

The *Asha Vahishta* Seminars: Subjecting Faith and Fellowship to Trial by Truth and Fire

Do you question faith and fellowship?? Well, you should, and often!!
Without critical reflection there are no inspired individuals, and no inspirational faith.

On behalf of the OZCF Lecture Committee, Dr. Neville Panthaki has prepared opportunities for you to invoke *Asha Vahishta*, and subject faith and fellowship to trial by truth and fire!

These seminars are intended to be inter-active.
They are meant to provoke you. They are meant to evoke your spirit.
These seminars are not being convened as self-congratulatory sessions about Zoroastrianism.
Within this forum we will interrogate faith and fellowship by questioning everything.

Although Dr. Panthaki will initiate and moderate, the voices will be yours.
Each opinion, each emotion, each silence, becomes the curriculum from which we learn about ourselves, our faith, and our fellowship.

Expect to feel challenged regarding what you believe, and what you don't.
The purpose of these seminars is not to make you feel comfortable. The intention is to dis-settle you by exposing your faith and your fellowship. However, realize that we are offering you a forum of safety and respect, where we begin a process of facilitating conversations and gathering all opinions.

Where do we start? At the beginning!
Despite enthusiasm, we cannot logically and competently converse about the minutia of Zoroastrianism, without first investigating belief itself.
Therefore, for our first seminar, we will put God on trial.

Join us! This endeavour depends on your participation.
Following the success of the first seminar, you may look forward to the following:

- I'm *Zarhoshti*, Who am I?
- Is Zoroastrianism a Team Sport? My Spirituality vs Your Religion
- Inheriting and Bequeathing Faith
- Performative Aspects of Faith
- Last Remains: Burial, Cremation, or Donation
- Inheritance vs. Conviction: The Future of Hereditary Male Mobedi

Dr. Panthaki has promised to co-construct other topics and public debates if all goes well. This process may become part of his *Belief & Belonging: Spirituality & Identity in Diaspora* research.

The 1st Seminar is being held at the OZCF:

Title	- What is Faith and Fellowship for the Educated? Putting God on Trial
Date	- December 17, 2016
Time	- 1:00 pm onwards for 2-3 hours. Refreshments provided

If you plan to attend please contact Ervad Nozer Kotwal at (905) 820-0461.