

# NOT IN GOD'S NAME

IN SEARCH OF TOLERANCE WITH THE DALAI LAMA

## SPEAKERS' BIOS

### TENZIN GYATSO, 14<sup>th</sup> DALAI LAMA



The political and spiritual leader of Tibet, His Holiness Dalai Lama has been living in exile in Northern India since 1959 when the Chinese began a brutal repression of the Tibetan people. The recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, the Dalai Lama works tirelessly to promote understanding and compassion throughout the world, traveling, speaking and teaching. He has authored dozens of books on ethics and Buddhism. Tenzin Gyatso was recognized as the Dalai Lama at two years old, and was educated as a monk, attaining the highest philosophical degree of Buddhism. In 1949, he took on the role of ruling Tibet when China invaded. He has received over 84 awards and degrees and works now to have Tibet recognized as an autonomous region of China.

### MICHAEL BERNARD BECKWITH



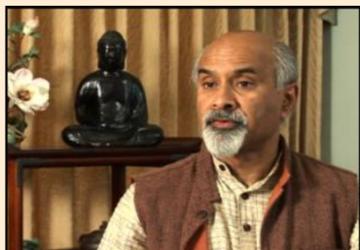
Michael is the founder and Director of the Agape International Spiritual Center in Los Angeles. He is a co-founder and President of the Association for Global New Thought. Dr. Beckwith is the originator of the Life Visioning Process. He is a noted author and international keynote speaker, and has been the recipient of the Gandhi, King, Ikeda Award and the Humanitarian Award of the National Council for Community and Justice.

### GEORG FEUERSTEIN, Ph. D.



At the age of fourteen, Georg became interested in the study of Yoga and published his first book five years later on the Yoga tradition. The author of over forty books on the philosophy of Yoga, Georg Feuerstein is the leading authority on the Indus Valley civilization. For several years, Georg was sponsored by Laurence Rockefeller. He teaches now through study courses and is highly regarded in the areas of spirituality and consciousness research.

### JOSEPH PRABHU, Ph. D.



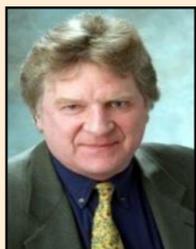
Joseph Prabhu is a Professor of Philosophy at the California State University in Los Angeles and the President of the Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy. He is also the author of "Human Rights in Cross Cultural Perspective" and "Liberating Gandhi: Community, Empire, and a Culture of Peace" (forthcoming). He is a Trustee of the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions. A former Senior Fellow at the Harvard Center for World Religions, Joseph has written numerous articles, books, and lectures throughout the world. He studied at Cambridge University and was one of Mother Teresa's first altar boys when he grew up in India.

### DR. KARAN SINGH, Ph. D.



Karan Singh was born into the royal family of Kashmir, his father being the Maharaja. At the age of eighteen, he was appointed the Regent of Kashmir. He also served as the Governor of the Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir. When the Independence of India took place, his family decided that Kashmir should remain a part of India. Dr. Singh has served as Chancellor of three universities. Dr. Singh was a Member of Parliament in India and is a noted author of several books on philosophy and a leader in the worldwide Interfaith movement.

### ROBERT THURMAN, Ph. D.



Robert studied at Harvard University. A Professor of Comparative Religion at Columbia University, Robert was the first Western monk to be initiated by the Dalai Lama. Author of many books on Buddhism, Robert is known as an authority on Tibetan texts and translations. He holds the first endowed Chair of Buddhist Studies in the US. Robert works tirelessly in the Free Tibet movement. He is the co-founder and President of Tibet House, New York. Time magazine chose him as one of the 25 most influential Americans in 1997.

### RAZIA SULTAN



An Indian activist with experience in the UN, Razia served at UNICEF from 1976-1999. Tirelessly working for the rights of children, she was a founder of the Trans Asia Alliance for Child's Rights. She is the only Asian to have served as President of the World YWCA. Ms. Sultan works with the Mosaic Charter to promote tolerance and respect between faiths.