



Henry Martyn Institute: International Centre for Research, Interfaith Relations and Reconciliation

International Interfaith Conference On Mysticism East and West A Search for Meaningful Religious Experience



“The hope for the world exists through the mystical dimension of life,” these words used to be repeated by the revered philosopher, theologian, apostle of dialogue and mystic Prof. Raimon Panikkar. HMI would like to conduct this conference in honour of Panikkar and as one of the many ways to fulfill his vision.

Themes for the conference include but not limited to grace, compassion, pluralism, the ‘other’, annihilation of the self, love, harmony, justice, peace, identity, gender, spirituality, boundaries, acceptance, transcendence, ecstasy, healing and inter-subjectivity.

Objectives:

- To bring together thinkers and practitioners from East and West who are interested in meaningful religious experience
- To provide the space for practicing mystics to connect with fellow participants/resource persons and the divine
- To share, learn and experience from one another’s spiritual/mystical attainment that is distinctively shaped by their religious teachings and traditions.
- To seek ways and means to realize the insights into action in the context of pluralism and to counteract various forms of fundamentalism
- Being present to one another to radiate the experience of transcendence, harmony, and peace.

Outcomes:

- Pro-active and pro-existential involvement in a positive and nourishing environment
- Deep listening and attentive participation resulting in transformation and transcendence
- Insights and illumination on some key themes/topics/issues
- To become spiritually nourished, renewed and rejuvenated
- Papers presented in the conference to be published in the form of a book and to be published in HMI journal

Invitees for the Conference:

The participants to the conference would include but not limit to scholars in religion, practicing mystics and/or representatives from various religious institution.

Paper Presenters:

We invite papers on mysticism from an interfaith perspective representing any religious tradition. Kindly mail in the draft of the paper before Dec. 2011 to varghesemanimala46@gmail.com

Rhythm of the Day:

The day will begin with interfaith prayer representing various religions in the form of bhajans (devotional songs), prayers, recitations, scriptural readings, etc. After the paper presentations and panel discussions are over, evening programmes will highlight how various religious traditions lead us to experience the ‘Other’ in the form of Qawwali (Sufi devotional songs), Veena Recital (A South Indian String music instrument), Bhajans (Hindu spiritual songs), dance, and so on.

Dates:

23 - 25 January 2012

Venue:

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