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BRIEF

HIS PASSION

Mike Ghouse is a speaker, thinker, writer and an activist of pluralism, interfaith, human rights, diversity, Islam, Israel/Palestine and India.

He will motivate, educate and entertain your group in creating a cohesive environment to work, socialize and function effectively. He offers pluralistic solutions on issues of the day.

Mike has a strong presence on National and local TV, Radio, and Print Media. He is a frequent guest on The Sean Hannity show on Fox TV, and a commentator on radio networks.

He contributes weekly to the Texas Faith Column at Dallas Morning News, Huffington post, and several other periodicals across the world. His site www.MikeGhouse.net links to everything he does.

Mike has published over 2500 articles on a variety of subjects. Two books are poised to be released this year on Pluralism and building a cohesive America.

He has spoken and moderated at many international forums including the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions in Australia; Peace Initiative in Jerusalem; and International Leadership Conference in Hawaii, Chicago and Washington and at many college campuses.

Mike was a commissioner at City of Carrollton and president of many organizations including North Texas Cricket Association. He was a board member in many organizations including Dallas Peace Center.

Mike is president of America Together Foundation, a non-profit entity committed to building a cohesive America, where no American has to live in anxiety, apprehension, discomfort or fear of the other.

HIS BUSINESS

Mike has a comprehensive experience in business management, turning ailing operations around, home building, remodeling, real estate, mortgages and investments.

He was the deputy finance controller for Fluor Corporation in Saudi Arabia (1977-1981). Fluor was the largest Petro Chemical Engineering firms in the world then.

He was vice president of Lewis Fire Equipment, one of the largest fire protection companies in Texas. He was successful in turning around the company to profitability (1981-1983).

Since 1984, Mike has been in home building and management consulting business. He has received accolades from some of the greatest companies.

Gemcraft Homes (1984)
Ryland Homes (#1 Manager-1985),
Grand Homes (#3 -1988),
Drees Custom Homes (#1-1999),
Bluff view Builders (2006) and
First City Homes (Since 2006)

EDUCATION

MBA, University of Dallas, Texas –
Marketing and Operations
Management. (1984)

Master's Degree in Tax and
management accounting from
Bangalore University (1974)

Bachelor's Degree in Banking from
Bangalore University (1971)

EXPERTISE

- ❖ Public Speaker
- ❖ Pluralism Speaker
- ❖ Speaker on Islam
- ❖ Conflict Mitigation
- ❖ Community outreach
- ❖ Interfaith Relations
- ❖ Religion Workshops
- ❖ Media Relations
- ❖ Multimedia
- ❖ Blogger
- ❖ TV/Radio Production
- ❖ News Paper publishing
- ❖ Author/Writer
- ❖ Events Management
- ❖ Operations Mgmt
- ❖ Financial expertise
- ❖ Business Systems
- ❖ Budget Mgmt
- ❖ Leadership Dev.
- ❖ Organizer

MANAGES THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS

AMERICA TOGETHER FOUNDATION

Americans together are committed to building a cohesive America, where no American has to live with anxieties, discomfort of fear of the other. We have the systems and programs in place to work towards building cohesive societies. www.AmericaTogetherFoundation.com

Key programs to bring Americans together and build bridges

- 1) Unity Day USA – 11 Years of Annual Event & Awards– www.UnitydayUSA.com
- 2) Reflections on Holocaust and Genocides – 8th year – www.HolocaustandGenocides.com
- 3) Thanksgiving Celebrations – discontinued after 14 years due to timing.
- 4) Conferences on Racism, Anti-Semitism, misogyny, Islamophobia,

FOUNDATION FOR PLURALISM

Our mission is to encourage individuals to develop an open mind and an open heart towards fellow beings. If we can learn to respect the otherness of others and accept the uniqueness of each one of us, then conflicts fade and solutions emerge.

It's 20 years of work on religious, social, cultural and political pluralism involving 26 workshops in understanding religion, every beautiful religion; 520 hours of radio talk shows learning about the wisdom of every faith; writing and sharing the essence of the festivals of the world and nearly 750 Articles on Pluralism, and over 150 of them published at Dallas Morning News and nearly 100 at Huffington post and several TV and Radio appearances.

www.FoundationforPluralism.com | www.PluralismCenter.com | www.wisdomofReligion.com

WORLD MUSLIM CONGRESS

We are committed to nurturing the pluralistic ideals embedded in Islam. To be a Muslim is to be a peace maker, one who consistently seeks to mitigate conflicts and nurtures goodwill for peaceful co-existence of humanity. God wants us to live in harmony with his creation; Life and Matter

WorldMuslimcongress.com | Quraantoday.com | ShariaLaws.com | Quraanconference.com

STANDING UP FOR OTHERS (BLOG)

If you are not willing to stand up for others, why should anyone stand up for you? Mike is blessed to have done that for almost every community from Atheists to Zoroastrians and every one in between www.Standingupforothers.com

EXPERIENCE IN INTERFAITH & PLURALISM

- ❖ Texas Faith Panel, Dallas Morning News. Mr. Ghouse is a member of the Panel and writes about interfaith issues facing the nation every week. He has written close to 150 pieces over the last two years and almost every column he writes, weaves through the essence of many religions.
- ❖ The Huffington Post; Mike has written nearly 100 articles in the last two years. Occasionally his articles have been published at Washington Post and several national and international periodicals including Arab News, Tehran Times, Jakarta post, Times of India, Daily Times and several others.
- ❖ TV/Radio - Mike is a frequent guest on Fox News, "The Hannity Show", and on nationally syndicated radio shows including Dallas TV, print and radio networks.
- ❖ Google: Mike has consistently remained on the first page when you search for Pluralism Speaker, Interfaith speaker and Muslim Speaker, whether it is the search or the images.
- ❖ Blogs: Mike has written an average of 175 articles a year over a dozen years. Most of the columns were on interfaith/pluralism, in a given set of 10 articles, almost every religion would have been mentioned including Atheism, paganism and Native traditions.
- ❖ Interfaith workshops: 26 live workshops were conducted between 2005 and 2007; Understanding Atheism to Zoroastrianism and every religion in between
- ❖ Radio shows: Mike hosted 520 Hours of radio talk shows on "Understanding the essence of religions, each beautiful religion" with a representative of the respective faith 5 days a week on AM Radio 1150 in Dallas between 2003 and 2005.
- ❖ Festivals of the World – The essence of major festivals of all religions were written up since 1993 in Asian American Journal, followed by Asian News Radio and the blogs, websites and the newspapers.
- ❖ Pluralism flows in Mike's veins. Even the tribute he wrote about his late wife, father, and mother were soaked with the essence of many religions.
- ❖ The book "Americans together, building a cohesive America" will be out this year, and the next book, Muslims in America is poised to make it this year as well.
- ❖ A documentary "*Americans Together*" is in the making; and it will present the full spectrum of American diversity, laden with programs and ideas on building a cohesive America, where no American has to live in discomfort, apprehension or fear of the other. It is expected to be out in 2016 prior to the General Elections.
- ❖ Blogger: Mike passionately writes on topics including but not limited to; Pluralism, Holocaust and Genocides, International conflicts, Israel-Palestine, India, Sharia Laws, Quraan, Blasphemy, Apostasy, Hijab, Ground Zero Mosque, Peter King Hearings, Quraan, Terrorism, Ramadan, Islam, Media, local affairs etc.
- ❖ International speaker: Mike has spoken at international forums including the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions in Melbourne, Australia; the Middle East Peace Initiative in Jerusalem; and the International Leadership Conference in Hawaii, Chicago and Washington.
- ❖ Standing up for others, Mike lives what he preaches. In the blog standing up for others, he has set an example of standing up for almost every representation of Americans. Standing up for others is the right thing to do, every human goes through a period of invincibility to vulnerability, if we don't stand up for those who are susceptible, then who will stand up for us when we are unguarded?
www.Standingupforothers.com

MAJOR INITIATIVES IN PLURALISM/ INTERFAITH

Mike has initiated, organized and established the following events. In each one of the events, we the people of the United States of America of every faith, race, ethnicity, culture and background come together to express our commitment to co-existence, unity, safety and well being of our nation.

- ◆ Annual Unity Day USA is a main stream event commemorating 9/11 for ten years. The UNITY DAY USA has become a symbol of unity among Americans. It is an initiative to come together to stand up for the safety, security and cohesiveness of America. Every year we recognize five individuals who have made a difference in their communities, the trophy calls them pluralists in their field.
Website: www.UnityDayUSA.com
- ◆ 9/11 – Mike was on Radio from 10:00 AM till 4:30 on Tuesday, September 11, 2001 trying to make sense out of the chaos, he reached out to Mayors and community leaders to forge a common voice. Mike was a catalyst in commencing interfaith prayers, fund raising and blood donations that day. He pledged to serve the nation every year on that day, and Unity Day USA is the product of that commitment.
- ◆ Annual Holocaust and Genocides event has continued for the last seven years. Education is the purpose, we have learn to acknowledge and reflect upon the terrible things we have inflicted upon each other and have committed ourselves to resist the temptations to be prejudiced and stereotype others. We cannot demand peace unless we are peaceful ourselves. Our safety hinges on the safety of others around us, and it behooves us to work for the safety and security of others on this little planet. We have to be continuously aware of the Holocaust and Genocides and prepare to say never again.
Website: www.HolocaustandGenocides.com
- ◆ Annual Thanksgiving Celebrations & Awards night was carried out for over ten years and due to overlapping of Unity Day, it is done on a small scale now. The purpose of celebrating this event is to thank God for helping us learn to accept, respect and appreciate each other's cultural uniqueness.
Website: www.Thanksgivingcelebrations.org
- ◆ Qur'an Conference was held on December 5, 2010 in Dallas to demystify the myths about "troubled passages" from Qur'an with 10 Non-Muslim clergy panelists and 5 Muslim Imams. It was one of the most powerful educational programs to read Quraan first hand and share that understanding with the audience.
Website: www.Quraanconference.com
- ◆ Quran Burning event on 9/11/2013
When Pastor Jones announced burning 2998 copies of Qur'an on Wednesday, September 11, 2013, one for each American life lost on September 11, 2001, we decided to bring a closure to the sacrifice of our men and women in the most honored way and not by burning the Qurans. We wanted to assert to Muslims around the world, that our God given right to freedom of speech is a value we treasure and hold it dear to us, ultimately it is the freedom that uplifts the whole humanity. Our goal was to offer an alternate Muslim behavior model to become the standard, indeed we can call it a genuine Islamic response based on Quran and examples of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh).
Website: <http://worldmuslimcongress.blogspot.com/2014/03/a-new-paradigm-in-muslim-world.html>

SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Mike has earned the goodwill from among different faiths, races and ethnicities across America by serving and contributing towards the overall good of America. He makes a conscious effort to reach out to every representation of America.

- ◆ Commissioner, City of Carrollton (2007-2010) He has close relations with the civic leadership, local community and politicians. He not only served the city at large but also hosted candidates' forum shaping the politics of Carrollton. The Mayors and Council members have participated in Annual events.
- ◆ Founding Director, Memnosyne Foundation, Dallas, TX (2007-2010) reaching out to Native Americans across the continent.
- ◆ Director, Dallas Peace Center, Dallas, TX (2006 – 2010), the oldest peace organization in Dallas.
- ◆ Organizer, Zindagi Trust of USA. Fund raising for Children's education in Pakistan in the years 2006, 2008 and Founding Director of Pratham USA (2005), an education trust in India with a goal to remove illiteracy.
- ◆ Ambassador for Peace, Universal Peace Federation, Dallas, TX since 2005 he has reached to the African American clergy and has been a part of the Middle East Peace Initiative and has spoken at a peace conference in Jerusalem.
- ◆ Community – Mike was elected President of the Indian Creek HOA (2004-2006), and his leadership skills pulled diverse people together to serve on, one of the largest HOA's in Dallas area for two terms.
- ◆ Registrar, Women's III International Conference in Dallas 2005, handling 3000 registrations from across the globe.
- ◆ Sports – Mike was a President of North Texas Cricket Association (2002-2004). Under his leadership the outlook for Cricket in the USA brightened, leaving behind 16 Cricket grounds, raising from 6 teams to 32, and winning an international award for the best overall Cricket development in the western hemisphere.
- ◆ Director, Home Builders Association, Sales & Marketing Council (1999-2001) and member, Government Relations Committee (2001-2005)
- ◆ Media: Producer and host of Talk Show Radio (1996-2006) / Producer, editor and anchor of weekly 30 minutes TV Show on community affairs in 1996
- ◆ Publisher of weekly Asian American Journal. (1993-2001).
- ◆ Publisher of several handbooks on Pluralism, Islam and India.
- ◆ 35 Major public events related with Pluralism and interfaith.
- ◆ 26 Workshops on Understanding religion, 13 religions including Atheism
- ◆ 520 Hours of Radio show on Religions

ACTIVISM

Mike just cannot sit quietly when he feels he can raise his voice. He was inspired by many a spiritual masters. Martin Luther King Jr. is one of Mike's mentors, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice, whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly".

The Native American Chief Seattle said we are merely a strand in this World Wide Web; if we mess one, we mess the others. Prophet Muhammad's said when you see injustice, the least you can do is to speak up. Mike's Grandfather and his father also inspired him to be an activist.

- ◆ Anti-Semitism – Mr. Fred Phelps is one of the famous Anti-Semitic Pastors from Kansas, he was protesting in front of the Dallas Holocaust Museum, Texas Jewish Post, Akiba Academy, Synagogues, St. Mary's Guadalupe and the GLBT church. Mike was there standing with the Jews, immigrants and Catholics, believing that we need to stand up together. He pulled the Holocaust Survivors together in the Museum and prayed for the well being of all.
- ◆ Immigration Reforms Rally - Mike joined the Lulac to March in downtown with the community and Spanish leaders to demand immigration reforms, where he gave one of his famous speeches "Standing up for others" at Dallas City Hall to a gathering of 8000.
- ◆ Immigration protest at Farmers Branch: When the City undertook to undermine the Federal Government on undocumented aliens, Mike was there walking with the group to Mayor's office. Dallas Morning News printed Mike's picture on the top front page, which was repeated in 200 dailies across Latin America producing a barrage of hate mail.
- ◆ Gaza Protest: In December 2009, during Gaza Siege, Mike represented Dallas Peace Center as a director at the Grassy Knoll, Downtown Dallas where JFK was shot. There was a Jewish man having arguments with a few Palestinians, the police was chasing him for causing distress, Mike stood up for him against the police demand to leave, and when they decided to arrest him, the other guy walked away and they backed off.
- ◆ Gujarat Massacre: Nearly 1000 Indian Muslims were massacred in the mayhem in Gujarat; Mike organized a Rally in protest held in downtown at the court house.
- ◆ Anti-War Rally: Participated in Anti-War rallies down town Dallas several times.
- ◆ Gay March - World War II witnessed the massacre of Gays and the march was organized in Oak Lawn which Mike participated. He also participated in the South Dallas aids walk.
- ◆ Gandhi Walk and the Partnership Walk, an Annual event since 2009 and 2000 respectively.
- ◆ Mike has also written petitions, called on people and wrote about the mistreatment of Atheists, Baha'i, Buddhist, Christian, Hindus, Jains, Jews, Pagans, Sikhs, Wicca, Native Americans, Zoroastrians and of course Muslims around the world.
- ◆ Guest Visitation Programs – Every year civil and religious leadership from Middle East and North Africa visits the United States, and invariably, I have the pleasure of meeting with them to talk about interfaith movements and Pluralism in America.

SOCIAL MEDIA

- ❖ Facebook1: Mike has been active on the facebook, consistently sharing the idea of pluralism. He has over 5000 friends and 2700 Subscribers. Every time he writes about Rosh Hashanah, Janmashtami, Paryushan, Ramadan, Christmas or immigration or defends Paganism or Atheism, friendship requests pour in- www.facebook.com/MikeGhouse

Facebook2 was started to accommodate the growing demands to be friends at www.facebook.com/MikeGhouse2 with 2000 friends and now www.facebook.com/speakermikeghouse is launched

Between all the facebook pages, Mike has a reach to 12,000 members.

- ❖ Twitter: 5400 Tweets, with 1900 following and nearly a 1000 followers <https://twitter.com/MikeGhouse>
- ❖ Linked-in: 1700 Connections <http://www.linkedin.com/in/mikeghouse>
- ❖ Yahoo groups Forums - Since 2003
 - WorldMuslimCongress@yahoogroups.com - 1600 members
 - DallasIndians@yahoogroups.com - 1700 members
 - DallasPaksitanis@yahoogroups.com -950 members
 - FoundationforPluralism@yahoogroups.com - 200 Members
- ❖ Active in other social groups.
- ❖ Maintains a list of about 36000 people around the world
- ❖ Actively Participates in discussion forums of South Asian Journalists with 800+ Members
- ❖ Actively participates in Sociology of Islam group with nearly 1000 academics and professors from around the globe.

MEDIA PRESENCE

- ◆ Fox News/ Sean Hannity - <http://www.hannity.com/guest/ghouse-mike/10804>
- ◆ Dallas Morning News - <http://religionblog.dallasnews.com/>
- ◆ Huffington Post - <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/mike-ghouse>
- ◆ You tube -
- ◆ Personal Profile - <http://mikeghouse.net/Profile.asp>
- ◆ Pluralism Speaker - http://www.mikeghouse.net/InterfaithSpeaker_MikeGhouse.asp
- ◆ Muslim Speaker - <http://mikeghouse.net/MuslimSpeaker.MikeGhouse.asp>
- ◆ The Ghouse Diary -www.TheGhousediary.com

BLOGS

Most of the blogs are topical, here is a brief rundown of the blogs

- ◆ The Ghouse Diary -1408 posts| 2, 192,000 views
www.TheGhousediary.com - it's the mother site since 2009
All my writings and writings about my work.
- ◆ World Muslim Congress – 1287 Posts | 5, 713,000 Views | since 2007
www.WorldMuslimCongress.com – different authors.
- ◆ Foundation for Pluralism – 680 Posts | 2, 260,000 Views | since 2007
<http://wisdomofreligions.blogspot.com> – different authors.
- ◆ Mike Ghouse for America – 544 Posts | 599,000 Views | Since 2007
<http://MikeGhouseforAmerica.blogspot.com> – discontinued after the Ghouse diary
- ◆ Mike Ghouse for India – 521 posts | 618,000 Views | Since 2006
<http://MikeGhouseforIndia.blogspot.com> – different authors
- ◆ Israel Palestine Dialogue – 240 posts | 344,000 Views | Since 2007
www.IsraelPalestineDialogue.com – different authors
- ◆ Holocaust and Genocides – 105 Posts | 384,000 Views | Since 2008
www.HolocaustandGenocides.com – different authors
- ◆ Unity Day USA – 51 posts | 202,000 Views | Since 2008
www.UnitydayUSA.com
- ◆ Sharia Laws – 104 posts | 992,000 Views | Since 2008
www.ShariaLaws.com
- ◆ Blasphemy Laws – 44 posts | 702,000 Views | Since 2011
<http://Blasphemylaws.blogspot.com>
- ◆ Standing up for others – 46 Posts | 119,000 Views | since 2010
www.Standingupforothers.com – all my writings.
- ◆ Interfaith Marriages – 17 posts | 88,000 Views | since 2009
<http://interfaithmarriages.blogspot.com>
- ◆ Quran Today – 139 Posts | 815,000 views | Since 2007
www.QuraanToday.com
- ◆ Ground Zero Mosque – 26 posts | 114,00 Views | One Month August 2010
<http://GroundzeroMosque.blogspot.com>
- ◆ Quran Conference – 25 Posts | 106,000 Views | One Month December 2010
www.QuraanConference.com
- ◆ Peter King Hearings – 46 Posts | 41,000 Views | One Month in March 2011
<http://Peterkinghearings.blogspot.com>
- ◆ Sulekha, Indian Portal – 922 Posts | Since 1999
[HTTP://RIVR.SULEKHA.COM/MIKE-GHOUSE_100777?T=BLOGS](http://RIVR.SULEKHA.COM/MIKE-GHOUSE_100777?T=BLOGS)