



FOUR SUMMER TALKS On Human Cosmology Summer 2009

The Academy of Self Knowledge (ASK) invites you to FOUR SUMMER TALKS – a series of events in the company of:
Shaykh Fadhlalla Haeri: Founder of the ASK

Topics include:

- Human Nature and the Human Paradox
- Human Heritage: An Overview of Society, Ideologies and Economics
- Religions and Spirituality Today
- Islam Original: Here and Now

Venue: Luton Hoo; (T) - 01582 734437; (Sat Nav) - LU1 3TQ

Website: www.lutonhoo.co.uk

Time: 2.00-5.00 p.m.

Cost: £15 per person (concessions available) (includes refreshments)

Further details appear below.

About Shaykh Fadhlalla Haeri



Shaykh Fadhlalla Haeri is a writer and philosopher as well as a realised master and teacher on the path of self discovery. His teachings combine knowledge and experience of the spiritual wisdom of the East with a practical and first hand understanding of the West. He has instructed people throughout the world on this path for over 20 years and has written numerous books on various topics concerned with the outer and inner teachings of Islam. Shaykh Fadhlalla Haeri is an isthmus between the ancient wisdom teachings and our present time.

Shaykh Fadhlalla Haeri studied in England where he distinguished himself and obtained several degrees in business and science. Shaykh Fadhlalla Haeri currently resides in the Republic of South Africa, where he continues his life's work as a teacher and guide to realizing the ultimate meaning and purpose of life.

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Speakers

In addition to Shaykh Fadhlalla Haeri, speakers will include: Dr. Ali Allawi, ASK Academic Advisor, Senior Associate Member, St. Antony's College, Oxford University, Consultant, World Bank, Lecturer and Author; Shaykh Hosam Raouf, Dean of The Academy of Self Knowledge; Aliya B Haeri, Director of The Academy of Self Knowledge; Dr. Adnan al-Adnani, ASK Curriculum Developer, R&D Engineer; Chris Parish, Director, London Centre of EnlightenNext; Abdullah Trevathon, Lecturer, Roehampton, BBC The Retreat programme; Dr. Rebecca Masterton, Author and Lecturer; and Dr. Hassan Joban, Senior Lecturer, University of Westminster.

The Venue

Luton Hoo is renowned for its beautiful and tranquil rural setting. It is situated in 50 acres of sumptuous parkland, graced with mature trees and two lakes. It is just off junction 10 of the M1 motorway. Please use the contact details below to access further information about the venue.

Address: Luton Hoo Estate, Luton, Bedfordshire. LU1 3TQ

Telephone: 01582 734437

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Please note: The maximum capacity in the Robert Adams Suite is 120 people, so to reserve your place, it is vital that you register your interest with Julia Khadija via email or phone.

SESSION 1: Sunday 12 July 2009

Human Nature and the Personal Paradox

Within the space of a second a human being can go from being loving to hateful, daring to fearful, generous to mean. How does one find peace from forces pulling us in opposite directions, forces over which we often have little or no control?

There is a paradox lying at the very heart of human nature. Unless it is recognized and resolved, the confusion characterising human life continues. This session considers the relationship between conditioned and pure consciousness, and how, through its resolution, the authentic self emerges.

Topics will include:

- The cosmology of self and soul - understanding who you are and 'how' you are
- Transformation through difficulties and shortcomings
- Streams of consciousness
- Dramas and karmas – the myth of unique experience

SESSION 2: Sunday 19 July 2009

Human Heritage: An Overview of Society, Ideologies and Economics

In times of crisis it is tempting to use superficial explanations to identify or blame rather than search for underlying causes. The general response to the current economic predicament is no

different. Through a compelling socio-economic analysis, this session invites us to critically examine how human society has, over thousands of years, drifted into a state of spiritual loss, suggesting that socio-economic structures need to be transformed. If they are to enable us to heighten our consciousness.

Topics will include:

- From 10,000 years ago to the present: a review of socio-economics
- Understanding the wider context of usury, monopoly and human greed
- Reframing economic systems to include both outer and inner impoverishment and enrichment

SESSION 3: Saturday 25 July 2009

Religions and Spirituality Today

Contemporary societies value personal freedom and choice more than the strictures of religious institutions. Through association with irrational fundamentalism, violence, conservatism and patriarchal ideology, religious people are often perceived as disengaged from society, dogmatic and superstitious. Many people today are asking what is the value of religion in a contemporary context whilst struggling with the lack of genuine fulfillment offered by a life of relativistic values in the pursuit of transient goals.

In this context, the choice - and challenge - to integrate spiritual truth into one's life is central to the complete development of the human being. This session explores how spirituality and higher consciousness

has the capacity to provide answers outwardly and inwardly, sustainably answering the calling within our hearts.

Topics will include:

- The history of religion, its origin, purpose and decline
- Discriminating between dogma and spirituality
- The importance of and relationship between reason and inspiration

SESSION 4: Sunday 02 August 2009

Islam Original: Here and Now

There are serious challenges to our current relationship with Islam. What is the meaning, the significance, the relevance, of Islam itself, its history, its present? In this session, we address some of these complexities referring to challenges of our time to try and rediscover Islam original.

Only by constant reference to what is beyond the vicissitudes of life is it possible to find sustainable justice, to act appropriately, and to live in dynamic contentment. This Ultimate Reference is the One Creator, the One Source.

Topics will include:

- The relevance of Islam – what it is and what it is not
- Challenges, inner and outer meanings of race, gender, and tribalism and nationhood
- Guidance - relevant meanings and methods for everyday life within the Qur'an and Shariah
- Islam as a genuine path to enlightenment on earth



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Human beings were created to desire eternal happiness...

Prophetic teaching

The Academy of Self Knowledge (ASK) is a system of learning where spiritual seekers can imbibe knowledge of the meaning and purpose of life and thereby gain the tools for living an enriched conscious life.

With its roots in Islamic Sufism, whose roots go beyond recorded history, the ASK program bridges the gap between information and inner transformation.

The Academy was founded by Shaykh Fadhlalla Haeri in order to make accessible the ancient Prophetic way and by doing so offer an essential blueprint of how to live joyfully and rationally in all circumstances. ASK offers teachings on ageless truths but in a way that is modern, accessible and informed of the challenges and issue people face at these times.

Teachings are offered in the form of an interactive online course that is complemented by facilitation based programs, monthly seminars and spiritual retreats. Pupils also have direct interaction with Shaykh Fadhlalla Haeri and other evolved beings.

ASK has established centres and teams working in the United Kingdom, United States and Pakistan. The head office is in Pretoria, South Africa.

TEACHINGS

The Academy offers three courses, with fourteen lessons in each course. Because the program is delivered online, students are able to work at their own pace, and may take up to a year or more to complete.

MODULE : A Cosmology of the Self

This module scopes out a map, or a cosmic design, between the outer and the inner, and other elements of life and how they work. It is a description of truth, reality and what life is about and seeks to answer the questions: Who am I? What is my role in life? What can I do to remain consistently continent? How can I live so that I do not deny the world and what it happening in it, yet I do not deny my essential needs at the physical level?

MODULE II: Prophetic Prescriptions- Access to the Soul within the Heart

The module is a prophetic unveiling regarding the path. This experiential journey offers keys to the awakening of the heart, and its nourishment by means of its purification. It focuses on transformation through enhancing awareness at personal and transpersonal levels. This path of transformation includes understanding accountability, performing structural responsibilities but being continually aware of soul and higher consciousness.

Module III: The world as it is

This third module gives students a foundation in history, geography, philosophy, and other aspects of human life, to equip one appropriately, in the Internet age that is very different from previous times, and yet similar, in that all of us seek happiness and contentment no matter whom we are, or where we are. Once students know and understand the map for living in the world, they are offered an appreciation of prevailing global cultures and how they have come about. The prophetic model relates to appropriateness and living the moment. How can you do the right thing in the right way at the right time?

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