



Let's Reveal to the World The Spiritual Splendour of Zarathushtra



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***Oh ye, coming to seek knowledge,
now shall I proclaim to you the messages of the Wise Creator,***

***The hymns unto Ahura and the prayer offerings of
the Good Mind,***

***The enduring truth and the glorious vision of
the Heavenly Light attainable through Truth sublime.
[Ha 30.1]***

Fellow Zarathushtis,

A unique opportunity has presented itself to us to proclaim the messages, the teachings and Truth of Zarathushtra to a world that comes seeking knowledge.

From the 3rd to the 9th of December 2009, the Parliament of the World's Religions will be held in Melbourne, Australia. The Parliament represents the world's largest interreligious gathering, with religious leaders and thinkers from over 80 nations congregating in one place at one time to seek an understanding and knowledge of different faiths.

Given the Parliament's unique ambition to:
"Make a World of Difference, Hearing each other, Healing the earth"
the Zoroastrian Association of Victoria believes this to be an ideal forum in which to reveal to the world, the Spiritual Splendour of Zarathushtra.

It is our intention to share with the world the depth, the wisdom and the spiritual beauty of the Gathas. To reveal the thinking and foresight that shaped all religions to come.

***And grant, O Mazda, Sovereign Lord,
that reciting Thy holy words of revelation,
I may make Thy felicitous message heard.
[Ha 28.7]***

It is with great pleasure that we invite Zarathushtis all over the world to join as one in making His Message heard. Let's put aside the tiny differences that may divide us and show the world our united faith in our extraordinary religion.

We would be delighted if you could make the time to join us in Melbourne and participate in the Parliament in person. More so, we invite all scholars, thinkers, students and artists to send us their writings, their dissertations, their thoughts, their insights and their art on the vision of Zarathushtra as revealed in the Gathas.

Together, let us share with the world the splendour of a wisdom that precedes all others.

***As long as I have power and strength,
I shall teach all to seek for Truth and Right.
[Ha 28.4]***

Over the course of several programs, symposia, performance and exhibits let us help each other, source the wisdom that would grant us all Divine Peace. This should be our undertaking as much as it was Zarathushtra's mission.

Some of our ideas in the pipeline include:

- A rotating Jashan, starting in the Far East and round the world over a 24 hour period.
- An Ahunavar mantra day – consider the powerful impact on the Universe of the collective chanting of this our most potent mantra!
- A musical dream-dance presentation of a vision of Zarathushtra's ancient message to the modern world.

We, the few Zarathushtis of Victoria, Australia invite one and all to come join us in Melbourne, as one community, one single minded people and reveal to the world, the Spiritual Splendour of Zarathushtra.



WELCOME TO MELBOURNE

The 2009 Parliament of the World's Religions (PWR) in Melbourne, Australia

Date & Place: 3-9 December 2009, Melbourne, Australia

“In today’s world, understanding between people of different traditions is not optional. It is essential. The 2009 Parliament will give people of faith, spirit and goodwill, new reason to say that peace is still possible.”

PWR’s Objectives: - Make a World of Difference. Hearing each other, Healing the Earth.
- Sharing Wisdom in the search for Inner Peace.

Program Details: There are over 450 activities encompassing daily morning observances, intrareligious and interreligious programs, symposia, open space dialogue & cultural performances.

Participants: Over 8000 participants from all over the world are expected.

Registration Fees: Please refer to the PWR website for more information

ZAV earnestly appeals to Zoroastrian Associations, educational institutions, Corporations and Philanthropists to support and encourage those most capable of revealing the splendour of our prophet and religion, to come and participate in PWR. Responses for participation must be made before 31st December 2008.

Accommodation: Many hotels have been allocated by PWR but ZAV will endeavour to accommodate Zoroastrian guests with Zoroastrian host families in Melbourne.

Detailed Information: Refer to websites www.zav.org.au
www.parliamentofreligions2009.org

ZAV’s Open Invitation: We the Zoroastrians of Victoria open up our hearts and homes to all Zoroastrians of the world, to visit our beautiful country, enjoy our open hospitality and take pride in our glorious heritage.

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