

HAROLD ROSEN

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PURPOSE

I wish to continue serving as a Community Interfaith Educator – an interdisciplinary, intercultural and interfaith bridge-builder through teaching, writing, research, workshop facilitation, conference coordination, panel moderation, and media commentary – all aimed at promoting better global understanding and cooperation. As a Baha’i, I attempt full-time dedication to a community-building process toward a unified and dynamic global civilization.

SUMMARY

I am a lifelong student and teacher of world religions with master’s degrees in religion, education and philosophy. A Unitarian minister for 25 years and a Baha’i since the year 2000, I serve as a Community Interfaith Educator in the Vancouver, Canada area. With my wife Wendy, I am active in Baha’i community work, cycles of teaching, and interfaith outreach. Since the year 2000, I designed and taught about 200 community courses in quite varied settings. Content areas include: world religions and history of ideas, major civilizations, science and spirituality, as well as evolution and development in interdisciplinary perspective. My various educational and interfaith experiences, and my love for learning and teaching enable me to serve as an effective and inspiring teacher on diverse philosophical, religious and cultural themes.

CITIZENSHIP

Canada and the United States

EDUCATION

Master of Arts, (M.A.) Philosophy

University of Idaho 1985, Moscow, Idaho, US

Master of Divinity, (M.Div.) Religious Studies & Parish Ministry

Starr King School, affiliated with the Graduate Theological Union 1976

Berkeley, California, US

Master of Science, (M.S.) Education

Texas Arts & Industries University 1971, Kingsville, Texas, US

Bachelor of Arts, (B.A.) Philosophy, Psychology & Sociology

Texas Christian University 1969, Fort Worth, Texas, US

TEACHING VENUES

Simon Fraser University (Harbour Centre, Vancouver)

University of British Columbia (Robson Square, Vancouver)

University of the Fraser Valley (Abbotsford)

Community Learning Program (West Vancouver)

Community Centres... Public Libraries... Seniors Centres... Churches

University of Idaho (Moscow, Idaho, US)

Graduate Theological Union (Berkeley, California, US)

Elementary Schools (several cities in Texas, US)

PUBLICATIONS

“Human Nature & World Religion: Toward a Baha’i-Inspired

Philosophical Anthropology” (chapter in an anthology, 2018)
“Founders of Faith: The Parallel Lives of God’s Messengers” (book, 2010)
“Universal Questions: Exploring the Mysteries of Existence” (book, 1997)
“Sharing Faith: Teaching & Learning Others’ Faith Traditions” (paper, 1996)
“Rainbowmaking: Intercultural & Interfaith Outreach” (curriculum, 1995)
“How to Host a Public Forum” (manual, 1992)
“In Our Hands: Peace & Justice” (curriculum, 1989)
“Religious Education & Our Ultimate Commitment” (book, 1985)

SOME COURSES TAUGHT from 2000 to PRESENT

On World Religions: *“Founders of Faith”... “Eastern & Native Religions”*
“Western Religions”... “Revealers & Revelations”
“Comparative Prophecies”... “Women Mystics”
“Interfaith Bridge-Builders”... “World Scriptures”
“Jews, Christians & Muslims: Legacies of Hope”
“Spirit & Virtue: An Interfaith Appreciation”... “Jewish Faith & Legacy”
“Islam: Origins, Development & Present Condition”
“Sister Faiths: Jewish & Christian, Hindu & Buddhist, Islamic & Baha’i”
“How Can We All Get Along?”

On World History & History of Ideas: *“Civilizations & Religions”*
“Eye to the Ages”... “Centuries of Darkness & Light”
“Why Do Civilizations Rise & Fall?”... “Philosophers of History”
“Hinges of History & Forays into the Future”
“India’s Religion & Philosophy”... “Baha’i Faith & Global Developments”
“Spiritual Renaissances: Creative Episodes in the Drama of History”
“Comparative Philosophy”... “One World: Visions Past, Present & Future”

On Evolution & Development: *“Evolution: Unfolding Life, Culture & Spirit”*
“Humanity’s Spiritual Evolution”... “Science & Religion: Complementary”
“Lifelong Development”... “Aging & Spirituality”
“Life Review & Stories”... “Afterlife: Multifaith, Multidisciplinary Views”

UN-PUBLISHED MANUSCRIPT

“Eye to the Ages: The Rise, Fall & Progressive Renewal of Civilization”
 (in the George Ronald Archive, Oxford)

OTHER SIGNIFICANT EXPERIENCES & SERVICES

Baha’i Representative of the Multi-Faith Summit Council of BC (2020)
Founder & Coordinator of the Abbotsford Interfaith Movement (2015 - 2020)
Co-recipient of Cultural Diversity Award, Fraser Valley (2012)
Recipient of ‘Ethical Leadership’ Award (2001)
Recipient of ‘Unity in Diversity’ Award (1998)
President, Canadian Chapter, Int’nat’l Assoc for Religious Freedom (1996 - 2000)
Program Coordinator, Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association (1995 - 2000)
President of the Multifaith Action Society, British Columbia (1994 - 2000)
Organizing Multicultural & Interfaith Forums (1993 - 2020)
Co-Founder of the North Shore Multicultural Society (1994)
Unitarian Minister in California, Idaho & West Vancouver (1976 - 2000)
Travel & Study: Israel, Greece, China, Japan, India, England, Korea, Turkey
 (1975 - 2007)