

Faith Beyond Faith

Exploring the Promise of Inter-Spiritual Living



We are living in the second century of the 2nd Axial Age, a time of great religious turmoil and potential spiritual advancement. At the heart of the 1st Axial Age (800–200 BCE) was the realization that *compassion is the core* message of all religions.

At the heart of the 2nd Axial Age is the realization that religions must transcend the zero-sum world-view of saved and damned, believers and infidels, enlightened and unenlightened. Rather than a focus on religious dogma, in our non-zero-sum world, *the focus of religious life is spiritual practice and expanding our sense of compassion to embrace all living beings*. Rami Shapiro will help us explore our own Axial Age, its unique message for spiritual seekers, and the practice of transformation.



Rabbi Rami Shapiro, PhD, is an award winning poet and essayist, whose liturgical writings are used in prayer services throughout North America. He has written over a dozen works of translation, biblical commentary, and nonfiction. Rabbi Rami is a graduate of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and holds a doctoral degree in Judaic studies from Union Graduate School. A congregational rabbi for 20 years, Rami is currently Adjunct Professor of Religious Studies at Middle Tennessee State University, and directs One River (www.one-river.org), a contemplative conversation. His most recent books are *The Sacred Art of Lovingkindness*, *The Divine Feminine*, and *Ethics of the Sages*. Get acquainted with Rabbi Rami at his website www.rabbirami.com.

Brad Berglund, well-known contemplative and Celtic musician, is the conference musician and liturgist.

Join us at the Arvada Center, January 13, 14, 2012

Friday Evening, 7 p.m.

The Second Axial Age: The Birth of Global Spirituality in a Still Tribal Religious World — Rami explores the history of the 1st Axial Age, the emergence of the 2nd, and the promise and challenges it offers us.

Saturday Morning, 9 a.m.

From Serial Monologue to Unscripted Dialogue: The Interfaith Challenge — Rami examines different kinds of interfaith gatherings and highlights the type of gathering that speaks to the emergence of a global spiritual renaissance.

Saturday Afternoon, 1 p.m.

From Dictators to Directors, the Emerging Paradigm of Spiritual Direction — Rami suggests the essential role spiritual seekers and directors play in the 2nd Axial Age and the responsibilities that places on each.

Cost, Registration, and Accommodation

Cost Early registration: \$85–\$100, as you are able

- Youth ministers, students: \$45–\$60, as you are able
- Registration includes a hot buffet lunch Saturday
- After December 14, add \$10 to either fee
- If you are able, paying more than the minimum fee makes partial scholarships possible

Register www.sdcolo.org

- Register securely online -or- download a registration form to register by mail and pay by check or credit card
- Registration closes January 9, 2012

Conference Springhill Suites by Marriott

- Hotel**
- 15 minutes north of the Arvada Center on Wadsworth
 - Call 303-464-1999 for the \$84 conf. rate before Dec. 14.

Conference Information

Location The Arvada Center for the Arts
• 6901 North Wadsworth Blvd

Dates, Times Friday, January 13, 7–8:45 p.m.
• Registration and Exhibits 5–7 p.m.
Saturday, January 14, 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
• Doors open at 8 a.m.

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