and have our being.

1:30 PM–3:00 PM Empire Room

"Sacred Arts Transmission"

Bob Kindler; Jai Ma Music Ensemble

An artistic blend of devotional music, chanting, classical music from the east and west; dance, inspirational poetry and wisdom teachings from the religious traditions of the world. This entertaining concert will also involve some audience participation.

Bob Kindler—Artistic Director of Jai Ma Music and Hawaii Artists, two organizations dedicated to the dissemination of the Sacred Arts; spiritual leader of SRV Order of the West, (Pacific Northwest

branch); board member of the Vedanta Society of Hawaii.

Jai Ma Music Ensemble—Babaji (Bob Kindler); Rose Cabanlit, dancer trained in ancient hula form, performer of songs and poems from world's religious traditions; Daniel Karp, student of tabla, Ali Akbar School of Music, trained on tabla tarong (toned drums), recording artist.

1:30 PM–3:00 PM Wabash Parlor

"A Historical and Hysterical Look at the Role of Humor and Play in Religion and Spirituality"

Sky Schultz, Ph.D.

Professor Ooops!—a professional fool and "foolosopher"—shows us that laughter and play are the "spiritual galoshes" we need for step taking in the modern world. This will be a serious exploration of humor wherein we will look at, and laugh with, the fool and his/her important, (maybe sacred), role in spiritual life. Often we confuse solemnity with seriousness, but this program will show that laughter is an essential blessing for us "human beans," to give us creativity, solace and perspective.

Sky Schultz, Ph.D.—Clinical psychologist, ecologist, naturalist, filmmaker, philosopher, humorist and professional entertainer; lifelong exploration of spirituality, science, creativity, peace, and ecological issues.

3:00 PM–5:00 PM Empire Room

"Kyogen: Japanese Comedic Theater"

Yuriko Doi

Kyogen is the 600-year-old comedic counterpart to Noh drama. These plays tell stories about ordinary people who find themselves in ridiculous situations. Theater of Yugen has taken these traditional and universal plays and opened them—through translation—to reverberate with western culture. The cast of 3 to 5 members performs on a spare stage with brilliant costumes and masks.

Yuriko Doi—trained in Noh drama; founder and director, Theater of Yugen, San Francisco; student of Noh master Shiro Nomura and Kyogen Master Mansuka Nomura; B.A. and M.A., theater arts, Waseda University, Tokyo.

3:00 PM–4:30 PM Wabash Parlor

"The Prerequisites for Peace Found in Western Classical Music"

Mark Ochu

A "Piano Performance with a World View" wherein social and religious principles requisite for the establishment of world peace are metaphorically drawn from examples of Western classical piano repertoire. Commentary is based in the cultural context of the composers' lives along with the theoretic, philosophic and mythic content of their compositions.

Mark Ochu—American pianist who has dedicated his international concert career to promoting global consciousness; concerts-plus-commentary, "Piano Performances with a World View" apply esoteric musicology to the critical issues facing humanity.

5:00 PM–6:00 PM Empire Room

"Indian Folk Dances"

Mrs. Chandrika R. Gardi

Folk dances from India, one presented by teenagers and adult women, and another by children between 10 to 15 years of age.

Mrs. Chandrika R. Gardi—started learning Indian folk and classical Indian dances at the age of 10, and at the age of 14 was awarded the gold medal; gave several folk dances in Chicago and Iran.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

10:00 AM–10:45 AM Empire Room

"Heights of the Spirit:

Through the Integration of the Arts"

Dina Soresi Winter; Hostia Presenters

A group of professional artists from various performing arts have formed this ensemble for the purpose of bringing the experience of spiritual upliftment to audiences of America and Europe through the arts. This performance includes classical music, dramatic recitation, and dance.

Dina Soresi Winter—lectures and holds singing courses at the Waldorf Institute of Southern California, the Waldorf Institute of Spring Valley, New York, the Alanus School of the Arts, Bonn, Germany, and at the Goetheanum, Switzerland; professional opera and concert singer, formerly with the Stuttgart, Heidelberg, Cologne, and Kiel Opera Theatres in Germany; also with Bergamo, Milano, and Legnago Theatres in Italy.

Hostia Presenters:

Kevin Bylsma—Pianist and Opera Coach at Michigan Opera Theatre.
Kristin Donahue—Award-winning Soprano at Michigan Opera Theatre.

Claudia Fontana—Professional Stage Eurythmist with major theatres in Europe and the United States.

Michael Ried—Professional Solo Classical Saxophonist, Director of Symphonic Bands, New York State.

Eric Winter—Professional organist and pianist; music director of Immanuel Church of Christ, Detroit.

Charles Larkins—Professional Trumpet; tours with Brass Ensemble throughout the U.S.

10:00 AM–11:30 AM Wabash Parlor

"Dances of Universal Peace"

Br. Joseph Kilikevics, O.P.

The Dances of Universal Peace invite people of all faiths to come together to celebrate the rich diversity of religions through the experience of simple chant and sacred movement using sacred phrases from the world's religions. The Dance will honor Native American, Zoroastrian, Hebrew, Christian, Moslem, Hindu, Buddhist, and other traditions. Previous training or special skills are not needed to participate. Together, we will create the necessary sacred space for this prayerful experience to unfold.

Br. Joseph Kilikevics, O.P.—Dominican Friar and director of interfaith retreats; uses the Dances of Universal Peace as an important component in his work; member of the Mentor Teacher Guild of the Dances of Universal Peace; joining him will be musicians, dance leaders and dancers representing The Center for the Dances of Universal Peace.

10:45 AM–11:30 AM Empire Room

"Byzantine Chant in the Greek Orthodox Tradition"

Male Chanters of the Greek Orthodox Diocese of Chicago

Traditional Byzantine hymns in the original Greek Language and Byzantine tones. Choral-type presentation with brief description narrative of Orthodox hymnology and English translations.

Male Chanters of the Greek Orthodox Diocese of Chicago—eight young men who studied Byzantine Chant under respected Masters in the Greek Orthodox Church for at least 3 to 5 years; regular chanters in their respective parishes in the greater Chicago area.

11:30 AM–12:30 PM Empire Room

"Sacred Chant: East and West"

Carolyn Ford

This performance is a celebration of sacred chant, East and West. A concert of sacred sound.

Carolyn Ford—Peace and Justice Director at St. Isidore Church, Diocese of Joliet; teacher, writer, lecturer, ecologist, peace and civil rights activist, composer, musician and singer; has performed in

concert all over the world and frequently gives workshops; represented the Diocese of Joliet at last year's Earth Summit in Brazil.

1:30 PM-3:00 PM Empire Room

"Sacred Visions"

Magdalena Gomez; Reverend Paul Manship

How dreams, visions, myths and prayer weave through the sacred embraces and spiritual teachings of cultures throughout the world. The two actors represent one person, and the dual aspect of the masculine and feminine in each of us, on the pilgrimage toward an intimate encounter with the divine. Mime, dance, poetry, dialogue, prayers, chants, and visual imagery through props and costumes will be used. The two performers will engage audience participation through an invocation as a prelude to the piece and the use of multi-lingual chants and simple movements.

Magdalena Gomez—Poet, dramatist, teacher, writer.

Reverend Paul Manship—Director, Hispanic Youth Ministry; Roman Catholic Diocese of Springfield, Massachusetts; Professor of New Testament Studies, Elms College, Chicopee, Massachusetts.

2:00 PM-3:30 PM Wabash Parlor

"Conference of the Birds"

Grassroot Arts

This play illustrates the simple metaphor, the inability to see the forest for the trees. This story is presented with minimal dialogue. The Grassroot Arts production is in English, but in keeping with the intent of the original production, is very visual and will play well to a wide range of audiences and language abilities.

Grassroot Arts—founded primarily to promote quality artistic endeavors to smaller communities across the nation; professional theatre company which views theatre as a balancing force to the modern mechanized society, with emphasis on raw emotive based theatre, rather than technically slick theatre; interests cover historical events, contemporary issues, art theory and criticism, and education; present plays of the highest quality which explore the audience/performer relationship to its fullest.

3:00 PM-4:00 PM Empire Room

"The Black Experience—a Cry for World Peace"

Ladjamaya

A collage of poetry, prose, drama, and song which depicts the African American experience beginning with slavery. It is an experiential happening which solicits audience participation and emphasizes the need for racial unity as a prerequisite to world peace.

Ladjamaya—dramatist; creative actress; director and vocalist; performs intricately woven, artistic presentations which speak to and from the heart; performances and workshops on peace, racial unity, and performance art are varied according to occasion and age; has performed for audiences throughout the United States, Canada, Trinidad, Tobago, and the former Soviet Union.

4:00 PM-5:30 PM Wabash Parlor

"Rabindranath Tagore: Visarjan"

Vedanta Society of Madison

4:30 PM-6:00 PM Empire Room

"In the Mud of the River"

Fredrica Chapman; Susan Kaniwec; Jackie Davis; Amanda Brightman

Since story began, the Frog has been fetching the Princess' golden ball. Now endangered, Frog can no longer fulfill this traditional role. In this renewed version of the Frog Prince, Princess herself must retrieve the golden ball and all it symbolizes. Theatres for the Earth with dance, music, mask, poetry, and puppetry offers stories original and classic to promote a renewed human relationship with the natural world.

Fredrica Chapman—Founder of Theatres for the Earth, toured Brazil

during the Rio Earth Summit; performs throughout the U.S. and Europe; nurse; Jungian psychotherapist; dancer, mask-maker and nature lover; keeper of vision story and the sacred, she brings celebration to her international workshops and performances.

Susan Kaniwec—Professional dancer, choreographer and director, holds a BA in Theatre Arts; studied and worked with Martha Graham, Twilla Tharp, Laura Dean, and Trisha Brown.

Jackie Davis—Mask-maker, mime, puppeteer; has been commissioned for masks by the Folger Shakespeare Theatre, The American Repertory Theatre, and the Hartford Stage Company; trained with Marcel Marceau, Tony Montanaro and Claude Kipnis; B.A. in non-verbal expression, University of New Hampshire.

Amanda Brightman—Gymnast and dancer; sophomore at the High Mowing Waldorf School in Wilton, New Hampshire; founding member of the "Briah" contemporary dance company.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

10:00 AM-12:00 PM Empire Room

"Concert of Harmony"

Vedanta Society of Madison

A eulogy to Sri Ramakrishna and Sri Saradamoni Devi, the spiritual gurus of Swami Vivekananda. Sri Ramakrishna was perhaps the greatest guru of late 19th-century India. The program will be divided into three segments: 1) a drama, based on a story from the *Keno Upanishad*, performed by children; 2) a children's skit from a story by Sri Ramakrishna; and 3) devotional songs and hymns in Sanskrit, performed by noted Midwest artists.

10:00 AM-10:30 AM Wabash Parlor

"Bharatanatyam Dance"

Sridevi Rao

Sridevi Rao will be presenting Bharatanatyam, an ancient classical dance of South India that dates back to the time of the *Rig Veda*. It is an art form of intricate footwork, graceful movements, and detailed facial expressions. The dance is accompanied by devotional music, creating an atmosphere where the dancer is the devotee, and God, the beloved.

Sridevi Rao—a senior student of the Natyakalayam School directed by Hema Rajagopalan, a renowned dance artist from India; has given many performances in the Chicago area and elsewhere, including India.

10:40 AM-11:10 AM Wabash Parlor

"From Sound to Silence—Music for Meditation"

Patric Marks (with students)

This performance will include a group of ten very talented young musicians and will be performed on the Sitar, an Indian stringed instrument with a very melodious sound; the Tabla, an Indian percussion instrument for accompaniment; and the Mandolin, a western instrument well-suited to the Indian music.

Patric Marks—well known musician and composer; in addition to performances around the world, has given several presentations in various universities in the U.S. and Canada; teaches Sitar, Mandolin, Tabla, and vocal music to 150 students.

11:15 AM-11:35 AM Wabash Parlor

"Music and Spirituality"

Mrs. Nalini Kambhampati (with students)

This musical performance presents music as a means for achieving inner peace and relaxation. It is Carnatic semi-classical, South Indian devotional music.

Mrs. Nalini Kambhampati—has been teaching Carnatic classical and semiclassical music for the last 15 years; has also given several performances in India and U.S. and won several awards; well-versed in North Indian Hindustani classical music.

11:45 AM–12:30 PM Wabash Parlor

"Chandalika"

SHAKTI

SHAKTI presents "Chandalika", a drama by Rabindranath Tagore. The performers depict the story of Prakriti, a young girl from the Chandal caste, who falls in love with a Buddhist monk after he drinks water from her family's well. Through drama, dance and live music, the performers attempt to bring to life this timeless social commentary on the caste system.

SHAKTI—newly-formed team of students from the Midwest; diverse individual talents, ranging from writing and playing tabla to choreographing and "philosophizing," serve to strengthen the production as a whole; members are Zarana Patel and Aparna Sule (actors), George Austin and Rupa Rao (dancers), and Sharma (music director).

12:30 PM–12:45 PM Wabash Parlor

**"Bharatanatyam: Prayer to Ganesha Followed
by Anagahara"**

Students of Mrs. Hema Rajagopalan

1. Invocatory song in praise of Lord Ganesha.
 2. Anagahara: complicated rhythmic foot work with movement.
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11:35 AM–11:45 AM Wabash Parlor

**"Highlights of Swami Vivekananda's 1893
Chicago Address"**

Devdoot Majundar

A recitation of excerpts from Swami Vivekananda's address to the 1893 World's Parliament of Religions.



This series of classes, exercises, meditations, and other presentations gives participants the opportunity to restore the body and the spirit, to generate energy, and to learn about a variety of timeless approaches to well-being. Location: the Pool Promenade on the Sixth Floor of the hotel.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31

10:00 AM–11:30 AM Pool Promenade

“Zen: Spirituality and Practice”

Ven. Do An Sunim; Rev. William Brown; Tony Somlai; Ronald R. Kidd
An exploration of the simplicity and directness of Zen spirituality; what *koan* practice really is; a demonstration of zen practice in the Korean tradition (Chogyo Order); chanting as zen practice.

Ven. Do An Sunim—Abbot, Kwan Um School of Zen, North America; Abbot, Providence Zen Center.

Rev. William Brown—Senior Dharma Teacher, Maquoketa, Iowa.

Tony Somlai—Abbot, Racine (Wisconsin) Zen Center.

Ronald R. Kidd—Executive Director, Institute for World Spirituality; director, Bultasa Zen Group.

2:00 PM–4:00 PM Pool Promenade

“Yoga: Here and Now”

Suddha Weixler

A demonstration of Yoga poses in flow will be followed by a workshop exploring the interdependence of body, breath and mind. Breath awareness and deep relaxation are introduced for their rejuvenating effect.

Suddha Weixler—Director of the N.U. Yoga Center of Chicago; head instructor of Hatha Yoga at the University of Chicago, and a faculty member at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Pool Promenade

“Tai Chi”

Bruce Moran

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Pool Promenade

“Dance Movement Therapy: The Four-Fold Path of Creation Centered Spirituality and the Feminine Experience”

Tria Thompson

This experiential workshop will begin with an introduction to the Four-Fold Path and a discussion of the basic concepts of Dance Movement Therapy. We will also explore a Jungian approach to several dimensions of the feminine experience. Then participants will be invited to experience the movement process.

Tria Thompson—M.A., Dance Movement Therapy; ME, religious education/spirituality; nationally known liturgical performing artist; education consultant; therapist.

2:00 PM–4:00 PM Pool Promenade

“Hatha Yoga Therapeutics”

Gabriel Halpern

Giving relief in one easy session; safe and effective means for skillfully managing stress will be taught through gentle stretching, guided breath control exercises, and deep relaxation techniques. Hatha Yoga makes broad claims for healing a variety of chronic ailments. In this workshop, you will experience how to

“do it yourself” and you’ll leave knowing why it works.

Gabriel Halpern—Director of The Yoga Circle in Chicago; degrees in Philosophy and Psychology, and has been committed to growth and support groups since 1967.

4:00 PM–5:00 PM Pool Promenade

“Taoist Meditation—Techniques from the Earlier Heaven Wu-chi sect”

Moy Lin-shin

Taoist Meditation is one of many methods of returning to the Origin, the Tao. The Earlier Heaven Wu-chi sect uses meditation to cultivate both body and mind and to prepare the adept to return to the state of perfect health and non-egotistic mind. The meditation postures are therefore directed not only at stilling the mind, but also at strengthening the spine, articulating the joints, stretching the tendons and ligaments, massaging the internal organs, and circulating the internal energy. This seminar will introduce several sitting meditation postures and is open to those without previous experience in Taoist practices.

Moy Lin-shin—Taoist monk of the Earlier Heaven Wu-chi sect; initiated into this sect in Guandong Province, China, fifty years ago, has taught the Taoist internal arts for over thirty years; founder of the Fung Loy Kok Institute of Taoism and the Taoist Tai Chi Society; holds the transmission of meditation techniques of the Earlier Heaven Wu-chi sect and the transmission of the Six Harmonies and Eight Methods technique of the Huashan.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Pool Promenade

“Hatha Yoga Flow—Aware Within & Aware Without”

Jai Luster

This workshop will have participants share the experience of Hatha Yoga as the flow of prana becomes intensified within our bodies. The pranic energy will guide our posture flow, breath, and minds into a deep state of meditative awareness.

Jai Luster—has practiced and taught yoga for the last 21 years; style of practice is a synthesis of Integral Yoga, Kripalu Yoga and Kundalini Yoga; lived and studied at Swami Satchidananda’s Ashram for yoga training; currently teaching yoga and lecturing in the Chicago and North Shore area; business partner with Howard Rossman at Mesirow Financial as an institutional money manager.

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Pool Promenade

“Buddhist & Taoist Exercise for Longevity and Health—Meditation and Qigong Healing”

Yu Cheng Huang; Robert Poile; Russell Berkman; David Cohen

This demonstration will include a variety of Buddhist and Taoist exercises which will illustrate the therapeutic and beneficial aspects of internal and external meditation techniques. Segments of the demonstration will focus on Qigong Meditation, *Tai Chi Chuan* (frequently termed “meditation in motion”), *Shaolin Kung Fu*, and *PaGau Chang*. These demonstrations will focus on the presence, gathering, and movement of *Qi* and its relationship to the human body and mind.

Yu Cheng Huang—Doctor of Traditional Chinese Medicine specializing in Qigong, Herbal Medicine and Acupuncture; 31st generation descendent from the Shaolin Temple in China and holds the rank of “master” in Chinese Martial Arts including Tai Chi and Kung-Fu.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Pool Promenade

“Chinese Qigong— Life Energy from the Universe”

Martha Howard; Master Zheng Hong Chen; Gene B. Arbetter
Qigong (pronounced “chee gong”) means, literally, a method of building energy. This workshop will introduce the concepts of traditional Chinese mind-body medicine that are relevant to the effects of qigong, and that support the experiential learning of the participants. Following the introduction, participants will be taught a complete set of movements for the enhancement of health that they can do at home.

Martha Howard—Combines Chinese traditional medicine, traditional Western medicine and psychoneuroimmunology in her practice; administrator, teacher and speaker as well as clinician; currently medical director of Wellness Associates of Chicago; faculty member of the Foundations of Holistic Health division of the Quaker Worksite Wellness Program.

Master Zheng Hong Chen—certified as Qualified Director of Xing Shen Zhuang Qigong, and is a graduate of the Shijiazhuang Qigong Medical Program; Chairman of the Shanghai Film Artists’ Qigong Research Association and a member of the International Qigong Scientific Research Association; has had two original papers on Qigong presented at the International Qigong Scientific Research Association.

Gene B. Arbetter—member and former Public Information Director of the American Massage Therapy Association; combines a variety of bodywork and healing disciplines in practice of therapeutic massage; managing director of Wellness Associates of Chicago, faculty member at the Chicago School of Massage Therapy; member of the AMTA National Sports Massage Team.

4:00 PM–5:30 PM Pool Promenade

“Ohashiatsu Touch for Peace”

Matt Sweigart; Jeffrey Horvath

Ohashiatsu Touch for Peace invites you into the body, mind and spirit as we touch one another from a deeply loving, relaxed and effortless place. We reach out in circle and in pairs, in a mindful and meditative way, to communicate on many levels our needs, wants, and aspirations, and in our communion we find peace and unconditional loving support.

Matt Sweigart—a graduate and certified instructor of the Ohashi Institute, New York City; director, the school in Chicago since 1988, offering classes and offering private sessions in Ohashiatsu; integrates traditional Oriental philosophy and earth based ritual into his practice.

Jeffrey Horvath—MM invocational performance from Northwestern University; certified instructor of Ohashiatsu.



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1993 Parliament of the World's Religions

| | Saturday 28 August | Sunday 29 August | Monday 30 August | Tuesday 31 August | Wednesday 1 September | Thursday 2 September | Friday 3 September | Saturday 4 September | Sunday 5 September | |
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| Sunrise | | Prayer / Meditation | Prayer / Meditation | Prayer / Meditation | Prayer / Meditation | Prayer / Meditation | Prayer / Meditation | Prayer / Meditation | Prayer / Meditation | |
| 8:00 | Arrivals, Registration, Orientation, Sightseeing | Breakfast | Breakfast | Breakfast | Breakfast | Breakfast | Breakfast | Breakfast | POST - PARLIAMENT TOURS AND RETREATS (optional) | |
| 9:00 | | Welcoming Services & Programs at Palmer House and at Chicago-area Temples, Churches, Mosques, Shrines, Synagogues, etc. | PLENARY Voices of the Dispossessed | PLENARY presentation | PLENARY presentation | PLENARY presentation | PLENARY presentation | Programs at local co-sponsoring organizations | | |
| 10:00 | | | | Sessions A: Seminars, Workshops, and Major Presentations* | Sessions A: Seminars, Workshops, and Major Presentations* | Sessions A: Seminars, Workshops, and Major Presentations* | Sessions A: Seminars, Workshops, and Major Presentations* | Programs, dialogues, and lectures at Palmer House | | |
| 11:00 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12:00 | | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | | THE COMMON MEAL (Grant Park) |
| 1:00 | | | | | | | | Concert for the Twenty-first century (Grant Park) | | |
| 2:00 | | PLENARY What Shall We Do? | PLENARY Voices of Spirit and Tradition | Sessions B: Seminars, Workshops, and Major Presentations* | Sessions B: Seminars, Workshops, and Major Presentations* | Sessions B: Seminars, Workshops, and Major Presentations* | Sessions B: Seminars, Workshops, and Major Presentations* | | | |
| 3:00 | OPENING PLENARY • Procession • Invocation • Address by Native American elders • Blessing | | | Sessions C: Seminars, Workshops, and Major Presentations* | Sessions C: Seminars, Workshops, and Major Presentations* | Sessions C: Seminars, Workshops, and Major Presentations* | Sessions C: Seminars, Workshops, and Major Presentations* | | | |
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| 5:00 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6:00 | Dinner | Dinner | Dinner | Dinner | Dinner | Dinner | Dinner | CLOSING PLENARY (Grant Park) • H.H. The Dalai Lama • The calls to action • The Universal Declaration of Human Values • Invocation of Blessing on the 21st Century | | |
| 7:00 | | Worship | Worship | Worship | Worship | Worship | Worship | | | |
| 8:00 | PLENARY Interfaith Understanding | PLENARY Visions of Paradise and Possibility | PLENARY From Vision to Action | PLENARY The Inner Life | PLENARY The Inner Life and Life in the Community | Twenty-first presentation of The Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion (Rockefeller Chapel) Concert (Palmer House) | PLENARY The Next Generation | | | |

*Also scheduled during the week: exhibits, performances, lectures and presentations, interfaith dialogues, children's programs, and meetings of specialized groups.

*A PRAYER
FOR THE END OF
NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTING*

*God of faithfulness and promise,
Lover of all creation,*

*Hear our prayer for an end to
nuclear weapons testing.*

*You named us prophets to preserve
and nurture your creation:
all peoples, all life,
indeed, the earth itself.*

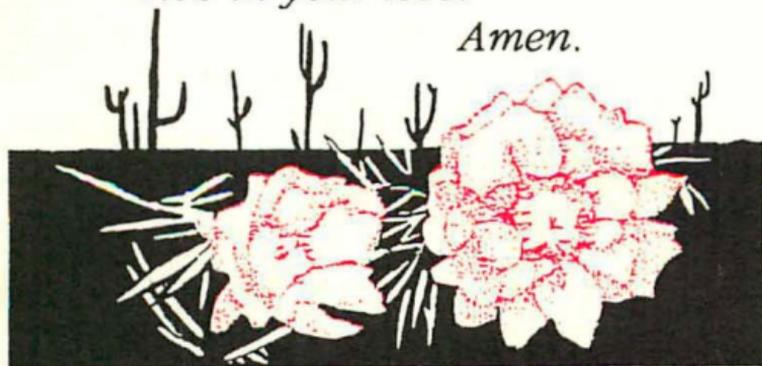
*Enlighten our efforts to end
nuclear weapons testing;*

*Energize our wills for the
restoration of creation.*

*Inspire and guide all who pray
and work nonviolently,*

*So that your promised peace will
fill our world with lives
rich in your love.*

Amen.



NEVADA DESERT EXPERIENCE (NDE) is a faith-based organization working to end nuclear weapons testing through a campaign of prayer, dialogue and nonviolent direct action. NDE works with groups worldwide calling for a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.

NDE is a voice in the desert calling people to nonviolence in the face of violence, truth in the face of illusion, hope in the face of despair, love in the face of fear.



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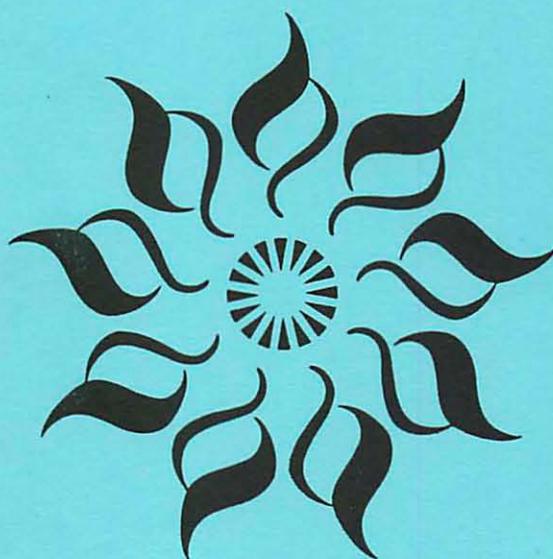
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PARLIAMENT OF THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION



Chicago, Illinois
August 28 - September 5, 1993

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

REGISTRATION

HOURS

Saturday, August 28

7:30 AM - 2:30 PM

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Closed during Opening Plenary

Sunday, August 29 - Friday, September 3

7:30 AM - 9:00 PM

Attendees can pick up their credentials and packets on the 4th floor of the Palmer House Hilton.

PARTICIPANT CREDENTIALS

Parliament credentials must be worn at all times to gain access to the sessions, film festival and exhibit areas.

EXHIBITOR CREDENTIALS

Exhibitors can pick up credentials on Saturday, August 28 in the Upper Exhibit Hall, 4th floor. Exhibitor badges allow access to the exhibit hall only. Only those exhibitors who are paid registrants can attend Parliament sessions. Exhibitor credentials that have not been picked up on Saturday, can be obtained on Sunday, August 29 at the Registration Booth 4th floor. No one will be allowed access to the exhibit area without appropriate credentials.

LOST CREDENTIALS

If credentials are lost, obtain a new Parliament credential at the Registration Booth on the 4th floor. There is a charge for new credentials. Identification is required.

PARTICIPANT SERVICES

The Participant Services Desk is located on the 4th floor by the Registration Booth. Information and assistance will be provided at this desk.

- * When in your hotel room, always double lock your guest room door and secure with the safety latch.
- * Never open your guest room door to callers until you have visually identified the caller using the door viewer and you know the call or you are expecting the caller.

SAFETY OF YOUTH and CHILDREN

- * Every child must be supervised by a parent or guardian at all times including in your hotel room. Minors found without adults in hotels will be immediately taken into protective custody by Hotel Security and transported to the City of Chicago Child Protection Agency. Parents or guardians of these unsupervised children must retrieve them from this agency and could be charged with child neglect.
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- * Youth under 18 should not leave hotels without a parent or authorized adult.

HOTEL DECORUM

Please be courteous to those who may be sleeping in adjacent rooms by refraining from loud talk or loud television and radio volumes late at night.

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CONTACT WITH THE MEDIA

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NON-EMERGENCY FIRST AID

Parliament volunteers are operating a Parliament First-Aid Station during the day and is available for non-emergency medical needs. Paramedics will be called if required.

Location: Participants Services, 4th floor.

SAFETY

SAFETY TIPS WHEN TRAVELING

- * Do not leave personal belongings unattended or out of your sight for any small amount of time.
- * Crowded elevators give the opportunity for pickpockets to increase their financial income. Pickpockets, who usually work in pairs will feign an illness or pretend to have their foot caught in the elevator door. Thus, giving the pickpocket the opportunity to remove your wallet.
- * Revolving doors also provide another opportunity for pickpockets. Again, working in pairs, one will distract you by getting into the same compartment while the second causes a confusion such as pretending their foot is stuck in the door. While you are assisting the perpetrator, they remove your wallet.
- * Ensure that you carry your purse in front of you with your hand over the opening. Be particularly careful with your purse when carrying excessive packages.
- * Know your surroundings at all times. Be conscious of the activity around you.
- * Remove your convention name tag prior to leaving your hotel. Typically, name tags identify you as an outsider to the city you are visiting and will associate you with cash and jewelry.
- * Prior to leaving your hotel, consult with your Concierge for directions to your favorite dining facilities, lounges, running/jogging routes, sightseeing spots, etc. Take note of the name of your hotel, its address and phone number.
- * Before leaving in a taxi cab, ask the doorman for directions and approximate cost of the taxi fare.
- * Do not travel in unfamiliar areas of the city. Avoid dark streets or alleys.
- * When walking on the sidewalk, stay closer to the street. Avoid doorways and building entrances.
- * Do not carry excessive amounts of cash or credit cards. Do not carry your tickets and passport in your wallet or purse. Take only what you need. Leave jewelry and other personal valuables in a safety deposit box provided by the hotel, free of charge.

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TRANSLATIONS DURING THE SESSIONS

Parliament sessions will be conducted in English. There will not be any official translating services at the Parliament.

COMMON MEAL

Tickets for the Common Meal to be held on Saturday, September 4, can be purchased at the Participants Services desk.

GRANT PARK / PETRILLO MUSIC SHELL

The Concert for the 21st Century and the Closing Plenary will be held at the Petrillo Music Shell in Grant Park. The park is located on Columbus Drive (east of the Palmer House Hilton) between Jackson and Monroe Streets.

TOURIST INFORMATION

The Concierge at the Palmer House Hilton can provide you with various tourist information including current attractions, guided bus tours, boat trips, shopping, museums, theatres, specific city transportation, etc.

RESTAURANTS

The Palmer House Hilton restaurants have special dietary menus for the Parliament which include non-dairy and non-meat items. For additional restaurant suggestions, please contact the Concierge in the lobby.

The customary gratuity for restaurant service is 15%.

Palmer House Hilton Restaurants

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| Coffee Shop | Lower Arcade | x5302 |
| Empire Room | Lobby Level | x5320 |
| French Quarter | Lobby Level | x5360 |
| Steak House | Street Level | x5298 |
| Trader Vic's | Lower Arcade | x5305 |
| Windsor's | Lobby Level | x5313 |

TRANSPORTATION

AIRPORTS

O'Hare International Airport - 312-686-2200

Please allow forty-five minutes to one hour traveling time to arrive at the airport. Domestic travellers should arrive at the airport at least one hour before their scheduled departure. International travellers should arrive at the airport at least two hours before their scheduled departure.

Midway Airport 5700 S. Cicero, 312-767-0500

Please allow 20-30 minutes travelling time to arrive at the airport. This airport services domestic travellers only.

AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION

Continental Airport Express 312-454-7799

Independent shuttle service to/from O'Hare and Midway Airports and downtown Chicago. From Airport Express vans and coaches run daily, from 6:00 am to 11:30 pm, to/from most downtown hotels. Call for service or contact the hotel Concierge for assistance.

Fares

| | <u>O'Hare</u> | <u>Midway</u> |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|
| One Way | \$12.50 | \$ 9.50 |
| Round Trip | \$22.00 | \$16.75 |
| Children under 12 | \$ 5.25 | \$ 5.25 |

Taxicab

Taxi fare to O'Hare Airport from downtown is \$25-\$30 for one passenger. Fare to Midway Airport is estimated at \$15 for one passenger. Please pay the amount shown on the meter. A 10% tip for service is expected.

RAILROAD STATION

Chicago Union Station 210 S. Canal, 312-558-1075

Amtrack railroad services from this station. It is located on Canal Street, between Jackson and Adams Streets. It is only an eight block walk or a quick five minute cab ride from the Palmer House Hilton. Local buses can also be taken to the station.

BUS STATION

Greyhound Bus 630 W. Harrison, 312-781-2900

Bus service to several points across the United States. It is located on Harrison Street, between Clinton and Jefferson Streets. It is about a thirteen block walk from the Palmer House Hilton. A cab ride will take about ten minutes. Local buses will also stop near the station.

COMMUTER RAILROAD STATIONS

Chicago Northwestern Station Canal & Madison Streets, 312-836-7000

The Chicago & North Western Metra is serviced from this station.

Chicago Union Station 210 S. Canal. 312-836-7000

The Burlington Northern, Milwaukee District, and Heritage Corridor Metra railways are serviced from this station.

Randolph Street Station Randolph St. & Michigan Ave., 312-836-7000

The Metra Electric Line is serviced from this station.

LaSalle Street Station LaSalle St. & Congress Pkwy., 312-836-7000

The Rock Island Metra is serviced from this station.

Please call for schedule and rate information or contact the Palmer House Hilton Concierge.

LOCAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Chicago Transit Authority

CTA buses and subway system are accessible throughout the downtown area. Exact fare is required on the buses; dollar bills can be used. Fares are the same for both the bus and the subway.

| | Fares | |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| | Full fare | Children 7-11, Seniors & Disabled |
| Hours 6am-10am & 3pm-7pm | \$ 1.50 | \$.75 |
| All other times | \$ 1.25 | \$.60 |
| Transfer | \$.30 | \$.15 |

The Concierge or Guest Services staff can assist you with directions and information.

PARKING INFORMATION

The Palmer House Hilton has parking for cars and vans under 6' 10" tall. All rates quoted do not include in/out privileges.

Adams/Wabash Self Park
17 East Adams
312-554-0112

Self Park

Monday - Friday: \$14.00 for a 24 hour period with hotel validation
Weekend Rates: \$11.50 for a 24 hour period with hotel validation. In after 5 pm Friday, exit by 9 am Monday, each 24 hours
Early Bird Rates: \$9.00 in before 10 am, out by 7 pm
Evening Rates: \$9.00 in after 5 pm, exit by 2 am
Restaurant Rates: \$6.00 self parking rate

Valet

One Way Valet: \$19.50 for a 24 hour period with hotel validation, each additional 24 hours \$14.00
Special Event: \$10.00 valet parking rate. Available upon arrival. You must retrieve your vehicle at Adams/Wabash Self Park. Pick up keys at Concierge desk and receive instructions on vehicle location.

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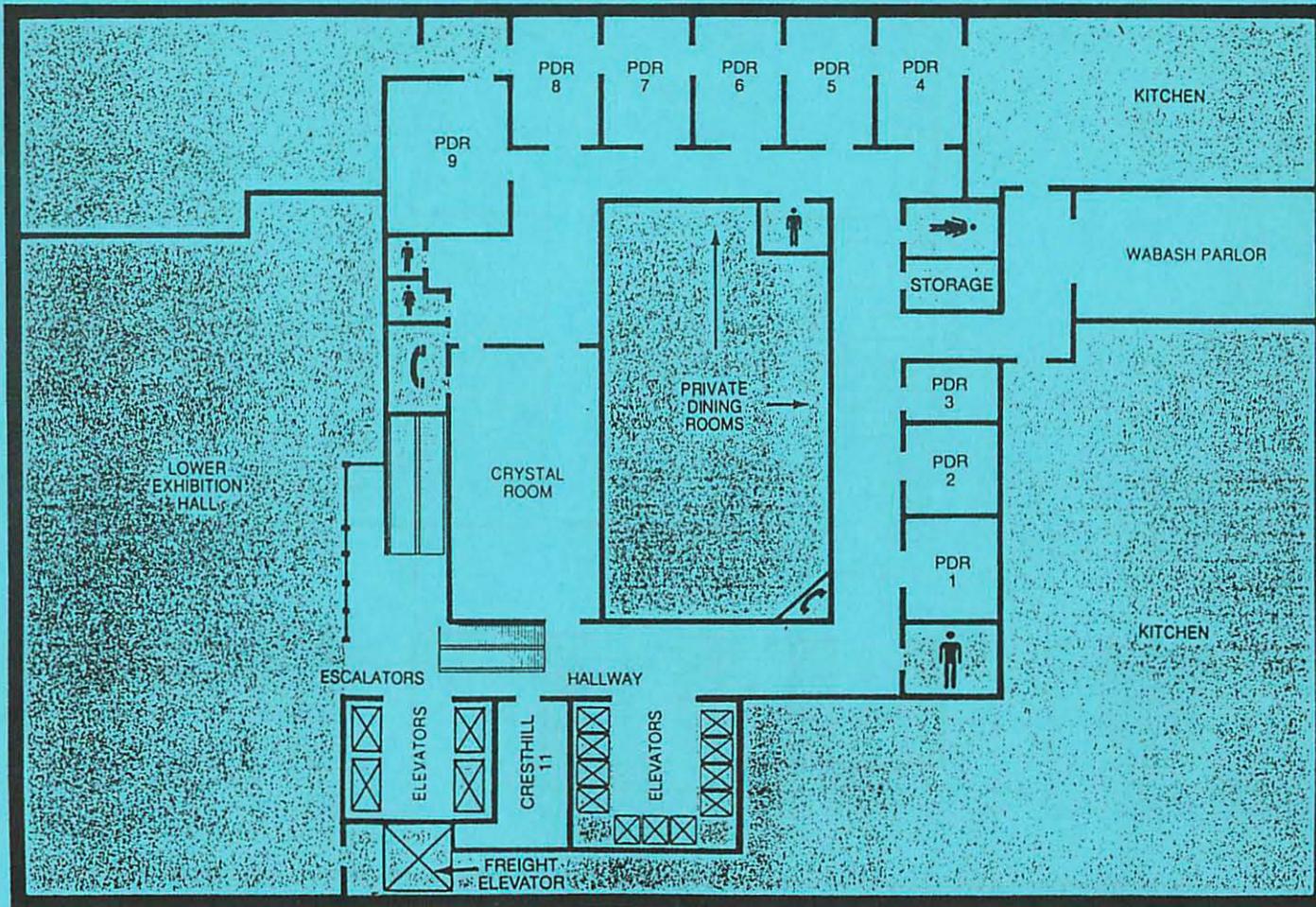
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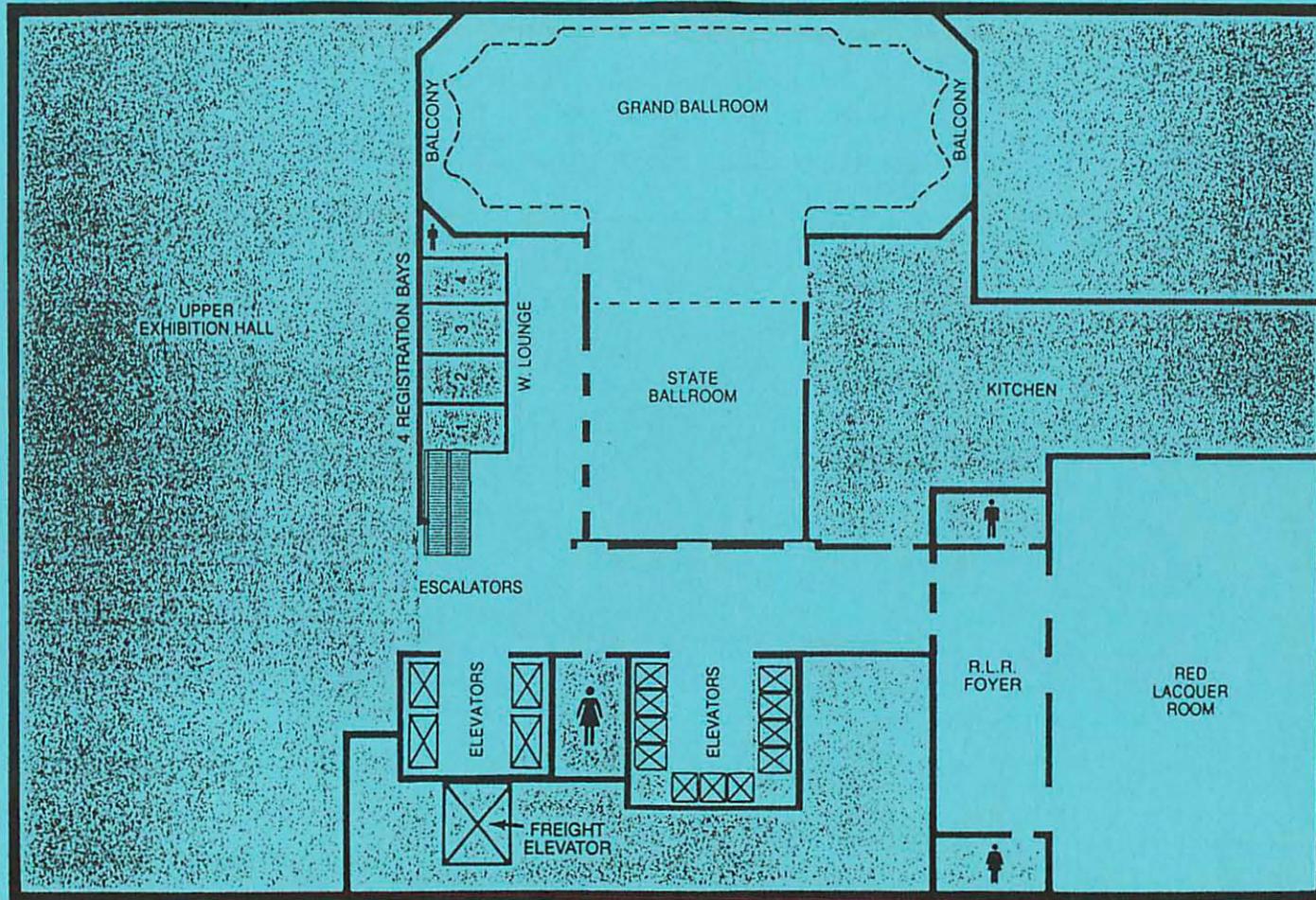
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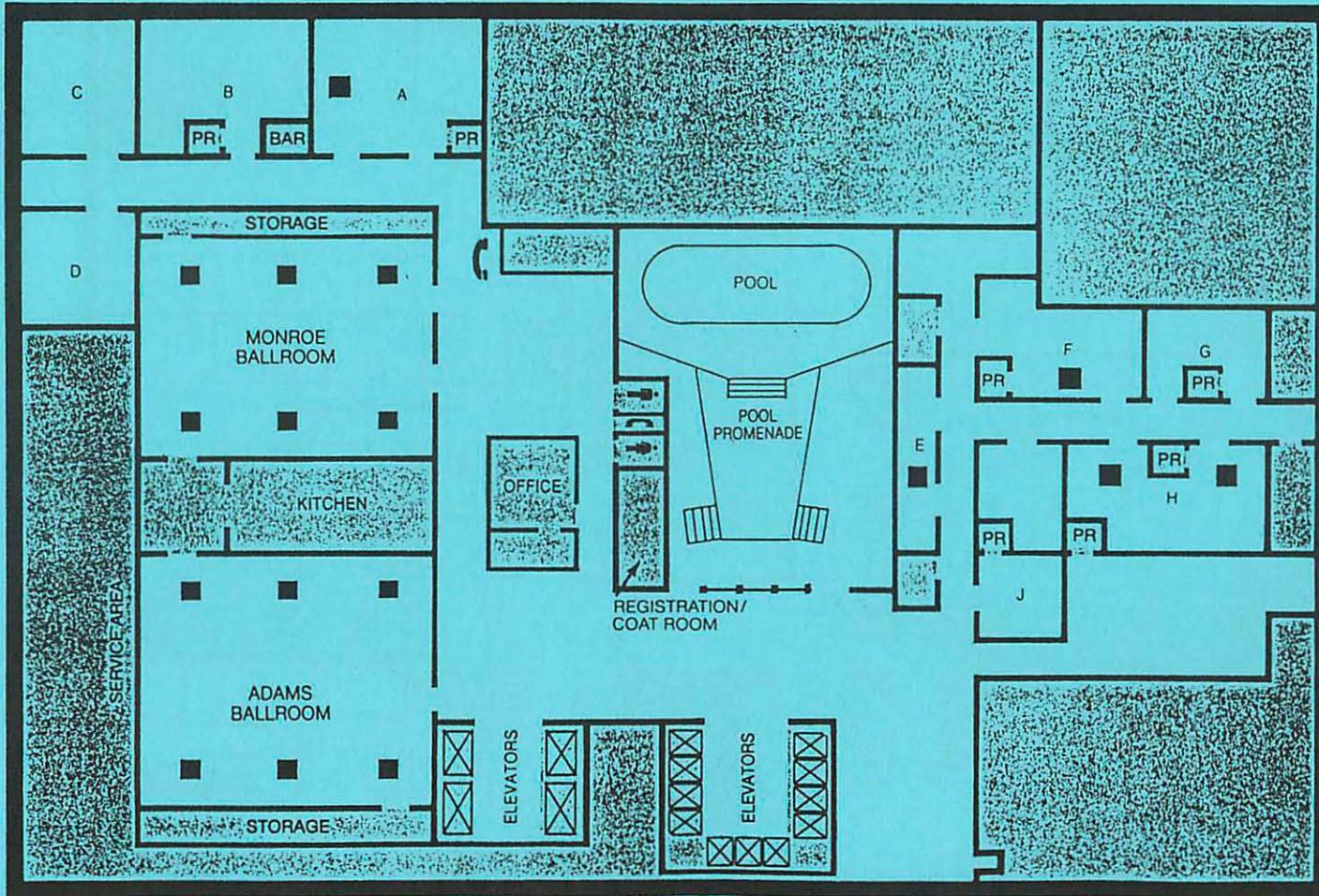
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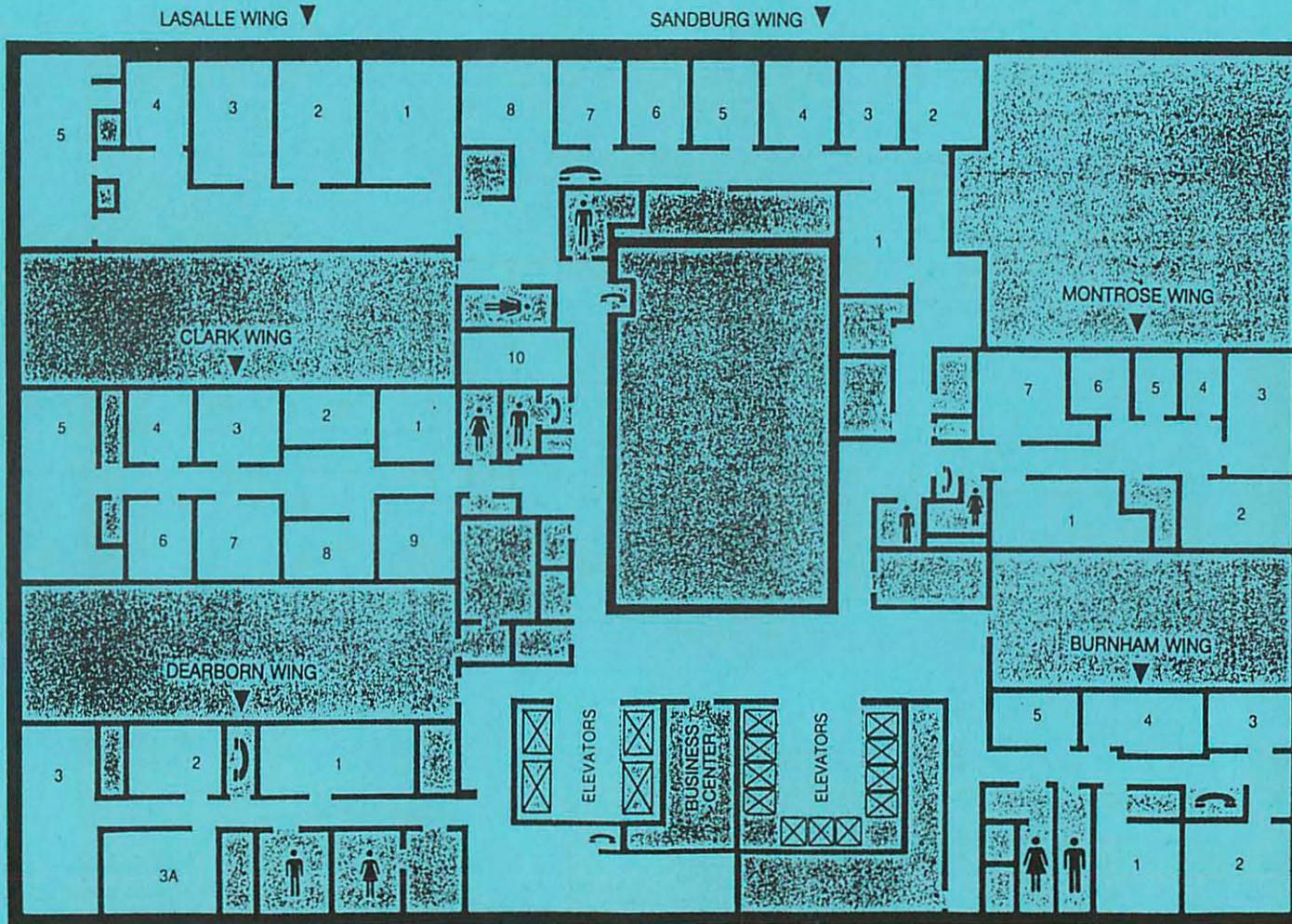


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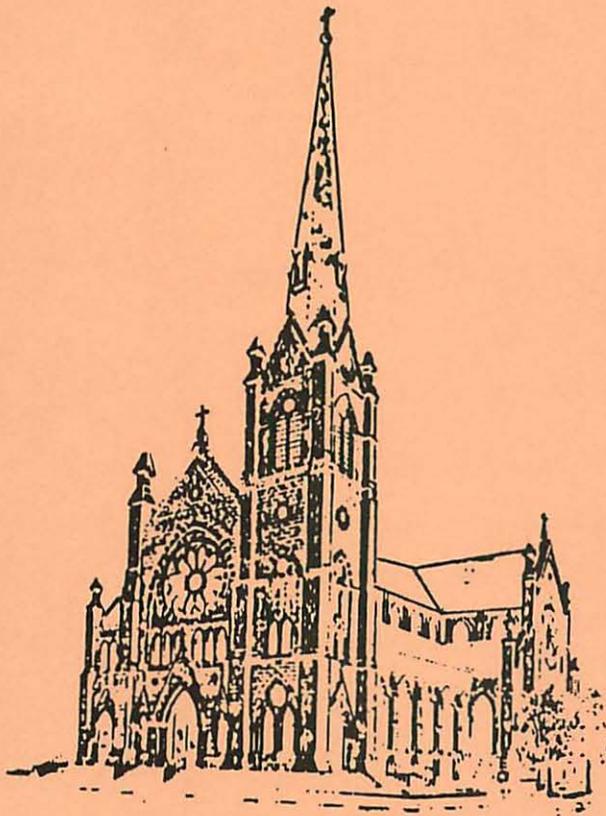
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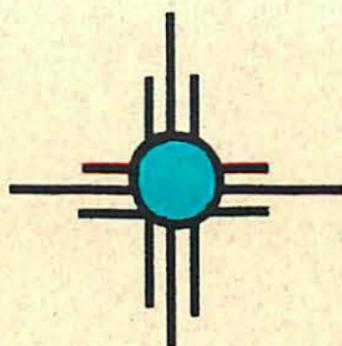
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Atomic Mirror Pilgrimage **July 16-August 6, 1995**

On July 16, 1945 the future of the human race was altered forever by the unleashing of atomic energy.

Since the successful explosion of the first atomic bomb at the Trinity Site in New Mexico, human hope about the continuity of life and the innocent dreams of children have been troubled by a nightmare. The ball of "poison fire" created by mind from the heart of matter has transformed the human psyche, the priorities and power dynamics of nations, the relationship of science to the state, and the planning and expenditures of the military and industry for both "security" and profit.

On August 6 and 9, 1945, the bomb was used in warfare on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Since then the bomb has been exploded on the deserts of the United States, Australia, China and Russia, and the islands of the South Pacific leaving a legacy of destruction, suffering and death, and furthering the moral and financial bankruptcy of nations.

Pilgrimage is a sacred journey made to a holy place to seek a deeper communion with the Spirit. The result is expanded inner wholeness for the benefit of the community.

The Atomic Mirror Pilgrimage will retrace the route of the bomb 50 years after its initial voyage. We will visit the sites where the bomb was developed, tested and used, both to learn about our nuclear history (through film, lecture and exhibit) and, in an inter-faith context, to offer prayers, practice, and rituals of repentance, reconciliation and re-visioning. We will visit other existing healing shrines, and places of natural beauty, to renew ourselves as we seek healing and light for the darkness and damage.

In the Atomic Age we are all pilgrims travelling together into an unknown future. To bring light to the darkness, we need to learn from the mirror of the past 50 years.

Our goals as pilgrims:

1. To face the shadow of the nuclear age and to become whole again by consciously welcoming that shadow back into our midst;
2. To be open to, and led by, the Spirit, beauty, creativity, art, and healing;
3. To seek a deepening of our own faith tradition and activist orientation while sharing unity in an inter-faith, inter-cultural context;
4. To connect with the earth and listen to the voices of harmony from the natural world and indigenous cultures.

Beginning in New Mexico at Chimayo (healing shrine), Los Alamos, the National Atomic Museum, and site of the first "Trinity" test (July 16, 1945) we will travel to the Nevada Test Site, San Francisco and Lawrence Livermore Labs, the Marshall Islands and Hiroshima and Nagasaki to re-trace the path of the bomb in 1945.

Pilgrims may include: Anyone seeking to redeem the despair and darkness of nuclear weapons and waste with hope and light; those who have been seeking a connection between their spiritual life and social concerns; people whose lives have been marked by the bomb and/or radiation; nuclear activists (whose activism may or may not include a spiritual dimension); those with a special connection to the places we will visit; and those seeking the Spirit.

Pilgrims may join for the entire pilgrimage or join us for shorter periods in each of the sites: New Mexico, Las Vegas, S.F. Bay Area, Pacific Islands, Japan

Sponsors of the Pilgrimage: Nevada Desert Experience, Pax Christi, USA and other peace groups and spiritual communities.

**Atomic Mirror Pilgrimage
P.O. Box 138
110 Pacific Avenue
San Francisco, California 94111
Fax: 805-985-7563**

OFFSITE EVENTS DURING THE PARLIAMENT

The following list details some of the offsite events that will be held during and after the 1993 Parliament of the World's Religions. The Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions offers this information as a service to participants. The Council, however, is not responsible for the events listed here, for schedule changes, or for cancellations. For more information about the events listed, contact Participant Services (4th Floor, the Palmer House Hilton) or contact the group offering the program.

DAILY (OR BY ARRANGEMENT)

Daily

"Activities at the Brahma Kumaris Chicago Center"

Morning meditation, 7:00 AM–8:30 AM. Weekends, 6:00 AM–7:00 AM. Evening meditation, 7:00 PM.

Brahma Kumaris Chicago Center, 1609 W. Chase, Chicago.

Monday–Thursday; Sunday, 10:00 AM–5:00 PM; Friday, 10:00 AM–3:00 PM

The Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies

The Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies, a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary institution dedicated to continuing the legacy of Jewish thought and culture, will display several exhibits especially for participants in the Parliament of the World's Religions. These include:

"Jews and the World's Religions"—Asher Library

500 years of coexistence documented by Treasures of the Katzin Rare Book Room.

"A Tale of Two Fairs"—Chicago Jewish Archives

The Jewish presence at Chicago's 1893 and 1933 World Fairs.

"Examples from the Permanent Collection"—Spertus Museum

3,500 years of Jewish history and culture.

"The Centennial Quilt"—Spertus Museum

In commemoration of its 100-year history, a quilt was created by the National Council of Jewish Women, an organization founded as an outgrowth of the 1893 Fair.

Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies, 618 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago

Free Admission to Parliament Registrants

Sunday, August 15–Wednesday, September 15—Daily: 11:00 AM–4:00 PM

"Search for Nirvana: A Photo Exhibit on the Lives of Korean Buddhist Nuns"

Buddhist Society of Compassionate Wisdom/Zen Buddhist Temple

The Zen Buddhist Temple will hold an exhibition of the photography of award winning Korean monk, Kwanjo Sunim, who is internationally known for his poetic photographs of Buddhist monastic life. The works in this exhibition have received excellent reviews. Also planned during the exhibition is the visit of several nuns from Korea. The nuns will illustrate and explain their meditation practice, scripture study, the Korean Buddhist tea ceremony, monastic cooking, temple music, and rituals.

Buddhist Society of Compassionate Wisdom/Zen Buddhist Temple, 1710 W. Cornelia, Chicago. For information: 312- 528-8685.

Monday, August 30– Friday, September 3, 12:00 PM–2:00 PM

"Voices of the Dispossessed": Noonday Conversations

Spiritual and community leaders of refugee and displaced peoples in the Parliament of the World's Religions will speak with one another and with civic, neighborhood and congregation leaders of Chicago. Schedule:

Monday, August 30—"Tibet: Homeland of Chicago's Newest Community"

Namkah Yougyal, Tibetan Children's Village, Dharamsala, India.

Norbu Samphell of the Chicago Tibetan community.

Tuesday, August 31—"The Americas: Way of Dispossession"

Waldemar Boff, Serviço de educação e organização popular Petrópolis, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Juanita Batzibal and Daniel Matul, La Liga Maya Internacional.

Charles Nix, Chicago Coalition for the Homeless.

Wednesday, September 1—"Haiti: Dispossessed at Home, Returned at Sea"

Bishop Willie Romelus, Jérémie, Haiti.

Renald Clerisme, scholar and interpreter of Voodoo.

Harry Fouché, Haiti Tenth Department.

Thursday, September 2—"Africa: Religious Communities and the African Crisis"

Lansine Kaba, Guinea.

Molefe Tsele, South Africa.

Sheikh Ahmed Tijani, Ghana.

Hayelom Ayele, Ethiopia, Chicago Human Relations—African Affairs.

Friday, September 3—"India: Workers Show a Way Beyond Religious Warfare"

Fr. Tom Kocherry, India coasts, National Fish Workers Federation,

Trivandrum, Kerala.

Balwant Hansra, Punjab Sikh.

Ghulam Nabi Fai, Kashmir.

Qadir Hussein Khan, India Muslims.

Shobha Srinivisan, India Alert Chicago.

The Chicago Room of the Cultural Center, 77 E. Randolph St., Chicago

Monday, August 30–Friday, September 3, 1:00 PM–2:00 PM

"Free Vegetarian Lunch"

Sant Rajinder Singh Ji; Science of Spirituality Center

Science of Spirituality Center, 4 S 175 Naperville Road, Naperville, Illinois. For Information: 708-955-1200 or (Toll free) 1-800-222-2207.

Saturday, August 28–Sunday, September 5

"Theosophical Society in America—Offsite Programs"

Saturday, August 28

9:00 AM—"Chanting: Musical Meditations" (Nick Kokoshis); 10:00 AM—"Pan-Eurythmic Dance" (Ardela Nathaniel); 11:00 AM—"Scottish Country Dancing" (Edward and Mary Abdill)

Sunday, August 29

7:00 PM—"Theosophical Perceptions in Christian Orthodoxy" (Dr. Geddes MacGregor)

Monday, August 30

7:30 PM—"Women's Leadership in Alternate Religions" (Dr. Catharine Wessinger)

Tuesday, August 31

7:30 PM—"The Near-Death Experience as a Basis for Religious Unity" (Dr. Robert Ellwood)

Wednesday, September 1

7:30 PM—"Gnosticism and the New Myth of Consciousness" (Dr. Stephen Hoeller)

Thursday, September 2

7:30 PM—"Self-Transformation and the Future of Religion" (Dr. Radha Burnier—Distinguished Guest Lecturer, International President of the Theosophical Society)

Friday, September 3

7:30 PM—"Landmarks of the Esoteric Tradition" (Joy Mills)

Saturday, September 4

10:00 AM—"Therapeutic Touch Workshop" (Susan Conklin and Andrea DeLeon); 1:30 PM—"Science and Spirituality" (Dr. Ravi Ravindra)

Sunday, September 5—Special Music Schedule

1:00 PM—Featured Guest Performer: Steven Halpern; special guest dancer, Nori Rao

2:00 PM—Classical Indian Devotional Music on Cello, Drum, and Lute (Nancy Lesh)

3:30 PM—Classical East Indian Dancing (Sridevi Rao)

4:00 PM—Contemporary Vocalist (Rebecca Kettering)

4:30 PM—International Dance of Peace (Salima Carol Demont)

Theosophical Society in America, 1926 N. Main St., Wheaton, Illinois. For Information: 708-668-1571.f

By Arrangement

"Sweat Lodges: Indigenous Peoples Purification of the Heart, Mind, Soul, and Lungs"

Charles Chipps

Led By: Charles Chipps (Ta Canupa Wakan), a spiritual leader of the Lakota Sioux Nation

Program will be held offsite, near Highland Park, Illinois. For information, inquire at BOOTH 508 in the Exhibit Area.

Charles Chipps— (Ta Canupa Wakan), Prominent spiritual leader of the Woptura Medicine Society and the Lakota Sioux Nation, from Pine Ridge, South Dakota; great-grandson of medicine man to Crazy Horse; Charles leads sacred rock lodges and sundances in South Dakota, Oregon and Ohio.

Friday, August 20–Tuesday, September 7

“Exhibition Program at Wat Dhammaram”

Wat Dhammaram, the Thai Buddhist Temple of Chicago

During the Parliament, Wat Dhammaram, the Thai Buddhist Temple of Chicago, will organize exhibition concerning with Buddhist mission in the West of the Venerable Anāgārika Dharmapāla, SriLankan Buddhist scholar, and Shogen Shaku, who brought Buddhism to the West for the first time at the Parliament in 1893. Included in the exhibition will be his life and work for Buddhist mission for the West as well as the East.

Wat Dhammaram, the Thai Buddhist Temple of Chicago
7059 West 75th St., Chicago, IL.

Tuesday, August 31–Thursday, September 2

The Templeton Foundation Symposium: “Science and Religion: Two Ways of Experiencing and Interpreting the World.”

Scientists and religious thinkers have been invited to reflect in a personal way upon this challenging theme. The Symposium is sponsored by the Templeton Foundation and organized by the Chicago Center for Religion and Science and *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science*. The Symposium takes place in the historic neighborhood of Hyde Park, 30 minutes south of downtown Chicago at the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago. The World’s Columbian Exposition of 1893 took place largely in this area and, indeed, gave rise to our present Museum of Science and Industry.

Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago
For Information: 312-753-0670.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28–SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

August 27 and August 28, 7:00 PM

“American Buddhist Songs Concert”

Zen Buddhist Temple

Zen Buddhist Temple, 1710 W. Cornelia, Chicago

*Adults: \$10 Seniors: \$6 Children: \$4

For more information: 312-528-8685

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

Sunday, August 29, 7:00 AM–8:30 AM

“Ecumenical Worship Service”

Illinois Conference of Churches; Rev. Thomas Baima; Rev. Dr. Carol Worthing; Rev. Dr. David MacDonna

This festive worship service, presented by the Illinois Conference of Churches, is presented for all Christians attending the Parliament. Persons of other faiths are invited as guests to experience Christian worship forms. The liturgical format will include a procession of clergy, music, choir, traditional and contemporary ritual action and a brief sermon.

St. Peter in the Loop, 110 W. Madison St., Chicago.

Sunday, August 29, 10:00 PM–12:00 PM

“Jashans Around the World”

Zoroastrian Community

Zoroastrians around the world are invited to hold a Jashan ceremony on Sunday, August 29, 1993, at 10:00 a.m. local time. In this “Jashans Around the World” ceremony, Zarthushtis in the Far East, the Land of the Rising Sun, will lead, while co-religionists on the Western shores of the USA and Canada will close. Zarthushtis everywhere, in large cities and small towns, are encouraged to participate in this display of unity.

For Information, please contact the Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America at 708-325-5383.

Sunday, August 29, 11:00 AM

“Divine Love Can Transform Your Life”

Sant Rajinder Singh Ji

A talk by Sant Rajinder Singh Ji about the transformative power of mystic love.

Science of Spirituality Center, 4 S 175 Naperville Road, Naperville, Illinois. For Information: 708-955-1200 or (free) 1-800-222-2207.

Sunday, August 29, 2:00 PM

"Dance of Life"

Hema Rajagopalan

Dancers bring to life characters of different faiths through the language of expression and movement. Enjoy the drama of life through the religions of the world. Chicago's Field Museum hosts this special performance in Gharatnyam dance, the most disciplined and ancient of all the dance forms of India. (Hema Rajagopalan is a dancer of international repute, a four-time recipient of the National Endowments of the Arts for choreography. Her dance company, Natyakalayam, has performed widely, accompanied by renowned musicians from India.)

The Field Museum of Natural History, James Simpson Auditorium
Admission—Free with museum entry.

MONDAY, AUGUST 30

Monday, August 30, 11:00 AM–12:30 PM

Sant Rajinder Singh Ji

Learn how to meditate on the inner Light and Sound, as taught by Sant Rajinder Singh. Free vegetarian lunch follows.

Science of Spirituality Center, 4 S 175 Naperville Road, Naperville, Illinois. For Information: 708-955-1200 or (Toll free) 1-800-222-2207.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31

Tuesday, August 31, 1993, 12:00 PM–2 PM

"Committing to Justice in the Nineties: Chicago's Interfaith Community Gathers to Reflect"

Chicago Clergy and Laity Concerned

Chicago Clergy and Laity Concerned hosts this public discussion to explore new directions in interfaith, justice-centered work. How can Chicago's faith communities cooperate more effectively to combat racial and economic injustice? How do commitments to justice and peace in the international arena connect with national and local justice agendas? A distinguished panel of Chicago's interfaith and peace leaders will lead the discussion.

Chicago Temple, 77 W. Washington, Pierce Hall
Brown Bag Lunch provided for \$6 per person
For more information and to confirm attendance, call CALC, 312-899-1800.

Tuesday, August 31, 2:00 PM–5:30 PM

"Interfaith at the Margins: An Invitation to Share with Shalom Ministries and Community"

Claude Marie Barbour; George Cairns; Eleanor Doidge; Peggy Desjarlait (White Cedar Woman - Arikara); Sophie Makhubu; Nancy Cairns

Shalom is an ecumenical, Christian, covenant community engaged in cross-cultural ministries, training and interfaith dialogue worldwide, working in solidarity with the marginalized, poor and oppressed on issues of social justice, human rights, peace, the environment, and interfaith understanding. The Chicago-based members of Shalom invite participants to share in an exploration of their work and thoughts about grassroots spirituality, vision and outreach in the community. Gather at Palmer House for introduction. Field trip to Unity House for program. Return for dinner.

(Claude Marie Barbour, Ordained PCUSA minister; Shalom founder; Professor of World Mission, Catholic Theological Union and McCormick Theological Seminary. George Cairns, Ordained UCC minister; Shalom member; Director, Doctor of Ministry Program, Chicago Theological Seminary; minister of Urban Mission, Peoples' Church of Chicago. Eleanor Doidge, Ladies of Bethany; Shalom member; Associate Professor of Mission and Ministry, Catholic Theological Union and McCormick Theological Seminary. Peggy Desjarlait (White Cedar Woman - Arikara)—Shalom member; Native American Elder; educator, Native American community of Chicago. Sophie Makhubu—Shalom member; nurse educator; doctoral student, Public Health Nursing Studies, U. of Illinois. Nancy Cairns—Shalom member; Director, Master's Program and faculty in the Psychology and Religion Program, Illinois School of Professional Psychology; clinical psychologist.)

Transportation will be provided. Cars will leave from the Wabash Avenue entrance of the Palmer House at 2:00 PM. Participants will be returned by 5:30 PM to the Palmer House.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Wednesday, September 1, 10:00 AM–12:00 PM

"Universal Communal Harmony: An Interfaith Service of Prayer, Chants, and Ritual"

Institute for World Spirituality

This interfaith religious service will begin with a procession of the religions of India and chanting by the Zoroastrian priests and community from the Rustam Guiv Darbe Meher in Chicago. The body of the service will include: incensing of sanctuary; proclamation of the Christian Gospel; Puja ceremony; recitation of the Qur'an; Bhajans (devotional songs); meditation; sermon; response; the conclusion will be a common prayer for universal communal harmony.

Chicago Temple—First United Methodist Church, 77 West Washington.

Wednesday, September 1, 12:00 PM–2:00 PM

"100 Years of Orthodox Christianity in Chicago"

Hellenic Museum and Cultural Center

Off-site exhibit of ecclesiastical and archival items of the Orthodox Christian parishes of Chicago; shuttle bus available, at nominal cost. Founded in 1992, the Museum's mission is to promote and perpetuate the Hellenic and Orthodox Christian culture and to preserve the Greek American experience in Chicago. The museum hosts approximately 2 exhibits per year as well as present lecture series, concerts, and dialogues. One can come to read, research, or study amid the images of past and present and leave edified.

Museum Hours: Daily Monday-Friday, from 11:00 AM–4:00 PM

Special Parliament Tour: Wednesday, September 1, 12:00 PM–2:00 PM

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"Jewish/Christian Dialogue: American Jewish Committee and United Methodist Church"

Christian Unity and Interreligious Concern of Northern Illinois Conference/ United Methodist Church

The American Jewish Committee and the United Methodist Church in Metropolitan Chicago have been holding a dialogue for almost two years. This session of the dialogue is scheduled during the Parliament at a convenient time and place for observers to see how local dialoguing takes place, and to share perspectives. The dialogue members discussing an interfaith issue. The audience, Jewish and United Methodist Constituents and Parliament visitors will fishbowl the dialogue and enter into discussion.

A bag lunch will be held at the Chicago Temple (1st UMC), Pierce Hall.

6:45 PM–7:45 PM

"Seek the Eternal: an Interfaith Cantata Celebrating the Spiritual Life"

The Halevi Choral Society; John M. Schlenck; Judith Karzen

Off-site musical performance. (The Halevi Choral Society—founded in 1926 as a community chorus, became a professional ensemble in 1984. It is the only professional ensemble in the United States specializing in Jewish music.

John M. Schlenck—Music director of Vedanta Society of New York since 1962. He composes mainly religious music, which has received numerous performances in New York and San Francisco; has been music director of the Vedanta Society of New York since 1962; graduated from Eastman School of Music in 1957. Judith Karzen—Director of Music at Temple Beth Israel for 31 years. She has been artistic director and conductor of the Halevi Choral Society since 1984.)

St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, 110 West Madison, Chicago.

Wednesday, September 1

"Orthodox Christian Great Vespers"

Traditional Orthodox Christian vesper service commemorating the Ecclesiastical New (Church) Year (September 1, 1993). Vespers are traditionally held on the eve of feast days. This service will be celebrated by the Pan Orthodox Clergy Association of Greater Chicago and the Pan Orthodox Choir of Chicago.

Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 1017 N. LaSalle St., Chicago. For schedule and other information, call 312-337-4130.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

6:30 PM–7:30 PM

"Chant and Spirituality"

J. Michael Thompson

An hour long presentation of the various forms of chant which animate the worship of the Christian Churches, east

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, AND AFTER

Sunday, September 5, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

"Dharmadhatu"

Tibetan Buddhist and Shambala Meditation and Study Center

The Tibetan Buddhist and Shambala Meditation and Study Center will offer meditation instruction and practice free of charge, and a talk by Monk Sherab Paljur (at 11:00 AM).

3340 N. Clark St. Meet taxis at 8:30 am Sunday and thereafter on Wabash Ave. and Hotel (2 blocks north of Belmont train stop). For Information: 312-871-8383, 427-7771/6.

Sunday, September 5, 8:00 AM– 5:00 PM

"A Day of Mindfulness"

Thich Nhat Hanh

Thich Nhat Hanh will present "A Day of Mindfulness," sponsored by Lakeside Buddha Sangha, P.O. Box 7067, Evanston, IL 60201.

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Registration fee: \$60.00 Admission tickets are all sold in advance, and will not be available at the door. Space is limited. For Information: Jack Lawlor at 708-475-0080.

Sunday–Tuesday, September 5–7, 8:30 AM–6:00 PM

"Wat Dhammaram: A Meditation Retreat"

Wat Dhammaram

This is a Post-Parliament retreat offered by Wat Dhammaram, Vipassana Meditation Center. The retreat will begin at 5:00 PM, September 5, and end in the evening on September 7. The meditation instructors are Ven. Dr. H.

Gunaratana, Ajahn Pasanno Bhikku, and Ajahn Sobin Namto.

7059 W. 75th St., Burbank, Illinois

For Information: Ajahn Dr. Phramaha Chuen Phangcham, 708-594-8100.

Sunday, September 5, 10:00 AM–1:00 PM

"Divine-love Meditation Workshop"

Sushree Meera Devi; Sushree Hari Dasi

*Divine-love meditation - evolves the dormant divine energy hidden in the depths of your heart, enriching your life with the soul contentment you have been looking for. *Divine-love philosophy - describes the original cause of your dissatisfaction and reveals the path to ultimate happiness. *Transpersonal unity - includes breathing, yoga postures and integral relaxation through chanting. It is a course for complete relaxation of your body, mind and soul. (Sushree Meera Devi—A sanyasi teacher and the vice-president of the International Society of Divine Love. She is a disciple of His Divinity Swami Prakashanand Saraswati. After many years of devotion and study in India under the direct guidance of Shree Swami ji, Meera Devi was the first Western woman to receive Vaishnav sanyas in the tradition of Raganuga bhakti. She lectures extensively in India, New Zealand, Canada, and the United States on the philosophy of divine-love.)

De Paul University, Room #280, Schmitt Academic Center, 2320 North Kenmore Ave., Chicago.

Workshop tuition: \$15 per person, includes light vegetarian lunch. PRE REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

For Information Call: 708-331-6624.

Sunday, September 5, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM

"Contemplative Vigil at St. Procopius Abbey"

Monastic Interreligious Dialogue

A contemplative vigil celebration. After introductions by Abbot Hugh Anderson, O.S.B. of St. Procopius Abbey, and Abbot Timothy Kelly, O.S.B., chairperson of Monastic Interreligious Dialogue, the Benedictine Monks will sing various Gregorian Latin Chants. The talk on Contemplative prayer will be given by Abbot Thomas Keating. Then will follow an hour of silent meditation.

St. Procopius Abbey, corner of Yackley and Maple, Lisle, Illinois.

Further information on the vigil can be obtained from Rev. Julian von Duerbeck at (708) 969-6410.

THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO

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"Images of the Sacred"

Schedule of Events

Tuesday, August 31

6:00 pm in Rubloff Auditorium

BARAKA - A World Beyond Words

This film has been described as "A masterpiece. Visually stunning and profoundly moving, . . ." Baraka is a non-verbal feature film, directed by Ron Fricke and produced by Mark Magidson. It was photographed on six continents in 24 countries. Baraka is described by producer Magidson as a "journey of rediscovery that plunges into nature, into history, into the human spirit and finally into the realm of the infinite. It explores and develops themes of interconnection and transcendence."

Baraka is prepared to be publicly released to theatres nationwide by the Samuel Goldwyn Company in the fall of 1993.

Wednesday, September 1

10:30 am in Price Auditorium

Slide Lecture: "Gates of Mystery: Art of Holy Russia"

Associate Director of Museum Education George Schneider will speak about the current exhibition of icons and other religious artifacts from Medieval Russia.

11:30 am - 12:00 pm

Guided Tour: *Gates of Mystery: Art of Holy Russia*

Museum Education staff will discuss a selection of objects in the exhibition.

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Time to eat lunch either in the museum or in one of the many restaurants nearby.

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm & 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm, locations listed below

Workshops/Gallery Walks: "Art in the Service of Religion"

A variety of lecturers and teachers from the Chicago-area arts community will lead hour-long explorations of objects associated with seven major religions or families of religions. Six workshops will be held at The Art Institute, and the seventh workshop, on Judaic art, will be held at the Spertus Museum (see *Judaism*). Each lecturer will lead her or his workshop twice -- once at 1:00 and once at 2:00, so that if you wish, you may attend two. Since these workshops will be held to 15 people each, please register in advance on the sign-up sheets provided at the Participant Services area on the 4th floor of the Palmer House Hilton Hotel. When you arrive at The Art Institute, those at the information desk will be available to direct you to the assigned meeting places listed below.

Religions of Africa: meet in the Bluhm seminar room

The Art Institute holds works used in a variety of African regions and religions. Highlights include ceremonial masks and effigies from Central Africa.

--led by the Curator of the Department of Africa, Oceania and The Americas, Ramona Austin

Buddhism: meet in Price Auditorium

The Art Institute's collection of Buddhist art revolves around large, three-dimensional works, including a variety of images of Buddha, in both stone and wood, from Southeast Asia, East Asia and India.
--led by Professor Stanley Murashige of the School of the Art Institute

Christianity: meet in Blake Court

The collection of devotional and didactic works from the Christian tradition is one of the museum's largest. It includes Medieval and Renaissance altarpieces, large-scale seventeenth century paintings treating biblical subjects and *Two Disciples at the Tomb*, an early twentieth century painting by African-American artist Henry Osawa Tanner.
--led by National Endowment for the Arts Intern, Kimberly Rhodes

Hinduism: meet in Studio 19

The Art Institute's collection of art from Hindu tradition includes a carved stone piece depicting Pavati, Shiva, Ganesha and Skanda, and many other sculptures in stone and bronze representing the pantheon of Hindu gods.
--led by Sara Schastok, author of *The Shamalaji Sculptures in Sixth Century Art in Western India*

Islam: meet in Morton Auditorium

The Islamic collection includes many examples of painted ceramic tiles, glazed pottery and metalwork from Thirteenth to Seventeenth Century Persia and Turkey.
--led by 1993 Museum Education Lectureship Intern, Jack Dalton

Judaism: meet at the Spertus Museum of Judaica, 618 South Michigan Avenue

If you prefer not to walk, a bus will leave from the Columbus Drive Entrance of The Art Institute ten minutes before each workshop (at 12:50 and 1:50)

The Spertus Museum holds texts, artifacts and art objects associated with many aspects of the Jewish faith, and many stages of the lives of Jews.
--led by Spertus Museum Education Curator Kathi Lieb

Native American Religions: meet in Docent Room

The Ancient American collections include objects from Native American cultures existing in the Americas before the European contact. Some highlights included in the tour will be ceremonial objects from the Plains and Southwestern peoples of North America, and ceramics, textiles and metal objects from Meso and south American cultures.
--led by Museum Education Lecturer, Clare Kunny

3:15 pm

Bus leaves Columbus Drive Entrance for the Spertus Museum

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Reception at Spertus Museum, 618 South Michigan Avenue

A chance to reconvene with other symposium participants and share tidbits of information and food.

4:40 pm

Bus leaves the Spertus Museum for the Palmer House Hilton Hotel

Please sign up for this event at Participant Services, 4th floor, Palmer House Hilton.



TOGETHER
FOUNDATION FOR GLOBAL UNITY



The University of Vermont
Environmental Program

HISTORY:

The Together Foundation was incorporated in 1989 with the idea of fostering global unity and promoting world peace. Our main project to date has been the development of the TogetherNet, an on-line information and communication network for use by individuals and organizations working toward a sustainable future for our planet.

MISSION:

To facilitate positive global change by establishing communications and information systems that inventory and integrate the resources and needs of people, projects and organizations in service to humanity and the Earth.

LEGAL:

The Together Foundation is a non-profit organization with a 501(c)(3) status. The Foundation's headquarters have recently been moved from Boulder, Colorado to Burlington, Vermont.

AFFILIATION:

The Together Foundation is working in collaboration with the University of Vermont to implement the Ecoline program and foster other cooperative efforts between the two organizations. The Together Foundation is officially recognized by the United Nations as an international Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) in associate status with the UN Department of Public Information.

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The Together Foundation's mission and projects are guided by its Board of Directors, Board of Advisors and Management Team. While individual members of the Management Team are responsible for the day to day operation of the Foundation's various projects, the Team jointly coordinates and co-creates Foundation policy and action.

**MANAGEMENT
TEAM:**

Ella Cisneros, William J. Sims, Hans J. Keller, James MacIntyre, Daniel Sepulveda, Jesus Alberto Ortega.

OFFICES:

Burlington, Vermont. Foundation Headquarters. Collaborative project with the University of Vermont to establish a nationwide 800-line as part of an environmental and developmental information and communication center available to the University, the community and the public in general.

130 South Willard Street, Burlington, VT 05401.
Ph: 802 862-2030 Fax: 802 862-1890

New York City, New York. Main liason office with the United Nations. Coordination of networking among NGOs.

55 East 75th Street, New York, NY 10021.
Ph: 212 628-1939 Fax: 212 628-4265

Boulder, Colorado. TogetherNet development and operations office.

2129 13th Street, Boulder, CO 80302.
Ph: 303 444-9567 Fax: 303 444-7512

Caracas, Venezuela. Several community-based programs with emphasis on interconnectivity and communications. Name of project - NY Commitment.

C.C. Paseo Las Mercedes, Piso 2, Local 1-2, Caracas, 1060 Venezuela. Ph: 582 91 64 49/92 43 33 Fax: 582 92 69 05

ECOLINE

The Ecoline program gives the public access to information about social change projects and organizations through the use of a toll-free number answered by operators with access to our extensive database. The Ecoline program is being implemented through the collaboration of the Together Foundation and the University of Vermont, with the support of corporate sponsors. The Together Foundation is providing the information and communications systems for the program, as well as a facility for its operation. The University of Vermont is providing guidance through its Environmental Studies Program, and student representatives participate in the program by researching information for the database, as well as communicating it directly to the public and participating organizations as operators.

The Ecoline database will log the efforts and results of environmental and humanitarian projects around the world, and currently has over 60,000 records. This information has been collected from various existing databases, and includes comprehensive listings of the 25,000 participants of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development. Included in the databases are project descriptions, contact information, and a wide variety of other continually updated information.

Ecoline assists callers in identifying people, projects and organizations that are working in their field of interest, and directs them to a contact person with whom they may communicate and explore potential cooperative effort. Callers from existing organizations and projects are assisted in identifying and listing with the Ecoline databases the resources that they have developed or have available. Resources include such things as research findings, environmental data, surplus computers, services, volunteer time and even office space. Information about the resources of supporting projects, individuals and organizations are maintained in Ecoline's databases and described to callers who are working on similar projects and efforts.

Ecoline's toll-free number provides a valuable service to the public's expanding social and environmental interests, assisting them in finding partners and solutions for issues related to a sustainable environment.

A facility is currently being established in Burlington, Vermont to house both the Ecoline program and a host computer for the TogetherNet computer network, as well as the Together Foundation's world headquarters. The Burlington facility will serve as a community center for the public and local non-governmental organizations allowing them access to global communications and information systems resources.

TOGETHERNET

TogetherNet is a powerful 21st century communications network dedicated to people, projects and organizations working "in service to the earth." It requires less than five minutes to learn and works on virtually all IBM/compatible PCs and Macintosh computers. Its colorful graphics make commands intuitive and natural while you move through TogetherNet easily by a mouse click or keystroke.

TogetherNet's users can send electronic mail not only to other TogetherNet users, but to anyone on most of the other networks including EcoNet, MCIMail, SprintMail, FidoNet, PeaceNet and CompuServe among others. TogetherNet users communicate with over one million people throughout the world on TogetherNet's Internet electronic mail gateway.

TogetherNet's extensive database provides users with information about foundations and organizations that give grants in the areas of environment, development and human rights. Stored in its library is a collection of over one hundred background papers and book reviews. The network also provides bulletin boards and an events calendar listing of activities on a variety of environment and human rights topics. Organizations that are members of TogetherNet can request their own private bulletin boards or calendars. They can also post newsletters, surveys and petitions for other users to read, complete and sign.

The News and Alerts section in the TogetherNet database provides summaries of important environmental, human development and human rights stories from around the world. Subscribers' inventories of needs and resources ranging from the material to human resources are also provided, along with the Ecoline directory, an extensive listing of people, projects and organizations working toward a sustainable future for our world.

TogetherNet has been developed at the Boulder, Colorado office of the Together Foundation. Additional host computer systems for TogetherNet will be placed in our Vermont, New York and Caracas, Venezuela offices during 1993. The Together Foundation is currently looking for partners to work with to install host computers in other areas of the world.

The quality of the future depends on our efforts to improve the environment and human rights worldwide. TogetherNet provides the best possible communications tool to maximize the efforts of people who are making a difference in the world.

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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TOGETHER FOUNDATION FOR GLOBAL UNITY.

Ella Cisneros: Giving Smart People the Right Tools

Ella Cisneros is President and Founder of the Together Foundation. She is a Venezuelan citizen who makes her primary home in Caracas. For this interview we found her in Rio de Janeiro directing the efforts of volunteers and staff to put the finishing touches on the Together Foundation pavilion in Flamengo Park for the June 1992 United Nations Conference on the Environment and Development (UNCED).

Question:

Why did you start the Together Foundation?

Ella Cisneros:

I wanted a different world for my children. I saw some positive changes taking place, but it seemed to be happening in slow motion. I wanted to find a way to make progress happen more quickly.

It seemed that many of the good people and organizations were doing the same things — duplicating efforts. And then I knew what I would do. I would bring tools to these people — the ones who serve the earth — so they could connect together, build on each other's efforts and multiply their power.

Question:

What tools do you mean to bring to the people?

Ella Cisneros:

I am talking about bringing high technology to serve the environment and human rights. We at the Together Foundation are developing a powerful computer network that people with no computer expertise can easily use. We call it TogetherNet and it will be available at the end of 1992. It will put people in touch with each other all over the world.

Question:

Why a computer network?

Ella Cisneros:

If you give smart people the right tools, they can work miracles. Communication is the most important thing because when smart, concerned people share their ideas, knowledge, and experiences something great will happen. I truly believe this.

Question:

Is there a political or social stance that you are trying to promote with TogetherNet?

Ella Cisneros:

No. TogetherNet is completely neutral. Some people find that hard to believe, but you must understand what I am trying to do. I want to promote people coming together — exchanging different views and working things out for themselves — and a neutral forum is the only place people can communicate freely.

Question:

Who do you think will use TogetherNet?

Ella Cisneros:

I think — and I hope — that organizations, students, activists, private individuals, businesses, and people in government will use TogetherNet. Really, I think that anyone concerned with what's happening in the environment and human rights will be attracted to TogetherNet.

Question:

What can TogetherNet do to support Agenda 21 — the international policy statement on the environment and human development that is expected to come from UNCED?

Ella Cisneros:

After the June conference is over people will go back to their daily lives. TogetherNet gives people a tool so that they can stay connected, maintain their commitment, and work out the inevitable problems that arise as the implementation of Agenda 21 begins. The progress we have made during the past two years must continue and I think TogetherNet will help with that.

**“I wanted
a different
world for my
children.”**



Letter from the Executive Director

I feel a sense of excitement and pride with this first opportunity to talk about the Together Foundation in this inaugural edition of the newsletter. The foundation's mission is quite simple: "to assist people, projects and organizations in service to the earth and humanity." Our emphasis happens to be on the environment, development and human rights.

Two current projects of the foundation support this mission. The first establishes a graphics-based, user-friendly computer information and communications network that connects people, projects, and organizations worldwide to one another and to relevant information sources.

The second creates a series of International Leadership Centers which provide a forum for training, discussion and consensus building among leaders and opinion makers in the private, non-profit and public sectors, on issues relevant to the environment, development and human rights.

I look forward to describing our projects and programs in greater detail in subsequent editions of Together Foundation Newsletter.

William J. Sims

Together in Rio for Earth Summit '92

The Together Foundation will attend the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) in June



1992. Known as Earth Summit '92, this conference in Rio de Janeiro has been in the planning stages since the

United Nations passed a Resolution calling for it in 1989.

Part of that resolution read, "The General Assembly, gravely concerned that the major cause of the continuing deterioration of the global environment is the unsustainable pattern of production and consumption, particularly in industrialized countries . . . stressing that poverty and environmental degradation are closely interrelated and that environmental protection in developing countries must, in this context, be viewed as an integral part of the development process and cannot be considered in isolation from it . . . decides to convene a United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in June 1992."

The Earth Summit will be the largest international meeting of world leaders, non-government organizations, business executives, educators, students, and

grassroots workers ever assembled. This meeting of the minds will address questions critical to our future including:

- How can we prevent yesterday's unconstrained global development from reaching intolerable levels of environmental devastation?
- What can nations do now to make the earth a secure and hospitable home for present and future generations?

An Earth Charter will be created to bring order to these many inter-related issues. The Earth Charter will delineate basic principles concerning environment and development to recommend nations' conduct with one another, the earth and its resources.

Finalizing Agenda 21 is another goal of UNCED. Agenda 21 is a statement of global goals, specific targets, programs, related costs, and time frames for environmental and human development issues. Agenda 21 will lead the nations of the world into the next century and provide broad achievement indicators

"What can nations do now to make the earth a secure and hospitable home for present and future generations?"

against which progress in environment and development can be effectively measured.

Secretary General of the Earth Summit, Maurice F. Strong states, "What is of utmost importance is that the Earth

Summit and Agenda 21 be seen as instruments of profound change: It is a matter of survival for our common future - and we may not have another chance."



Mark Dubois: The Power of Collective Action

Mark Dubois experienced the immense power of collective action on April 22, 1990. On that day—the 20th anniversary of Earth Day—200 million people throughout the world celebrated their commitment to care for the Earth.

“This was the first time that so many people participated together in something that wasn’t a war,” said Dubois, Co-Coordinator of the event. “It was a tremendous feeling. There is a hunger for connectedness out there. People are longing to do something that contributes to the public good.”

Mark Dubois has become a friend of the Together Foundation because both believe that if ever there was a time to join forces, it is now.

Dubois sees TogetherNet, the communications network of the Together Foundation, as a means to connect people and give them power.

“I think we all increasingly feel that we give up our power to governments,” said Dubois during a recent visit to the Boulder office of the Together Foundation. “I really see TogetherNet as a means to empower individuals to explore areas of interest and find a niche for participation. That’s enormously important.”

Dubois is currently working on a grassroots campaign for international development bank reform through an organization he founded called World

Wise. Dubois and the Together Foundation share a commitment to bring countries of the Third World increasingly into the dialogue on the environment and development taking place worldwide.

Dubois includes Third World countries in his scope as he says, “First we need to talk with each other, find out what the debates are, and allow for interactive dialogue. Then we can indeed work together for the common good. My hope is that by making communication easy electronically, as I believe TogetherNet will do, people can exchange ideas and find out how to make a difference.”

Sneak Preview of TogetherNet at UNCED

The Together Foundation presents its global communications network TogetherNet to the public for the first time at the United Nations Conference on the Environment and Development in June 1992.

Although TogetherNet will not be available for distribution until the end of 1992, visitors to the Foundation’s Pavilion in Flamengo Park will receive a “sneak preview” of the TogetherNet system. They will also be the first people in the world to try a “hands-on” demonstration.

“I really see TogetherNet as a means to empower individuals.”

Together Foundation Executive Director William J. Sims expects pavilion visitors to enjoy themselves. “It takes less than five minutes to learn, so people will quickly see that it’s fun to use,” says Sims. “It provides a wealth of information in specialized areas and offers some unique twists in communication technology that I think people and activist organizations will see as a plus for coordinating action around the globe.”

Why did the Together Foundation choose UNCED for its first public introduction of TogetherNet? Foundation President Ella Cisneros explains, “The people who are spending the time and effort to come to UNCED are people who are committed to doing something. They represent an international group of people who will make a difference in our world. TogetherNet was designed for people who will make a difference.”

“It takes less than five minutes to learn, so people will quickly see that it’s fun to use.”

The Together Foundation is a non-profit non-governmental organization affiliated with the United Nations Department of Public Information. It maintains offices in Caracas, Venezuela, New York City, and Boulder, Colorado.



Together Foundation Attends UN Conference

Diane Cook, Director of Marketing and Development for the Together Foundation, attended a spring conference at the invitation of the United Nations in New York. Entitled "Spreading the Word: Opportunities and Challenges for Non-Governmental Organizations Covering the United Nations" the conference identified resources and facilities provided by the United Nations for NGO newsletter editors.

Conference attendees met with the United Nations correspondents of leading media organizations to discuss techniques and technologies available to NGO editors. The Together Foundation was selected as a participant because of its outreach to the NGO community and its affiliation with the United Nations Department of Public Information.



Earth Summit

The United Nations Conference on Environment and Development
(Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 2-14 June 1992)

Earth Pledge

Recognizing that people's actions towards nature and each other are the source of growing damage to the environment and resources needed to meet human needs and to ensure survival and development,

I pledge to act to the best of my ability to help make the Earth a secure and hospitable home for present and future generations.

Signature, mark or thumb print of signer, and citizenship





LATE BREAKING STORY: Apple Computer's EarthGrants Program Gives TogetherNet A Major Grant For Distributed-Host Computer Server Equipment!

The History of TogetherNet

The Together Foundation for Global Unity was founded by an enterprising Venezuelan philanthropist named Ella Cisneros. She dedicated herself to forming an organization that would be committed to facilitating positive social change. Mrs. Cisneros envisioned a common platform for communication that would improve the rate at which positive social change occurs today.

"I wanted a different world for my children. I saw some positive changes taking place but it seemed to be happening in slow motion. I wanted to find a way to make progress happen more quickly. It seemed that many of the good people and organizations were doing the same things - duplicating efforts. And then I knew what I would do. I would bring tools to these people - the ones who serve the earth so they could connect together, build on each other's efforts and multiply their power." - Ella Cisneros

Such a communications platform had to be all-inclusive so as to bring activists, government organizations as well as the private sector together. It had to be something that virtually anyone could learn and it had to have a broader inventory of functions than anything else that was currently available. That platform soon became a reality in the form of a computer network called TogetherNet.

By the summer of 1992, the original software for TogetherNet was developed. The TogetherNet staff brought this early version to the United Nations

Conference on The Environment and Development (UNCED or the Earth Summit) in Rio de Janeiro where it was demonstrated to more than 15,000 people who passed through the Together Foundation pavilion.

After the Earth Summit, TogetherNet reevaluated the software and decided to customize an existing graphic-user interface, bulletin board system. In deciding this, TogetherNet achieved its most important goal - making it the most user-friendly and all-encompassing network available.

TogetherNet has grown to become a lively meeting place for a diverse selection of people, projects and organizations who are exchanging information and resources and working towards solutions for a sustainable future. - J. D.



What's New?

One of the exciting things about TogetherNet is that it is never static. It is always changing, providing the user with something new and different such as new databases, conferences, background papers and more.

PC Windows users now have access to a graphic, easy-to-use TogetherNet, similar to what the Mac users have been experiencing. It's not only much simpler to use, it's also more fun and it allows you to use the TogetherNet Resource Directory databases.

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In June, two major international organizations, the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development (UNCSD) and the G-77, will start connecting their offices and staff to TogetherNet. The UNCSD was created to monitor international and national commitments made during the United Nations Conference on the Environment and Development (UNCED). The G-77 is a group of 129 developing countries committed to presenting a united front on issues and concerns of the developing world. Having them on board will add an exciting new dimension to TogetherNet.

Check out the "all new" United Nations Environmental Information Sources Directory. This directory lists the United Nations and its agencies, the kind of environmental information they produce and publish and how to access that information. Our Colorado users will be interested in the new Colorado Environmental Directory. Find hundreds of listings of organizations and companies involved in GREEN activities! You can find both directories in the Environmental Directories section in the TogetherNet Library. (continued on page 2)

**JOIN TOGETHERNET FOR
THE EARTH!**

Letter From The Director

At the risk of being somewhat redundant, I'd like to summarize some of the exciting news that's being passed on to you in the pages of this edition of the TogetherNet Newsletter.

The newest TogetherNet host will be activated in New York City on June 6. This means that all TogetherNet subscribers in the New York local dial-up area, Manhattan for example, can participate at zero telecommunication cost. With the UN and the many non-governmental organizations headquartered in NY, this should offer great opportunities.

The TogetherNet family grows: The G-77 is the political organization of the developing countries (actually 129 nations). Representatives to the G-77 are the UN ambassadors from their respective countries. The G-77 begins Phase I of linking their organization's offices to TogetherNet during the month of June.

The newly constituted UN Commission on Sustainable Development, charged with overseeing the commitments made at the UNCED Earth Summit, will begin to connect about half of their 54-member mission offices in the month of June.

The Institute of Noetic Sciences, headquartered in Sausalito, California, will begin testing TogetherNet this month as both an internal communications tool and as a system to offer connectivity to its 30,000 plus members throughout the United States.

The TogetherNet offices have been working with the Denver Public Schools and Apple Computer to assist in the networking of the 4,000 plus computers that DPS is installing in teachers' classrooms throughout the school system.

The TogetherNet Windows™ version is up and running for all you PC types and although the road has been a bit longer than we first anticipated, it

was worth the ride. If you have a PC that will run Windows, you really must test drive this version of TogetherNet. I think you'll agree that it was worth the wait.

I think we can finally advise our friends to begin holding their breath on X.25 access to TogetherNet. X.25 is data-phone-line access which essentially allows users to dial a local number from their cities to access TogetherNet at very reasonable rates. In mainline cities, the cost could be as low as \$2.50 per hour, off-peak! We are working directly with SprintNet now to make this happen. Stay tuned!

Note that we've begun the habit of including a subscriber form in the newsletter so that you can use it or pass it on. Feel free to photocopy. Looking forward to seeing you online!

William J. Sims

Attention All PC Windows Users!

No longer can Mac users claim that they have a kinder, gentler, more graphic version of TogetherNet. We have recently been distributing the latest graphic form of the TogetherNet software for PCs running Windows. The PC desktop version has the same graphics as the Macintosh version and operates roughly the same way. We think those who have been using the "CLUI" (Command-Line User Interface) will find the "GUI" (Graphic User Interface) to be a great improvement. The installation process is as simple as typing "setup" and directing the computer where to store the new files.

Anyone interested in using the TogetherNet PC "GUI" must have a IBM/Compatible computer that runs Windows 3.1 and has a minimum of 2 megabytes free on the hard drive. To acquire the software, contact the Boulder office (303)444-9567. The beta-test period for this software was extended through the month of May until development caught up with that of the Macintosh version. -- M. W.

"TogetherNet software works wonderfully. I'm into it regularly with equal ease from my office and from hotel rooms all over the country."

- John Huyler, Senior Associate
The Keystone Center Science and Public Policy Program

What's New

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The TogetherNet host in New York will be functioning by the first week of June. This host will serve our New York users and facilitate access for the United Nations agencies. The New York host will be linked to Boulder, allowing for the exchange of electronic mail and conferencing.

Take a look at our new Subscriber's Forum. Have you written down something about the political situation in the US, the human rights issues in Bosnia or the perhaps the destruction of rainforests in Brazil that you would like to share with other TogetherNet users? You can now send articles or essays about your ideas and opinions to TogetherNet which will be put up in the Subscriber's Forum. This can be found in the "General Information" folder in the Library.

There's a new addition to TogetherNet Conferences. It's a conference on Toxics, an issue our users felt to be of major significance. You can find important data and information on toxics in this conference.

Most important of all, TogetherNet can only be consistently new and interesting, if you continue your input and share your ideas with us and other users. We'd like you to not only log on to TogetherNet, but to participate in its activities. -- A. E.



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TogetherNet Tips

- Tired of those annoying 'unread' message flags? - READ THE MESSAGES (just kidding). A quick and easy way to get rid of hundreds of unread flags is to hold down the Option key (Mac) or the Control Key (MS Windows) and click on the folder containing the messages - This turns off all of the flags on the messages contained in the folder/conference. You can also do this with individual messages and you can turn the flag back on the same way to remind you to answer a message or to return a call

- Be careful when doing searches in the TogetherNet Resource Directories to minimize use of the "Contains" option. It does a brute force search of thousands of records in the databases. Use "Begins With" or "Exact Match" when possible as they are much faster than the "Contains" option. If you want to use "Contains", use it in conjunction with another search term, such as a search for all organizations with "Peace" contained in their mission statement and located in Germany.

- If you have several windows or messages open, you can quickly bring a hidden or covered window to the front by using the "Window" menu from the Windows version, or the "View" menu from the Mac version. All open windows are listed for easy selection.

- You can download/upload more than one file at once and you can read your mail, search in the library or do other things on-line while files are downloading. - S. H.

TogetherNet Database Search

A database search system on TogetherNet typically consists of three forms: a Search Form which is used to specify what to search for, a resulting Hit List containing a list of those records which match the search criteria, and a Record Detail form which displays information from the database for the selected record. The user may have more than one search in progress at a time and can request more than one record from the Hit List.

The search form typically contains Search Categories. These vary for each database but may represent such fields as "Organization Name", "LastName", "Mission Statement" or "Keywords". Matching Text entry boxes are fields in which to enter text or numeric information to be used in the search. The Search Criteria define how the Matching Text is used in the search. The Search Criteria include such options as "Exact Match", "Begins With", or "Greater Than or Equal To." They are typically selected from a pop-up selection list. "Ignore" is usually one Search Criteria option. "Ignore" has the effect of ignoring anything entered in the search field Matching Text box. "Contains" should be avoided where possible because it initiates a brute force search of the entire database which takes a lot of time and ties up a search process during the search.

The status of the search is displayed at the top of the Hit List -- how many records have been found and when the search is finished. The user may get a message "waiting for connection" from the database server in the search status line indicating that the database search engine is busy, and that the request will be attended to as soon as one of the search processes is freed up.

A search containing invalid data (such as invalid characters) is so noted in a dialog box. Upon receiving such a dialog box, click the 'close' box in the upper left corner of the window to make it go away. If a search appears to take too long (meaning several minutes for a non-"Contains" search), the search request may be invalid. In this case, close the Hit List display window and try another search request. - S. H.

"With its simplicity and potential to allow information and communication to flow around the world, TogetherNet should prove to be one of the most powerful tools ever developed to catalyze people into creating a better world." - Mark Dubois, Earth Day Founder, President of Worldwise, grassroots activist.



Transferring Files

- Steps to follow when sending a file (attached to a message), using the "Graphic User Interface" - (for Mac or Windows TogetherNet users):

1. Create a mail message as usual.
2. Choose "Attach Message" from the Message Menu, and select the file to attach from the files dialog box. (Repeat for additional files).
3. When the requested file(s) has been transferred to the main 'server' computer, send the message as usual.

- Steps to follow when attaching a file to a message, using the Command-Line TogetherNet interface:

1. Create a mail message as usual. When finished, hit escape.
2. At the prompt, "Attach a file to message?" say yes.
3. At the next prompt, enter in the kind of file transfer protocol that your terminal program uses. (Z-Modem or X-Modem recommended).
4. At the prompt, "MacBinary", say either yes or no. For PC Users, you would answer no.
5. If you say no to MacBinary, the next prompt will ask you to name the file to be transferred. This should have an appropriate suffix like ".txt" or ".doc"
6. If you say no to MacBinary, the next prompt will ask what type the file is. For best results, say "unknown".
7. The next prompt will require that you begin sending the file. How you respond at this point depends on your communications program. This might be by selecting from a menu like "Send Binary File" and selecting the file to be transferred.
8. The program should then begin to attach the file to the message. When it is complete the prompt asking "attach another file?" will appear.
9. If no other files are to be attached, say no, and the next prompt will ask, "Send message?". Say yes.

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• **For Downloading Files using the Mac or Windows TogetherNet program:**

1. After reading the message (optional), double click on the name of the attached file. You will be asked to enter a name/location for the file - (Important - write down where you put the file, or remember it.)
2. The system will begin downloading the file.

• **For Downloading Files using the CLUI:**

1. When a message has a file attached, TogetherNet will ask if you want to download it. Say yes.
2. The next prompt asks for the type of file-transfer protocol. Enter the appropriate response (Z-Modem or X-Modem are recommended).
3. VERY IMPORTANT—The next prompt asks "MacBinary?". If this file is to be opened and used on a PC, SAY NO! Otherwise, the formatting of the file is lost.
4. At this point, the system will ask you to begin the "local" reception of the file. Your response depends on the particular telecommunications program you are using. You should use a command such as "Receive Binary File" (as opposed to "Receive Text File".) Your "local" telecommunications program will probably ask you to decide where the file should go and ask you to give it a name.
5. The file should then begin to download.



INFORMATION WANTED

We would like to know more about what you would like to see on TogetherNet. Let us have your feedback on the kind of information you would be interested in having TogetherNet provide. Are there any data sets that you know about that we could put up on TogetherNet? Maybe you would like to have the newsletter of a particular non-profit organization, such as the Sierra Club or the Rainforest Action Network, on-line. Or you might have read an article in a journal on pollution or hunger in the Third World that you would like to share with others. Just let us know!

GET INVOLVED!

The "TogetherNet Conferences" is an area that relies totally on participation by TogetherNet users for it to function fully. Conference topics range from environmental issues such as the atmosphere and toxics to development issues such as human rights and community development. It's also a way for you to converse with people (on-line) who are interested in the same issues as you.

Come on, TogetherNet Users, we'd like to hear from you.

NATIONAL INFORMATION INFRASTRUCTURE (NII)

WHAT IS IT AND WHY?

The National Information Infrastructure (NII) is the sum of America's collective electronic communications systems. The Clinton Administration, led by the seminal political work of Vice President Albert Gore, has stressed the need to strengthen this communications and information infrastructure for the sake of national competitiveness. NII is not unlike the national US highway infrastructure, that was enhanced by the massive effort to construct the Interstate Highway System (IHS) in the 1950's and 60's. Highways are to commerce what copper wire and fiber optics are to information; but, the latter has become essential to not only commerce in the 90's but a well-informed electorate. What "freight" would this information superhighway carry? Some such "freight" might include newspapers, directories, databases, papers and documents, music, movies, medical images, manufacturing blueprints and specifications, repair manuals, catalogues, libraries and even citizens' votes.

Some people confuse the NII with "The Internet," a federally-developed national computer network that has grown by enormous proportions and is now in fact an international network. The Internet began as ARPAnet in the 70's with common standards and protocols to connect research universities with defense contractors. It grew into a network of networks encompassing NSFNET and the NASA Science Internet.

The NII is the infrastructural platform on which all information networks will communicate. A major step toward moving the NII upon the nation's agenda occurred when Senator Gore pushed through Congress the High Performance Computing Act (HPCA) of 1991. It authorized almost \$3 billion in financing over 5 years for the development of what is known as the National Research and Education Network or NREN. NREN is really not a network so much as a series of testbed activities to improve the NII.

WHAT ARE THE CURRENT ISSUES AND WHERE IS THE NII GOING?

The debate in Washington, DC and around the nation about NII is over who should pay for the improvements and the new construction. The private sector says that the government should declare victory with its seminal work in developing the early defense and research networks, get out, and turn the process over to the private sector. Public sector leaders such as Senator Gore say that while the private sector should help develop the superhighways, that government must remain strategically involved to protect the interests of consumers and to oversee the technological standards. Gore argues for a "public highway," and not a private "toll road" open only to the elite who can afford to pay.

The Clinton Administration is recommending significant NII expenditure increases. Much of the new funding will be channeled through the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the National Telecommunication and Information Administration (NTIA) of the Commerce Department, especially for "test-bed" programs for experimentation of new technologies and configurations.

Meanwhile in the private sector, telecommunications firms are busily analyzing the rapid technological changes to position themselves for the tremendous opportunities that will fall from advancements in this data superhighway. One sector analyst recently said that in a matter of years (not decades), US homes will not be paying telephone

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bills, separate from cable bills, separate from computer networking bills but one monthly communications bill for all. Cable companies and Bell companies are already eloping. US West just stepped toward information services and high-capacity digital networking by partnering with Time Warner Entertainment and Oracle, a Redwood City-based developer of database software. Their aim is to create a "multimedia information server" to "enable customers to get information at any time, from any place, in any form, using any equipment," according to US West planning officer Chuck Lillis.

Bell Atlantic just announced VCR-quality movies on demand over standard phone lines charged to your phone bill. And Paul Allen, Microsoft co-founder, is competing in a big way with Apple, Sprint, Tribune and others for a bigger piece of America On-Line, one of the fastest growing multimedia information-service providers.

Information is power, and this essential truth applies to governments as well as corporations, non-governmental organizations and individual people. Information is an absolutely critical component of competitiveness. And the National Information Infrastructure may be the most important component of this country's post Cold-War strategic plan.

TogetherNet is a powerful 21st century, multimedia, computer information system and service with a focus on the world of social change. **TogetherNet** is at the cutting edge of networking technology and will serve its customer base well because it challenges the very capabilities of the burgeoning National Information Infrastructure. **TogetherNet** is a bellwether system, a model of information networking for others to follow into the 21st century. -- W. S.

William Sims, Director of TogetherNet, recently attended meetings sponsored by Apple Computer and the Center for Civic Networking to discuss the National Information Infrastructure and current public-policy questions surrounding the NII.

From Together Foundation, Vermont...

Update from Together Foundation Headquarters

The Together Foundation's headquarters office in Burlington Vermont is fully operational with the break of spring. TogetherNet services are now offered through a local Vermont host. The TogetherNet system is allowing many local and regional groups and individuals to better communicate and share resources, the latest being the United Way of Chittenden County who will interconnect supporting organizations and staff through TogetherNet.

The Foundation's staff has grown with the consistent participation of many volunteers from local universities and communities, adding enthusiasm and energy to our mission of interconnecting the efforts of those working toward creating a sustainable future.

The Burlington office has been configured as a community communications and information center, with Foundation staff welcoming visitors who need access to the communications and information resources that we provide. The Foundation's staff in Vermont consists of: Ella Cisneros-President, Jim MacIntyre-Foundation Coordinator, Hans Keller-Director of Ecoline, Robin Rugg-Controller, Barry McPhee-Information Technician, Sharon Resnick-Secretary, Todd Tyrrell-Marketing, and Zachary Chambers-System Administrator.

The Vermont TogetherNet host can be reached at (802)658-2518. Within the coming month the Vermont Host will be interconnected with Colorado through the Internet. For now, users of the Colorado TogetherNet host can send messages to Vermont staff members by adding the extension ,VT after the addressee's name (e.g. Jim MacIntyre,VT). -- J. M.

Ecoline Update

We have been kept very busy installing our Ecoline system. As reported in the last newsletter, the 1-800 ECOLINE will give access to our database containing over 60,000 Projects, Organizations, People and Products. This is a voice system for those that do not have a computer and modem. Students and volunteers from the University of Vermont and the community answer the phones.

What has been done so far:

A call center with 5 stations has been installed.

A database system has been created. Data has been entered and sorted for duplicates.

A mailing to 40,000 listings around the world has been made.

Returns from the mailing are coming in by the hundreds daily.

The update to the database will be an ongoing process.

A training manual has been created, volunteers are ready to go on duty. We are "beta" testing the system in Vermont.

Some of the recent questions:

A twelve year old student: Our class wants to adopt a dolphin. Who do we contact?

(information provided)

Who makes lead free car batteries? (address provided)

What is the phone number of the American Forestry Association? (phone number given)

Who knows about growing apples organically?

(information provided)

From this short sampling we can only imagine with great anticipation what the future will be. -- H. K.

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THANKS TO YOU!

We would like to continue our tradition of thanking people and organizations for their dedication and support of our efforts here at TogetherNet.

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Special thanks to Ambassador Razali Ismael, Malaysian Ambassador to United Nations and Commission on Sustainable Development, Ambassador Luis Fernando Jaramillo, Colombian Ambassador to United Nations and Arturo Lozano, Documents Officer for the Group of 77.

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Finally we would like to thank Ella and Oswaldo Cisneros for their generosity and commitment to the mission and purpose of TogetherNet. -- K. J.

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IMPORTANT

I will be using the following computer to connect with TogetherNet:

- Macintosh PC/IBM Compatible PC/IBM Compatible with Windows

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A Letter to Our Spiritual Leaders

Dear Spiritual Leaders:

My colleagues and I at the MILLENNIUM INSTITUTE are delighted to join with the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions in preparing for the 1993 Parliament of the World's Religions.

Our part has been to prepare this report on the critical issues of the 21st century. As you will see, many of the trends before us are troubling. We look forward to working with you and others to assure that our future is very different from the one toward which we seem now to be rushing.

In preparing this report, we have, in a sense, revisited *The Global 2000 Report to the President*, the report I directed for the United States Government. *Global 2000* is the first and only report by any national government on the economic, demographic, resource, and environmental future of all countries of the world. Published in 1980, it has sold 1.5 million copies in eight languages.

Global 2000 is now 13 years old, and although most of its trends are still disconcertingly accurate, it needs updating. This report assembles new data on most of the basic trends reported in the original *Global 2000*. This is why I gave it the title *Global 2000 Revisited*. It is not, however, a full update of *Global 2000*. Only the U.S. Government can do that job, and we hope that President Clinton will.

A major part of the MILLENNIUM INSTITUTE'S work is encouraging and assisting countries in the preparation of long-term strategic studies of their options for sustainable development and security. We call such studies "21st Century Studies." In one way or another over the last decade, we have helped research teams in a fifth of the countries of the world as they prepared a long-term outlook for their country.

We feel that it is important to include spiritual leaders in the process of preparing national 21st Century Studies, but only rarely does this happen. There are several reasons. Often national leaders doubt that spiritual leaders have a sufficient understanding of the contemporary analytical methods used by economists, ecologists, demographers, and geographers to participate effectively in a national strategic study. Sometimes two or more of the country's spiritual traditions are in violent

conflict, and the political leaders doubt that spiritual leaders could converse constructively among themselves and with others about future possibilities. In other cases, there are extreme tensions between the nation's political and spiritual leadership.

The board and staff of the MILLENNIUM INSTITUTE believe that spiritual leaders have a vital contribution to make to a country's reflections on sustainable possibilities for the future. During the Parliament of the World's Religions, we hope to meet many of you and to discuss the possibility that you might like to participate together with political leaders in the exploration of alternative futures for your countries.

We at the MILLENNIUM INSTITUTE also believe that the entry into the 21st century and the new millennium needs to be understood as an anniversary of Earth, an anniversary in which all nations, cultures and faith traditions participate. The 1999-2001 period must be a time when five billion of us humans give up old, 20th century ways of thinking and living; change to a new time and a new purpose; and then start toward the humane and sustainable future that we can all share.

The MILLENNIUM INSTITUTE is nurturing a worldwide network of individuals and organizations that are planning to use the 1999-2000 period to encourage a major shift in human attitudes and institutional goals, a shift toward a sustainable future. We hope the spiritual leaders at the Parliament will join the planet-wide effort.

Beyond these institutional reasons for our participation in the Parliament, my colleagues and I feel an urgent need for a more substantive dialogue between "secular" issue experts and spiritual leaders of all faith traditions. There are many pressing issues that need thoughtful, holistic attention, integrating both the spiritual perspective and the secular or scientific perspective. Such integrated work is difficult because of limited trust and respect on both sides.

In the course of my work for the Institute, I have had many conversations with political leaders and with ecologists, economists, geographers, modelers, political scientists, and other leaders about the role of the spiritual traditions in the future of Earth. I have been disturbed by the attitudes that some professionals have expressed toward the spiritual traditions.

For example, an internationally famous, highly influential author on sustainable development told me bluntly, "Religion must die. It is the fundamental cause of virtually all social, economic, and ecological problems and much of the violence in the world."

In another example, an ecologist, who has devoted his life to the practical work of preserving specific endangered species, was

equally vehement in his feelings that religion generally, and mine (Christianity) in particular, was a menace to the future of Earth. After I explained the importance of my faith to me in the work I do, he was silent for a moment, and then said with total sincerity, "You have done some very important work, but just think of how much more you could have done if your parents had not exposed you to the pernicious influence of Christianity!"

The attacks on religion generally and mine in particular are not limited to quiet conversations among friends. The editors of *Time* introduced their 1989 "Planet of the Year" issue with these thoughts:

[In the Judeo-Christian tradition, the] earth was the creation of a monotheistic God, who, after shaping it ordered its inhabitants, in the words of Genesis: "Be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the fowl of the air and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth." The idea of dominion could be interpreted as an invitation to use nature as a convenience. Thus the spread of Christianity, which is generally considered to have paved the way for the development of technology, may at the same time have carried the seeds of the wanton exploitation of nature that often accompanied technical progress."

This is a serious public charge against my faith. It troubles me that the charge was made. It troubles me that it might be true. It troubles me that my faith has made no thoughtful or significant response to the issue raised by *Time*.

Christianity is not alone in coming under criticism. In one forum or another, virtually every faith tradition is being criticized today for not having a thoughtful, informed, penetrating analysis of the issues facing Earth and Earth's human community in the 21st century.

We, the people of Earth, need the help and involvement of our spiritual leaders. It is from our respective faiths that we derive our sense of origins, of self, of purpose, of possibility. You are our source of inspiration for what we humans and Earth can become. Your dreams are our visions—and our destiny. We depend on you.

So we come to you both with our perplexed sense that something is terribly wrong on Earth and with our question: What shall we do?

Gerald O. Barney, Executive Director
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Overview

If present beliefs and policies continue, the world in the 21st century will be more crowded, more polluted, less stable economically and ecologically, and more vulnerable to violent disruption than the world we live in now. Serious stresses involving inter-religious relations, the economy, population, resources, environment, and security loom ahead. Overall, Earth's people will be poorer in many ways than they are today.

For more than a billion of Earth's desperately poor humans, the outlook for food and other necessities of life will be no better. For many it will be worse. Life for billions will be more precarious in the 21st century than it is now—unless the faith traditions of the world lead the nations and peoples of Earth to act decisively to alter current beliefs and policies.

This, in essence, is the picture which emerges in *Global 2000 Revisited: What Shall We Do?* This picture is based on projections of probable changes in the world economy, population, resources, and environment. Although these projections are drawn from the most reliable sources available, they do not predict what will occur. Rather, they depict conditions that are likely to develop if there are no changes in beliefs, public policy, and practices. A keener awareness of the prospects for the 21st century, however, may induce significant changes in beliefs, policies, and practices.

Principal Findings

Rapid growth in the world's population cannot continue through the 21st century and will come to an end either by human decision and action or by an uncontrollable increase in deaths.

Over the past 70 years—roughly one lifetime in many countries—the human population grew from 1.8 billion to 5.3 billion. For every person alive 70 years ago, there are now three. Such rapid growth cannot continue for even another generation. Fertility must decline, or mortality will increase.

But for now the growth continues. Currently the world's population is growing faster than ever before. Each year, 90 million people are added to our numbers, the demographic equivalent of another Mexico. Just a lifetime ago, we were adding only 15 million people per year.

If drastic declines in human fertility (or very large increases in mortality) occur over the next five years, it would be possible to stabilize the human population at about twelve billion within a century. Virtually all of the additional growth—more than 6 billion—would occur in the poorest, least industrialized countries of the world, often called the "South." The population in the South would grow to over 10 billion. The population in the industrialized countries of the "North" would remain at about its current size, a little over 1 billion.

For such a rapid drop in human fertility to occur, it will be necessary to change the religious, social, economic, and legal factors that shape couples' decisions on the number of children they have. Safe and effective contraceptive services must be available, but most importantly, religious teachings and social, economic, and legal circumstances must shift to encourage small families. Child labor, for example, must cease to provide an economic benefit to parents.

It will be difficult to provide 11 to 12 billion people with even such basic necessities as food. Of the 14 billion hectares of land on Earth, only 3.3 billion hectares are potentially arable. At current yields, 0.26 hectares per person are needed to feed the human population; thus at current yields, 3.1 billion hectares would be needed to feed 11 to 12 billion. Only 1.5 billion hectares are currently in production. Since in most cases the best lands are already in use for agriculture, and the remaining lands are already used for grazing or some other use, a doubling of the land in agricultural production would be expensive and disruptive.

Doubling the world's agricultural lands would also cause enormous environmental damage. The potentially arable land that is not now in use—especially land in the tropics—is habitat for a large number of species. Doubling the amount of land in agricultural production would lead to massive extinctions. Even with modest growth in the amount of land in production, a third of all the species that were alive a lifetime ago will become extinct—gone forever—within another decade or two. By 2015, *hundreds* of species are projected to disappear *daily*.

If we are to meet the food needs of up to 12 billion people by the end of the 21st century, it is essential that agricultural yields continue to be increased—and in ways that are sustainable. Although conventional technologies can probably double yields, there are increasing questions about the sustainability of conventional agricultural technologies. Furthermore, the promised benefits of yield increases through genetic engineering may be delayed and more modest than expected.

The so-called Green Revolution began about 1950. For the first time, yield-increasing technologies (plant breeding genetics,

fertilizers, pesticides, and pumped irrigation) were applied extensively and systematically during the last half of this century, increasing yields dramatically and preventing serious food shortages.

But the Green Revolution also changed agriculture radically, making it dependent both on environmentally destructive practices (especially the use of pesticides, fertilizers, and irrigation) and on fossil fuels. Energy used for corn production in the United States, for example, has increased by a factor of four since 1945. The future of human food supplies is now closely linked to the future of energy supplies.

Global energy supplies and prices are likely to become more unstable and erratic in the decades ahead. Even at present rates of consumption, most of the world's petroleum would be burned within the lifetime of a child born today. If consumption were to increase enough to fuel economic growth in the South, the petroleum supplies of the world would disappear even more quickly. The most pressing constraint on the use of petroleum, however, may not be supply of the resource, but disposal space for its principal combustion product—carbon dioxide.

The concentration of carbon dioxide in Earth's atmosphere is increasing around the world, largely because of the combustion of fossil fuels in the industrialized North. Within the lifetime of today's children, global concentrations of carbon dioxide are likely to reach twice pre-industrial concentrations. Such high concentrations are expected to cause planet-wide changes in temperature and weather patterns. Such changes would seriously disrupt agriculture throughout the world as early as the first half of the 21st century, and during the second half would lead to a sea level rise of 20 to 30 centimeters—enough to force the resettlement of hundreds of millions of people and the abandonment of some island nations.

The Choice Ahead

The critical issues described above are just a few of the challenges that lie ahead. Others that have not even been touched on include the implications of AIDS and tuberculosis; nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons; the global debt; migration; corruption; drug trade; and technological change, to name a few.

Given the magnitude of the issues we face, we must expect that within the lifetime of a child born today, the world will change radically in one of two directions. If we continue with present beliefs, institutions, and policies, the world will become highly polarized, with a billion people in the wealthy industrialized countries of the North attempting to enjoy life and leisure a few decades longer while 10 billion people in the South

spiral downward into increasingly desperate poverty exacerbated by global environmental deterioration. Ultimately the North spirals downward too, and the whole planet drifts off into a new dark age or worse.

But there is another option open to us, one in which everyone comes to recognize that a healthy Earth is an essential prerequisite for a healthy human population. Under this option, the world could become less polluted, less crowded, more stable ecologically, economically and politically if we humans would be willing to work together to (a) create the religious, social, and economic conditions necessary to stop the growth of human population, (b) reduce the use of resources (sources) and disposal capacity (sinks) by the wealthiest, (c) assure civil order, education, and health services for people everywhere, (d) preserve soils and species everywhere, (e) double agricultural yields while reducing both agricultural dependence on energy and agricultural damage to the environment, (f) convert from carbon dioxide-emitting energy sources to renewable, non-polluting energy sources that are affordable even to the poor, (g) cut sharply the emissions of other greenhouse gases, (h) stop immediately the emissions of the chemicals destroying the ozone layer, and (i) bring equity between nations and peoples of the North and South.

We do not have generations or even decades to choose between these two directions because of the momentum inherent in population growth, capital investments, technological choices, and environmental changes. In fact, the choice of direction for Earth is being made today.

The choice is difficult because: (a) there is some scientific and economic uncertainty about the severity of the difficulties ahead, (b) it is difficult to believe that such major, unprecedented change can be occurring, (c) it is generally thought to be easier to adapt to whatever comes than to make change in advance of necessity, (d) there is widespread lack of awareness of what is happening, and (e) the steps which must be taken are extremely difficult, and (f) we lack a set of common moral values on which to base collective action. Most difficult, however, is to accept that our concept of progress has failed.

Our concept of progress—our model of development—measures every nation by the norm of a so-called "developed" country. Under this concept of progress, each "rational" nation is to progress to the economic and military might of the "developed" countries of the industrialized North. Similarly, the goal of each "rational" person is to progress to the point of being able to live like the wealthiest. This concept of progress has failed. Twelve billion people cannot live like the wealthiest do now. All nations of the world cannot become as wasteful and environmentally destructive as the industrialized North is now. For them to do so

would increase the total economic activity of the world by a factor of five to ten, and Earth could not withstand such an assault.

What is our alternative? What other concept of progress—what other model of development—can we pursue? Currently there is no agreed upon answer to these questions. But if we people of Earth are to avoid a massive disaster within the lifetime of our children, our most critical and urgent task is to bring forth a transformed vision of progress, one of sustainable and replicable development.

We are discovering (or rediscovering) that our human economy is part of, and depends on, the "economy" of the whole ecosphere. So any model for a sustainable world must address both our habits of consumption and reproduction and our willingness to live peacefully with one another, with other creatures, and with Earth itself. Our definitions of progress and success must take into account the future well-being of the entire ecosphere, not just the human part of it. Such a changed understanding of progress and success will require a new understanding of humankind as a species, a new approach to the ethics of interspecies relations, and a new vision for the future of Earth.

Questions for Our Spiritual Leaders

The task before us is fundamentally spiritual in nature: to discover who we humans are, how we are to relate to each other and to the whole community of life, and what we are to do, individually and collectively, here on Earth. So we turn with our questions to you, our spiritual leaders.

What are the traditional teachings—and the range of other opinions—within your faith on how to meet the legitimate needs of the growing human community without destroying the ability of Earth to support the community of all life?

- What does your faith tradition teach about how the needs of the poor are to be met as human numbers continue to grow? What does your faith teach about the causes of poverty? What trends and prospects do you see for the poor?
- How are the needs and wants of humans to be weighed relative to the survival of other forms of life? What trends and prospects do you see for other forms of life?

What are the traditional teachings—and the range of other opinions—within your faith on the meaning of "progress" and how it is to be achieved?

- What does your faith tradition teach about the human destiny? Is the human destiny separable from that of Earth?
- What is your destiny, the destiny of the followers of your faith tradition? What does your tradition teach concerning the destiny of followers of other traditions?
- How are we to measure "progress?" Can there be progress for the human community without progress for the whole community of life?
- How is personal "success" related to "progress" for the whole?

What are the traditional teachings—and the range of other opinions—within your faith tradition concerning a proper relationship with those who differ in race or gender (conditions one cannot change), or culture, politics, or faith?

- Much hatred and violence is carried out in the name of religion. What teachings of your faith tradition have been used—correctly or not—in an attempt to justify such practices?
- Discrimination and even violence by men toward women is often justified in the name of religion. Which, if any, of the teachings of your faith have been used—correctly or incorrectly—in this way?
- How does your faith tradition characterize the teachings and followers of other faiths? Do some adherents of your tradition hold that the teachings and followers of other faiths are evil, dangerous, misguided? Is there any possibility that your faith tradition can derive wisdom, truth, or insight from the teachings of another faith?

What are the traditional teachings—and the range of other opinions—within your faith on the possibility of criticism, correction, reinterpretation, and even rejection of ancient traditional assumptions and "truth" in light of new understandings or revelations?

- Does your faith tradition envision new revelation, new understanding, new interpretation, new wisdom, and new truth concerning human activity affecting the future of Earth?

Changing Course

In a sense, Earth is no longer orbiting peacefully about the Sun. Earth is careening toward the spiritual equivalent of a massive stone wall.

The brutality of humans to each other—the "ethnic cleansing," the ignoring of hunger and poverty, the acts of terrorism—and the environmental destruction and loss of natural beauty are already draining us of the spiritual and emotional energy we need to change course, and the situation is growing worse daily. We are becoming numb, unable to feel and react as we must if we are to put Earth back into a peaceful orbit.

Changing course will require an immense amount of energy. Not the energy that comes from coal, gas, oil, or even nuclear fuel, but rather spiritual and emotional energy, enough to change the thinking and lives of five billion people.

Can so much energy be generated? Can so many people become empowered to think and live differently? Maybe.

An Invitation to Help

It is the conviction of the Trustees and staff of the MILLENNIUM INSTITUTE that a unique opportunity to set Earth on a new course is offered by the 1999-2001 period, and we are working steadily to make the most of this opportunity. We invite spiritual leaders, and others too, to join us in this effort.

The opportunity relates to the fact that deep in the human psyche is a compulsion to celebrate anniversaries, birthdays, and other recurring dates. The entry into the 21st century and the third millenium will be a psychological experience vastly more profound than any anniversary we humans have yet experienced. Already hotel ballrooms are being booked along the Greenwich meridian by people who want to be the first to enter the 21st century. Concord supersonic jets are being chartered to fly people across time zones so that they can attend parties and celebrate the entry into the new millennium *twice*. These are just the beginning signs of the emotional energies that will be released during the 1999-2001 period.

This occasion, the entry into the new millennium, has special significance for Christians as the approximate bimillennium (2000th anniversary) of Christianity, and there is danger that it

could come to be seen as an exclusively Christian event. The Gregorian calendar, however, never was an exclusively Christian calendar. Beginning the year at 1 January was a pagan Roman custom resisted by the Church, and most scholars now agree that the Nativity of Christ did not occur in 0 (or 1) A.D. but rather before Herod's death in 4 "B.C." Furthermore the Gregorian calendar has become the calendar of commerce and science throughout the world. The entry into the new millennium must be understood to be an anniversary of Earth to be enjoyed and celebrated by peoples of all faiths.

Earth's entry into the next millennium is a planetary "transitional" event, and as a "mega anniversary" it has potential for reinforcing the identity of human beings, first and foremost, as citizens of Earth, as "Earthlings." This potential must be developed and utilized.

In most cultures, the transition from an old state to a new one (birthdays, graduations, marriages, funerals) is marked by celebrations having three elements. The first element is a period of preparation and grieving. During this period, we prepare to give up our past condition or to "die" to our old state. For our entry into the new millennium, we must prepare to give up our old, 20th century ways of thinking and living.

The second element is a moment of transition, the actual giving up of the old state and the entry into the new. It requires a symbolic act of change, such as the embrace or kiss at a wedding, the movement of the tassels at a graduation, the closing of the casket or the lighting of the pyre at a funeral. For our entry into the 21st century, we need a new symbol, perhaps crossing a stream or river to a new place and a new way of being.

The third element is the celebration of the new and its possibilities. Music, dance, singing, and other forms of celebration are appropriate and needed. Gifts are an essential part of the celebration. Gifts are our way of expressing our good wishes and support for the new, and also a means of helping to assure that something good and enduring comes of the new. For our entry into the new millennium, we must celebrate the opportunities and possibilities of the new era not only with music and joy, but also with generous gifts for the poor, for our enemies, and for Earth on this most extraordinary occasion.

Earth's entry into the next millennium cannot be just another major event. It cannot even be just the event of a lifetime. Or of a hundred years. Or even of a thousand years. That would not be enough. This must be *the* event of the whole Earth-time, the whole history of Earth. This must be the moment when humans interchange bad and good, unreal and real and set themselves and Earth on a new course.

Over the next five years all five billion of us humans must prepare to die to 20th century ways of thinking and being. We must also prepare to see the possibilities and opportunities in our new condition in our new millennium.

To make these preparations, all five billion of us must devote the next five years to learning from each other about Earth and how to live sustainably and peacefully on Earth. Every person must learn to think in a way that leaves room in one's mind for the thoughts of others. Every person must come to understand much better how Earth's natural systems function and how human institutions, governments, political systems, social systems, international organizations, corporations, and spiritual institutions operate and influence the future of Earth. Every person must learn again the immense power and value of life. (Does all the money or wisdom in the whole world have the *power* to restore a single life?) Every person must learn to think like Earth, to act like Earth, to be Earth.

As a part of this learning process, we must all think through how our part of Earth can contribute to the new. Each person, each family, each corporate institution, each community, each country, each faith needs a plan to contribute to the new. What laws must be changed, what traditions, what beliefs, what institutions?

We also need ideas of appropriate gifts for Earth on this anniversary. What gift can a person give? What can a family, a corporate institution, a community, a country, a faith give to Earth on this momentous anniversary?

For this event to do what it must, the spiritual leaders of Earth must help lead the way and help plan the events. We humans, all five billion of us, depend on our spiritual leaders to make this all happen. Only the spiritual leaders of Earth—the recognized and the not-yet recognized—command the emotional energies needed to move heads of state, leaders of corporations and other institutions, and ordinary citizens to the acts of generosity and changed thinking and living that must occur.

We need you to lead us in teaching each other about Earth and how to live sustainably on Earth. We need you to help us all design a once-in-an-Earth-time celebration of Earth's entry into a new era. We need you to bring every person, every community and every country to the celebration with their gifts. And most importantly, we need you to bring to the celebration a gift from your own faith tradition, a gift that will help change the course of Earth. What gift could your faith give Earth?

To do what must be done, Earth's spiritual leaders of all faiths and all traditions must work together in ways previously unimagined and unimaginable. We must count on you to

develop a community of Earth's faith traditions that is an example of the kind of open communication, mutual respect, acceptance, cooperation and good will that should characterize the emerging global community of nations and peoples. Each tradition has at its core a vision of Divine harmony that it urges its followers to embody in the social sphere. These visions have evolved in distinct historic and geographic contexts. The religions have not successfully been able to transcend their own historical origins so as to express their visions of unity in a fashion appropriate to the needs of the pluralistic global society that is taking form at the beginning of the new millennium.* The greatest single scandal in which Earth's faith traditions are now involved is their failure to practice their highest ethical ideals in their relations with one another.

*In his recent message acknowledging the Church's error in the conviction of Galileo, Pope John-Paul II introduced some thoughts that might provide a basis not only for increased understanding and respect between science and religion, but also between religions. To paraphrase and abbreviate the Pope's argument:

The church must teach the truth, but what are we to do when a new scientific datum seems to contradict the truths of the faith? These are two things we must do. First, it is a duty for theologians to keep themselves regularly informed of scientific advances in order to examine whether there are reasons for introducing changes in their teachings.

Second, it is necessary to recognize the distinction between Sacred Scripture and its interpretation. If it happens that authority of sacred Scripture is set in opposition to clear and certain reasoning, this must mean that the person who interprets scripture does not understand it correctly. Truth cannot contradict truth, and we may be sure that some mistake has been made.

From the Galileo affair we can learn a lesson that remains valid in relation to similar situations. In Galileo's time it was inconceivable to depict the world as lacking an absolute physical reference point, which could only be situated in the Earth or in the sun. Today, however, after Einstein and within the perspective of contemporary cosmology, neither of these two points of reference has the importance they once had. The lesson, therefore, is that often beyond two partial and contrasting perceptions there exists a wider perception that includes them and goes beyond both of them.

This lesson of Pope John Paul II might point the way for a new approach to the distrust, hatred, and violence that currently plagues interreligious relations. Might there be beyond the "partial and contrasting perceptions" of the many faith traditions "a wider perception that includes them and goes beyond...them?"

As soon as we humans learn to think like Earth, we together will see a new future for Earth. Then we can die in peace, all five billion of us, to our old ways of thinking. We can cross the waters together. And we can celebrate Earth's safe arrival in a new era in a way that will be remembered forever.

Optimism, Hope, and Confidence

Many people—especially young people—look at our situation and prospects and ask, can we be optimistic? We have acted too slowly to help tens of millions of people, and if hundreds of millions, even billions are to be spared the same fate, massive changes are needed over just the next few years. Can we be hopeful?

There is a difference between being optimistic and being hopeful. An optimistic person has a habitual disposition to expect the best possible outcome as the most likely. A hopeful person has a reasoned commitment to and faith in a good outcome, even though it may be unlikely in the light of past experience.

There is reason for us all to be hopeful but not optimistic. We can be hopeful because Earth is such a fertile, supporting place. We can be hopeful because Earth is showing remarkable resilience in the face of tremendous abuse. We can be hopeful because we now have a much greater understanding of Earth and its limits. We can be hopeful because we humans are recognizing that, as a species, we cannot indefinitely increase our numbers and our demands on Earth. We can be hopeful because we humans are beginning to recover from our erroneous notion that we are separate, above, and independent of all other life.

But perhaps something more than hope is justified. At least one person, Father Thomas Berry, thinks so:

[We] need to realize that the ultimate custody of the earth belongs to the earth. The issues we are considering are fundamentally earth issues that need to be dealt with in some direct manner by the earth itself. As humans we need to recognize the limitations in our capacity to deal with these comprehensive issues of the earth's functioning. So long as we are under the illusion that we know best what is good for the earth and for ourselves, then we will continue our present course, with its devastating consequences on the entire earth community.

Our best procedure might be to consider that we need not a human answer to an earth problem, but an earth answer to an earth problem. The earth will solve its problems, and possibly our own, if we will let the earth function in its own ways. We need only listen to what the earth is telling us.

Here we might observe that the basic mood of the future might well be one of confidence in the continuing revelation that takes place in and through the earth. If the dynamics of the universe from the beginning shaped the course of the heavens, lighted the sun, and formed the earth, if this same dynamism brought forth the continents and seas and atmosphere, if it awakened life in the primordial cell and then brought into being the unnumbered variety of living beings, and finally brought us into being and guided us safely through the turbulent centuries, there is reason to believe that this same guiding process is precisely what has awakened in us our present understanding of ourselves and our relation to this stupendous process. . . .

Let us all *listen to and allow ourselves to be guided* by the creative energy that shaped and lighted the universe from the beginning. Let us all *awaken* to a new understanding of ourselves and the continuing revelation that takes place in and through Earth. Let us *take back our lives* from cynicism, optimism, addictions, and despair. Let us *act* with conviction and confidence.

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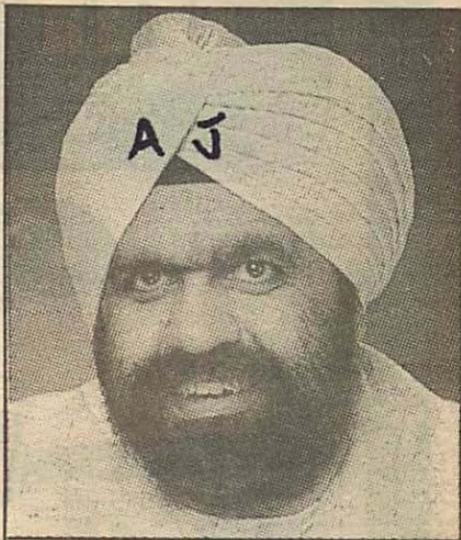
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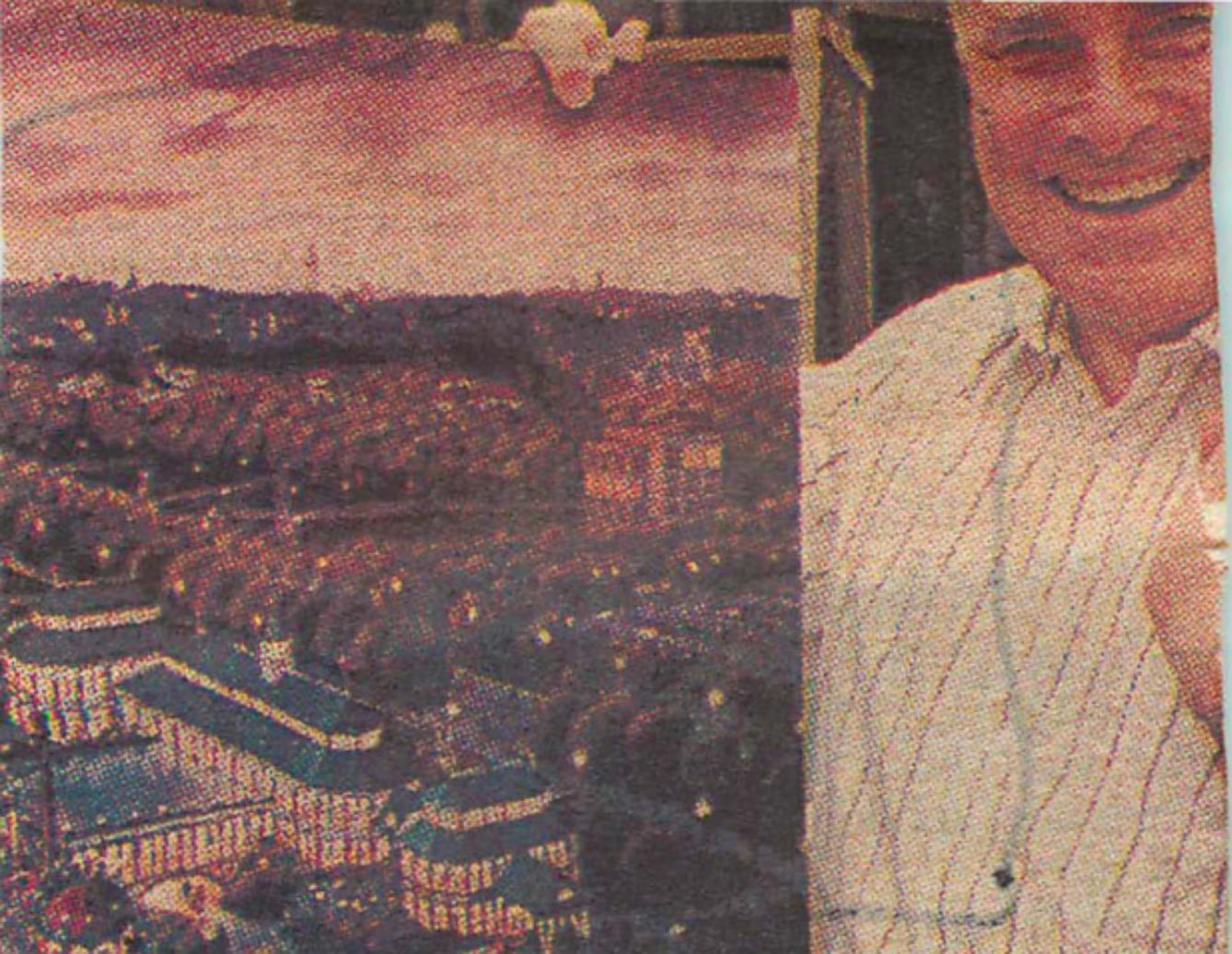
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We are witnessing a 'succession of empires' in our world - the repeated attempts to create political unity which particular individuals have tried to impose on others. The results are there for all to see. True and lasting unity cannot be created by coercion and violence. It can only be achieved by building on the foundations of a common heritage of values accepted and shared by all, values such as respect for the dignity of the human person, a willingness to welcome life, the defense of

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Is not the history of mankind deeply marked by a frantic and tragic search for something or someone able to free it from death and guarantee life?

Human existence has its moments of crisis and weariness, despondency and gloom. Such a sense of dissatisfaction is clearly reflected in much of today's literature and films. In the lights of this distress, it is easier to understand the particular difficulties of adolescents and young people stepping out with uncertainty to encounter all the fascinating promises and dark uncertainties which are part of life.

Jesus came to provide the ultimate answer to the yearning for life and for the infinite which his Heavenly Father had poured into our hearts when he created us. At the climax of revelation, the Incarnate Word proclaims, "I am the life" (Jn 14:6), and "I came that they might have life" (Jn 10:10). But what life? Jesus' intention was clear: *the very life of God*, which surpasses all the

possible aspirations of the human heart (cf. 1 Cor 2:9). The fact is that through the grace of Baptism we are already God's children (cf. 1 Jn 3:1-2).

Jesus came to meet men and women, to heal the sick and the suffering, to free those possessed by devils and to raise the dead: he gave himself on the Cross and rose again from the dead, revealing that he is *the Lord of life*: the author and the source of life without end.

3. Our daily experience tells us that life is marked by sin and threatened by death, despite the desire for good which beats in our hearts and the desire for life which courses through our veins. However little heed we pay to ourselves and to the frustrations which life brings us, we discover that *everything within us impels us to transcend ourselves*, urges us to overcome the temptation of superficiality or despair. It is then that human beings are called to become disciples of that Other One who infinitely transcends them, in order to enter at last into true life.

There are also false prophets and false teachers of how to live. First of all there are those who teach people to leave the body, time and space in order to be able to enter into what they call 'true life'. They condemn creation, and in the name of a deceptive spirituality they lead thousands of young people along the paths of an impossible liberation, which eventually leaves them even more isolated, victims of their own illusions and of the evil in their own lives.

Seemingly at the opposite extreme, there are the teachers of the 'fleeting moment', who invite people to give free rein to every instinctive urge or longing, with the result that individuals fall prey to a sense of anguish and anxiety leading them to seek refuge in false artificial paradises, such as that of drugs.

And there are those who teach that the meaning of life lies solely in the quest for success, the accumulation of wealth, the development of personal abilities, without regard for the needs of others or respect for values, at times not even for the fundamental value of life itself.

These and other kinds of false teachers of life, also numerous in the modern world, propose goals which not only fail to bring

satisfaction but often intensify and exacerbate the thirst that burns in the human heart.

Who then can understand and satisfy our expectations?

Who but the One who is the Author of life can satisfy the expectations that he himself has placed in our hearts? He draws close to each and every one of us in order to announce a hope that will never disappoint; he who is both the way and the life: *the pathway into life*.

Left to ourselves, we could never achieve the ends for which we have been created. Within us there is a promise which we find we are incapable of attaining. But the Son of God who came among us has given his personal assurance: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life" (Jn 14:6). As Saint Augustine so strikingly phrased it, Christ "wishes to create a place in which it is possible for all people to find true life." This 'place' is his Body and his Spirit, in which the whole of human life, redeemed and forgiven, is renewed and made divine.

4. In fact, the life of each of us was thought of and willed by god before the world began, and we can rightly repeat with the Psalmist: "O Lord, you have probed me and you know me...truly you have formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb" (Ps 139).

This life, which was in God from the beginning (cf Jn 1:4). is a life which is freely given, which holds nothing back for itself and is freely and unstintingly communicated to others. It is light, "the real light, which gives light to every man" (Jn 1:9). It is God, who came to make his dwelling among us (cf Jn 1:14), to show us the path to the immortality belonging to the children of God, and to make it accessible to us.

In the mystery of his Cross and Resurrection, Christ has destroyed death and sin, and has bridged the infinite distance that separates all people from new life in him. "I am the resurrection and the life," he proclaims. "Whoever believes in me, though he should die, will come to life, and whoever is alive and believes in me will never die" (Jn 11:25).

Christ achieves all this by pouring out his Spirit, the giver of life, in the Sacraments; especially in Baptism, the Sacrament by

which the fragile life which we receive from our parents and which is destined to end in death becomes instead a path to eternity; in the Sacrament of Penance which continually renews God's life within us by the forgiveness of sins; and in the Eucharist, the 'bread of life' (cf Jn 6:35), which feeds the 'living' and gives strength to their steps during their pilgrimage on earth, so that they can say with the Apostle Paul: "I still live my human life, but it is a life of faith in the son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

5. New life, the gift of the Risen Lord, then spreads far and wide, flowing into every sphere of human experience: the family, the school, the work-place, everyday activities and leisure time.

That new life begins to flower here and now. The sign of its presence and growth is love. As Saint John tells us: "That we have passed from death to life we know because we love the brothers" (1 Jn 3:14) with a true love that is put into practice. Life flourishes in the gift of self to others, in accordance with each person's vocation- in the ministerial priesthood, in consecrated virginity, in marriage - so that all can share the gifts they have received, in a spirit of solidarity, especially with the poor and the needy.

The person who is "begotten from above" thus becomes able to "see the kingdom" of God (cf Jn 3:3), and to take part in building up social structures more worthy of every individual and of all humanity, in promoting and defending the culture of life against all threats of death.

6. Dear young people, you ask a question that many of your friends often put to you: How and where can we come to know this life? How and where can we live it?

You can find the answer by yourselves, if you really try to live faithfully in the love of Christ (cf Jn 15:9). Then you will personally experience the truth of those words of his: "I am ...the life" (Jn 14:6) and you will be able to bring this joyful message of hope to everyone. Christ has made you his ambassadors, the primary evangelizers of your contemporaries.

The next World Youth Day in Denver will give us an ideal opportunity to reflect together on this theme of great interest to

everyone. We must therefore prepare for this important meeting, first of all by looking around us to discover and as it were make a list of all the “places” where Christ is present as the source of life. They may be our parish communities, apostolic groups and movements, monasteries, convents and religious houses, but also the individual persons through whom — as the disciples at Emmaus experienced — Christ is able to touch hearts and open them up to hope.

Dear young people, with a spirit of generous self-giving, recognize that you are directly involved in the new evangelization, which demands the involvement of all of us. Proclaim Christ, who “died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who for their sakes died and was raised up” (2 Cor 5:15).

7. You, dear young people of the United States who will be the hosts of the next World Youth Day, have been given the joy of welcoming as a gift of the Spirit this meeting with the many young men and women who will come to your country on pilgrimage from all over the world.

You are already making fervent spiritual and material preparations for this event, which involves each member of your ecclesial Communities.

It is my earnest hope that this extraordinary event will bring you ever greater enthusiasm and fidelity in following Christ and in joyfully welcoming his message, the source of new life.

I therefore entrust all of you to the Blessed Virgin Mary, through whom we have been given the Author of life, Jesus Christ, the Son of God and Our Lord. With great affection I send all of you my blessing.

From the Vatican, on 15th August 1992, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

JOANNES PAULUS II

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The Apostle says: "Young people you are strong": all that is needed is that "the word of God abide in you" (I Jn 2:13-14). Then you are strong: thus you will succeed in getting at the hidden workings of evil, its sources, and thus you will gradually succeed in changing the world, transforming it, making it more human, more fraternal - and at the same time more of God (Pope John Paul II, Letter to Youth, n. 15).

POPE JOHN PAUL II
SPEAKS TO YOUTH ABOUT

JESUS CHRIST

Jesus is not an idea, a sentiment, a memory! Jesus is a "person", always alive and present with us!¹ Love Jesus present in the Eucharist. He is present in a sacrificial way in Holy Mass, which renews the Sacrifice of the Cross. To go to Mass means going to Calvary to meet him, our Redeemer. He comes to us in Holy Communion and remains present in the tabernacles of our churches, for he is our friend; he is everyone's friend and wished particularly to be the friend and prop of you boys and girls on your way through life; you need confidence and friendship so much. (*General Audience, November 8, 1978*)

With the vivacity that is characteristic of your age, with the generous enthusiasm of your young hearts, walk towards Christ. He alone is the solution to all your problems. He alone is the way, the truth and the life; he alone is the real salvation of the world; he alone is the hope of mankind. Seek Jesus; endeavoring to acquire a deep personal faith that will inform and direct your whole life. **But, above all, let it be your commitment and your program to love Jesus, with a sincere, authentic and personal love.** He must be your friend and your support along the path of life. He alone has the words of eternal life (cf. John 6:68). (*Meeting with Youth, Mexico, January 27, 1979*)

I tell you with confident frankness that, having passed the ingenuous age of childhood and the sentimental period of adolescence, and having arrived at youth, that is, your exuberant and critical age, **the most beautiful and stirring adventure that can happen to you is the personal meeting with Jesus, who is the only one who gives real meaning to our life.** (*Address, March 1, 1979*)

First of all I tell you that Jesus loves you! This is the most beautiful and consoling truth! This is the truth that the Vicar of Christ proclaims to you: Jesus loves you! I hope that there are so many persons who love you and I earnestly trust that each one of you is happy, finding

1. The bold-face emphasis is added.

kindness, affection and understanding in all and from all. But we must also be realistic and keep in mind the human situation as it is. And so it may often happen that one feels in one's heart a sense of emptiness, melancholy, sadness and discontent. One may have everything, but lack joy! Above all, it is terrible to see so much suffering, so much poverty, so much violence. Well, precisely **in this drama of existence and of human history, the message of the Gospel resounds perennially: Jesus loves you! Jesus came to this earth to reveal to us and to guarantee to us God's love. He came to love us and to be loved. Let yourselves be loved by Christ!** (*Address, March 11, 1979*)

It is also my hope that... you will experience what the Gospel means when it says: *"Jesus, looking upon him, loved him"* (Matt. 10:21). **May you experience a look like that! May you experience the truth that he, Christ, looks upon you with love!** He looks with love upon every human being... My wish for each of you is that you may discover this *look* of Christ, and experience it in all its depth. I do not know at what moment in your life. I think that it will happen when you need it the most: perhaps in suffering, perhaps together with the witness of a pure conscience, as in the case of that young man in the Gospel, or *perhaps* precisely in an opposite situation: *together with a sense of guilt*, with remorse of conscience. For Christ looked at Peter too in the hour of his fall: when he had three times denied his Master (cf. Luke 22:61). **Man needs this loving look.** He needs to know that he is loved, *loved eternally* and chosen from eternity (cf. Ephesians 1:4)... And perhaps most powerfully *at the moment of trial, humiliation, persecution, defeat*, when our humanity is as it were blotted out in the eyes of other people, insulted and trampled upon. At that moment the awareness that the Father has always loved us in his Son, **that Christ always loves us, becomes a solid support for our whole human existence.** (*Letter to Youth, March 31, 1985, n. 7*)

I have been told that most of you come from Catholic high schools. For this reason I would like to say something about Catholic education, to tell you why the Church considers it so important and expends so much energy in order to provide you and millions of other young people with a Catholic education. The answer can be summarized in one word, in one person, Jesus Christ. The Church wants to communicate Christ to you. **This is what education is all about, this is the meaning of life: to know Christ.** To know Christ as a friend: as someone who cares about you and the person next to you, and all the people here and everywhere -- no matter what language

they speak, or what clothes they wear, or what color their skin is. And so the purpose of Catholic education is to communicate Christ to you, so that your attitude toward others will be that of Christ... And so I invite you today to look to Christ. When you wonder about the mystery of yourself, look to Christ who gives you the meaning of life. When you wonder what it means to be a mature person, look to Christ who is the fullness of humanity. And when you wonder about your role in the future of the world and of the United States, look to Christ. Only in Christ will you fulfill your potential as an American citizen and as a citizen of the world community. (*Address to Students at Madison Square Garden, New York City, October 3, 1979*)

EACH PERSON'S VOCATION FROM GOD

To each one of you I say therefore: heed the call of Christ when you hear him saying to you: "Follow me!" Walk in my path! Stand by my side! Remain in my love!... The reason for my mission, for my journey, through the United States is to tell you, to tell everyone -- young and old alike -- to say to everyone in the name of Christ: "Come and follow me!" (*Mass, Boston Common, October 1, 1979*)

A human being is a *creature* and at the same time an adopted child of God in Christ: *he is a child of God*. Hence during youth a person puts the question, "What must I do?" not only to himself and to other people from whom he can expect an answer, especially his parents and teachers, but he *puts* it also to God, as his Creator and Father... He therefore asks God: "What must I do?", what is your plan for my life? Your creative, fatherly plan? *What is your will?* I wish to do it. In this context, the "plan" [plan for one's life which each person should attempt to make in his youth] takes on the meaning of a "life vocation," as something which *is entrusted by God to an individual as a task*. Young people, entering into themselves and at the same time entering into conversation with Christ in prayer, desire as it were *to read the eternal thought* which God the Creator and Father has in their regard. They then become convinced that the task assigned to them by God *is left completely to their own freedom*, and at the same time is determined by various circumstances of an interior and exterior nature. Examining these circumstances, the young person, boy or girl, constructs his or her plan of life and at the same time *recognizes* this plan *as the vocation to which God is calling him or her*. I desire therefore to entrust to all of you, the young people to whom this Letter is addressed, this mar-

velous task which is linked with the discovery before God of each one's life vocation. This is an exciting task. It is a *fascinating interior undertaking*. In this undertaking your humanity develops and grows, while your young personality acquires ever greater inner maturity. You become rooted in that which each of you is, in order to become *that which you must become: for yourself -- for other people -- for God.*" (*Letter to Youth*, n. 9.)

Before the Second Vatican Council the concept of "vocation" was applied *first of all to the priesthood and religious life*, as if Christ had addressed to the young person his evangelical "Follow me" only for these cases. *The Council has broadened this way of looking at things*. Priestly and religious vocations have kept their particular character and their sacramental and charismatic importance in the life of the People of God. But at the same time the *awareness renewed* by the Second Vatican Council of the universal sharing of all the baptized in Christ's three-fold prophetic, priestly and kingly mission, (*tria munera*), as also the awareness *of the universal vocation to holiness*, have led to a realization of the fact that **every human life vocation, as a Christian vocation, corresponds to the evangelical call.** (*Letter to Youth*, n. 9.)

Creating the human race in his own image and continually keeping it in being, God inscribed in the humanity of man and woman the vocation, and thus the capacity and responsibility, of love and communion. **Love is therefore the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being...** Christian revelation recognizes two specific ways of realizing the vocation of the human person, in its entirety, to love: **marriage and virginity or celibacy**. Either one is, in its own proper form, an actuation of the most profound truth of man, of his being "created in the image of God." (*Familiaris Consortio*, November 2, 1981, n. 11)

Yes, Christ calls you, but he calls you in truth. His call is demanding because **he invites you to let yourselves be "captured" by him completely, so that your whole lives will be seen in a different light...** His call is demanding for he taught us what it means to be truly human. Without heeding the call of Jesus, it will not be possible to realize the fullness of your own humanity. (*Homily, Galway, September 30, 1979*).

The future of the world seems rather *gloomy* to you. Unemployment, famine, Violence, the threat to humanity from the stockpiling of

armaments capable of terrible destruction, the economic disparity between North and South, the spiritual poverty which comes with the consumer society in many countries, are as many causes of anxiety and worry. To you, young people, I say: *Do not allow yourselves to be disheartened* by defeatism and discouragement! You are tomorrow's world. The future depends primarily on you... Everything depends on the use that is made of the progress in science and technology. **Ultimately, everything depends on the hearts of men. It is the hearts of men which must be changed.** Various systems which foster injustice and suffering must certainly be modified, but the hearts of men must be transformed at the same time. **Here, dear young people, is the vast project for the world to which you must commit yourselves. Together, work with your hands, your heart, your intelligence and your faith to build a new world where it will really be possible for all to grow and to live in an atmosphere of security and mutual confidence...** Today Christ calls all of you to a genuine and lasting commitment to a *fraternal sharing* of the material and spiritual goods of which the world is full. And this starts today, in your schools, in your place of work or apprenticeship, in your neighborhoods, in your villages. This starts today with true attention to others and to their needs, with a spirit of service and brotherly help, with a sense of justice, with a readiness to the gift of self. **The transformation of the world starts in you and around you today.** (*Discourse to Youth, Fribourg, Switzerland, June 13, 1984*)

YOUTH

And you, you ask me why, wherever I go, I want to meet the young (it is even your first question). And I answer you: because "a young man" indicates a man who, in a special way, in a decisive way, is in the act of "forming himself." That does not mean that man does not form himself for the whole of his life: it is said that "education begins already before birth" and lasts to the last day. **From the point of view of formation, however, youth is a particularly important, rich and decisive period.** (*Discourse to French Youth, June 1, 1980*)

There are however reasons... for thinking of youth as a special treasure... It is a period which is certainly distinguished from the period of childhood (it is precisely the time when one leaves the years of childhood), just as it is also distinguished from the period of full maturity. **For the period of youth is the time of a particularly intense discovery of the human "I" and of the properties and capacities con-**

nected with it. Before the inner gaze of the developing personality of the young man or woman, there is gradually and successively revealed that *specific* and in a sense unique and unrepeatable *potentiality of a concrete humanity*... **The treasure which is youth... is the treasure of discovering and at the same time of organizing, choosing, foreseeing and making the first personal decisions, decisions that will be important for the future in the strictly personal dimension of human existence. At the same time, these decisions are of considerable social importance...** What must I do? "*What must I do to inherit eternal life?*" What must I do *so that my life* may have full *value* and full *meaning*? The youth of each one of you, dear friends, is a treasure that is manifested *precisely in these questions*. Man asks himself these questions throughout his life. But in the time of youth they are *particularly urgent*, indeed insistent. And it is good that this is so. These questions precisely show the dynamism of the development of the human personality, the dynamism which is proper to your age. (*Letter to Youth, n. 3.*)

The Church attributes *special importance to the period of youth* as a key stage in the life of every human being. You young people are the ones who embody this youth: you are the youth of nations and societies, the youth of every family and of all humanity; you are also the youth of the Church. **We are all looking to you, for all of us, thanks to you, in a certain sense continually become young again. So your youth is not just your own property, your personal property or the property of a generation: it belong to the whole of that space that every man traverses in his life's journey, and at the same time it is a special possession belonging to everyone.** It is a possession of humanity itself. In you there is hope, for you belong to the future, just as the future belong to you. (*Letter to Youth, n. 1*)

Returning to your homes, your schools and your associations, tell everyone that **the Pope counts a great deal on the young.** Tell them that the young are the comfort and strength of the Pope, who wishes to see them all, to let them hear his voice of encouragement in the midst of all the difficulties that integration in society involves. (*General Audience, Rome, November 28, 1978*)

THE SITUATION IN THE WORLD -- FALSE IDEALS

The future of humanity is not built on hatred, on violence, on oppression, whatsoever this may be. The future of humanity is not built on the triumph of individual or collective selfishness. The future of humanity cannot be built on a false conception of freedom which does not respect the freedom of others. **The consumer society in which we live and the fear of an uncertain future drive one to seek immediate gratification for oneself. One becomes introverted, falling back on ones's small personal happiness, on ones' emotions, in a circle where aroused feeling is incessantly on the look-out for new sensations which quickly fade away, where there is no reference but to self and to one's pleasures. This is no way to live. This is not the world that you want. It would be a world without hope which empties man's life of all meaning.** (*Discourse to Young People, Fribourg, June 13, 1984*)

The very soul of Ireland will be challenged by the temptations that spare no society in our age. Like so many other young people in various parts of the world, **you will be told that changes must be made, that you must have more freedom, that you should be different from your parents, and that the decisions about your lives depend on you, and you alone.** The prospect of growing economic progress, and the chance of obtaining a greater share of the goods that modern society has to offer, will appear to you as an opportunity to achieve greater freedom. **The more you possess -- you may be tempted to think -- the more you will feel liberated from every type of confinement.** In order to make more money and to possess more, in order to eliminate effort and worry, **you may be tempted to take moral shortcuts where honesty, truth and work are concerned.** The progress of science and technology seems inevitable and you may be enticed to look towards the technological society for the answers to all your problems. **The lure of pleasure, to be had whenever and wherever it can be found, will be strong and it may be presented to you as part of progress toward greater autonomy and freedom from rules. The desire to be free from external restraints may manifest itself very strongly in the sexual domain, since this is an area that is so closely tied to a human personality. The moral standards that the Church and society have held up to you for so long a time, will be presented as obsolete and a hindrance to the full development of your own personality. Mass media, entertainment, and literature will present a model for living where all too often it is every man for himself, and where the unrestrained affirmation of self leaves no**

room for concern for others. You will hear people tell you that your religious practices are hopelessly out of date, that they hamper your style and your future, that with everything that social and scientific progress has to offer, you will be able to organize your own lives, and that God has played out his role. Even many religious persons will adopt such attitudes, breathing them in from the surrounding atmosphere without attending to the practical atheism that is at their origin. A society that, in this way, has lost its higher religious and moral principles will become an easy prey for manipulation and for domination by the forces, which, under the pretext of greater freedom, will enslave it ever more. Yes, dear young people, do not close your eyes to the moral sickness that stalks your society today, and from which your youth alone will not protect you. How many young people have already warped their consciences and have substituted the true joy of life with drugs, sex, alcohol, vandalism and the empty pursuit of mere material possessions. (*Homily to the Youth of Galway, Ireland, September 30, 1979*)

Yes, dear young people, moved by the Spirit of Christ, try to find depth in a world where everything encourages you to be superficial consumers... You must discover the profound dimension of the human person: the powers of your heart, the value of others, the meaning of events. A superficial existence produces only painful dissatisfaction. Is not this the difficulty experienced by many young people who seek the paths of authenticity? *Now, authenticity lies in depth.* There are, alas, false depths which drugs give the illusion of reaching. There is a false science, a false freedom, a naive sexual permissiveness; these are drugs as dangerous and as deadly as the hallucinogens. (*Discourse to Youth at Fribourg, June 13, 1984*)

There is a choice to be made: a choice for Christ and his way of life, and his commandment of love.... **It is not difficult to see how today's world, despite its beauty and grandeur, despite the conquests of science and technology, despite the refined and abundant material goods that it offers, is yearning for more truth, for more love, for more joy. And all of this is found in Christ and in his way of life. Do I then make a mistake when I tell you, Catholic youth, that it is part of your task in the world and the Church to reveal the true meaning of life where hatred, neglect or selfishness threaten to take over the world? Faced with problems and disappointments, many people will try to escape from their responsibility: escape in selfishness, escape in sexual pleasure, escape in drugs, escape in violence, escape in indifference and cynical attitudes. But today, I propose to you the op-**

tion of love, which is the opposite of escape. (*Homily, Mass on Boston Common, October 1, 1979*)

TRUE FREEDOM

And what does it mean to be free? It means to know how to use one's freedom in truth -- to be "truly" free. *To be truly free* does not at all mean doing everything that pleases me, or doing what I want to do. Freedom contains in itself the criterion of truth, the discipline of truth. **To be truly free means to use one's own freedom for what is a true good. Continuing therefore: to be truly free means to be a person of upright conscience, to be responsible, to be a person "for others."** (*Letter to Youth, n. 13*)

Think about it: he who does not want to adapt the use of his own freedom to that decisive truth about man's condition and destiny, exposes himself to being swallowed up by what I would define as the mechanisms of social adaptation... If the student is content, in his cultural commitment, with pragmatic truths alone, he will enter professional life like the spectator who gropes his way in a dark theater, guided by the usherette's faint light. Others will assign to him his place and the way to it: the only ones permitted by a system of sub-values which, with its implacable laws, redimensions all moral criteria and reduces all ideals to interest in success, prestige or money. Certainly, utilitarianism and practical materialism, so widespread today, are not the most propitious seedbed in which to bring forth the Christian requirement of real freedom and truth free of the conditionings of fashion; precisely for that reason it seems to us that the university -- university life and culture -- deserves and demands this service from you. That is, it calls for an effort to bear witness by example to the personal and social fruits of a freedom connected with ultimate truths about God and about man. On the other hand, pedagogical programs which basically destroy or ignore man's deepest aspirations bring forth, sooner or later, inhuman fruits of selfishness and violence. This is a reality that is plain to everyone: do not the nihilistic agitations of some University circles constitute the final result of these programs which flatter man, holding up before him the mirage of unlimited freedom, because they know that in this way they can control him better, taking him away from God in the first place and then from himself? Programmed and made the object of arbitrary emarginization, conceived and educated to be caught up in the necessities and consumption of the

materialistic society, man finally rebels. Not knowing the true reasons for his own restlessness, he gives vent to his anger blindly: he becomes an instrument of useless violence. And he shatters the symbols of material prosperity by which he feels imprisoned. It is necessary to have the courage to investigate and to say why. (*Discourse to University Students, April 14, 1981*)

Today, Easter Sunday, we know that at this time of the evening the **Risen Christ** came back to the Upper Room, passing through the locked doors. He came in and said to the Apostles, who were still fearful and a bit confused, "Peace be with you." Then He gave them this marvelous message: "Receive the Holy Spirit." And after that He told them that with this gift of the Holy Spirit they were to forgive sins. Christ gave them the power to forgive sins! I well know that you place great value on the sacrament of Penance, and that you try to show the way of this sacrament to your classmates, friends, other students, and people generally. This is such an important apostolate. It is in fact the first gift, the first task, that Christ -- His hands freshly pierced -- entrusts to His disciples, to His Apostles after the Resurrection. It is a gift because it is the true liberation, the most fundamental freedom. It is impossible to liberate man unless it is to deliver him from what destroys him from inside, from sin. Christ began to build man's liberation, his true freedom, in this way, through the Holy Spirit, with these words: "Receive the Holy Spirit; whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven." I hope you will keep up this conviction, this apostolate, this catechesis, this evangelization. In this way you will be more and more free, for we are free in Christ. Jesus said, "The truth will make you free." You yourselves will be free, and you will extend this same freedom to others. Here, then, are the words I wanted to add to this meeting of ours." (*Meeting with University Students, Rome, April 7, 1985*)

STUDY, THINKING, WORK & COMPETENCE

The **mind** is the original element that fundamentally distinguishes man from the animal world and that gives him the power to master the universe. I cannot resist quoting to you your incomparable French writer, Pascal: "Man is only a reed, the weakest one in nature; but he is a thinking reed. It is not necessary for the whole universe to take up arms to crush him...; but even if the universe were to crush him, man would still be nobler than what kills him, because he knows that he is dying; and the universe knows nothing of the advan-

tage it has over him. Our whole dignity, therefore, consists in thought...; so let us work at thinking well." (*Pensees*, n. 347)... **Safeguard the sacred sphere of the mind at all costs in you and around you!** You know that in the modern world there still exists, alas, **totalitarian systems which paralyze the mind, and seriously impair the integrity, the identity of man, by reducing him to the state of an object, a machine, by depriving him of his interior resilience, of his impulses of freedom and love.** You know also that **there are economic systems which, while priding themselves on their formidable industrial expansion, accentuate, at the same time, the degradation, the decomposition of man.** Even the mass media, which should contribute to the complete development of men and to their mutual enrichment in growing brotherhood, are sometimes guilty of hammering at the intelligence and the imagination and even bewitching them, in a way that is harmful to the health of the mind, of judgment and of the heart, and destroys man's capacity of discerning what is healthy from what is unhealthy. Yes, what is the use of social and political reforms, even very generous ones, if the mind, which is also conscience, loses its lucidity and its vigor? **In practice, in the world such as it is and which you must not flee, learn more and more to reflect, to think!** The studies that you are carrying out must be a very special moment of apprenticeship to the life of the mind. **Unmask slogans, false values, mirages, dead ends!** I wish you the spirit of meditation, of interiority. Each one of you, at his or her level, must **promote the primacy of the spirit and even contribute to bringing back into honor what has value for eternity even more than for the future.** (*Message to the Young People of France, June, 1980*)

Study today, professional work tomorrow, become for you a way in which to find God and serve men your brothers; that is, they become a way of holiness... "There, right in the very street, in the office, in the factory, one becomes holy, provided one carries out one's duty competently, for love of God and joyfully; in such a way that daily work will not become "a daily tragedy," but rather "a daily smile." (Msgr. Escriva) (*Address to University Students in Rome, April 10, 1979*)

Youth is the time for discerning talents. It is also the time when one starts out on the many paths along which all human activity, work and creativity have developed and continue to do so. I hope that all of you will *discover* yourselves along these paths. I hope that you will set out upon them **with interest, diligence and enthusiasm.** *Work -- all work -- is linked to effort:* "In the sweat of your face you shall eat

bread," (Genesis 3:19) and this experience of hard work is shared by each one of you from your earliest years. At the same time, however, **work in a specific way forms man, and in a certain sense creates him.** So it is always a question of effort which is creative... The work which characterizes the period of youth is, above all, *a preparation for the work of adulthood*, and so is linked to the school.... **Education is one of the fundamental benefits of human civilization.** It is especially important for the young. Upon it also depends to a great extent the future of the whole of society. However, when we discuss the question of education, study, learning and school, there emerges a question of fundamental importance for the human person, and in a special way for a young person. This is *the question of truth*... **Education, the systematic knowledge of reality, should serve the dignity of the human person. It should therefore serve the truth**... While there is no doubt that *the family educates* and that *the school teaches and educates*, at the same time **both the action of the family and that of the school will remain incomplete (and could even be made useless) unless each one of you young people undertakes the work of your own education.** Education in the family and at school can only provide you with a certain number of *elements for the work of self-education*... **Yes: self-education!** For an interior structure of this kind, where "the truth makes us free," cannot be built only "from outside." **Each individual must build this structure "from within" -- build it with effort, perseverance and patience (which is not always so easy for young people).** And it is precisely this structure which is called "self-education." (*Letter to Youth, nn. 12-13*)

ETERNAL LIFE

What must I do so that my life may have value, have meaning? This earnest question comes from the lips of the young man in the Gospel in the following form: "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" (Mark 10:17). Is a person who puts the question in this form speaking a language still intelligible to the people of today? Are we not the generation whose horizon of existence is completely filled by *the world and temporal progress*? We think primarily in earthly categories. If we go beyond the limits of our planet, we do so in order to launch interplanetary flights, transmit signals to the other planets and send cosmic probes in their direction. All this has become *the content* of our *modern civilization*. Science together with technology has discovered in an incomparable way man's possibilities with regard to matter, and they have also succeeded in *dominating the interior world*

of his thoughts, capacities, tendencies and passions. But at the same time it is clear that, when we place ourselves *in the presence of Christ*, when he becomes the confidant of the questionings of our youth, we cannot put the question differently from how the young man put it: "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Any other question about the meaning and value of our life would be, in the presence of Christ, insufficient and unessential. For Christ is not only the "good teacher" who shows the paths of life on earth. He is *the witness* to that *definitive destiny* which the human person has in God himself. He is witness to man's *immortality*.... And so, dear brothers and dear sisters, if you wish to talk to Christ and to accept all the truth of his testimony, you must on the one hand "love the world" -- for God "so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (John 3:16) -- and at the same time you must *acquire interior detachment* with regard to all this rich and fascinating reality that makes up "the world." You must make up your mind to ask the question about eternal life.... This is the question that people have long been asking themselves, not only in the sphere of Christianity but also outside it. You too must find the courage to ask it, like the young man in the Gospel. Christianity teaches us to understand temporal existence from the perspective of the Kingdom of God, from the perspective of eternal life. Without eternal life, temporal existence, however rich, however developed in all aspects, in the end brings man nothing other than the ineluctable necessity of death... It is essential to ask the question about the end. (*Letter to Youth*, n. 5)

As a result of Christ's salvific work, man exists on earth with the hope of eternal life and holiness. And even though the victory over sin and death achieved by Christ in his Cross and Resurrection does not abolish temporal suffering from human life, nor free from suffering the whole historical dimension of human existence, it nevertheless throws a new light upon this dimension and upon every suffering: the light of salvation. (*Salvifici Doloris*, February 11, 1984, n. 15)

Human life is passing over. This life is not one whole, enclosed definitively between the date of birth and the date of death. It is open to the last fulfillment in God. Each of us feels painfully the close of life, the limit set by death. Each of us is in some way conscious of the fact that *man is not contained completely in these limits*, and that *he cannot die definitively*... Christ is he who accepted the whole reality of human dying. And for that reason he is the One who made a radical change in the way of understanding life. He showed that life is a passing over, not only to the limit of death, but to a new life. Thus the

cross became for us the supreme Chair of the truth of God and of man. We must all be pupils -- no matter what our age is -- of this Chair. Then we will understand that the cross is also the *cradle* of the new man. Those who are its pupils look at life in this way. And they teach it in this way to others. They imprint this meaning of life on the whole of temporal reality: on morality, creativity, culture, politics, economics. It has very often been affirmed -- as, for example, the followers of Epicurus sustained in ancient times, and as some followers of Marx do in our times for other reasons -- that this concept of life distracts man from temporal reality and that it cancels it in a certain sense. The truth is quite different. *Only this conception of life gives full importance to all the problems of temporal reality. It opens the possibility of placing them fully in man's existence. And one thing is certain: this conception of life does not permit shutting man up in temporary things, it does not permit subordinating him completely to them. It decides his freedom.* (Easter Mass Homily for University Students in Rome, April 5, 1979)

I spoke of bearing fruit, and here, too, the Gospel helps me, when it proposes -- it is a reading that we have met with recently in the sacred liturgy -- the metaphor of the barren fig tree, which runs the risk of being uprooted (Luke 13:6-9). **Man must bear fruit in time, that is, during his earthly life, and not only for himself, but also for others, for the society of which he is an integral part.** However, this activity of his in time, precisely because he is "contained" in time, must not make him forget or neglect his other essential dimension, that of a being directed towards eternity. **Man, therefore, must bear fruit, at the same time, also for eternity.** If we deprive man of this perspective, he will remain a barren fig tree. On the one hand, he must "fill time with himself" in a creative way, because the ultra-terrestrial dimension certainly does not dispense him from having to act in a responsible and genuine way, taking part effectively and in collaboration with all other men in the building up of society according to the concrete requirements of the historical moment, in which his life is cast... On the other hand, this commitment of faith plunges the young into a contemporary dimension which brings with it, in a sense, a view that is contrary to Christianity. This anti-view presents the following characteristics, which I recall, though in summary fashion. **The man of today often lacks the sense of the transcendental, of supernatural realities, of something that is beyond him... In the contemporary anti-view, as I said, the meaning of man's existence is, therefore, "determined" within a materialistic conception with regard to the various problems, such as, for example, justice**

work, etc.... It is necessary, on the contrary, to go beyond this closed conception, fundamentally an alienating one, opposing to it the wider horizon of which sound reason itself, and still more so, the Christian faith, give us a glimpse. There, in fact, problems find a fuller solution; there, justice assumes completeness and implementation in all its aspects; there, human relations, with every form of selfishness excluded, correspond to the dignity of man, as a person on whom God's face shines. (*Meeting with Youth in Turin, April 13, 1980*)

SIN: WHAT IT IS. TODAY'S LOSS OF THE SENSE OF SIN

Sin! The catechism tells us that it is transgression of God's commandment. We know that by it the Lord is offended, friendship with him is broken, his grace is lost, one strays from the right path, heading for ruin. God, by means of his commandments, teaches us in practice how we must behave in order to live in a dignified, human and serene way; with them He instills in us respect for our parents and superiors (IV commandment), respect for life in all its manifestations (V commandment), respect for the body and love (VI commandment), respect for what belongs to others (VII commandment), respect for truth (VIII commandment). **Sin is to ignore, trample upon, transgress these wise and useful rules which the Lord gave us; that is why it is disorder and ruin!** With so many "voices" inside and outside us, it tempts us, that is, urges us not to believe in God, not to listen to his fatherly invitations, to prefer our whim to His friendship. Committing sin, we are far from God, against God, without God! (*Address to Young People, Rome, December 20, 1978*)

Clearly, sin is a product of man's freedom... Exclusion of God, rupture with God, disobedience to God: throughout the history of mankind this has been and is, in various forms, sin. It can go as far as a very *denial* of God and his existence: this is the phenomenon called *atheism*. It is the *disobedience* of a person who, by a free act, does not acknowledge God's sovereignty over his or her life, at least at that particular moment in which he or she transgresses God's law. (*Reconciliatio et Paenitentia, December 2, 1984, n. 14*)

According to Saint Thomas [Aquinas], in order to live spiritually man must remain in communion with the supreme principle of life, which is God, since God is the ultimate end of man's being and acting. **Now sin is a disorder perpetrated by man against this life-principle.** And when "through sin, the soul commits a disorder that

reaches the point of turning away from its ultimate end -- God -- to which it is bound by charity, then **the sin is mortal**; on the other hand, whenever the disorder does not reach the point of a turning away from God, **the sin is venial**"... It must be added... that **some sins are intrinsically grave and mortal by reason of their matter. That is, there exist acts which, per se and in themselves, independently of circumstances, are always seriously wrong by reason of their object. These acts, if carried out with sufficient awareness and freedom, are always gravely sinful.** (*Reconciliatio et Paenitentia*, n. 17)

"Is it not true that modern man is threatened by an eclipse of conscience? By a deformation of conscience? By a numbness or 'deadening' of conscience?" Too many signs indicate that such an eclipse exists in our times... My predecessor Pius XII one day declared, in words that have almost become proverbial, that "the sin of the century is **the loss of the sense of sin.**" **Why has this happened in our time?** A glance at certain aspects of contemporary culture can help us understand the progressive weakening of the sense of sin, precisely because of the crisis of conscience and crisis of the sense of God already mentioned. "**Secularism**" is by nature and definition a movement of ideas and behavior which advocates a **humanism totally without God, completely centered upon the cult of action and production and caught up in the heady enthusiasm of consumerism and pleasure-seeking, unconcerned with the danger of "losing one's soul."** This secularism cannot but undermine the sense of sin. At the very most, sin will be reduced to what offends man. But it is precisely here that we are faced with the bitter experience which I already alluded to in my first Encyclical, namely, that man can build a world without God but this world will end by turning against him... **It is therefore vain to hope that there will take root a sense of sin against man and against human values, if there is no sense of offense against God, namely the true sense of sin.**

Another reason for the disappearance of the sense of sin in contemporary society is to be found in the errors made in evaluating certain findings of the human sciences. Thus on the basis of certain affirmations of psychology, concern to avoid certain feelings of guilt or to place limits on freedom leads to a refusal ever to admit any shortcoming. Through an undue extrapolation of the criteria of the science of sociology, it finally happens -- as I have already said -- that all failings are blamed upon society, and the individual is declared innocent of them. Again, a certain cultural anthropology so emphasizes the undeniable environmental and historical conditioning and influences which act upon man, that it reduces his responsibility

to the point of not acknowledging his ability to perform truly human acts and therefore his ability to sin.

The sense of sin also easily declines as a result of a system of ethics deriving from a certain historical relativism. This may take the form of an ethical system which relativizes the moral norm, denying its absolute and unconditional value, and as a consequence denying that there can be intrinsically illicit acts, independent of the circumstances in which they are performed by the subject... [An] effect of this ethical turning upside down is always such an attenuation of the notion of sin as almost to reach the point of saying that sin does exist, but no one knows who commits it.

Finally, the sense of sin disappears, when -- as can happen in the education of youth, in the mass media, and even in education within the family -- it is wrongly identified with a morbid feeling of guilt, or with the mere transgression of legal norms and precepts...

Even in the field of thought and life of the Church certain trends inevitably favor the decline of the sense of sin. For example, some are inclined to replace exaggerated attitudes of the past with other exaggerations: from seeing sin everywhere they pass to not recognizing it anywhere; from too much emphasis on the fear of eternal punishment they pass to preaching a love of God that excludes any punishment deserved by sin; from severity in trying to correct erroneous consciences they pass to a kind of respect for conscience which excludes the duty of telling the truth. (*Reconciliatio et Paenitentia*, n. 18)

MORAL RESPONSIBILITY

The young man asks, then: "Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" (Mt. 19:16). Now you raise the question: *Is it possible to be happy* in the modern world? (it is your 12th question). As a matter of fact, you ask the same question as this young man! Christ answers -- to him and also to you, to each of you -- *it is possible*. That is, in fact, what he answers, even if his words are the following: "If you would enter life, keep the commandments" (Mt. 19:17). And he will reply further later: "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor... and follow me" (cf. Mt. 19:21). **These words mean that man cannot be happy except to the extent to which he is capable of accepting the requirements that his own humanity, his dignity as a man, set him. The requirements that God sets him.** In this way, therefore, Christ does not only answer the question whether it is possible to be happy -- but He says more: how

we can be happy, on what condition. This answer is absolutely original, and it cannot be outdated, it can never be superseded.... Here, I will make a digression on account of one of your questions on the principles that the Church teaches in *the field of sexual morality* (the 17th question). You express your concern, seeing that they are difficult, and that young people might, precisely for this reason, turn away from the Church. I will answer you as follows. If you think deeply about this question, and if you go to the heart of the problem, I assure you that you will realize one thing: in this field, the Church sets only the requirements that are closely linked with true, that is responsible, married and conjugal love. She demands what the *dignity of the person* and fundamental social order require. I do not deny that they are her demands. **But the essential point of the problem lies precisely there: namely, that man fulfills himself only to the extent to which he is able to impose demands on himself. Otherwise, he goes away "sorrowful," as we have just read in the Gospel. Moral permissiveness does not make men happy. The consumer society does not make men happy. They have never done so.** (*Discourse to French Youth, June 1, 1980*)

Here we touch upon matters of supreme importance for your youth and for that plan of life that emerges from it. This plan accepts the prospect of eternal life first of all *through the truth of the deeds* on which it will be built. **This truth of deeds has its foundation in that twofold presentation of the moral law: the one written on the tablets of the Decalogue of Moses and in the Gospel, and the one inscribed in man's moral conscience...** Therefore when Jesus, in his conversation with the young man, lists the commandments: "Do not kill, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother," the upright *conscience* responds with an interior reaction to man's corresponding deeds: it *accuses or excuses*. **But the conscience must not be distorted; the fundamental formulation of the principles of morality must not surrender to deformation by any kind of relativism or utilitarianism.** Dear young friends! The response which Jesus gives to his questioner in the Gospel is addressed to each one of you. Christ asks you about *the state of your moral awareness*, and at the same time he questions you about *the state of your conscience*. This is a key question for man: it is the fundamental question of your youth... **The conscience is the most important dimension of time and history.** For history is written not only by the events which in a certain sense happen "from outside"; it is written first of all "from within": it is the *history* of human consciences, of moral victories and defeats... It is

my hope that your youth will provide you with a sturdy basis of sound principles, that your conscience will attain in these years of your youth that mature clear-sightedness that during your whole lives will enable each one of you to remain always a "person of conscience," a "person of principles," a "person *who inspires trust*," in other words, a person who is credible. The moral personality formed in this way constitutes the most important contribution that you can make *to life in the community*, to the family, to society, to professional activity. (*Letter to Youth*, nn. 6-7)

CHASTITY, A REBIRTH OF TRUE LOVE

The human being is a corporeal being. This very simple statement is pregnant with consequences. However material it may be, **the body is not an object among other objects. It is in the first place someone**, in the sense that it is a manifestation of the person, a way of being present to others, of communication, of extremely varied expression. The body is a word, a language. What a marvel, and what a risk at the same time! **Young men and women, have very great respect for your body and the bodies of others! Let your body be in the service of your inner self! Let your gestures, your looks, always be the reflection of your soul! Worship of the body? No, never! Contempt for the body? Again no! Control of the body? Yes! Transfiguration of the body? Even more!... I really hope that you will take up the challenge of this time and be, one and all, champions of Christian mastery of the body.... This mastery is decisive for the integration of sexuality in your lives as young people and adults.** It is difficult to speak of sexuality at the present time, marked by a lack of inhibitions which is not without an explanation but which is, alas, stimulated by a real exploitation of the sexual instinct. Young people of France, the union of bodies has always been the most forceful language in which two beings can communicate with each other. That is why this language, which touches the sacred mystery of man and woman, demands that **gestures of love should never be performed without the conditions of a complete and definitive assumption of responsibility for the partner, and that the commitment should be undertaken publicly in marriage.** Young people of France, preserve or find again a healthy view of corporal values! Contemplate more Christ the Redeemer of man! He is the Word made flesh whom so many artists have painted with realism in order to signify to us clearly that he assumed everything of human nature, including sexuality,

sublimating it in chastity. (*Message to the Young People of France, June 1980*)

And so I do not cease to pray to Christ and to the Mother of Fair Love for the love that is born in young hearts. Many times in my life it has been my task to accompany in a sense more closely this love of young people. Thanks to this experience I have come to understand just *how essential the matter* that we are dealing with here is, how important and how great it is. I think that to a large extent the future of humanity is decided along the paths of this love, initially youthful love, *which you and she, you and he* discover along the paths of your youth. This can be called a **great adventure, but it is also a great task.** Today, *the principles of Christian morality* concerning marriage are in many circles being presented in a distorted way. Attempts are being made to impose on environments and even entire societies *a model that calls itself "progressive" and "modern."* It then goes unnoticed that **this model transforms a human being and perhaps especially a woman from a subject into an object (an object of specific manipulation), and the whole great content of love is reduced to "pleasure,"** which, even though it involved both parties, would still be **selfish in its essence.** Finally *the child, who is the fruit and the fresh incarnation of the love between the two, becomes ever more "an annoying addition."* The materialistic and consumeristic civilization is penetrating this whole wonderful complex of conjugal and paternal and maternal love, and stripping it of that *profoundly human content* which from the beginning was also permeated by a divine mark and reflection. Dear young friends! *Do not allow this treasure to be taken away from you!* Do not inscribe in the plan of your life a deformed, impoverished and falsified content: love "rejoices in the truth." *Seek out this truth* where it is really to be found!... *Do not be afraid of the love that places clear demands on people.* These demands -- as you find them in the constant teaching of the Church -- are precisely capable of making your love a true love. If anywhere, it is especially here that I wish to repeat the hope which I expressed at the beginning, namely, that you will be *"always prepared to make a defense to anyone who calls you to account for the hope that is in you!"* The Church and humanity entrust to you the great reality of that love which is the basis of marriage, the family and the future. The Church and humanity firmly believe that *you will bring about its re-birth;* they firmly believe that you will make it beautiful: beautiful in a human and Christian way. In a human and Christian way great, mature and responsible. (*Letter to Youth, n. 10*)

Sexuality, by means of which man and woman give themselves to one another through the acts which are proper and exclusive to spouses, is by no means something purely biological, but concerns the innermost being of the human person as such. It is realized in a truly human way only if it is an integral part of the love by which a man and a woman commit themselves totally to one another until death. The total physical self-giving would be a lie if it were not the sign and fruit of a total personal self-giving in which the whole person, including the temporal dimension, is present: if the person were to withhold something or reserve the possibility of deciding otherwise in the future, by this very fact he or she would not be giving totally. This totality which is required by conjugal love also corresponds to the demand of responsible fertility.... The only place in which this self-giving in its whole truth is made possible is marriage, the covenant of conjugal love freely and consciously chosen, whereby man and woman accept the intimate community of life and love willed by God himself, which only in this light manifests its true meaning. The institution of marriage is not an undue interference by society or authority, nor the extrinsic imposition of a form. Rather it is an interior requirement of the covenant of conjugal love which is publicly affirmed as unique and exclusive, in order to live in complete fidelity to the plan of God, the Creator. A person's freedom, far from being restricted by this fidelity, is secured against every form of subjectivism or relativism and is made a sharer in creative Wisdom. (*Familiaris Consortio*, n. 11)

On the plane of the heart, of love, I have something else to confide to you. I believe with my whole strength that **many of you are capable of risking the complete gift, to Christ and to their brothers, of all their powers of loving.** You understand perfectly that I mean the vocation to the priesthood and to religious life. Your towns and villages in France are waiting for ministers with hearts burning to proclaim the Gospel, celebrate the Eucharist, reconcile sinners with God and with their brothers. They are also waiting for women radically consecrated to the service of Christian communities and their human and spiritual needs. Your answer to this call lies along the direct line of Christ's last question to Peter: "Do you love me?" (*Message to the Young People of France*, June 1980)

Christian revelation recognizes two specific ways of realizing the vocation of the human person, in its entirety, to love: marriage and virginity or celibacy... In virginity or celibacy, the human being is awaiting, also in a bodily way, the eschatological marriage of Christ

with the Church, giving himself or herself completely to the Church in the hope that Christ may give himself to the Church in the full truth of eternal life. The celibate person thus anticipates in his or her flesh the new world of the future resurrection. **By virtue of this witness, virginity or celibacy keeps alive in the Church a consciousness of the mystery of marriage and defends it from any reduction and impoverishment. Virginity or celibacy... bears witness that the Kingdom of God and his justice is the pearl of great price which is preferred to every other value no matter how great, and hence must be sought as the only definitive value... In spite of having renounced physical fecundity, the celibate person becomes spiritually fruitful, the father and mother of many, cooperating in the realization of the family according to God's plan.** (*Familiaris Consortio*, n. 11, 16)

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE

I likewise hope that this "growth" [of youth] will come about through contact *with the achievements of humanity*, and still more **through contact with living people**. How great is their richness and variety! Youth seems particularly sensitive to the truth, goodness and beauty contained in the works of humanity. Through contact with people on the level of so many different cultures, of so many arts and sciences, *we learn the truth about man* (so evocatively expressed also in Psalm 8), the truth that can build up and enrich the humanity of each one of us. In a special way, however, we study the human person *through contact with others*. Being young should enable you to "increase in wisdom" through this contact. **For youth is the time for new contacts, new companionships and friendships, in a circle wider than the family alone...** In this way therefore we learn to know other human beings, in order to become more fully human through our capacity for "self-giving": *for becoming men and women "for others."* (*Letter to Youth*, n. 14)

Above all, a city needs a soul if it is to become a true home for human beings. **You, the people, must give it this soul. And how do you do this? By loving each other.** Love for each other must be the hallmark of your lives. In the Gospel Jesus Christ tells us: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:39). This commandment of the Lord must be your inspiration in forming true human relationships among yourselves, so that nobody will ever feel alone or unwanted, or much less, rejected, despised or hated. Jesus himself will give you the power of fraternal love. And every neighborhood,

every block, every street will become a true community because you will want it so, and **Jesus will help you to bring it about.** (*Address at Shea Stadium, New York City, October 3, 1979*)

You are also worth what your heart is worth. The whole history of mankind is the history of the need of loving and being loved. This end of the century -- especially in regions of accelerated social change -- makes the development of healthy emotions more difficult. That is probably why many young and not so young people seek the atmosphere of little groups, in order to escape from anonymity and sometimes from distress, in order to find again their deep vocation for interpersonal relations. If we are to believe a certain type of advertising, our age is even enamored of what could be called a **doping of the heart.** It is important in this sphere, as in the preceding ones, to see things clearly. Whatever use humans make of it, **the heart -- the symbol of friendship and love -- has also its norms, its ethics.** To make room for the heart in the harmonious construction of your personality has nothing to do with mawkishness or even sentimentality. **The heart is the opening of the whole being to the existence of others, the capacity of divining them, of understanding them.** Such a sensitiveness, true and deep, makes one vulnerable. That is why some people are tempted to get rid of it by hardening their heart. To love is, therefore, essentially to give oneself to others. Far from being an instinctive inclination, love is a conscious decision of the will to go toward others. To be able to love truly, it is necessary to detach oneself from many things and above all from oneself, to give gratuitously, to love to the end. This dispossession of oneself -- a long and demanding task -- is exhausting and exalting. It is the source of balance. It is the secret of happiness. (*Message to the Young People of France, June 1980*)

SPORTS

You well know the esteem that the Church nourishes for you, and how Christian faith does not humiliate, but gives new value to, and ennobles sports in its various expressions. You also know with what interest the Pope follows your sporting activities and with what satisfaction he looks to your athletic events, in which you show the uncommon gifts of fortitude, discipline and daring with which the Lord has adorned you. **Your President now spoke about your training in "loyalty," "self-control," "courage," "generosity," "cooperation" and "brotherhood": well, are not these so many goals at which the**

Church aims in the education and advancement of youth? Are not these the deepest aspirations and requirements of the Gospel message? In this connection, while I exhort you always to give the best of your energies and your abilities in peaceful sporting competitions, I remind you at the same time not to consider sports as an end in itself, but rather a precious element that will help you to give your person that fullness which comes from **the integration of physical gifts with spiritual ones.** In a word, the body must be subordinated to the spirit, which gives light, breath and sprint to life, and which makes you good athletes, good citizens, and good Christians. (*Pope's Message to 5000 Young Athletes in Rome, October 2, 1980*)

Seeing you, I cannot but express once more my regard for all sportsmen and for sport in its various forms, and at the same time the esteem in which the Church holds this noble human activity. **The Church, as you know, moreover, approves and encourages sport, seeing in it a form of gymnastics of the body and of the spirit, a training for social relations based on respect for others and for one's own person and an element of social cohesion, which also fosters friendly relations in the international field.** The dignity of sport rises to this height, when it is inspired by healthy principles and excludes any excess risk in the athlete and of disorderly passion in the public, which becomes excited over sporting matters! I think I am not mistaken in recognizing in you this potential of civil and Christian virtues. In a world in which we sometimes behold the painful presence of young people who are weary, marked by sadness and negative experiences, be for them the wise friends, expert guides and trainers not only on sports fields but also on the ways that lead to the goals of the true values of life. In this way to the satisfactions of competitive sport you will add merits of a spiritual nature, **offering society a valuable contribution of moral health.** You will thus give the Church the joy of seeing in you strong (cf. 1 John 2:14), loyal and generous sons." (*Address to Athletes of Milan Soccer Team, May 12, 1979*)

Keep in mind the fact that while you play you are the center of attention on the part of the masses. Skillful play, an excellent style, favorable results, will win you their applause and admiration. **But God grant that they may be able to appreciate clearly in you a model of respect and loyalty, an example of comradeship and friendship, a testimony of real brotherhood.** All this refines spirits and gives them a close perception of the sublime in the human being and of his true dignity. In this way you will also cooperate in the construction of a

more peaceful world and, if you have faith, to the consolidation of the community of the sons of God: the Church. (*Address, May 25, 1979*)

CONTACT WITH NATURE

Youth should be "growth." For this purpose, *contact with the visible world, with nature, is of immense importance.* In one's youth this relationship to the visible world is enriching in a way that differs from knowledge of the world "obtained from books." It enriches in a direct way... It is good for people to read this wonderful book -- the "book of nature," which lies open for each one of us... Man today, especially in the context of highly developed technical and industrial civilization, has become the explorer of nature on a grand scale, often treating it in a utilitarian way, thus destroying many of its treasures and attractions and polluting *the natural environment* of earthly existence. But nature is also given to us to be admired and contemplated, like a great mirror of the world. It reflects the *Creator's covenant* with his *creature*, the center of which has been, from the beginning, in man, directly created "in the image" of the Creator. And so my hope for you young people is that your "growth in stature and wisdom" will come about through contact with nature. **Make time for this! Do not miss it! Accept too the fatigue and effort that this contact sometimes involves, especially when we wish to attain particularly challenging goals. Such fatigue is creative, and also constitutes the element of healthy relaxation which is as necessary as study and work...** Each one of you needs this fatigue and effort, which not only tempers the body but also enables the whole person to **experience the joy of self-mastery and victory over obstacles and barriers.** This is certainly one of the elements of "growth" that characterizes youth. (*Letter to Youth, n. 14*)

WOMANHOOD, MOTHERHOOD

There is no doubt that the equal dignity and responsibility of men and women fully justifies **women's access to public functions.** On the other hand the true advancement of women requires that **clear recognition be given to the value of their maternal and family role, by comparison with all other public roles and all other professions.** Furthermore, these roles and professions should be harmoniously combined, if we wish the evolution of society and culture to be truly

and fully human. This will come about more easily if, in accordance with the wishes expressed by the Synod, a renewed "theology of work" can shed light upon and study in depth the meaning of work in the Christian life and determine the fundamental bond between work and the family, and therefore the original and irreplaceable meaning of work in the home and in rearing children. **Therefore the Church can and should help modern society by tirelessly insisting that the work of women in the home be recognized and respected by all in its irreplaceable value...** While it must be recognized that women have the same right as men to perform various public functions, **society must be structured in such a way that wives and mothers are *not in practice compelled to work outside the home*, and that their families can live and prosper in a dignified way even when they themselves devote their full time to their own family. Furthermore, the mentality which honors women more for their work outside the home than for their work within the family must be overcome.** This requires that men should truly esteem and love women with total respect for their personal dignity, and that society should create and develop conditions favoring work in the home... **But clearly all of this does not mean for women a renunciation of their femininity or an imitation of the male role, but the fullness of true feminine humanity which should be expressed in their activity, whether in the family or outside of it, without disregarding the differences of customs and cultures in this sphere.** (*Familiaris Consortio*, n. 23)

I wish to exhort you, dear boys and girls, to **love your mothers**; accept her teaching and follow her example. A reflection of the sweetness, intuition, and generosity of Mary can be glimpsed on the face of every mother. Honoring your mother, you also honor her who, being Christ's mother, is also the mother of each of us. **I wish to remind girls, in particular, that motherhood is woman's vocation: it was yesterday, it is today, it will be always; it is her eternal vocation.** There come to my mind the words of a song of my country. These say that a mother is one who understands everything and embraces each of us with her heart. And they add that today **the world is "hungrier and thirstier" than ever for that motherhood which, physically or spiritually, is woman's vocation, as it was Mary's.** My prayer is that today, too, **the dignity of the mother will be recognized and protected in the family and in society. It will depend above all on you, young people, if this happens in the world of tomorrow.** Endeavor at once to look at your mothers with the eyes with which Jesus looked at his.

Let her, the Virgin Mother, who is our hope, herself help you in this your resolution. (*General Audience, Rome, January 10, 1979*)

FAMILY

The family is, therefore, the privileged place and the sanctuary in which is developed the whole great and deep event of each unrepeatable human person. Fundamental duties are, therefore, incumbent on the family, the generous exercise of which cannot but enrich deeply those who are mainly responsible for the family itself, making them more direct collaborators with God in the formation of new men. That is why **the family is irreplaceable and, as such, must be defended with might and main. Everything must be done in order that the family will not be replaced. That is necessary not only for the "private" good of every person, but also for the common good of every society, nation and state.** The family is set at the very center of the common good in its various dimensions, precisely because man is conceived and born in it. Everything possible must be done in order that each human being may be desired, awaited, experienced as a particular, unique, and unrepeatable value, right from the beginning, from the moment of his conception. He must feel that he is important, useful, dear and of great value, even if infirm or handicapped; even dearer, in fact, for this reason. (*Audience, Rome, January 3, 1979*)

Finally, remember that you are a part of a family. **Love your family! Love your parents and all those who love you!** The family, as you know, is the historic and visible expression of the love of God, who in this way wished to make people capable of loving and giving their lives, precisely because they are created "in his image and likeness." **It is sad to think that certain ideologies want to destroy the family, spreading alienation and causing disputes! It is distressing to think that so many young people leave their own homes, casting their parents into bitterness and despair! That is not the way, that is not the way. Love your families with generosity, patience, tact, tolerating those imperfections which are not lacking in any person whatsoever. Make your home an oasis of peace and confidence; pray with your families! And prepare yourselves also to form families of your own in the future: do it in such a way that your love will always remain pure and serene through intimate friendship with Jesus!** (*Address to Young People, September 7, 1980*)

WORLD PEACE AND JUSTICE

I have very often spoken of the duties of the Church in the field of justice and peace (15th question), thus continuing the activity of my great Predecessors John XXIII and Paul VI. Tomorrow in particular, I intend to speak at the headquarters of UNESCO, in Paris. I am referring to all that because you ask: What can we, the young, do for this cause? Can we do something to prevent a new war, a catastrophe that would be incomparable, more terrible than the preceding one? I think that, in the very formulation of your questions, you will find the awaited answer. Read these questions. Meditate on them. Make them a community program, a program of life. **You young people have already the possibility of promoting peace and justice, where you are, in your world.** That already comprises precise attitudes of kindness in judgment, truth about yourselves and others, their differences, their important rights. **In this way an atmosphere of brotherhood is prepared for the future when you will have greater responsibilities in society. If we wish to make a new and brotherly world, we must prepare new men.** (*Discourse to French Youth, June 1, 1980*)

I learned that a young Christian ceases to be young, and has no longer been a Christian for a long time, when he lets himself be won over by doctrines or ideologies that preach hatred and violence. For a just society cannot be constructed on injustice. It is not possible to construct a society that deserves to be called human without respecting and, worse still, by destroying, human freedom, denying individuals the most fundamental freedoms. Sharing as a priest, bishop and cardinal the lives of innumerable young people at University, in youth groups, in excursions in the mountains, in clubs for reflection and prayer, I learned that **a youth begins to grow old in a dangerous way, when he lets himself be deceived by the facile and convenient principle that "the end justifies the means";** when he adopts the belief that the only hope of improving society is to promote struggle and hatred between social groups, that it is to be found in the Utopia of a classless society, which very soon reveals itself as the creator of new classes. I became convinced that only love draws closer things that are different, and brings about union in diversity. **Christ's words: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you" (Jn 13:34), then appeared to me, in addition to their incomparable theological depth, as the seed and principle of the one transformation radical enough to be ap-**

preciated by the young. The seed and principle of the one revolution that does not betray man. Only true love constructs. (Homily to Brazilian Youth, July 1, 1980)

This desire for peace should not be confused with the passive acquiescence of someone who merely *hopes for it* but does not try to achieve it first of all in his own life. Peace, according to the classical definition of St. Augustine, *tranquillitas ordinis* (*De Civ. Dei XIX, 13*) is the tranquillity which reigns where everything is placed in accordance with the right order willed by God... The peace which the world anxiously awaits ought to originate in the heart of each man and each woman, as a mature fruit of the Spirit (cf. Gal 5:22), when each one cooperates with God's grace. It is a peace *given* and at the same time *won*. Because of that, paradoxically, it requires a constant struggle, *a combat without truce against sin...* **Bear witness therefore to the peace of Christ, by means of practical actions of peace, every day, in the circumstances in which you live: putting on "compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness and patience"** (Col 3:12). (*Address to UNIV 86, March 24, 1986*)

SUFFERING

What must I do? *"What must I do to inherit eternal life?"* What must I do *so that my life* may have full *value* and full *meaning*? The youth of each one of you, dear friends, is a treasure that is manifested *precisely in these questions*. Man asks himself these questions throughout his life. But in the time of youth they are *particularly urgent*, indeed insistent... **These essential questions are asked in a special way by those members of your generation whose lives have been weighed down since childhood by suffering: by some physical lack or defect, some handicap or limitation, or by a difficult family or social situation.** If at the same time their minds develop normally, the question about the meaning and value of life becomes for them all the more essential and also *particularly tragic*, for from the beginning the question is marked by the pain of existence. And how many such young people there are among the multitudes of young people all over the world! In the different nations and societies; in individual families! How many are forced from childhood to live in an institution or hospital, condemned to a certain passivity which can make them begin to feel that they are of no use to humanity! So can we say that their youth too is an interior treasure? To whom should we put this question? To whom should they put this essential question? It

seems that here Christ alone is the competent one to ask, the one whom no one can fully replace.... **Christ's reply is this: "Only God is good"; only God is love. This reply may seem difficult, but at the same time it is firm and it is true; it bears within itself the definitive solution...** When you say: "Good Teacher," he asks "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone." And therefore: the fact that I am good *bears witness to God...* When Christ in his reply to you tells you to refer all this to God, at the same time he *shows* you what the *source and foundation* of this is *in yourselves*. For each of you is the *image and likeness* of God through the very act of creation. (*Letter to Youth, nn. 3-4*)

People react to suffering in different ways. But in general it can be said that almost always **the individual enters suffering with a typically human protest and with the question "why."** He asks the meaning of his suffering and seeks an answer to this question on the human level. Certainly he often puts this question to God, and to Christ. Furthermore, he cannot help noticing that the one to whom he puts the question is himself suffering and wishes *to answer him* from the Cross, *from the heart of his own suffering*. Nevertheless, it often takes time, even a long time, for this answer to begin to be interiorly perceived. For Christ does not answer directly and he does not answer in the abstract this human questioning about the meaning of suffering. Man hears Christ's saving answer as he himself gradually becomes a sharer in the sufferings of Christ. The answer which comes through this sharing, by way of the interior encounter with the Master, is in itself *something more than the mere abstract answer* to the question about the meaning of suffering. For it is above all a call. It is a vocation. **Christ does not explain in the abstract the reasons for suffering, but before all else he says: "Follow me!" Come! Take part through your suffering in this work of saving the world, a salvation achieved through my suffering! Through my Cross! Gradually, as the individual takes up his cross, spiritually uniting himself to the Cross of Christ, the salvific meaning of suffering is revealed before him.** He does not discover this meaning at his own human level, but at the level of the suffering of Christ. At the same time, however, from this level of Christ the salvific meaning of suffering *descends to man's level* and becomes, in a sense, the individual's personal response. **It is then that man finds in his suffering interior peace and even spiritual joy.**

St. Paul speaks of such joy in the letter to the Colossians: "I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake" (Colossians 1:24). **A source of joy is found in the overcoming of the sense of the uselessness of suffer-**

ing, a feeling that is sometimes very strongly rooted in human suffering. This feeling not only consumes the person interiorly but seems to make him a burden to others. The person feels condemned to receive help and assistance from others, and at the same time seems useless to himself. The discovery of the salvific meaning of suffering in union with Christ transforms this depressing feeling. Faith in sharing in the suffering of Christ brings with it the interior certainty that the suffering person "completes what is lacking in Christ's afflictions" (cf. Col. 1:24); the certainty that in the spiritual dimension of the work of Redemption he is serving, like Christ, the salvation of his brothers and sisters. Therefore, he is carrying out an irreplaceable service. In the Body of Christ, which is ceaselessly born of the Cross of the Redeemer, it is precisely suffering permeated by the spirit of Christ's sacrifice that is the irreplaceable mediator and author of the good things which are indispensable for the world's salvation. It is suffering, more than anything else, which clears the way for the grace which transforms human souls. Suffering, more than anything else, makes present in the history of humanity the powers of Redemption. (Salvifici Doloris, nn. 26-27)

Following the parable of the Gospel [the Gospel of the Good Samaritan], we could say that **suffering, which is present** under so many different forms in our human world, is also present **in order to unleash love in the human person**, that unselfish gift of one's "I" on behalf of other people, especially those who suffer. **The world of human suffering unceasingly calls for**, so to speak, another world: **the world of human love**; and in a certain sense man owes to suffering that unselfish love which stirs in his heart and actions. (*Salvifici Doloris, n. 29*)

THE CHURCH

The Church has the mandate, entrusted to the feeble efforts of men oftentimes fragile and imperfect, of authentically communicating Christ to you in his divine Word and in his life through the Liturgy and the Sacraments, so that you can assume your future responsibilities and your important decisions in the spirit and attitude of Christ. Thus, you will be able, in the accomplishment of your personal tasks, to be an influence also on the activities of others and on the hoped-for change in civilized society... While the Church has the task of instilling Christ in you so that you may arrive at the full maturity of man in him who is the perfect Man and at the same time

the Son of God, on your part, receiving his words of life, **embody always deeper within yourselves the very mystery of the Church**; come in and be a part of it, take on its future and destiny, and thus you will be called to render a service to the Church and at the same time to your brothers and sisters... **The Church needs you.** You are convinced of it. **The Church expects much of you; in fact, it depends on your commitment in witnessing Christ and conveying the Gospel to others.** You who are the "Church" cannot back away from such an appeal, justified by your Catholic training, to collaborate by every means in spreading the Gospel. This service is expected of you. But serving the Church means accepting its make-up, hierarchical and spiritual at the same time, and so to feel part of an ordered fabric, whose government is entrusted to the Pastors whom Christ continually chooses as Successors of the Apostles. There cannot exist true, effective, and lasting service without the unity of purpose and initiatives with the diocesan bishops so as to cooperate in pastoral work to the benefit of the entire ecclesial community. This work imposes special priority choices, demands a coordinated development in time and place, must be defended from many dangers. All that requires vigilance, the protection and administration of the bishop, who must be given your trustful and obedient collaboration. **You must serve the Church in the Church, in a communion of love and discipline with the legitimately constituted pastors.** (*Talk to Young People of Frascati, Italy, September 8, 1980*)

Remember that you are a part of the local Church, and that means of your diocese and your individual parish and, through the local Church, you are a part of the Universal Church. The city of Velletri in times past distinguished itself for its loyalty to the Christian religion and the Catholic Church. **You too be loyal: love the Church!** Today, certainly, loyalty is more difficult, more heroic, and much more costly: modern civilization is made up of models of behavior that do not always or not completely adhere to the message of Christ and the Church; rather, sometimes it decidedly battles it. Do not be disturbed! Do not be discouraged! The Word of God remains true for eternity; God is faithful (1 Cor. 1:9). Be firm in faith and be watchful (1 Peter 5:8). Live your Baptism and Confirmation with the victorious serenity of those who appreciate the values you possess. **Love your Church! Help the bishop, help the priests. Collaborate with them** so that your city may always remain Christian and practicing. Show your faithfulness particularly by your participation in the Sunday and feastday Liturgy; do not ever miss Mass, and if possible, never fail to meet Christ in Eucharistic Communion! Widen your

gaze to the Universal Church so that you are able to involve yourselves also in the great needs of the apostolate and of witness, ready to welcome the Lord's voice if he calls you to the priestly or religious life. (*Talk to Young People of Velletri, Italy, September 7, 1980*)

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

I have always mentioned the need to turn constantly to Christ and to be ever newly converted to him. **Christian living is not complete without this renewed conversion, and conversion is not fully authentic without the Sacrament of Penance.** Dear young people of Dublin: **Christ wants to come to meet you regularly, frequently, in a personal way, in a personal encounter of loving mercy, forgiveness and healing.** He wants to sustain you in your weakness and keep lifting you up, drawing you closer to his heart. As I explained in my Encyclical *Redemptor Hominis*, the encounter of this Sacrament is a right that belongs to Christ and to each of you (cf. n. 20). And so the Pope is very much in earnest when he now exhorts you: **Do not deprive Christ of his right in this sacrament, and never surrender your own.** (*Homily, Mass for Irish Youth in Castelgandolfo, Italy, August 28, 1980*)

Purify your hearts in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Those who accuse the call of the Church to repentance as coming from a "repressive" mentality, are lying. Sacramental Confession is not a repression but a liberation; it does not restore feelings of guilt, but cancels the guilt, dissolves the evil done, and bestows the grace of forgiveness. The causes of evil are not to be sought outside man, but first and foremost inside his heart; and the remedy starts also from the heart. Then Christians, through the sincerity of their commitment of conversion, must rebel against the leveling down of man and proclaim with their own lives the joy of true liberation from sin by means of Christ's forgiveness. The Church does not have a project of her own ready for the University, for society, but she has a project of man, of the new man, born again from Grace. Find the interior truth of your consciences again. May the Holy Spirit grant you the grace of a sincere repentance, of a firm purpose of amendment, and of a sincere confession of sins. (*Homily, Mass for 10,000 University Students of Rome, April 5, 1979*)

The individual and integral confession of sins with individual absolution constitutes the *only ordinary way* in which the faithful who

are conscious of serious sins are reconciled with God and with the Church. From this confirmation of the Church's teaching it is clear that *every serious sin must always be stated*, with its determining circumstances, *in an individual confession.* (*Reconciliatio et Paenitentia*, n. 33)

Keep in mind that the teaching of the Council of Trent on the necessity of integral confession of mortal sins is still in force and will be in force forever in the Church; the norm inculcated by St. Paul and by that same Council of Trent, by which **the worthy reception of the Eucharist must be preceded by the confession of sins when one is conscious of mortal sin**, is in force and will always be in force in the Church. (*Discourse to Priests, January 30, 1983*)

Though the Church knows and teaches that venial sins are forgiven in other ways too -- for instance, by acts of sorrow, works of charity, prayer, penitential rites -- she does not cease to remind everyone of the special usefulness of the sacramental moment for these sins too. **The frequent use of the Sacrament** -- to which some categories of the faithful are in fact held -- strengthens the awareness that even minor sins offend God and harm the Church, the Body of Christ. Its celebration then becomes for the faithful "the occasion and the incentive to conform themselves more closely to Christ and to make themselves more docile to the voice of the Spirit" (*Ordo Penitentiae*, 7b). Above all it should be emphasized that the grace proper to the sacramental celebration has a great remedial power and helps to remove the very roots of sin. (*Reconciliatio et Paenitentia*, n. 32)

THE EUCHARIST

Jesus is present to us. This is the first thought. Jesus rose again, he ascended to heaven: but he willed to remain with us and for us, in every place on earth. **The Eucharist is really a divine invention!** Before dying on the Cross, offering his life to the Father as a sacrifice of adoration and love, Jesus instituted the Eucharist, changing the bread and the wine into his own Person and giving the Apostles and their successors, the Bishops and Priests, the power of making him present in Holy Mass. **Jesus, therefore, willed to remain with us forever!** Jesus willed to be closely united with us in Holy Communion, to prove his love to us directly and personally. Each one can say: "Jesus loves me! I love Jesus"... **Jesus is present in the Eucharist to be met, loved, received and consoled.** Wherever there is

the priest, Jesus is present, because the mission and greatness of the Priest is precisely the celebration of Holy Mass. Jesus is present in large cities and in little villages, in mountain churches and in the distant huts of Africa and Asia, in hospitals and prisons; Jesus in the Eucharist was even present in the concentration camps! Dear children! Receive Jesus often! Abide in him; let yourselves be transformed by him!... **Make a pact of friendship with Jesus and never break it!** In all the situations of your life, turn to the Divine Friend, present in us with his "Grace," present with us and in us in the Eucharist. (*Feast of Corpus Christi Homily, Rome, June 14, 1979*)

Jesus, in the synagogue of Capharnaum, affirms clearly: "I am the bread which came down from heaven... The bread which I will give is my flesh for the life of the world... My flesh is food indeed and my blood is drink indeed... This is the bread which came down from heaven, not as your fathers ate and died" (cf. John 6). **Jesus says precisely: "flesh" and "blood," "eat" and "drink,"** knowing well that this was going to offend the sensitivity and the mentality of the Jews. That is, **Jesus speaks of his real person, in its entirety, and not in a symbolic manner, and he makes clear that his is a "sacrificial" offering, which will be realized for the first time at the "Last Supper," anticipating in a mystical manner the Sacrifice of the Cross, and which will be extended for all time through the Holy Mass.** It is a mystery of faith, in the face of which we cannot but kneel in adoration, in silence and admiration... I say to you therefore: **be convinced adorers of the Eucharist.** (*Homily, August 19, 1979*)

Only through the Eucharist is it possible to live the heroic virtues of Christianity: charity, to the point of forgiving one's enemies, of love for those who make us suffer, of giving one's life for one's neighbor; **chastity,** in every age and situation of life; **patience,** especially in suffering and when one is shocked by the silence of God in the dramas of history or of one's own personal existence. **You must always be Eucharistic souls,** in order to be authentic Christians. (*Homily, August 19, 1979*)

Jesus affirms that the Eucharist must always be a reality which transforms. This is the most striking and the most demanding affirmation: "My flesh is food indeed and my blood is drink indeed. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood, lives in me and I in him. As the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so also he who eats me will live because of me." These are serious words! Demanding words! The Eucharist is a transformation, a commitment of life: "It

is no longer I that live," says St. Paul, "but it is Christ who lives in me." It is Christ crucified (Gal. 2:20, 1 Cor. 2:2). **To receive the Eucharist means to transform oneself into Christ, to remain in him, to live for him.** The Christian, basically, must have above all one single preoccupation and one single ambition: to live for Christ, seeking to imitate him in supreme obedience to the Father, in the acceptance of life and of history, in total dedication to charity, in a goodness which is at the same time understanding and austere. **The Eucharist must become a program for life.** (*Homily, August 19, 1979*)

Love Jesus present in the Eucharist. He is present in a sacrificial way in Holy Mass, which renews the Sacrifice of the Cross. **To go to Mass means going to Calvary to meet him, our Redeemer.** He comes to us in Holy Communion and remains present in the tabernacles of our churches, for he is our friend. (*General Audience, November 8, 1978*)

PRAYER

You also asked the question about prayer (the 4th one). There are several definitions of prayer. But it is **most often called a talk, a conversation, a colloquy with God.** Conversing with someone, not only do we speak, but we also listen. *Prayer, therefore, is also listening.* It consists of listening to hear the interior voice of grace. Listening to hear the call. And then, as you ask me **how the Pope prays,** I answer you: like every Christian: he speaks and he listens. Sometimes, he prays without words, and then he listens all the more. The most important thing is precisely what he "hears." **And he also tries to unite prayer with his obligations, his activities, his work, and to unite his work with prayer.** In this way, day after day, he tries to carry out his "service," his "ministry," which comes to him from the will of Christ and from the living tradition of the Church. (*Discourse to French Youth, June 1, 1980*)

Why must we pray? *We must pray first and foremost because we are believers.* Prayer is in fact the recognition of our limitation and our dependence: we come from God, we belong to God, and we return to God! We cannot, therefore, but abandon ourselves to him, our Creator and Lord, with full and complete confidence. Some people affirm and try to prove that the universe is eternal and that the whole order we see in the universe, including man with his intelligence and freedom, is only the work of chance. Scientific studies and the

deeply-felt experience of so many honest persons say, however, that these ideas, though affirmed and even taught, are not proved and always leave those who uphold them confused and restless, because they understand very well that an object in movement must be pushed from outside! They understand very well that chance cannot produce the perfect order that exists in the universe and in man! Everything is admirably ordained, from the tiny particles that compose the atom to the galaxies that revolve in space! Everything indicates a plan, which comprises every manifestation of nature, from inert matter to man's thought! Where there is order, there is intelligence; and where there is a supreme order, there is Supreme Intelligence, whom we call "God," and whom Jesus revealed to us as Love and taught us to call Father! Thus, reflecting on the nature of the universe and on our own life, we understand and recognize that we are creatures, limited and yet sublime, who owe their existence to the Infinite Majesty of the Creator! **Prayer, therefore, is first of all an act of intelligence, a feeling of humility and gratitude, an attitude of trust and abandonment to him who gave us life out of love.** Prayer is a mysterious but real dialogue with God, a dialogue of confidence and love.

We, however, are Christians, and therefore we must pray as Christians. For the Christian, in fact, prayer acquires a particular characteristic, which completely changes its innermost nature and innermost value. The Christian is a disciple of Jesus; he is one who really believes that Jesus is the Word Incarnate; the Son of God who came among us on this earth. As a man, the life of Jesus was a continual prayer, a continual act of worship and love of the Father, and since the maximum expression of prayer is sacrifice, the summit of Jesus' prayer is the Sacrifice of the Cross, anticipated with the Eucharist at the Last Supper and handed down with Holy Mass throughout the centuries. **Therefore, the Christian knows that his prayer is Jesus; every prayer of his starts from Jesus; it is he who prays in us, with us, for us. All those who believe in God, pray; but the Christian prays in Jesus Christ: Christ is our prayer! The greatest prayer is Holy Mass, because in Holy Mass Jesus himself is really present, renewing the Sacrifice of the Cross; but every prayer is precious, especially the "Our Father," which he himself willed to teach to the Apostles and to all men on earth. Uttering the words of the "Our Father," Jesus created a concrete model which is at the same time universal. In fact, everything that can and must be said to the Father is enclosed in those seven requests which we all know by heart. There is such a simplicity in them that even a child can learn them,**

but at the same time such a depth that a whole life can be spent meditating on their meaning.

Finally, we must also pray because we are frail and guilty. It must be humbly and realistically recognized that we are poor creatures, confused in ideas, tempted by evil, frail and weak, in continual need of inner strength and consolation. Prayer gives the strength for great ideals, to maintain faith, charity, purity and generosity. Prayer gives the courage to emerge from indifference and guilt, if unfortunately one has yielded to temptation and weakness. Prayer gives light to see and consider events of one's own life and of history in the salvific perspective of God and eternity. Therefore, do not stop praying! Let not a day pass without your having prayed a little! Prayer is a duty, but it is also a great joy, because it is a dialogue with God through Jesus Christ! Every Sunday, Holy Mass; and, if it is possible for you, also sometimes during the week. Every day, morning and evening prayers, and at the most suitable moments! (*General Audience, March 14, 1979*)

BEING CONSISTENT WITH THE FAITH

Be consistent! Christian faith, our own dignity and the expectation of the present-day world, essentially need this commitment of consistency. **And the first fundamental expression of consistency is the struggle against sin, that is, the constant and even heroic effort to live in grace.** Unfortunately we live in an age in which sin has even become an industry, which produces money, inspires economic plans, bestows prosperity. This situation is certainly striking and terrible. Yet we must not let ourselves be frightened or oppressed: any age demands "consistency" from the Christian. And so, even in present-day society, immersed in a lax and permissive atmosphere, which may tempt and entice, you young people, remain consistent with the message and the friendship of Jesus; live in grace, abide in his love, putting into practice the whole moral law, nourishing your soul with the Body of Christ, taking advantage of the Sacrament of Penance periodically and seriously... **You, too, be courageous! The world needs convinced and fearless witnesses. It is not enough to discuss, it is necessary to act!** Let your consistency become witness, and let the first form of this commitment be "availability." Always feel ready, like the Good Samaritan, to love, to assist, to help, in the family, at work, in recreation, with those who are near and those who are far away. (*Message to Students, August 30, 1980*)

The Christian must always be consistent with his faith. "Martyrdom" -- Clemente Alessandrino wrote -- "consists in bearing witness to God. But every soul that seeks knowledge of God with purity, and obeys God's commandments, is a martyr, both in life and in words. For if it does not shed its blood, it pours out its faith, since for faith it separates from the body even before dying." (*Stromata, 4,4, 15*). Be young people of faith! of true, deep Christian faith! My great Predecessor Paul VI, on October 30, 1968, after speaking on the authenticity of faith, recited a prayer of his "to obtain faith." Keeping in mind that incisive and profound text, **I express the wish that... your faith, O young people, may be certain, that is, founded on the Word of God, on deep knowledge of the Gospel message, and especially of the life, person and work of Christ; and also on the interior witness of the Holy Spirit. May your faith be strong; may it not hesitate, not waver, before the doubts, the uncertainties which philosophical systems or fashionable movements would like to suggest to you; may it not descend to compromises with certain concepts, which would like to present Christianity as a mere ideology of historical character, and therefore to be placed at the same level as so many others, now outdated. May your faith be joyful, because it is based on the awareness of possessing a divine gift. When you pray and dialogue with God and when you converse with men, manifest the joy of this enviable possession. Let your faith be active, let it manifest itself and take on concrete shape in laborious and generous charity towards brothers, who live crushed in sorrow and in need; let it be manifested in your serene adherence to the teaching of the truth; let it be expressed in your availability for all apostolic initiatives, in which you are called to participate for the expansion and the building up of the kingdom of Christ!** (*Message to Youth of Apulia, Italy, October 5, 1980*)

MARY, THE MOTHER OF JESUS AND OUR MOTHER

I wish in particular to bring the youth of the whole world and of the whole Church closer to her, to Mary who is the Mother of Fair Love. She bears within her an indestructible sign of youth and beauty which never pass. I wish and pray that the young will approach her, have confidence in her, and entrust to her the life that is before them; that they will love her with a simple and warm love of the heart. She alone is capable of responding to this love in the best way: "Following Mary you will not go astray, calling upon Mary you will not despair, thinking of Mary, you will not err...., turning to Mary,

you will have her favor." (St. Bernard). (*General Audience, May 2, 1979*)

I call on you this morning to look at Mary, the Mother of Jesus and our Mother. The Church itself suggests to us this particular attention for the Blessed Virgin: it willed that the last day of the octave of Christmas and the first day of the new year should be dedicated to celebration of Mary's Motherhood. The intention to highlight the "place" of the Mother, I would say the "motherly dimension" of the whole mystery of the human birth of God, is, therefore, evident. This is not an intention that is manifested only on this day. **The Church's veneration for the Madonna** -- a veneration that surpasses the cult of every other saint and takes the name of "hyperdulia" -- **invests the whole liturgical year.** March 25 is the day on which the moment of the Annunciation, that is, the incarnation of the eternal Word in the Virgin's pure womb, is recalled. From that day up to December 25, it can be said that **the Church discreetly but with deep awareness, walks with Mary,** living with her the expectancy of every mother: expectancy of the birth, expectancy of Christmas. And at the same time, during this period, Mary "walks" with the Church. Her motherly expectancy is inscribed, in a quiet but very real way, in the life of the Church throughout the year. What happened between Nazareth, Ain Karim and Bethlehem, is the subject of the liturgy of the Church, of its prayer -- especially the prayer of the Rosary -- and of its contemplation.

Everything begins with the conversation between the Virgin and the Archangel Gabriel: "How shall this be, since I have no husband?" (Lk. 1:34). Answer: "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God." (Lk. 1:35). At the same time as physical motherhood, Mary's spiritual motherhood began, a motherhood which filled the nine months of waiting, but which was prolonged also beyond the moment of the birth of Jesus to embrace the thirty years spent between Bethlehem, Egypt and Nazareth, and then also the years of Jesus' public life, when the Son of Mary left his home in Nazareth to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom: years which culminated in the events of Calvary and in the supreme sacrifice on the Cross. **It was just here, under the Cross, that Mary's spiritual motherhood reached its key moment, in a certain sense.** "When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" (Jn. 19:26). Thus Jesus linked Mary, his Mother, in a new way with man, to whom he had given the Gospel. Jesus linked her, then,

with every man, as He united her, subsequently, with the Church, on the day of its historic birth, that is, the day of Pentecost. **From that day, the whole Church had her as Mother, and all men have her as Mother. They understand the words spoken from the Cross, as addressed to each of them.** (*General Audience, January 10, 1979*)

I will take the opportunity of the feast of the Blessed Virgin, celebrated yesterday, but which in a way extends throughout the whole month of October. **The holy rosary introduces us into the very heart of faith. With our thought fixed on it, we greet repeatedly, joyfully, the holy Mother of God; declare blessed the Son, the sweet fruit of her womb; and invoke her motherly protection in life and in death. Dear young people, esteem the rosary, raise a joyful song to the Queen of heaven, and may you delight in reciting it.** The holy rosary, with its alternating verses of joy and sorrow, as well as of hope in the resurrection, may be of use to you too, dear sick people who are present, or who have remained at home. It shows, through the vicissitudes of the Son of God and of the Virgin, how constant in human life is the alternation of good and evil, calm and storms, joyful days and sad ones. Sorrow weighs on human nature, created for joy; but it is also a regenerating and sanctifying element, as we can see very well in the life of Christ and His Mother. (*October 5, 1980*)

STUDY GUIDE

The purpose of the following questions is to stimulate small-group study and discussion as well as personal reflection on the words of Pope John Paul II. The questions are grouped according to the topics of the text, and are divided into those more suitable for group discussion and those aiding personal reflection. The reading of the texts themselves will suggest many other questions that can help to assimilate the great truths taught and lead to a revitalization of personal life.

JESUS CHRIST

Discussion:

1. *Pope John Paul II said that we should not be afraid to open wide the doors of our hearts, our institutions, our civilization, to Christ. What does this mean in practice? Why should anyone be afraid?*
2. *What can be done to foster a "sincere, authentic and personal" relationship with Jesus Christ?*

Personal reflection:

1. How often do I speak with Jesus Christ each day? Is he really my friend?
2. Could I attend Mass sometimes during the week; or stop by a church for a visit to the Blessed Sacrament?
3. Do I read the Gospels?

EACH PERSON'S VOCATION FROM GOD

Discussion:

1. *What does the Holy Father mean when he says: "Every human vocation, as a Christian vocation, corresponds to the evangelical call"? (Letter to Youth, n. 9)*
2. *"Christian revelation recognizes two specific ways of realizing the vocation of the human person, in its entirety, to love: marriage and virginity or celibacy" (Familiaris Consortio, n. 11). Discuss the consequences of this statement.*

Personal reflection:

1. Am I asking Christ what He wants me to do?
2. Am I open to a possible call from Christ to the priesthood, to religious life, to celibate lay life in the world?
3. If I feel called to marriage, do I approach it with the disposition of responding to a vocation from God?

YOUTH

Discussion:

1. *What are the characteristics of the period called youth? What are the positive and negative aspects of this time?*
2. *"So your youth is not just your own property, your personal property or the property of a generation" (Letter to Youth, n. 1). What are the consequences of this fundamental truth?*

Personal reflection:

1. Am I using responsibly my capacity for choosing and deciding?
2. Do I really know myself, my strong and weak points? What are they? What do other people think they are?
3. Do I really think about others and my responsibilities toward them?

THE SITUATION OF THE WORLD - FALSE IDEALS

Discussion:

1. *What are the ideals presented by the mass media and the present-day cultural environment? Are these ideals consistent with the message of Christ?*
2. *What can be done by young people to live with "depth in a world where everything encourages you to be superficial consumers"? (Pope John Paul II, June 13, 1984)*

Personal reflection:

1. Do I think that pleasure and/or material possessions are the main goal of life?
2. Do I see the great fallacy in thinking that basic moral norms can change?
3. What am I doing in my surroundings "to reveal the true meaning of life" ? (Pope John Paul II, October 1, 1979)

TRUE FREEDOM

Discussion:

1. *What does freedom mean for most people? What are the consequences of such notions of freedom? What does true freedom consist of?*
2. *Are schools teaching the full truth about man, the purpose of freedom and how to attain it? Do they teach the fundamental truth that "it is impossible to liberate man unless it is to deliver him from what destroys him from the inside, from sin"? (Pope John Paul II, April 1985)*

Personal reflection:

1. Am I aware of my selfish tendencies and do I try to curb them?
2. Do I make decisions based on superficial impressions, impulse or 'feelings', or are they the result of sincere reflection on the truth?
3. Do I confront sin in my life by a sincere and forceful inner struggle and God's grace?

STUDY, THINKING, WORK AND COMPETENCE

Discussion:

1. *What is the Holy Father referring to when he says: "un-mask slogans, false values, mirages, dead ends"? (Address, June 1, 1980)*
2. *What goals should one have for studying and working, and how should they affect the way one studies?*

Personal reflection:

1. Am I learning how to reflect and think, to judge rightly regarding ideas and events, or am I content with popular notions, the latest fads and ways of looking at things?
2. Am I seriously striving to develop my talents through study?
3. What personal goals do I pursue in my study and work? Are they selfish? Are they demanding enough?

ETERNAL LIFE

Discussion:

1. *Are young people today asking the question about the final purpose of life?*
2. *What are the consequences in thought and action of knowing that human life does not end with death?*
3. *Discuss: "On the one hand 'love the world'... and at the same time ... acquire interior detachment with regard to all this rich and fascinating reality that makes up 'the world'" (Letter to Youth, n. 5)*

Personal reflection:

1. Do I think deeply about why I am here and the final purpose of my life?
2. Is my life motivated by a sincere desire to please God now and forever?

SIN. WHAT IT IS. TODAY'S LOSS OF THE SENSE OF SIN

Discussion:

1. *Why have so many people lost the notion of sin as a free transgression of God's commandments?*
2. *Do young Catholics today know of and adhere to the distinction between mortal and venial sin?*
3. *Discuss the reasons given by Pope John Paul II in Reconciliatio et Paenitentia for the loss of the sense of sin (cf. text)*

Personal reflection:

1. Have I made an effort to form my conscience through a serious study of the ten commandments?
2. Do I measure my thoughts and actions against the objective truth of God's law?
3. Have I opted to excuse some of my wrong actions by going along with popular and superficial opinions that disregard God and the full truth about man?

MORAL RESPONSIBILITY

Discussion:

1. *Discuss: "Moral permissiveness does not make man happy" (Pope John Paul II, June 1, 1980)*
2. *Why does the Pope say that only a "person of conscience or principles" is a "person who inspires trust" and is credible? (cf. Letter to Youth, nn. 6-7)*

Personal reflection:

1. Am I a "person of principle"?
2. Do I always defend the truth about God, moral right and wrong, etc.?

CHASTITY, A REBIRTH OF TRUE LOVE

Discussion:

1. *Do young people today esteem a "Christian mastery of the body" (cf. text) and the other positive elements that make up the virtue of chastity?*
2. *Discuss how an approach to sexuality that disregards the principles of Christian morality is "selfish in its essence". (Letter to Youth, n. 10)*
3. *Discuss how the vocation to virginity/celebracy is also a complete vocation of love?*

Personal reflection:

1. Do I use the means provided by God to preserve and grow in the virtue of chastity and help others to do so as well?
2. Have I allowed the present environment of permissiveness to deform in my mind the noble truth about human sexuality and its purpose?
3. Do I have a complete appreciation of the vocation of marriage?

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE

Discussion:

1. *Is friendship and love generally understood as giving oneself to others, dispossessing oneself in order to understand and serve others?*
2. *What elements of the present-day environment block deeper friendships among young people?*

Personal reflection:

1. Do I serve others generously?
2. Are my friendships noble and pure, involving concern for the total good my friends?
3. Do I deal well with all people or is my "charity" limited to those whom I like?

SPORTS AND CONTACT WITH NATURE

Discussion:

1. *What can be done to foster greater attention to human and Christian values in sports?*
2. *Are young people in close enough contact with nature, or are they too often content with "easy entertainment"?*

Personal reflection:

1. Am I involved in athletics? Is my involvement charged with ideals of virtue and friendship?
2. Do I appreciate the gift of the visible world and approach it with respect and the vision of perfecting it for the future?
3. Do I avoid contact with nature out of fear of the fatigue and effort involved?

WOMANHOOD, MOTHERHOOD

Discussion:

1. *What are the ramifications of the Holy Father's statement: "motherhood, physically or spiritually, is woman's vocation"? (General Audience, Jan. 10, 1979)*
2. *Does the present environment confuse the identity of women and the notion of femininity?*

Personal reflection:

1. For young men - Do I have and show a great respect for women and their role both within the family and in society?
2. For young women - Do I have a deep appreciation of the values of motherhood and the family?

FAMILY

Discussion:

1. *The Holy Father says that "the family is ... the place of origin and the most effective means for humanizing and personalizing society" (Familiaris Consortio, n. 43). What does he mean?*
2. *What elements of our environment and culture tend to destroy the family? What can be done by youth to overcome these negative influences?*

Personal reflection:

1. Have I mistreated the members of my family, especially by failing to appreciate and understand them or thinking only about myself?
2. Do I love my family "with generosity, patience, tact, tolerating those imperfections which are not lacking in any person whatsoever"?
3. Do I pray with and for my family?

WORLD PEACE AND JUSTICE

Discussion:

1. *What can young people do here and now to advance the cause of peace in the world?*
2. *Why does the Pope say that peace involves order within one's own life "in accordance with the right order willed by God"?*

Personal reflection:

1. Have I let myself be influenced by any ideologies that advocate hatred and violence as means of social reform?
2. Am I prejudiced against individuals or groups because of their national origin, ethnic background, economic status or religious affiliation?
3. Am I currently involved in some social project of service to others (the poor, sick, elderly, handicapped, etc.)?

SUFFERING

Discussion:

1. *What does the Pope mean when he says that suffering "is also present in order to unleash love in the human person"?*
2. *Does our present-day society leave any room for "the salvific meaning of suffering"?*

Personal reflection:

1. Am I concerned to do my part in relieving the sufferings of others to the extent possible?
2. When I suffer or see others suffer, do I remember to offer this pain to God for the redemption of the world?
3. Do I meditate on the sufferings of Christ and what caused them?

THE CHURCH

Discussion:

1. *Do people today tend to look at the Church as a mere human institution with a predominantly human social purpose? Do they see it is an essentially supernatural reality - the Mystical Body of Christ - where Christ and His word are central?*
2. *Are young Catholics aware of their call to identify themselves with the purpose of Christ and His Church and, therefore, to be full protagonists of its mission, which is to save souls?*

Personal reflection:

1. Do I defend the Church and its pastors in my thoughts, words and actions, refusing to fall into a human criticism which is always unjust?
2. Do I pray for the Holy Father, the bishops and other pastors of the Church, realizing their need for my full support?
3. Do I collaborate by every means in the mission of the Church in union with the pastors?

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Discussion:

1. *What are the many reasons we can give why Christ instituted the Sacrament of Penance for the forgiveness of sins committed after Baptism?*
2. *Why has the practice of Confession diminished in recent years?*
3. *What other benefits besides the forgiveness of sins are involved in frequent confession?*

Personal reflection:

1. Do I believe that it is Christ who is present in the person of the priest/confessor and that it is He who forgives sin, destroys guilt, and gives grace?
2. When was the last time I received the Sacrament? Do I realize that Christ wants to meet me "regularly, frequently, in a personal way, in a personal encounter of loving mercy, forgiveness and healing"? (Pope John Paul II, Homily, Sept. 8, 1980)
3. Have I ever helped a friend to get to Confession? Whom can I help now by my example and word?

THE EUCHARIST

Discussion:

1. *Are people today sufficiently aware that the Mass is the sacrifice of the cross and that being present at Mass is to be present with Christ on Calvary?*
2. *How can we young people mobilize a renewed attention to Jesus Christ present in the tabernacles of our churches?*
3. *What should be the consequences of receiving Jesus Christ in Holy Communion?*

Personal reflection:

1. Do I attend Mass with the idea of meeting Christ who died on the cross for me?
2. Do I realize that if I have committed a serious sin, I should not receive Holy Communion before receiving forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

3. Is the presence of Christ in the tabernacle of my church a support and stimulus to my life? Do I treat Christ like the friend that He is?

PRAYER

Discussion:

1. *Discuss the implications of the simple definition of prayer given by the Pope: "a talk, a conversation, a colloquy with God" (Discourse, June 1, 1980)*
2. *How is it possible for an ordinary Christian to live a deep life of prayer?*

Personal reflection:

1. Do I ever offer God what I am doing - my study, work, any worthwhile activity?
2. Do I spend some minutes every day exclusively dedicated to a confident dialogue with God?
3. Do I read the Gospels or some spiritual book that can help me to know God better?

BEING CONSISTENT WITH THE FAITH

Discussion:

1. *Discuss the challenges involved in being consistent with the faith today. How can we strengthen our faith?*
2. *The Holy Father said: "It is not enough to discuss, it is necessary to act" (Message, Aug. 30, 1980). What acts in accordance with the faith are most necessary today?*

Personal reflection:

1. Do my actions always conform to the truth of the faith?
2. Do I fail to do what I know is right due to peer pressure, the environment, or whatever?
3. Do I strive to show my faith above all by avoiding sin, by charity toward all and by generous study and work done for the love of God?

MARY, THE MOTHER OF JESUS AND OUR MOTHER

Discussion:

1. *Why is devotion to Mary so important? What do we learn about our life from Mary?*
2. *Discuss the meaning of the Rosary and other devotions to Mary.*

Personal reflection:

1. Do I have a personal devotion to Mary? Do I deal with Mary as my Mother?
2. Have I read a book that could help me to understand better the mysteries of our faith presented by the Rosary?



TOTUS TUUS

TOTUS TUUS is the Latin for "All I am is yours." It is the Holy Father's motto. On October 17, 1978, the day after he was elected, Pope John Paul II explained why he had chosen TOTUS TUUS as his motto. "On this momentous occasion, which fills my heart with fear and trembling, it is only natural that, like a child, I should turn in loving reverence to Our Blessed Mother, repeating the words: 'All I am is yours.'"

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