

Islam in Modernity: Overcoming Barriers Between Faiths

A talk by Dr. Khazeh Fananapazir

Abstract

Dr. Khazeh Fananapazir has been engaged in interfaith dialogue since the 1970s, an interest that increased commensurately with the rise of various fundamentalist groups in the '70s and '80s, especially after 9/11. His research focuses on two pivotal questions:

(1) Is there any way out of the impasses and misunderstandings between faiths and communities?

(2) How can various faith groups work together to achieve unity?

Khazeh believes that there is a way out, and a hundred years ago that way was delineated by 'Abdu'l-Bahá.

When

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Harrods Room, Emmanuel College



"The divine religions must be the cause of oneness among men, and the means of unity and love; they must promulgate universal peace, free man from every prejudice, bestow joy and gladness, exercise kindness to all men and do away with every difference and distinction." ~Abdu'l-Bahá

"And obey Allah and His Messenger, and do not dispute with one another lest you lose courage, and your strength depart, and be patient; surely, Allah is with those who are patient." ~The Qur'an, 8:46

The Speaker



Dr. Khazeh Fananapazir graduated in Medicine from Oxford University and is now a cardio-thoracic surgeon in Leicester, and a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons. Teaching is one of his passions, and he is much admired and loved by his students. Khazeh has a keen interest in study of the Sacred Books. Fluent in Arabic and Farsi, he has published extensively. He is a lifelong student of the Bahá'í Faith, and in particular its relationship with Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.