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THINKING OF THE WORLD

The goal of the SFU Seniors Program Outreach Project is to encourage older adults throughout British Columbia and beyond, wherever they live, to participate in intellectually stimulating activities and to share their thoughts and knowledge with others. Social interaction is one way of achieving this goal.

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For more information on this Outreach Project or on the SFU Seniors Program please e-mail [seniors@sfu.ca](mailto:seniors@sfu.ca) or write to The Seniors Program, SFU Vancouver, 515 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC, V6B 5K3, telephone: 778.782.5212, fax: 778.782.5098.

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# The Seniors Program and



THE SENIORS LIFELONG LEARNERS SOCIETY



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## OUTREACH PROGRAM

### PERCEPTIONS OF GOD AND HEAVEN (AFTERLIFE)

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A roundtable discussion with:

Rabbi Yosef Wosk

Reverend Shirley Stockdill

Imam Mohamad Rachid

Moderator: Dr. Alan David Aberbach

*You don't stop learning when you grow old ... you grow old when you stop learning!*

## RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FACILITATOR

To make this video enjoyable to seniors who come to your centre to view it, please:

- Carefully select a responsible person to act as Discussion Leader.
- Give the Discussion Leader the Leader's Evaluation Form.
- Make all arrangements for time, place, and equipment, advertising the event well in advance.
- Arrange for refreshments, if desired.
- Duplicate enough audience evaluation forms so each member of the audience has an Audience Evaluation Form.

### **After the public viewing and discussion, please return all evaluation forms to:**

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The following DVD titles are available by contacting [seniors@sfu.ca](mailto:seniors@sfu.ca) or call 778.782.5212:

- Outreach program 102 *Multiculturalism and the Canadian Identity: The Changing Faces of Canada*
- Outreach program 103 *Grandparenting in the 21st Century*

More information is available on our website at [www.sfu.ca/seniors](http://www.sfu.ca/seniors)

## RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DISCUSSION LEADER

Please view the short "How To" DVD that was sent to you, or you may view it on line. Log on to: [www.sfu.ca/seniors](http://www.sfu.ca/seniors). On the left hand column click on the SFU Outreach Project. There you will find the short How To clip. This will give you several excellent ideas regarding how to use the DVD player and especially how to handle the discussion.

This DVD stops at 2 points along the way, the first after about 20 minutes. This is the signal for you to begin the discussion. The following questions remain on screen until you hit the "enter" button.

- What is your perception of God
- What is the purpose of life?
- If God is the Creator, did he create the devil?

The 2nd and last set of questions appears 41 minutes from the beginning:

- Do you believe in life after death?
- If you do, what is your view of the afterlife or heaven.
- Do you believe in reincarnation? In heaven? In Hell?

Remember: the goal is to get older adults to think, talk, and socialize.