

Have you ever wondered . . .

- Why the cow is sacred to Hindus?
- How monks are chosen to become monks?
- What the difference is between a Shiite and a Sunni?
- Do Buddhist monks live a celibate life?
- Do all Hindus believe in reincarnation?

All talks are free and open to the public.
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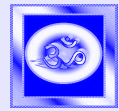


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THREE RELIGIONS

Buddhism • Islam • Hinduism

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mystery of each religion and its history,
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Mondays at 7:30 pm
September 10, 17, & 24

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BUDDHISM

Monday, September 10
7:30 pm



Buddhism has the characteristics of what would be expected in a cosmic religion for the future. It transcends a personal God, avoids dogmas and theology; it covers both the natural & spiritual, and it is based on a religious sense aspiring from the experience of all things, natural and spiritual, as a meaningful unity.

Lama Padma Karma Rinpoche, a Vajra Master, will speak about the tenets of Buddhism. He started the Center for Dzogchen Studies in West Haven CT in 1993, a branch of the Pukang Monastery in Tibet. He is a healing counselor and speaks regularly at colleges and universities and on interfaith panels.

ISLAM

Monday, September 17
7:30 pm



Islam is the second largest world religion, and growing. A Muslim is a follower of Islam. "Muslim" is an Arabic word that refers to a person who submits themselves to the will of God. Islam considers six fundamental beliefs to be the foundation of their faith and believe in a single, indivisible God. "Allah" is the Arabic word for God.

Imam Nasif Muhammed, who has been the Resident Imam at the Al-Aziz Islamic Center in Bridgeport since 1980, will speak about Islam. He joined the Nation of Islam in 1972 and has served as Islamic Chaplin at the Bridgeport Correction Center since 1980. He speaks regularly at churches, synagogues, schools, prisons and mosques.

HINDUISM

Monday, September 24
7:30 pm



Hinduism differs from Christianity and other Western religions in that it does not have a single founder, a specific theological system, a single system of morality, or a central religious organization. It consists of thousands of different religious groups that have evolved in India since 1500 BCE. Hinduism is generally regarded as the world's oldest organized religion.

Mukesh Parikh, the coordinator for the Fairfield Chapter of Swadhyay Pariwar (Global Family of Millions), will speak about Hinduism. He was Director of the Statewide Organization for the promotion of Indian culture and heritage. An international speaker, he is the former evening news anchor on a local channel in Ahmedabd, India.
