

# FAITH IN THE MIDDLE EAST

*Saturday 10 June, 09.30-16.30*  
*BP Lecture Theatre, Clore Education Centre*  
*£18, concessions £12*

The day brings together a range of experts on the faiths of the Middle East including Malise Ruthven, Keith Ward, Ulrike Al-Khamis, Moncef Ben Abdeljelil, Dan Cohn-Sherbok and Anthony O'Mahony. They will investigate the variety and richness of religious faith in the Middle East today, and reveal how influential Middle Eastern religious thought and practice have been worldwide for thousands of years. Admission includes free entry to an evening concert by Berakah at 18.30.



*Husein Zenderoudi, Fatiha, Print, Monoprint silkscreen.*  
*Iran/France, 1991*

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| 09.30-10.00 | Registration and coffee  |
| 10.00-10.15 | <b>Dr Jonathan Williams</b><br><i>(British Museum)</i><br><b><i>The Faiths of the Middle East in the British Museum</i></b>  |
| 10.15-11.00 | <b>Rev'd Prof. Keith Ward</b><br><i>(University of Oxford)</i><br><b><i>An introduction to Middle Eastern monotheism</i></b>   |
| 11.00-11.45 | <b>Rabbi Prof. Dan Cohn-Sherbok</b><br><i>(University of Wales, Lampeter)</i><br><b><i>Israel and the Jews</i></b>   |
| 11.45-12.30 | <b>Dr Anthony O'Mahony</b><br><i>(Heythrop College, University of London)</i><br><b><i>Middle Eastern Christianity</i></b>   |
| 12.30-13.45 | Lunch - please make your own arrangements  |
| 13.45-14.30 | <b>Prof. Moncef Ben Abdeljelil</b><br><i>(Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilizations, Aga Khan University)</i><br><b><i>Muslim faiths: from schism to diversity</i></b> |
| 14.30-15.15 | <b>Dr Ulrike Al-Khamis</b><br><i>(National Museums of Scotland)</i><br><b><i>The Mandeans: an instance of minority survival</i></b>  |
| 15.15-16.00 | <b>Dr Malise Ruthven</b><br><b><i>Gnostic themes in the Abrahamic family of religions</i></b>  |
| 16.00-16.40 | Panel discussion and audience questions  |

From 18.30 onwards, there will be a performance by Berakah, a group of musicians of Christian, Jewish and Muslim backgrounds.

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