

## Jerusalem launches debate on sharing Temple Mount

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This link from my friend Samuel. Religious leaders in Jerusalem launched a new project on Thursday, aimed at fostering peace between Judaism, Islam and Christianity through the sharing of Judaism's most holy site. The project is headed by the Interfaith Encounter Association, which aspires to promote a vision of peaceful coexistence between the 'three Abrahamic religions'. In light of the Middle East conflict, which centres upon the city of Jerusalem and in particular the Temple Mount area, the project envisions a day in which the contested site can be [shared](#) by the religions of the world. A painting being used to promote the vision of the organization depicts a rebuilt Jewish Temple, standing alongside the Islamic Dome of the Rock. The artist portrays Christians, Muslims and Jews streaming in through the reopened Eastern Gate of the Temple Mount toward their respective holy places. In accordance with the prophecies of Ezekiel and Zechariah, a river runs out from the Temple and towards the former and hinder seas (Zechariah 14:8). But rather than being a blueprint for the rebuilding of the Jewish Temple, the painting portrays the holy sites in anomalous positions, so as not to prejudge the outcome of ongoing negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians.

**Quote:** *"The world holds dark assumptions that fervent dreams by different faiths for the Temple Mount must lead to conflict. We pretend that these dreams no longer matter, but past regional peace initiatives have fallen apart in disputes about the Temple Mount. Join us in unveiling the prophetic calling of God's Holy Mountain through close religious study, and in seeing: The Temple Mount is not a problem but the place for Jew, Muslim, and Christian to fulfill Zechariah's prophecy: "On that day, God will be one and His name one."*

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