



Dharma Association of North America (DANAM)

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RE: Invitation to 1st DANAM Conference, 21 November 03, Marriott Marquis, Atlanta

Dear All,

You are cordially invited to attend and participate in the 1st academic symposium and roundtable of 1st DANAM (Dharma Association of North America) Conference 2003 at Marriott Marquis, the site of Am. Academy of Religion Meeting in Atlanta (Downtown), on Friday 21 Nov 03, 1:00-8:00pm. No registration fee is required. Attached is an advance copy of the Tentative Agenda in Adobe pdf format (Adobe software can be download free from the internet). The missing information will be added shortly upon confirmation. For updates, please check www.danam-web.org (click Events).

One of the functions of DANAM (www.danam-web.org), as an organization, has been to sponsor scholars of dharma traditions to engage the broader public in discourses on issues and themes related to these traditions. These efforts have been directed at educating the laity--both practitioners and interested lay non-practitioners--in the diversity and complexity of the dharma traditions.

The second thrust has been in the direction of creating intellectual space for study, reflection, and dialogue in constructive philosophy, theology, and ethics in these traditions.

The 2003 DANAM symposium and roundtable will be held at the site of, and just prior to, the AAR in order to facilitate the participation, in this endeavor, of scholars who specialize in these traditions.

Audience participation during discussions will be encouraged. This is a critical meeting, as the recommendations emerging from it will influence the future activities of the Association. Your input as well as that from audience participation will count.

Your presence, involvement and contributions would enhance these efforts at bridge building.

The time schedule (1:00-8:00pm) for the meeting was selected for the benefit of those participants who wish to make the same-day round trip without overnight stay.

You are encouraged to invite your friends, colleagues and students to attend the conference, so that in addition to the benefit of listening to the presentations and discussions, they will have the opportunity to have their views heard during discussions. Please forward the electronic copy or distribute printed copies of the attached tentative agenda to all interested persons. Your help in spreading the word will be highly appreciated.

Should you wish to courtesy register (no fee required) to attend the conference, or, need further information, please contact me via email at adeepak@stcnet.com, or via phone at 757-868-9647 or fax at 757-868-4437, by giving your contact information (name, email, tel./fax number, affiliation, address.) Courtesy registration can also be completed online at www.danam-web.org (click Events).

Look forward to seeing you at the Conference.

With Regards,

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