# NAMC Institute of Zoroastrian Studies

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Sunday January 10, 2021 at 2 pm Eastern Time

Topic: Deep Ecology in Zoroastrianism

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Marvel at the modernity of one of the world’s oldest religions. Discover Zoroastrian prescription for our environmental and ecological ailments. Understand the Zoroastrian teachings and practices as they relate to the reverence and worship of nature’s elements; fire, air, water, earth, vegetation, animals and humans. Learn the Zoroastrian answer to our modern ecological concerns. Let Zoroastrianism lead us to an environmentally conscious and eco-friendly world citizenry.

Presenter: Tehemton Mirza

Following rigorous religious training at the M.F. Cama Athornan Institute under Dasturji Dr. Firoze Kotwal, Tehemton was ordained Navar and Maratab at Iranshah Ateshbehram in Udvada. His professional carrier took him from Mumbai to Iran to Indonesia and he finally settled in London, Ontario Canada where he owns and operates a CPA practice. As a Mobed, Tehemton volunteers religious and spiritual services to Zoroastrians in South Western Ontario and Michigan. Tehemton has published articles on Zoroastrianism in North American publications and spoken on Zoroastrian topics at Zoroastrian associations throughout North America. Tehemton currently serves as the Vice President of North American Mobeds Council.
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Sunday February 14, 2021  at 2 pm Eastern Time

Topic: ATASH PUTHRA AHURAHE MAZDAO -
The Universal Omnipresent Divine Energy
- A visible manifestation of the inner flame.

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Most Niyayeshes invoke the veneration of a specific creation of Nature and are recited at a specific time. The unique feature of Atash Niyayesh is that it can be recited at any time, day or night. This unique litany directs devotees to the awareness and care of the environment by maintaining purity and cleanliness. It addresses essential aspects of a devotee's life - commitment to physical and spiritual evolution of oneself, equality of gender, to be industrious, ecologically conscious and not to be selfish but to think of others. A conscientious devotee faithful to these features, through his/her truthful dedication to the Fire (both the outer physical one and the inner Divine Fire) is the recipient of profound benedictions.

Presenter:  Behram Panthaki

A unique combination of a soldier and a priest, Brigadier Ervad Behram Panthaki served in the Indian Army for over 30 years. On taking voluntary retirement in 1994, he immigrated to USA to join his family. Since his arrival in Washington DC, he has served the religious needs of the ZAMWI community and propagating the Zoroastrian Faith by giving lectures at colleges, schools and churches in the Tri-State Area.
Sunday March 14, 2021 at 2 pm Eastern Time

Topic: Zoroastrianism 101

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At least 20 “Basic” things one should know about the Zoroastrian Religion

Presenter: Fariborz Shahzadi

Born in Nashik, India, to Iranian Zoroastrian parents, Fariborz completed his Navar in 1964 and Martab in 1965 at Fanaswadi Dadiseth Atash Behram in Mumbai. He worked evenings and weekends with his father, Mobed Sohrab, as a priest at the Dadiseth Agiary in Mumbai from 1964-1970 while going to University. He has served as a Zoroastrian religious teacher, Camp Counsellor, and speaker at Youth and Adult Zoroastrian Congresses and has several publications to his credit.
Many of us declare that all we need to lead a good Zoroastrian life is to practice Good Thoughts, Good Words and Good Deeds. This talk is intended to show that actually we need more than this triad.

Presenter: Khushroo Mirza

Khushroo was born in India and immigrated to Montreal, Canada, in 1969. He is a Master Mariner with Degrees from India and Canada. He ran his Shipping Company and also worked as a Consultant before retiring and moving to Toronto. He has served as President of ZAQ and VP of OZCF. He is a trained Mobedyar and has been actively involved in religious education and discussions since 1980.
Sunday May 9, 2021 at 2 pm Eastern Time

Topic: Amesha Spenta – A Stairway from Physical to Spiritual

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The talk will elaborate the Divine level of the Holy Immortals with references from Older and Younger Avestan texts. It will further describe in detail the implications of each of the emanations to demonstrate how one ascends the steps of the Divine staircase to transform oneself to the highest spiritual level

Presenter: Jehan Bagli

Ervd Jehan Bagli retired as Distinguished Research Fellow of Wyeth/Ayrest Pharmaceutical Research. He was a founding member and President of Zoroastrian Association of Quebec, and the editor of Gavashni, a North American Zarathushti publication, for 16 years. He has published six books and lectured extensively on various aspects of Zoroastrian religion in North America and abroad.