



WAVES 2026

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Hosted by

Maharishi International University (MIU), USA

In collaboration with

Hindu University of America (HUA), Florida, USA

Theme

**Living Wisdom: Reintegrating Ayurveda
and Vedic Sciences in the Modern World**

जागृत ज्ञान: आधुनिक विश्व में वैदिक विज्ञान और आयुर्वेद का समाकलन

Friday, July 31 – Sunday, August 2, 2026

MIU Campus, 1000 North 4th Street, Fairfield, IA 52557

- 08:00 a.m. – 09:30 p.m. CDT, 06:30 p.m. – 08:00 a.m. IST
- In person & Online

Pre-Conference Ayurveda Workshop

Thursday, July 30, 2026 • 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

DETOX THE AYURVEDIC WAY: A PRE-CONFERENCE IMMERSION IN PANCHAKARMA

The Raj Ayurveda Panchakarma Clinic • Jul 30 • 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

The Raj Ayurveda Panchakarma Clinic

1734 Jasmine Ave, Fairfield, IA

A hands-on pre-conference immersion introducing participants to the principles and practice of Panchakarma detoxification.

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First Day • Friday, July 31, 2026

Registration from 08:00 a.m. • Tea 08:30 a.m. – 09:00 a.m.

INAUGURAL SESSION

Dalby Hall • Jul 31 • 09:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Lamp Lighting and Garland Offering to Bhagwan Dhanwantari

Vedic Invocation: Ashruth Suryanarayanan, Asso. Board Member, WAVES and Ph.D. Scholar, Bengaluru, India *10 min*

WAVES Kulgeet: “Veda-adhyayana hai lakshya hamara” (recorded audio) *5 min*

Introduction and Moderation: Vandana Baranwal, WAVES International; Aparna Dhir, WAVES India *5 min*

Welcome Address: John Hagelin, President Emeritus; Distinguished Professor of Physics, MIU, USA *5 min*

Release of Souvenir of WAVES 2026 & Books: by Dignitaries on the Stage *5 min*

Inaugural Address (Chief Guest): Rajiv Malhotra, Author and President, Infinity Foundation, USA *5 min*

Guest of Honor: Kalyan Viswanathan, President, Hindu University of America, Florida, USA *5 min*

Guest of Honor: Bal Ram Singh, Director, Institute of Advanced Sciences, Dartmouth, MA, USA *5 min*

Guest of Honor: Candace Badgett, Director, The Raj–Maharishi Ayurveda Health Center, Fairfield, USA *5 min*

Special Guest: Ram Shrivastava, Founder, Maharishi Ayurveda Products International, Fairfield, USA *5 min*

Book Release *15 min*

Address and Thanks (Chairman): Sashi Kejriwal, President, WAVES International, USA *10 min*

Shanti-path

• *Tea 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.* •

PLENARY I — MORNING KEYNOTE

Dalby Hall • Jul 31 • 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Tony Nader — Renowned Vedic Scholar & President, MIU, Fairfield, Iowa, USA*The Caring Power and Intelligence of the Body* (11:00 – 11:45 a.m.; Intro: Anil Maheshwari, MIU)**Rajiv Malhotra** — Renowned Author & President, Infinity Foundation, USA*Meditation Beyond the Hard Limits of AI* (11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.; Intro: Candace Badgett, The Raj)• *Lunch 12:30 p.m. – 01:30 p.m.* •

ACADEMIC SESSIONS I — PARALLEL • 01:30 P.M. -- 03:00 P.M.

SESSION I-A

Dalby Hall • Jul 31 • 01:30 p.m. – 03:00 p.m.

Reintegrating Authentic Ayurveda in the Modern World

Chair: Vandana Baranwal — Convenor, 17th International WAVES Conference; Founder, AyurveDatri; Founder & President, Ayurveda Association of Ohio; Faculty, HUA, USA*20 minutes each*

PRESENTER(S)

TITLE / TOPIC

Candace BadgettThe Raj–Maharishi Ayurveda Health
Center, Fairfield, IA

Safeguarding the Holistic Framework of Ayurveda

Ram Shrivastava

MAPI, MIU, Fairfield, IA

From Consciousness to Consumer: The Production of Authentic Ayurveda
Herbal Formulations**Bal Ram Singh**Institute of Advanced Sciences, Dart-
mouth, MA

Rasayana Shastra Relates Navarasa to Tanmatra Chemistry

Nilesh Nilkanth OakInstitute of Advanced Sciences, Dart-
mouth, MA

Ayurveda Roots of Modern Medicine

SESSION I-B

Trustee Board Room • Jul 31 • 01:30 p.m. – 03:00 p.m.

Vedic Mathematics and Consciousness Based Education

Chair: Paul Corazza — Professor Emeritus, Mathematics, MIU**Moderator:** Ashruth Swaminathan Suryanarayanan — Asso. Board Member, WAVES; Ph.D. Scholar, Bengaluru, India*15 minutes each*

PRESENTER(S)

TITLE / TOPIC

Paul CorazzaProfessor Emeritus, Mathematics,
MIU

A Mathematical Model for a Solution to Human Suffering

Catherine A. Gorini; William F. Sands
MIU, Fairfield, Iowa

The Mathematical Continuum: A Model for Pure Consciousness

Anne Dow

MIU, Fairfield, USA

Principles of Consciousness-Based Education in a Mathematics Course at
MIU**Haiyan Song**

MIU, Fairfield, Iowa

Integrating Generative AI into Consciousness-Based Education: Implications
for Management from an Appreciative Inquiry**Ramon Alberto Mata-Toledo**DeSales University; Emeritus, James
Madison UniversityVedic Mathematics and Cognitive Ease: Reducing Mathematical Anxiety
through Pattern-Based Thinking

SESSION I-C

Festival Hall • Jul 31 • 01:30 p.m. – 03:00 p.m.

Reclaiming Vedic Wisdom: Sanskrit Texts and Modern Relevance

Chair: Chander Kanwar Bhardwaj — Founder, Gynam Suvigyanam, Unit of Sawan Adhyatmic Satsang Society, India**Moderator:** Sangeeta Sharma — Associate Professor, Department of Physiology and Health, MIU, Fairfield, IA

PRESENTER(S)

TITLE / TOPIC

Peter FreundMaharishi International University,
USA

Translation of Bharadvaja Siksha

Scott R. HerriottVice-President for Academic Affairs,
MIUA Maharishian Interpretation of the Translation and Commentary on the
Shiva Sutras by Sri Siddheshwara Swamiji

Michael Sternfeld
USA

The Emergence of Sitayana: A Perspective on the Lila of Sita-Ram

Ashruth Swaminathan Suryanarayanan
Ph.D. Scholar, Bengaluru, India

An Examination of Prāṇa in the Ṛgveda Saṃhitā

Sivaraman Baskar
The Bharathiya Institute of Vedic
Science, Greater Boston, MA

Human, Śiva Tattva, and the Universe: Spanda Within—Dissolving Tripuṭi
into Śiva-Śakti's Cosmic Rhythm

• Tea 03:00 p.m. – 03:20 p.m. •

ACADEMIC SESSIONS II — PARALLEL • 03:20 P.M. -- 05:00 P.M.

SESSION II-A

Dalby Hall • Jul 31 • 03:20 p.m. – 05:00 p.m.

From Unified Field to Subtle Energy: The Science of Consciousness

Chair: Scott R. Herriott — Vice-President for Academic Affairs, MIU

Moderator: Ashutosh Pareek — Associate Board Member, WAVES International; Professor, Sanskrit, Ajmer, India

PRESENTER(S)

TITLE / TOPIC

John Hagelin
President, Maharishi International
Foundation; Distinguished Professor
of Physics, MIU

Foundations of Veda and Vedic Science in Unified Field Theory (String Theory & M-Theory)

Robert Schneider

Aging is Evolution: Jara Dharma

William Sands
MIU, Fairfield, Iowa, USA

The Nature of Vedic Sounds and Their Applications to Ayurvedic Medicine
in the Light of Maharishi Mahesh Yogi's Teaching

SESSION II-B • PANEL DISCUSSION 1

Trustee Board Room • Jul 31 • 03:20 p.m. – 05:00 p.m.

Reclaiming Shakti: A Vedic Perspective on Women's Strengths

Chair: Candace Badgett — International Director, Global Mother Divine Organization (USA, Canada, Australia); Co-Owner & Director, The Raj-Maharishi Ayurveda Health Center

Panelists:

Amrita Shrivastava (MIU); Sankari Wegman (MIU); Vandana Baranwal (Founder, AyurveDatri; Women Wellness Solutions, Ohio); Namyata Pathak (Founder, Ayu.Care Center for Whole Person Health & Well-being, California).

SESSION II-C

Festival Hall • Jul 31 • 03:20 p.m. – 05:00 p.m.

Ayurvedic Paradigms for Modern Health and Healing

Chair: Sangeeta Sharma — Associate Professor, Department of Physiology and Health, MIU, Fairfield, IA**Moderator:** Rucha Kelkar — Founder & Director, Ayurbliiss Wellness Center, San Mateo, CA; Ayurveda Chair, Mount Madonna Institute, CA*15 minutes each*

PRESENTER(S)	TITLE / TOPIC
Rebecca Spain; Rajalakshmi Gopu; Geralyn Retzel MIU, USA	Neurocardiac–Energetic Axis: Linking Modern Neurophysiology with Ayurvedic Principles of Vibration and Consciousness
Liis Mattik Dean of Undergraduate Studies, MIU, Fairfield	Sensory-Based Healing in Maharishi AyurVeda: Integrating Vedic Principles for Holistic Health
Raju Datla MS (Maharishi Ayurveda & Integrative Medicine); PhD	The Role of Vāyu Doṣa in Ayurveda in Light of the “Consciousness Is All There Is” Paradigm
Mukta Pramodan Marathe Ayurveda Doctor and Practitioner	Concept of Srotas in Ayurveda — Understanding the Metabolic Space Where Pathology Originates
Amandeep K. Negi Vaidya, Clinical Assistant Professor, MIU, Fairfield	Reintegrating Subtle Vitality in Ayurveda: The Ojas–Soma–Prāṇa Continuum and the Neurophysiology of Transcendental Meditation
Paul J. Morehead Director, MS in Maharishi AyurVeda & Integrative Medicine, MIU	Metabolizing Experience into Bliss

• *Social Interaction ☪ Tea (Student Union Lobby) 05:00 p.m. – 06:05 p.m.* •

• *Meditation (Dalby Hall) 05:00 p.m. – 06:05 p.m.* •

• *Dinner 06:05 p.m. – 07:35 p.m.* •

PLENARY III — EVENING KEYNOTE

Dalby Hall • Jul 31 • 07:35 p.m. – 09:05 p.m.

David Scharf — Professor & Chair, Department of Physics, MIU, USA*Consciousness and Quantum Field Theory: Bridging Science, Philosophy, and the Vedic Perspective***Raj Vedam** — Visiting Faculty, HUA, Florida; Arsha Seva Kendram, Coimbatore, India*Culture as a Knowledge Continuum: A Civilizational Framework for Understanding Indian Culture***Chair:** Sashi Kejriwal, President, WAVES International, USA

Second Day • Saturday, August 1, 2026

Yoga & Meditation (Paul Morehead) 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m., Dalby Hall
 • *Breakfast 08:30 a.m. – 09:00 a.m.*

PLENARY IV — MORNING KEYNOTE

Dalby Hall • Aug 1 • 09:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

John Hagelin — President Emeritus; Distinguished Professor of Physics, MIU, USA

Our Subtle Body: Composed of Cosmic Dark Matter (Moderator: David Scharf, MIU)

• *Tea 10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.* •

ACADEMIC SESSIONS III — PARALLEL • 10:15 A.M. -- 12:00 P.M.

SESSION III-A

Dalby Hall • Aug 1 • 10:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Ayurveda Rediscovered: Ancient Foundation, Modern Application

Chair: Rucha Kelkar — College of Ayurveda, Mount Madonna Institute, California, USA

PRESENTER(S)

TITLE / TOPIC

Bal Ram Singh; Sirisha Mukkavalli
Institute of Advanced Sciences, Dartmouth, MA

The 2025 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for Metal-Organic Frameworks (MOFs):
Roots in Ancient Bhasma Technology

Keith Wegman; Sankari Wegman
MIU, Fairfield, Iowa

Redefining Health: Swastha—Established in the Self as the Complete State of
Well-Being

Vandana Baranwal
Convenor, 17th WAVES Conference;
Faculty, HUA

Conserving Ayurveda's Medicinal Resources: Threats, Substitution, and
Sustainable Utilization

M. U. Sujan; Jahn timer V. Madhu
JSS Academy

Neurophysiology of Yoga: Mapping the Mind–Body Mechanisms

Vaidyanathan Vivek; Neeta Verma
SCERT, Delhi, India

Long-Term Effects of Meditation and Vedic Recitation on Brain–Heart Integration

SESSION III-B

Psychology and Vedic Science

Festival Hall • Aug 1 • 10:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Chair: Abha Jha — Head, Department of Philosophy, Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee University (DSPMU), India

Moderator: Ashruth Swaminathan Suryanarayanan — Associate Board Member, WAVES International; Ph.D. Scholar, Bengaluru, India

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TITLE / TOPIC

Abha Jha

Head, Department of Philosophy,
DSPMU, India

The Timeless Wisdom of the Bhagavad-Gita: A Path to Human Flourishing and Social Well-Being

Victoria A. Herriott

JD, LL.M., MIU, USA

The Timeless Principles of Coaching in the Bhagavad Gita

Caitlin Nisos

Emergence Coaching & Leadership;
Adjunct Faculty, USA

The Dynamics of Aliveness: A Vedic–Emergence Pathway to Full-Being

Carole Vaporean

MIU Doctoral Student — Coaching
& Transformational Leadership

Changing Habits Using Vedic and Emergence Coaching Practices

Kalika Uttarkar

Director, Community Education,
HUA, USA

A Comparative Study of Needs-Based Models in Modern Psychology and the Paradigm of Innate Wholeness (Pūrṇatva and Ānanda) in Selected Upaniṣads

Jennifer Mills-Bermeo

Certified Consciousness Advisor,
MIU, Fairfield

Happiness as Medicine: Shirodhara and Consciousness-Based Practices for Embracing Inner Health

SESSION III-C
Leadership, Intelligence & AI

Trustee Board Room • Aug 1 • 10:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Chair: Anthony K. Hernandez — Department of Physics, MIU

PRESENTER(S)	TITLE / TOPIC
Rakesh Ranjan Psychiatrist & Clinical Researcher, Charak Center, Cleveland; HUA, Florida	From Brahman to Algorithms: A Vedic Ontology for Cosmic, Human, and Artificial Intelligence
Carla Xie Hao CXH-LC AB, Sweden	Natural Intelligence as Field-Coherent Embodiment: A Biological and Civilizational Framework Beyond Artificial Systems
Jeannie O'Neill Doctoral Student, Ed.D. Transforma- tional Leadership, MIU	Anahata Leadership, Ego Development and Human Growth Through the Vedic View of the Chakra System
Deep Kiran Rajani MIU, USA	Ayurvedic Benefits for Workforce and Organizational Stress: A Systematic Review Framework for HR Leaders
David H. Goodman MIU, USA	Consciousness, Flow, and Leadership Development: Situational Peak Experi- ence and Enduring States of Awareness

• *Lunch 12:00 p.m. – 01:00 p.m.* •

PLENARY V — AFTERNOON KEYNOTE

Dalby Hall • Aug 1 • 01:00 p.m. – 01:45 p.m.

Subhash Kak — Regents Professor, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, USA*AI Chatbots and the Atman* (Chair: Sashi Kejriwal, WAVES International)

ACADEMIC SESSIONS IV — PARALLEL • 01:45 P.M. -- 03:00 P.M.

SESSION IV-A

Dalby Hall • Aug 1 • 01:45 p.m. – 03:00 p.m.

Living Wisdom Across Disciplines: Ayurveda and Vedic Sciences in Modern Life

Chair: Nilesh Nilkanth Oak — Adjunct Faculty, Institute of Advanced Sciences, Dartmouth, MA**Moderator:** Ashutosh Pareek — Associate Board Member, WAVES International; Professor, Sanskrit, Ajmer, India

PRESENTER(S)

TITLE / TOPIC

Bal Ram Singh

Institute of Advanced Sciences, Dartmouth, MA

आयुर्वेद और लोकतंत्र: एक विपरीत धारा

(Āyurveda aur Lokatantra: Eka Viparīta Dhārā)

Raj Vedam

Visiting Faculty, HUA, Florida; Arsha Seva Kendram, Coimbatore, India

Rejecting Eurocentrism: Reclaiming India's Place in the Global Knowledge Continuum

Chander Kanwar Bhardwaj

Founder, Gynam Suvigyanam, India

Living Wisdom: Reintegrating Ayurveda and Vedic Sciences in the Modern World

Peter Scharf

Director, Sanskrit Library, USA

Re-orienting Orientalism: Towards the Holistic Understanding of Human Life According to the Vedic Tradition

Tanuja Ajotikar

Asst. Professor, The Sanskrit Library; Co-Director (India Programs), Maharishi University, The Netherlands

Samanvaya: Indra Brought Back Cows — A Myth or a Model?

SESSION IV-B

Trustee Board Room • Aug 1 • 01:45 p.m. – 03:00 p.m.

Vedic Architecture, Agriculture, Poetry, Music & Arts

Chair: Scott R. Herriott — Vice-President for Academic Affairs, MIU, Fairfield, IA**Moderator:** Ashutosh Pareek — Visiting Faculty, HUA, Florida, USA

PRESENTER(S)

TITLE / TOPIC

Aparna DhirSecretary, WAVES India; Faculty,
Institute of Advanced Sciences, Dart-
mouthConceptual Framework of Yajurveda's Agriculture and Animal Husbandry:
A Living Wisdom for Modern Times**Jon Lipman**Director, Institute for Vedic Architec-
ture, MIU

Contribution of Vastu to Ayurveda

Graciella ZogbiHealth & Wellness Consultant; Certi-
fied Consciousness Advisor, MIUGandharva Veda Music: How an Ancient Melodic Circadian Rhythm Tech-
nology Creates Balance, Health, and World Peace**James Shrosbree**

Professor of Art, MIU, USA

Sharing Ground: Life Spark in Art and Ayurveda

Suzanne Araas VessleySenior Research Faculty; English
Librarian, MIUVedic Science: A Holistic Approach to Evaluating William Blake's Fourfold
Vision

SESSION IV-C

Festival Hall • Aug 1 • 01:45 p.m. – 03:00 p.m.

Indian Epistemology and Self-Realization

Chair: Paul J. Morehead — Associate Professor; Director, MS in Maharishi Ayurveda & Integrative Medicine, MIU**Moderator:** Aparna Dhir — Director, INADS Press, MA, USA

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Toby Grotz

International Hindu University, USA

Dynamic Ākāśa and the Origin of Matter: A Vedic Perspective on the Space
Vortex Theory of Paramahansa Tewari**Subrahmanyam Cheruvu**

Argyle, TX, USA

Self-Realization Methodology

Ferenc Conti
MIU, Fairfield, USA

How Vedic Science Can Contribute to Scientific Research on Reality

Reuven Zelinkovsky
MIU, Fairfield, USA

Human Physiology in the Torah and Maharishi Vedic Science: An Integrated Perspective

Sean Moroney
Hawaii Pacific University; MIU

Vedic and Quantum Thought: Consciousness, Order, and the Unified Field of Reality

• *Tea 03:00 p.m. – 03:20 p.m.* •

PANEL DISCUSSION 2

Dalby Hall • Aug 1 • 03:20 p.m. – 05:00 p.m.

Living Wisdom Through Time: Ayurveda's Past, Present, and Road Ahead

Chair: Vandana Baranwal — Convenor, 17th International WAVES Conference; Founder & President, Ayurveda Association of Ohio; Faculty, HUA

Panelists:

Nilesh Nilkanth Oak (Institute of Advanced Sciences, Dartmouth, MA); Candace Badgett (The Raj, Iowa); Yelloji Rao Mirajkar (National Convenor, GIST, NJ); Mahadevan Seetharaman (HUA, Florida); Sushma Jakkula (Ojas Ayurveda Health Center, Florida).

• *Social / Tea / Meditation 05:00 p.m. – 06:00 p.m.* •

• *Dinner 06:05 p.m. – 07:30 p.m.* •

• *Cultural Program 08:00 p.m. – 09:30 p.m.* •

Celebrating Vedic Culture with the Next Generation • Special Performance

Third Day • Sunday, August 2, 2026

Yoga (Purvi, University of Vedic Wellness) 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m., Dalby Hall
 • *Breakfast 08:00 a.m. – 09:00 a.m.*

PLENARY VI — MORNING KEYNOTE

Dalby Hall • Aug 2 • 09:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Anil Maheshwari — MIU, USA

Blissful Living Made Accessible

Kalyan Viswanathan — President, HUA, Florida, USA

From the Veda to Contemporary Hinduism: Continuity and Discontinuity

Marc Halpern

Living Ayurveda: A Healing Journey

Chair: Mahadevan Seetharaman, Dean, California College of Ayurveda, HUA, Florida

• *Tea 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.* •

ACADEMIC SESSIONS V — PARALLEL • 11:00 A.M. -- 12:45 P.M.

SESSION V-A

Dalby Hall • Aug 2 • 11:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Perfect Health, Yoga & Ayurveda

Chair: Anupama Kizzakvettil — Program Director & Professor, Ayurvedic Medicine, Southern California University of Health Sciences

Moderator: Sushma Jakkula — Founder, President & Practitioner, Ojas Ayurveda Health Center

PRESENTER(S)

TITLE / TOPIC

Rucha Kelkar

Ayurbliss Wellness Centre; Chair,
Mount Madonna Institute, CA

Ayurvedic Management of Shwitra Roga in Classical and Contemporary Research

Sangeeta Sharma

Associate Professor, Physiology &
Health, MIU, Fairfield

Holistic Ayurveda Intervention in Chronic Cervical Degeneration and Hashimoto Thyroiditis: A Single Case Study

Amandeep K. Negi

Vaidya, Clinical Assistant Professor,
MIU, Fairfield

Ayurveda-Inspired Diet and Lifestyle Intervention for Glycemic, Anthropometric, and Stress Improvements in Type 2 Diabetes—A Feasibility Study

Sushma Jakkula Founder, President and Practitioner, Ojas Ayurveda Health Center	Disparities in Diabetes Prevalence in the United States — An Ayurvedic Correlation: A Cross-Sectional Study
Asha Sharma; Jamie Grant MIU, USA	Exploring the Effect of the Transcendental Meditation Technique on Migraine Intensity and Frequency: A Single-Arm Pilot Study
Shagun Bansal 12 th Grader, Independence High School, Frisco, TX	Cleanliness and Śauca—Is It Fair to Equate Them? Can They Be Used Interchangeably?

SESSION V-B

Trustee Board Room • Aug 2 • 11:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Emotional Intelligence, Entrepreneurship & Vedic Wisdom**Chair:** Rakesh Ranjan — Psychiatrist & Clinical Researcher, Charak Center, Cleveland, OH; HUA, Orlando, FL**Moderator:** Ashruth Swaminathan Suryanarayanan — Associate Board Member, WAVES International**PRESENTER(S)****TITLE / TOPIC**

Dennis Heaton Professor & Dean Emeritus, College of Business and Entrepreneurship, MIU, USA	Ayurveda for Holistic Health and Holistic Management
Anthony K. Hernandez Department of Physics, MIU, USA	Bridging Function and Subtlety: A Physics-Based Exploration of Ayurvedic Innovation
Syagnik Banerjee University of Michigan-Flint, USA	The Identity-Fuzziness Conundrum: Darshan and Pramana as Premise for Defining Personal Data
Nisha Joshi Miglani MIU, USA	The Puruṣārtha–Bhāva Framework: A Vedic Model for Conscious Entrepreneurship and the Evolution of Human Purpose
Michael Zwell MIU, USA	Levels of Listening and the Science of Creative Intelligence: A Vedic Framework for Transformational Coaching

SESSION V-C

Festival Hall • Aug 2 • 11:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

The Vedic Confluence: Dharma, Science, and Consciousness in Contemporary Life

Chair: David Scharf — Professor & Chair, Department of Physics, MIU, USA**Moderator:** Aparna Dhir — Associate Board Member, WAVES International, USA

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TITLE / TOPIC

Rod EasonMaharishi Vedic Science Department,
MIU, USA

Vedic Devatā

Bhupendra DaveMaharishi Vedic Science Department,
MIU, Iowa

Revival and Importance of Vedic Recitation

Elinor Wolfe

MIU, Fairfield, IA

Achieving Sustainability by Enlivening Dharma in Contemporary Society

Ashutosh PareekAssociate Professor, Sanskrit, Ajmer,
IndiaThe Vedic Confluence of Dharma and Science: Ārṣa Vision of Wisdom and
Enlightened Approach**Ralph Hearn**

MIU, Fairfield, IA

From Magnetic Collapse to Cosmic Consciousness: Harnessing Back EMF
in the Backdrop Dance of Samadhi from the Perspective of Maharishi Vedic
Science**Riaz Ahmed**

MIU, Fairfield, IA

Geodesics in Mind and Matter under a Principle of Least Effort

• *Lunch 12:45 p.m. – 02:15 p.m.* •

VALEDICTORY SESSION

Dalby Hall • Aug 2 • 02:15 p.m. – 04:15 p.m.

Vedic Invocation: Ashutosh Pareek, Faculty, Post Degree College, Ajmer, Rajasthan, India *5 min***WAVES Kulgeet:** “Veda-adhyayana hai lakshya hamara” (recorded audio) *5 min***Introduction and Moderation:** Candace Badgett, Director, The Raj–Maharishi Ayurveda Health Center, Fairfield, IA *10 min***Welcome Address:** Sashi Kejriwal, President, WAVES International, USA *15 min***Valedictory Address:** Nilesh Nilkanth Oak, Adjunct Faculty, Institute of Advanced Sciences, Dartmouth, MA *15 min***Address by the Chief Guest:** Kalyan Viswanathan, President, Hindu University of America, Orlando, USA *15 min***Address by the Guest of Honor:** Chander Kanwar Bhardwaj, Founder, Gynam Suvigyanam, India *10 min***Concluding Remarks:** Bal Ram Singh, Professor & Director, INADS, USA *10 min***Address by the Chairman:** John Hagelin, President Emeritus; Distinguished Professor of Physics, MIU, USA *15 min***Vote of Thanks:** David Scharf (MIU) & Vandana Baranwal (Convenor, 17th WAVES Conference) *5 + 5 min***Shanti-path** — Om Iti Sham

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