



FIFTEENTH NORTH AMERICAN ZARATHUSHTI CONGRESS
DECEMBER 29 – 31, 2010

PRESERVE! PROTECT! PERFECT!
"PRESERVE THE PAST, PROTECT THE PRESENT, AND PERFECT THE FUTURE"

Dear Fellow Zoroastrians,

*There is a tide in the affairs of men.
Which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune...
On such a full sea are we now afloat,
And we must take the current when it serves,
Or lose our ventures.
(Julius Caesar, Act 4, Scene 3)*

That tide, my friends, is now. That current, my friends, is what we must take. We Zoroastrians talk of dwindling numbers, of a bleak prognosis for our future, even of extinction. Are we going to throw up our hands in frustration, are we going to stand by helplessly on the sidelines or are we going to act NOW? The impact of Zarathustra's message on world religions-Judaism, Christianity and Islam - is irrefutable and yet the oldest faith in history is little known and barely recognized as a major religion in the world today. This is your opportunity to effect a change, to make a difference. If you wish to stand up and be counted, please read on ...

As you may know the 15th North American Zoroastrian Congress is to be hosted by the ZAH in Houston, from December 29 through December 31, 2010. Our theme is aptly titled: **Preserve, Protect and Perfect** – preserve our Zoroastrian past, protect what we have in the present and perfect the future for the coming generations of Zoroastrians. With this in mind, the Program Committee has gone to great lengths to assemble a large number of eminent speakers to educate, enlighten and energize us all. The Congress will not only provide a forum for us to learn more about our religion and culture, but also allow us to share, exchange, challenge and debate ideas.

As you can imagine such an ambitious three-day venture does not come without a hefty price tag, both in terms of energy and finances. We need your support to promote this important event and we need your dollars to ensure its success, so please give generously, enroll now and encourage your friends and family to share in this empowering experience. It is no mean feat to lay on events that cater to both our intellectual side as well as our fun-loving natures. It is no small task either to ensure that we appeal to all – our adults, our youth and our children. In fact, for the first time in Congress history we shall have a mini congress exclusively for children where they will be taken on a virtual tour of the Silk Road making its connection with Zoroastrian History. It is our children who hold the key to preserving our heritage, so let us make sure they know of their illustrious past.

As a community we have always been known for our philanthropy and our drive. Now is the time to live up to the reputation we have earned for our benevolence.

We thank you in advance for your generosity and look forward to your participation in the Congress in December.

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