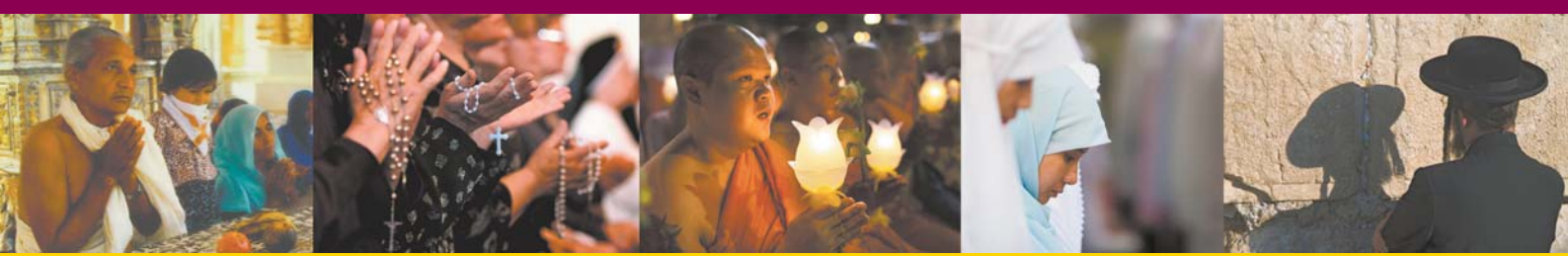


# LOVE AND CARE FOR OTHERS IN THE AGE OF SOCIAL MEDIA



## TWO SPECIAL MULTI-FAITH FORUMS

Sunday 24 June and Sunday 2 September 2012

Maitripa Centre

In these two forums, four teachers from different faiths will explore how to love and care for others in the age of social media.

The panel will dialogue on important topics and answer questions and engage with the audience at each forum.

Participants will be able to: learn more about the great faith traditions of the world; connect with others pursuing a religious and spiritual path; and find out more about interfaith dialogue and activities happening in your world.

An ongoing blog on the program themes will operate before and between the programs.

### FORUM ONE

#### THE LOVE OF HUMANITY IN ALL RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS

Forum members will discuss the theme of the program in an interfaith context.

- How do we avoid letting religion, culture, or race getting in the way of good relations with our neighbours?
- What is the role and place of religion in the modern world?
- Is love and care of humanity the shared message of religion?
- What is the value of interfaith dialogue?

**24 June 2012 2.00pm to 4.00pm**

### FORUM TWO

#### WORKING WITH OTHERS WITH LOVE AND COMPASSION IN THE AGE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Forum members will discuss the theme in relation to the impact of social media on the religious and spiritual path.

- Are 24/7 technologies such as iPads and smart phones making us too busy to care?
- YouTube: wisdom of the ages or a banality on steroids?
- Will there be a Facebook led spiritual revolution?
- What effect does the lack of face-to-face contact by social media have on us?
- I twitter, therefore I am. Does social media increase our humanity?

**2 September 2012 2.00pm to 4.00pm**

## FORUM MEMBERS



**Rev. Dr John Dupuche**, Parish Priest in the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

Dr John Dupuche's book, *Abhinavagupta: the Kula Ritual as elaborated in chapter 29 of the Tantraloka* was published in 2003; *Jesus, the Mantra of God*, in 2005; *Towards a Christian Tantra* in 2009. He is chair of the Catholic Interfaith Committee and research officer at Australian Catholic University. He lives in an interfaith household.



**Rabbi Jonathan Keren-Black**, Rabbi of the Leo Baeck Centre, East Kew, Melbourne

Jonathan has a background in industry and management, and was ordained as a Rabbi from the Leo Baeck College in London in 1988, serving in London for 15 years, during which he developed a keen interest and involvement in both environmental and interfaith fields, before coming to Melbourne with his family in 2003 to work with the Leo Baeck Congregation in East Kew. In that year he was involved in founding the Jewish Ecological Coalition and the Jewish Christian Muslim Association of Australia, and in 2008 combined these two interests with the formation of GreenFaith Australia. In his spare time he has also designed and built environmental homes in each hemisphere! Jonathan has published *A Judaism for the Twenty-First Century*, and led the Editorial Team that in 2010 produced the new Prayer book that is now being used across Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. He feels it is a religious responsibility to put 'prayer into practice'.



**Swami Paramananda Saraswati**, Hindu Monk, Monk, President of Yo Veda Inc

Swami Paramananda Saraswati is an inspiring and enthusiastic person with many unique qualities, belonging to the lineage of Adi Shankaracharya. Inspired by various Masters and under the guidance of Swami Anubhavananda who himself is a disciple of Swami Chinmayananda, Swamiji completed a Post Graduate Vedanta course at Sandepany Sadhanalaya, Powai, India. He has dedicated his life for the service of mankind spreading the knowledge of Vedanta in a logical, yet simple and straightforward manner, on various topics like Bhagwad Geeta, Patanjali Yoga Sutras, Pancadasi, Upanishads, etc. For the last 11 years, he has taken many classes in the form of seminars, camps and workshops to benefit all age groups, from children, teenagers and adults alike. He has travelled widely sharing the knowledge through his great sense of humor and fine delivery of practical knowledge. Swamiji also takes annual pilgrimages to India.



**Venerable Anna Goldstein**, Tibetan Buddhist nun based at the Tibetan Buddhist Society in Melbourne

Venerable Anna Goldstein was a student of the Tibetan Buddhist master, Venerable Geshe Acharya Thubten Loden, for almost 30 years until his passing last year. Anna has taught Buddhist philosophy and meditation at the Society's Peaceful Land of Joy Meditation Centre in Yuroke and in the community. She has also worked extensively in communications and public affairs involving a wide range of social issues including housing, family violence, finance and education and maintains a strong interest in latest communications channels including social media.

"E-Vam Institute is delighted to have the opportunity to host this interfaith dialogue. In this changing world that we live in it has become very obvious that people of different nationalities, cultures and religions must learn to live with each other and we need to do this not simply by tolerating people of different cultural backgrounds and religious traditions but we need to try to understand each other. In a small way we at E-Vam Institute are trying to do that."

*With great appreciation to all the participants, With Deep Respect,  
Traleg Rinpoche*

"The contrasting character of the participants will give considerable value to the outcome."

*Rev. Dr John Dupuche,  
Catholic Interfaith Committee*

"Because of the timely and important theme, I am confident that the project will offer benefits not only to our own young people but potentially also to others worldwide."

*Jonathan Keren-Black,  
Board Member, Progressive Judaism Victoria*

"The Love of Humanity in All Religious Traditions: It's the times!"

*Swami Paramananda Saraswati,  
President of Yo Veda Inc*



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### Booking Information

**Venue:** Maitripa Centre, in the beautiful Yarra Valley.

**Cost:** \$20 per forum

Affordable meals, snacks and barista style coffee will be available at Dogen's Café onsite at Maitripa Centre.

For further information or to register contact the E-Vam Buddhist Institute on:

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