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## Stewardship of the Environment – An imperative for zoroastrians

[October 16, 2:00-3:30 p.m. R00m 250 C](#)

Zoroastrians strongly assert that Creation is sacred for it is the making of the Divine. The initial declaration of the Principle of Global Ethics confirmed by the Parliament of World Religion 1993 reiterates this notion, when it says, 'Our Earth is experiencing fundamental crisis in global economy, global ecology and global politics.....Our planet continues to be ruthlessly plundered. A collapse of the ecosystem threatens us'. By Zoroastrian theology humanity is a coworker with the Divine and the steward of the creation. It is the duty and the responsibility of mankind to preserve, and protect the environment. We cannot change the earth for the better, unless we can influence a change in the consciousness of the individuals. The question is how do we spread this notion through the Faith communities that it is a part of their function to bring this idea to their congregation? It is a process of education of the human race. We shall invite faith groups to participate and contribute to this Global issue that demands a critical balance of risk and sacrifice through positive thinking.

Panelists: Maneck Bhujwala, Jehan Bagli, Homi Gandhi, Khosro Mehrfar

**Ervad Jehan Bagli** retired as Distinguished Research Fellow of Wyeth/Ayrest Pharmaceutical Research. He was a founding member and President of Zoroastrian Association of Quebec, editor of Gavashni, a North American Zarathushti publication, for 16 years, and founding editor of FEZANA journal. He has published and lectured extensively on various aspects of Zoroastrian religion in North America and abroad. He is the author/ co-author of six books on topics related to Zoroastrian Faith. He is the recipient of the Gold Medal of Indian pharmaceutical association and FEZANA Excellence in Profession/Business Award.

**Maneck Bhujwala** , born in Bombay, India, married to Mahrukh, has a daughter Shehnaz, has MSEE and MBA degrees, is studying for MA in Interfaith Action, co-founded Zoroastrian Association of California and Zarthushti Anjuman of Northern California, represented his community at interfaith events, served on Stanford University Associated Religions board, currently serves on the Boards of Greater Huntington Beach Interfaith Council, the South Coast Interfaith Council, North American Interfaith Network, writes articles, and

gives talks at schools, colleges, radio and TV, and interfaith conferences. He also serves the community as a volunteer priest.

Homi D. Gandhi is currently Vice President of Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America (FEZANA), is on the Executive Council of Religions for Peace-USA, Inc., acts as Honorary Treasurer of RFP-USA., and Honorary President of the World Council of the Religions for Peace International. Homi led FEZANA Teams and facilitated discussions at the annual UN NGO/DPI conferences and the Commission on Status of Women (CSW) meetings. Homi presented papers on Climate Change and Global Health Care outcomes at UN/DPI annual NGO conferences. He presented a paper on Climate Change at the 5th Parliament of World's Religions in Melbourne.

**Dr. Khosro Mehrfar** has served as managing partner since the start of the business. Dr. Mehrfar's specific interest is in the application of advanced technology in the clean renewable energy industry. He started his own company, Mehr U S Corp., and his interest in alternative, sustainable clean energy led him to be part of a spin-off company dedicated to solar energy. Dr. Mehrfar is a mentor at University of California, Irvine - Merage School of Business for MBA graduates and has been the board member of the many Professional Environmental Societies.

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