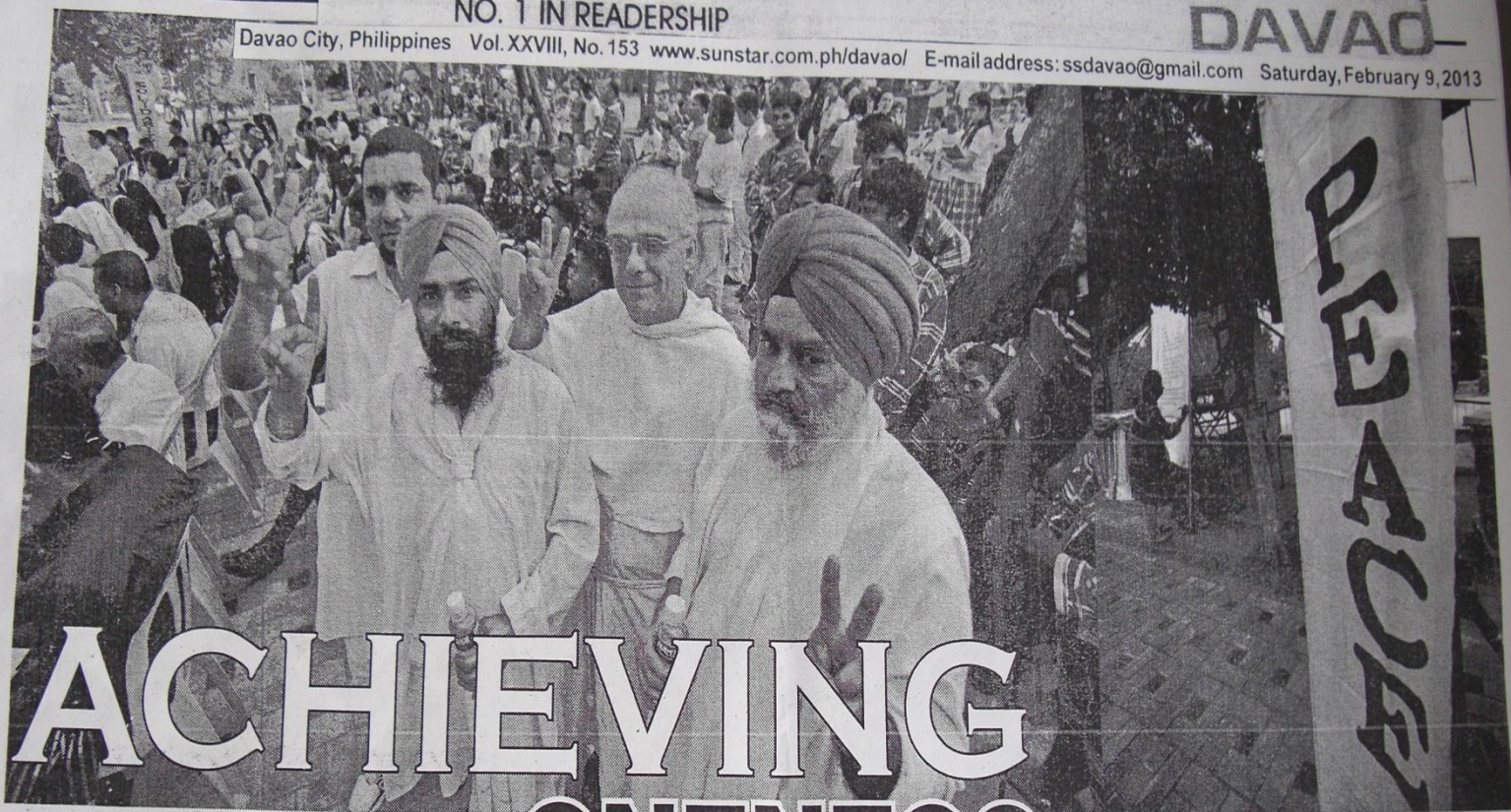


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ACHIEVING ONENESS

JUDAISM, Christianity, Islam, Baha'i, Hinduism, Taoism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Rodnoveri, Celtic pagan, Heathenism, Semitic pagan, Wicca, Kemetism, Hellenic pagan and Roman pagan are among the most commonly known faith or belief in the world today.

These do not include the indigenous religions which are mostly undocumented until today. They

have different names of their supreme being yet all of these religions from different races and cultural

systems praise and believe the same "mighty one".

If we could change the dictum of the names given to that Supreme Being maybe we do not desire anymore on the so called "everlasting peace." However, we must learn from what we have now to understand one another

despite the language barrier.

Last Thursday, World Interfaith Harmony Week commenced at People's Park. Various religions, indigenous groups in Davao City which have different boundaries in life, gathered harmoniously in an event to

achieve genuine peace and oneness.

Each of the believers and well-wishers were united in signing the covenant to respect each one with dignity, uphold the right of each person and to express his or her belief in accordance with the tenets and traditions of their faiths while promoting them.

God, Allah, Manama,

Magboboot, Magbabaya, Tuhan, 6or, Shén, iishvar, Dues, 神, Gott, 신, Dieu, Tur, Th'n, परमेश्वर, Dio, لاخ, Bogu, Daivam, Kui, etc, are just names but similar in essence. Religion itself must not hinder us from growing to learn to love one another. It must also inspire us to become closer and attain oneness as human beings.