

HCI Hindu Collective Initiative - North America Announces 2nd Biennial Hindu Dharma Summit Orlando, December 2007

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Inauguration by Pujya Swami
Dayananda Saraswati of
Arsha Vidya Gurukul, PA

Hosted by: Hindu University of America, Orlando, FL

Dates: December 14 (Friday), **15** (Sat) and **16** (Sun), **2007**
Venue: University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL

Purpose:

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To bring together Heads of all the major Hindu/Vedic/Sanatan Dharmic organizations, temples, yoga centers and spiritual institutions, intellectuals and interested individuals to exchange thoughts and ideas and share experiences on how to impart education about Hindu culture, religion and philosophy to our next generation and remove bias and misperceptions about our faith traditions so that we can maintain our culture and traditions with pride and dignity in North America.

Who will be attending?

Spiritual Heads, Swamis, Gurus and Trustees of major Hindu / Vedic / Sanatan Dharmic institutions and temples, Hindu intellectuals, professors, youth leaders, and those interested in the future of Hindu traditions as well as parents and youth from all Hindu denominations who are interested in maintaining our culture and traditions. (see summary of Dharma Summit 2005 at:

http://www.hinduismtoday.com/archives/2006/1-3/34-35_summit.shtml

Program Highlights:

A. Giving Voice to Global Hindu Human Rights Issues: An overview of

Human Rights issues in Kashmir, Bangladesh, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Caribbean

B. Exhibit on Hindu Human rights abuses in Kashmir and Bangladesh

C. Youth Participation: How can Hindu organizations network, learn from

each other and develop programs that will increase the participation of Hindu youth,

Hindus with non-Hindu spouses, Caribbean and western Hindus and promote understanding

of Hindu religion in the community at large.

D. Education: How can Hindu organizations work together to correct and

improve the portrayal of India and Hinduism in schools, colleges and media; and

develop resources for teaching Hindu religion and culture in schools and

institutions. Special Focus on: Invading the Sacred, a new book just published by

Infinity Foundation, Textbook reviews done by ESHI for North Carolina school

system, and Textbook Supplements being produced by Hinduism Today.

E. Media and Outreach: How can Hindu organizations and interested individuals

implement and participate in outreach activities for the benefit of the community

at large and positively interact with government agencies, institutions, interfaith

groups and the media to improve the portrayal of India and Hinduism.

F. Collaboration and Cooperation: Ways in which collaboration and cooperation

among interested Hindu-American organizations can more effectively address

larger issues of common concern. **Website: www.HCINA.org**

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Invited Speakers:

Sri Sri Ravishankar,

Art of Living Foundation

Sri Palaniswami,

Editor, Hinduism Today

Hindu Monastery, Kauai, HI

Paramahansa Nithyananda,

Int'l Vedic Hindu University

Sri Pranav Pandya,

All World Gayatri Pariwar

Sri Rajiv Malhotra

Dr. Subramayam Swami

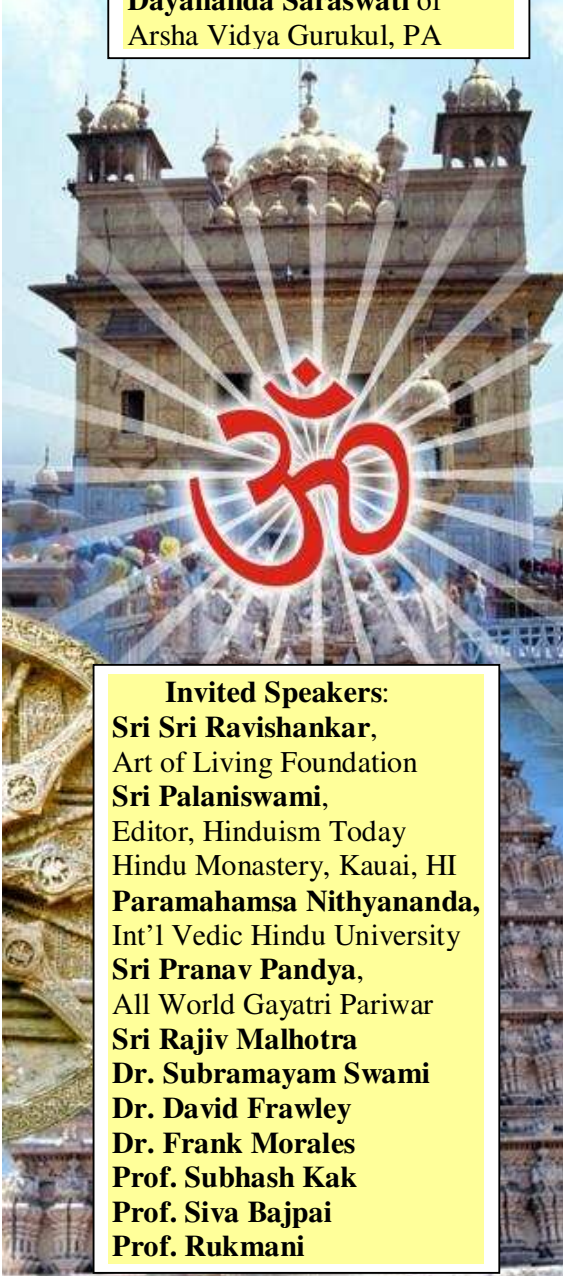
Dr. David Frawley

Dr. Frank Morales

Prof. Subhash Kak

Prof. Siva Bajpai

Prof. Rukmani



Tentative Program Outline

UCF Orlando -- Dec 14,15,16

FRIDAY DEC 14, 2007

1:30PM Inauguration – Swami Dayananda Saraswati

3:00-5:00 Global Hindu Human Rights: K. Banerji

Survey of Hindu Human Rights – HAF
Kashmir, Bangladesh - HRCBM:
Kazakhstan –ISKCON
[Action Plan and Resolution]

5:15 – 6:30 GOI Control of Mandirs: Panel

Research on Global Evangelical Activity
Canada, Caribbean experiences
[Action Plan and Resolution]

6:30-7:00 Inauguration of Exhibition on Hindu Human Rights Abuses in Kashmir & Bangladesh

8:00-8:30 Keynote speaker: Paramhansa Nityanand (invited)

8:30-9:30 Cultural Program

SATURDAY Dec 15, 2007

7:00-8:00 Yoga / Meditation

9:00-9:30 Media and Religion – Palaniswami

EDUCATION TRACK

9:30-11:00 Middle School – High School Textbook Issues

Overview – Arumugaswami
HAF Lawsuit – Status; CAPEEM Lawsuit – Status

11:15 – 12:45 Textbook Review/Issues -

Virginia School Board - Experience
ESHI – NC Textbook Adoption status
ESHI – Planning for TX, FL

12:45-2:00 Lunch

College Level Education Issues

2:00- 2:30 Plenary session: Rajiv Malhotra

2:30-4:00 Panel discussion on: Invading the Sacred

Experiences of Blacks, Jews, women.
Omkar Foundation – program for colleges

4:00- 4:30 Break

4:30- 6:00 Textbook Supplements to Provide Correct Information

on Ancient Indian History and Hinduism:
Arumugaswami, Prof. Shiva Bajpai, Prof Rukmani,
Prof Subhash Kak, Prof Jeffrey Long, Dr BR Singh
Committee on suggesting correct meaning of Hindu
words to English Dictionaries' publishers

6:30 – 7:30 Dinner

7:30-8:00 Keynote Speaker Sri Sri Ravishankar (invited)

8:00-9:30 Cultural Program

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Or send your name, address, email with the registration fee
of \$100 before Nov 20, 2007 to the address below.**

SATURDAY Dec 15, 2007

(Parallel Sessions)

MEDIA & OUTREACH TRACK

9:30-11:00 Media Workshop - Jeffrey Armstrong
How to manage Media/PR – Jewish group
Vineet Chander - ISKCON

**11:15 – 12:45 Outreach Infrastructure Development
in Hindu Community - Anju Bhargava**
Funding from Faith based Initiative – Govt speaker
Successful models of Outreach - Barsana Dham,
BAPS, ISKCON

12:45-2:00 Lunch

2:00-2:30 Plenary session: Rajiv Malhotra

2:30-4:00 Liaison with Govt Agencies

UK Experience with Govt Liaison – A. Prashar
Hindu Prayer in US Senate, other states
R1 Visa – Status – Arumugaswami
[How to involve Cong Caucus in R1 Visa]
[Next Step – Propose Congressional Debate]

4:00- 4:30 Break

4:30-6:00 Youth Coordinated Session –

Inter-faith marriages – future of their progeny
Engaging/ welcoming westerners interested in yoga
How to attract children to dharma - Swadhyay

Sunday December 16

7:00 - 8:00 Yoga or Meditation

8:00 - 8:45 Breakfast

9:00 - 9:10 Vandana and Announcements.

9:10 - 9:30 Key Note Speaker

9:30-10:15 HCI Collaborative Effort (Fund raising)

10:15-10:30 Break

10:30-11:00 Hindus in Interfaith Groups

Cooperation with Dharma Oriented Groups

11:00-12:20 Summary Session and Action plan

12:20-12:30 Vote Of Thanks

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