

Invitation

**Ahmadiyya Muslim Students Assoc.
University of Alberta**

Cordially invites you to attend an World Religions Conference on the topic of "Human Suffering and Religion" on Thursday, March 21, 2013 at 7:00 pm, Telus Centre, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta.

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

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**Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at
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7005 98th Ave,
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The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at 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 Jama'at 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**

HUMAN SUFFERING AND RELIGION



WORLD RELIGIONS CONFERENCE

**THURSDAY
21 MARCH, 2013
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 Hindu Perspective
Pundit Pankaj Dixit**
- 7:35 PM Jewish Perspective
Dr. Catherine Caufield**
- 7:55 PM Christian Perspective
Dr. David Goa**
- 8:15 PM Atheist Perspective
Marion Kilgour**
- 8:35 PM Muslim Perspective
Ataul Wahid LaHaye**
- 8:55 PM Question and Answer Session**
- 9:15 PM Word of Thanks and Refreshments**

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Pundit Pankaj Dixit

Pandit Pankaj Dixit began practicing as a priest over 10 years ago. He holds a First Class Masters Degree in Sanskrit and Art History. He studied Vedas and Brahmanas in conventional guru-shishya tradition and a specialized course on purohitya from Lai Bahadur Vidyapeeth, New Delhi. In 1993 he was awarded a scholarship and grant to study South Indian Temple Architecture from The Nehru Trust for Indian Collection at The Victoria and Albert Museum, London, U.K. He has written more than 50 articles and is the author of 3 books. He is a multifaceted personality on Hinduism. Pandit Pankaj Dixit Ji is married and is the blessed father of two daughters and one son.

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.

Marion Kilgour

Marion Kilgour has a B. Sc. in Mechanical Engineering from the UofA. She is a founding member of the Society of Edmonton Atheists, and has been involved with the executive for the past three years. Marion was raised in the United Church, but has not considered herself Christian since her early teens, and acknowledged her atheism in university after exposure to friends of diverse faiths. She now works with the SEA to create a community of atheists, agnostics, and freethinkers; a safe place for others to voice their doubts and explore their new found disbelief; and the social support traditionally provided by religious institutions

Dr. Catherine Caufield

Catherine Caufield is an Assistant Professor in the Religious Studies Program and the Latin American Studies Program at the University of Alberta. She holds a doctorate in Religious Studies from the Centre for the Study of Religion in the University of Toronto. Dr. Caufield has received a number of awards, including a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Toronto and a Foreign Government Award with the Govt. of Mexico. Dr. Caufield served as Project Coordinator for the International Research Capacity-Building Program for Nurses to Study the Drug Phenomenon in the Americas. Her research areas of interest are Jewish Latin American fictional literature and hermeneutic literary theory. She has published numerous articles in referred journals, as well as the book Hermeneutical Approaches to Religious Discourse in Mexican Narrative.

Ataul Wahid LaHaye

Mr. LaHaye became a member of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at in March of 1984 after studying various religious doctrine for 8 years. He sat on the National Executive of the Jama'at as the secretary for Propagation for 7 years and has lectured on various religious subjects in Canada, Britain, India and America.

Mr. LaHaye has numerous articles published by the Jama'at as well as editorials in local newspapers. He has been writing, producing and editing documentaries on behalf of the Jama'at for several years. A few include a documentary on Qadian, the home of the founder of the Jama'at, Jesus in India, A Sign for North America and A Heavenly Sign. He is currently working on a documentary that will examine male/female relationships in the context of dating.