

Invitation

Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at of Edmonton

Cordially invites you to attend an Interfaith Symposium on the topic of "Natural Disasters or Divine Punishment" on Thursday, October 14th 2010 at 7:00 pm, Telus Centre, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta.

Renowned speakers from a variety of faiths and from Atheism will explain their religious perspectives.

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The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community was initiated under Divine guidance by Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian, India in 1889. He claimed to be the Promised Messiah and Imam Mahdi of the Latter Days, whose advent was awaited by the world community of religions. Ahmadiyyat, which he founded under Divine guidance, is not a new religion. It represents the essence of the pristine and pure Islam enunciated by the Holy Prophet Muhammad (on whom be peace and blessing of God). The Community established by Hadhrat Ahmad is an embodiment of the benevolent message of all world religions; peace, universal brotherhood, and submission to the Will of God.

The objective of the Movement is to educate the world about Islam, to promote understanding among people of different religions and to establish harmony by bringing people closer to God.



Bait-ul-Hadi Mosque, Edmonton
7005-98th Ave

Natural Disasters or Divine Punishment



Interfaith Symposium

Thursday 14th October, 2010
7:00 pm—9:00 pm

Telus Centre
University of Alberta
87 Ave and 111 Street
Edmonton

Invitation and Information

Program

- 7:00 PM Welcome**
- 7:05 PM Recitation from the Holy Qur'an and Translation**
- 7:10 PM Introductory Remarks**
- 7:15 PM Judaism Perspective
Rabbi David Kunin**
- 7:35 PM Christianity Perspective
Dr. David Goa**
- 7:55 PM Atheism Perspective
Paul R. Welke**
- 8:15 PM Islam Perspective
Dr. Mohyuddin Mirza**
- 8:35 PM Question and Answer session.**
- 9:00 PM Word of Thanks and Refreshments**

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Rabbi David Kunin



Rabbi David Kunin, graduated from Brandeis University with a degree in Medieval History. He then attended the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, where he was ordained as a Rabbi and received an MA in Judaic Studies. He has served congregations in Scotland, and in several communities in North America. He is now the Rabbi of Beth Shalom Congregation, Edmonton. Rabbi Kunin speaks widely on issues of inter-religious understanding and is the president of Edmonton Interfaith Centre.

Dr. David Goa



Dr. David Goa is a native of Alberta while his parents Solveig and Finn Goa had immigrated from Norway to Canada. He studied history, philosophy and the history of religions in Chicago. David has been involved in various research and documentation and communications projects both in Canada and abroad. He built the program for the study of culture through his field research work over thirty years at the Royal Alberta Museum. He lectures widely and is the author of numerous books and scholarly articles and is a regular contributor to the media. His work focuses on religious tradition and modern culture, and the civil life, and on public institutions in service to cultural communities and modern civil society.

Paul R. Welke

President of Society of Edmonton Atheists, Paul R. Welke has a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from the University of Alberta, where he enjoyed serving on Students' Council and spending time with his friends in the Delta Chi Fraternity, with which he is still somewhat active. Paul is a veteran of the Canadian Forces Intelligence Branch, and has served two peacekeeping tours in Bosnia-Herzegovina. He has also been presented with the Queen's Jubilee Medal by Parliament for community service, and a Safer Cities Commendation from Edmonton City Council.

Dr. Mohyuddin Mirza



Dr. Mohyuddin Mirza, Ph.D., is a graduate of the University of Alberta and a past president of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Edmonton. He is the author of several publications on Islamic response to contemporary issues and speaks frequently at national and international conventions. He hosts a weekly program on social issues called Food for Thought on Muslim Television Ahmadiyya, a worldwide 24 hour satellite TV network.