

# Faith Beyond Faith

Exploring the Promise of Inter-Spiritual Living



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

At the heart of the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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.rabbiramio.com](http://www.rabbiramio.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 1<sup>st</sup> Axial Age, the emergence of the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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 Hotel** SpringHill Suites by Marriott

- 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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# Mail-in Registration Form

## 2012 Spirituality Conference with Rabbi Rami Shapiro

### Download the conference flyer

If you need a full-size copy of the conference flyer, you can download a PDF file from the Conference Details page of the SDCO web site. Please forward the PDF to friends and make copies to share the conference information widely.

### There are two ways to register

1. We encourage you to register online with your Visa or Mastercard credit or debit card. It's straight forward, secure, instantly completes your registration, doesn't require a stamp, and saves a tree. Go to [www.sdcolo.org](http://www.sdcolo.org).
2. To register by mail, fill out the registration form below and return it to the conference registrar with your check or credit card information.

**Conference Hotel—SpringHill Suites by Marriott**  
(15 minutes north of the Arvada Center on Wadsworth)  
6845 W. 103rd Ave., Westminster — ph: 303-464-1999

The hotel is holding 15 rooms at \$84/night until December 14 for people attending the conference. After December 14, the \$84/night rate will only be available for people with a AAA card. A continental breakfast and Internet access are included.

### More information [In PDFs, Email, Web, and Flyer are all clickable links.]

- Phone — 720-870-1497
- Email — [FaithBeyondFaith@spiritualdirectioncolorado.org](mailto:FaithBeyondFaith@spiritualdirectioncolorado.org)
- Web — [www.sdcolo.org](http://www.sdcolo.org)
- Flyer — Download the Conference Flyer from the Conference Details page on the SDCO web site to print, copy and share.



### Register by mail for Faith Beyond Faith

Please detach and mail the registration form below. Registration closes January 9; please mail no later than January 5, 2011.

### Registration Form for Spiritual Direction Colorado's 2012 Spirituality Conference — Faith Beyond Faith

(Please detach and mail this form with your check or credit card information to SDCO Conf. Registrar, PO Box 461556, Aurora, CO 80046-1556)

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Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] \$ \_\_\_\_\_ My registration check is enclosed (\$85–\$100, as you are able; youth, youth ministers, students pay \$45–\$60. Add \$10 to the fee after Dec 14.)

Please make your check payable to the Diocese of Colorado—SDCO. Ministry/school you attend: \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] \$ \_\_\_\_\_ I prefer to pay the registration fee by credit card.

Card number: \_\_\_\_\_ Name as it appears on the card: \_\_\_\_\_

Card billing address (if different from the address above): \_\_\_\_\_

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