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Religion and Natural Disasters: Making Sense of Human Existence and Natural Catastrophes

WINNIPEG—The Tsunami of Dec. 26, 2004 has elicited a tremendous outpouring of humanitarian response in the wake of the disaster.

Throughout The University of Winnipeg's Religion and Life Week 2005 (March 7 – 11), a wide variety of speakers will present perspectives from some of the religions practiced in the affected areas, as well as from some of the relief organizations involved.

Guest Speaker:	Religion:	Date:	Room:	Time:
Shahina Siddiqui	Islam	Monday, March 7	2L17	12:30 p.m. - 1:20 p.m.
Klaus Klostermaier	Hinduism	Tuesday, March 8	2M70	Noon - 1:15 p.m.
Susan Van Dresen	Unitarian	Wednesday, March 9	2L17	12:30 p.m. - 1:20 p.m.
Radhika Abeysekera	Buddhism	Thursday, March 10	2M70	Noon - 1:15 p.m.
Prof. Dan Epp-Thiessen	Christianity	Friday, March 11	2L17	12:30 p.m. - 1:20 p.m.

The speakers will explore how their respective religions answer the questions many of us have been asking, such as: Why would a god allow such tragedies to occur? Against the backdrop of disaster, how do different religions help us to understand the meaning of human existence?

All Religion and Life Week events are free and open to the public.

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