



Questions:

1. Samir suggests that there may be a danger in assuming that one idea explains everything. What do you think is at risk?
2. What do you think it means to practice in the presence of God in the other?
3. What stood out for you from Colossians 1:13-20?
4. How might your experiences with other faiths make you a better Christian? Has it already happened?

EPISODE TITLE: "In All Things"

The Faith of Jesus in a Pluralistic World, Episode 6

Featured Guest: Samir Selmanovic

Samir Selmanovic, Founder, and Director of Community Engagement at Faith House Manhattan, knows how to create synergy among the stakeholders of an organization and manage them for success. A dynamic community leader since his high school days in former Yugoslavia, Samir was born into complexity with a Muslim father, Christian mother, and an atheist school system, with capitalism to the West and communism to the East. Samir's passion for problem solving propelled him through his B.Sc in Engineering, M.A. in Psychology, M.Div, and Ph.D. His ten years of community leadership as a progressive Christian pastor include a recognition by the organization Muslims Against Terrorism in the aftermath of 9/11 in New York City, co-founding a vibrant young adult congregation in Southern California, founding the non-profit Faith House Manhattan, and authoring of *It's Really All About God*, a book about collaboration with the "religious other."

Pneuma Divina Scripture: Colossians 1:13-20

¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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