







## "Nature and spirituality – The cosmovision of religions in the face of global change"

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e hosted in our centre in Madrid an interreligious congress on the topic of Nature and Spirituality: how world religions face global change. The main question being: how do religions face the global ecological crisis? This event was co-organized between UPF, the Spanish Hindu Federation and Kaiicid –an intergovernmental and interreligious organization—.

The content of the congress was based on a book published earlier this year under the same title; which is going to be translated in other languages and cities. In this book, 11 prominent representatives from 9 different religions give their insights; one of the authors being Armando Lozano, UPF director of Spain, representing the Unificationist tradition. He spoke on Sun Myung Moon's understanding on the role of nature in human existence.

It was meaningful to have a diverse audience of 50 participants listening gently and attentively about True Father, along with christians, jewishs, muslims, buddhist, hinduand bahai representatives. We offered the audience books of Father's prayers, and they took a total of 37 copies.

## Sessions:

THE CHRISTIAN FAITH AND THE CHALLENGE OF SUSTAINABILITY, by Jaime Tatay Nieto, Jesuit priest, professor at the Faculty of Theology of the Comillas Pontifical University of Ecology, Ethics and Social Doctrine of the Church.

NATURE, POETRY AND SILENCE IN ZEN BUDDHISM, by Denkó Mesa, Zen Master, spiritual director of the Luz del Dharma Zen Buddhist Community. Degree in Hispanic Philology.

THE BAHÁ'ÍS AND NATURE, by José Luis Marqués, has been secretary of the Bahá'í community in Spain, promoter of interreligious dialogue, author of several books on spirituality

PHI CAMPUS. A VEDANTICAL ANSWER FOR A SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLE, by Pujya Swami Ramesh warananda Giri, Hindu sannyasi monk, director of the European School of Yoga Vedanta and Meditation, founder and president of the PHI Foundation.

HINDUISM AND NATURE; SPIRITUALITY, ETHICS and ECOLOGY, by Juan Carlos Ramchandani, Hindu priest, writer and lecturer, President of the Spanish Hindu Federation.

THE EXPERIENCE OF LIFE. THE TRANSCENDENTALISM VISION OF NATURE, by ÓscarOcaña Vicente, Doctor of Biological Sciences with a specialty in Marine Biology. Director of the Museum of the Sea of Ceuta.

GOD IN NATURE. THE EASTERN PERSPECTIVE OF MAESTRO MOON, by Armando Lozano

Hernández, director of Espacio Ronda in Madrid and of the Federation for Universal Peace.

JUDAISM AND ECOLOGY, by Mario B. Stofenmacher, Rabbi, Director of 4turim, Centerfor Jewish Education and Culture. Founder of the MasortiBet-El Jewish community.

THE HUMAN BEING AND NATURE. THE ISLAMIC WORLDVIEW, Vicente Mansur Mota, graduated in Islamic sciences and Arabic language from the Islamic University of France..



