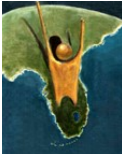




# The Tampa Bay Coalition of Reason



# Freethought News

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**Tracy Thomas**  
Clearwater Council



**Eileen Stafford**  
Largo City Commission

**Are the latest to deliver invocations** at Pinellas County councils and commissions. Both are members of Atheists of Florida. Their comments were warmly received by those present.

It has become accepted for people from the Free-thought community to present these invocations. Those wishing to do so, may contact J.M. Adkins at [president@aof.ngo](mailto:president@aof.ngo).

### Editorial Opinion...

*The Humanist Obligation in a time of political chaos.*

Politics is the answer to the question, "How shall we live." It is predicated on the answer to the question, "What is the world like?"

It is too often thought that humanists play a role in public affairs that is mostly confined to issues involving the place of religion. But nothing is further from the truth.

With the accumulated experience of over 2500 years of philosophical and ethical challenges to prevailing ways of thinking, Humanists bring a sophisticated and optimistic counter to the endemic cynicism and the empty platitudes of sterile rote agendas of the clinging past.

When the course of public conversation turns on irrational fears, unexamined myths, and popular prejudices, a crises emerges that stirs deep trouble in civil life. We can and must offer the solace of humanist philosophy and the instruments of critical reason, and scientific precision into the discourse. This is our purpose, our obligation. JP

*Politics, Used cars, Immunizations, Climate Change, Commercials, Miracles, Computer Scams, advertising, celebrity endorsements, etc.*

*R U Ready for...*

## Skepti-Camp 2 ?

Remedies good for what ails ye. Remember what fun we had last time? Do you miss it? Don't be "left behind" this time. Register now for SKEPTICAMP2 - Saturday, **August 27th, 2016, 1pm - 6pm** (doors open at 12:30 PM.) Limited seating. Tickets can be had at: [HTTP://aof.ngo/skepticamp2](http://aof.ngo/skepticamp2)

Tickets are available in advance for **\$10** for AOF members (membership in the organization, not just in the meetup group), **\$15** for non-AOF members (includes a complimentary 1 year membership in AOF.) Or, **\$20** for at the door admission. Writers, thinkers, and other top experts share their insights.

**Solid, practical skills that you can apply to the problems of everyday life.**



Daniel Ruth

Dave "Doc" Dockery



**Our Skeptical Experts...**

Dr. Ryan Cragun



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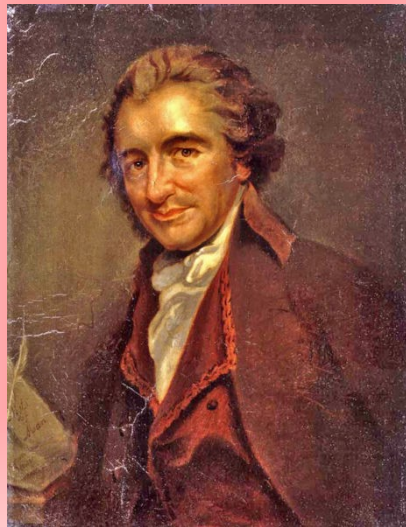
Our  
**29th**  
Year

# The Humanist Society<sup>2</sup> of the Suncoast News

An Epicurean society dedicated to the proposition that the fully examined life is worth living well.  
Associate organization of the Humanists of Florida, the AHA, COR, and CSH Find us at [www.suncoasthumanist.com](http://www.suncoasthumanist.com)

**Dunedin Public Library** 223 Douglas Ave, Dunedin, FL

## THE LIFE OF THOMAS PAINE



A theatrical reenactment of highlights from the man who in many ways really made the United States. This video performance by noted stage actor Ian Ruskin, is accompanied by the narration of Elliott Gould. This Presentation is courtesy of the Center for Inquiry—Tampa Bay.



### Tampa Bay Harvest

**Food: the first kindness and the measure of our Hospitality. Humanists aspire to true friendship with our fellow human beings.** Money is more effective than cans to get the most benefit to the greatest number of people. Thanks to *Glenn Paul*, chair, and Jordan Williams. Ed Note: Glenn needs assistance. **We need volunteers!** Write to [jim@suncoasthumanist.com](mailto:jim@suncoasthumanist.com) Thanx.

**Please join us at**

**2:00 PM  
August 6th**

([map](#)) **The Dunedin Public Library at 223 Douglas Ave. in Dunedin.**

Many of us go to dinner afterwards at: **Marguerites Cafe.** Directly across from the Library.

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*Join or renew the  
Humanist Society of the Suncoast*

### Annual Dues.

- \_ E-mail news -Free
- \_ **Regular -\$25**
- \_ Reg. Couple -\$30.
- \_ **Supporter -\$35/40 (W/ pin above)**
- \_ Life -\$200.
- \_ Life Couple -\$250.
- \_ Associate -\$10



*Your membership helps keep Humanism alive and growing in the Tampa Bay area A small part of your dues allows us to participate fully as a member organization of the Tampa Bay Coalition of Reason and enables us to support larger and more exciting programs.*

*If you have questions concerning your dues or status, contact our treasurer,  
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*\*= optional*



**Kay and Glenn Paul** are both spending some recuperation time after some unfortunate medical misadventures. Give them a little call to help let them know that they are appreciated. Reach them at 727. 595-3347.



*Humanists work to build a world in which happiness is the enduring criterion of all policy.*

## What is the Humanist Way?

1. To extend a human centered approach to the critical problems of life and society.
2. To encourage attitudes of kindness, compassion, tolerance and a loving generosity in human relationships, and in our treatment of all life. These attitudes help us to see ourselves in the lives of others, and encourage appreciation for the remarkable diversity of human culture and experience.
3. To develop and popularize the skills of creative and critical thinking that empower people to challenge prejudice, superstition and irrationality in every area of life. Such empowerment enables the individual to reach the highest levels of achievement.
4. To exalt those artistic and imaginative expressions of life which have been the source of the greatest pleasure and enlightenment, and which reflect compelling human truths. Through music, literature, art, dance, and other expressions, we embrace the essence of what it means to be human.
5. To explore the grounds of ethics and morality within the unfolding history of our evolving culture. Such knowledge will enable us to become effective protagonists for the happiness of the individual person. JP

## The Movable Feast:

the Humanist Society monthly social Dinner for August, is at ...the

# ACROPOLE

1170 Starkey Rd, Largo, FL 33771, Largo  
(Southern Extension of Keene)

We're changing our approach. Now its just open. No RSVP required. Trundle on down for the fine food and fastidiously fabulous fellowship! See [Menu](#). Be there on Sunday August 21st by 5 O'clock to meet with our friends. As always, this is a self treated dinner. Ask to be seated with "the humanists."

We need a coordinator for this!... Maybe you?

~ Only the best people eat here when we do. ~

## Laugh Lines Drolleries for the astute

1. Knock, knock.  
Who's there?  
To.  
To who?  
No, to whom.
2. What did the DNA say to the other DNA?  
"Do these genes make me look fat?"
3. A Roman walks into a bar and asks for a martinus.  
"You mean a martini?" the bartender asks. The Roman replies, "If I wanted a double, I would have asked for it!"  
Another Roman walks into the bar, holds up two fingers, and says, "Five beers, please."
4. A philosopher says to a linguist "What if, instead of periods, women had apostrophes?" The linguist replied, "They'd be more possessive and have more frequent contractions."
5. It's hard to explain puns to kleptomaniacs because they always take things literally!
6. A Buddhist monk approaches a burger food-truck and says "make me one with everything."  
The Buddhist monk pays with a \$20 bill, which the vendor takes, puts in his cash box, and closes the lid.  
"Where's my change?" the monk asks.  
The vendor replies, "change comes from within."
7. How can you tell the difference between a chemist and a plumber? Ask them to pronounce "unionized."  
A plumber would say- 'you-niun-ized', whereas a chemist would say- 'un-ayon-ized'. Gettit? Gettit??
8. Helium walks into a bar,  
The bar tender says "We don't serve noble gases in here."

Thanx to Rick O'Keefe

## HUMANIST SOCIETY OF THE SUNCOAST

A chapter of the American Humanist Assoc.  
The Association of Secular Humanist Societies

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For a secular therapist, click:

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(727) 725-8820

or, [Patricia Walters,](#)  
(813) 452-6547



## Tampa Humanist Association

Meets every third Saturday at, 11:00 AM in  
**The North Tampa Public Library**  
8916 North Blvd. Tampa, FL 33604 [Map](#)

**August 20th, 11 AM**

Discussion Leader: **Lucas Hopegood**

As Humanists it is our task to discover the secret world above and within the level of conscious recognition. Using the instruments of reason, and critical thinking, we strive to be at one in understanding both the world that made us, and the one we are inventing.

Each month a new investigation thoughtfully and critically dissects a new intersection of mind and matter. Be part of it. Subject: **The Social construct of Virginity and its role in civilization.**

Learn more about the association at: <http://tampahumanist.com/>



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## Promoting Action & Unity in the Tampa Bay Area

Join the Freethought Organizations of the Tampa Bay Area: Center for Inquiry-Tampa Bay, Tampa Humanist Association, Institute for Science and Human Values, Humanist Society of the Suncoast, UU Humanists Clearwater, Atheists of Florida, UU Humanists Tampa, \* Freethinkers @ USF, \* Plus numerous Meetup organizations that promote serious secular discussion and activity about important issues in our area and beyond.

Thus substantive and exciting new activities are offered to the Tampa Bay area that were not possible for most organizations before.

We are especially grateful to the national office of the United Coalition of Reason and its director, Jason Heap. You may recall that UCoR was the major impetus to getting a large number of billboards erected in Tampa Bay and across the nation with such messages as "You can be good without God. Millions are!"

*TBCoR is an alliance of groups identified with the freethought /Humanist /Atheist movement .*

As this momentum continues to grow, we will keep you informed of developments . JP  
Contact: [tbcor@metrodirect.net](mailto:tbcor@metrodirect.net):  
<http://www.tampabaycor.org/>



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The mission of the [Secular Coalition](#) is to increase the visibility of and respect for non-theistic view-points in the State, and to protect and strengthen the secular character of our government as the best guarantee of freedom for all.



**Bill Norsworthy, is our Florida representative.**

Please sign up [here](#). Volunteer activists are wanted, needed, and appreciated!

See page 7 for more information on our Secular Coalition activities around the National day of Reason. SC wants **you** to represent the voice of thousands of the people of reason in the halls of power.

As our government undergoes its quadrennial crises of morphology, the secular coalition is needed to remind citizens and officials alike that ours is indeed a secular society. But to preserve its character from the predations of zealots requires your involvement.

**A Humanist Discussion group in east Tampa !**

**UU Humanists of Tampa**

**Meetings temporarily suspended for the summer.**

Public Discussion, 2nd Wed. eve from 7 -9 PM  
and on the 4th Sun. Morning 9:45 - 10:45.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Tampa  
11400 Morris Bridge Rd. Tampa, FL 33637  
More information can be found at :

<http://uutampa.org/unitarian-universalist-humanist-of-tampa/>

## Humanist Quotes

“The things you really need are few and easy to come by; but the things you can imagine you need are infinite, and you will never be satisfied.”

– Epicurus, *Principal Doctrines*, C300 BCE



An autonomous project of the Humanist Society. Affiliate of [PCI](#)

Transportation accounts for over 40% of U.S. energy end use, and over 95% of that transportation runs on oil. Lighting, heating and cooling buildings also consumes an enormous amount of energy, much (but not all) of it powered by electricity. But we can't simply replace all our cars with electric models, convert all our furnaces and air conditioners to electric heat pumps, and power it all with massive amounts of new renewable energy. Instead, the renewable future will require deep rethinking of how we design our communities and build the infrastructure that serves them.

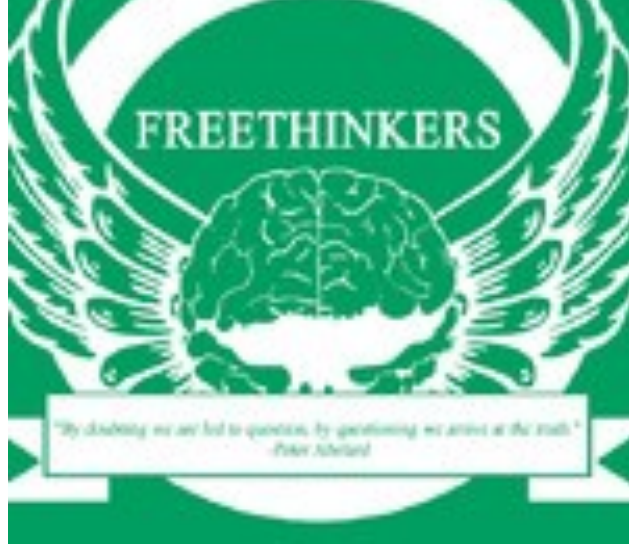
The transition to 100% renewable energy raises profound questions for the future of our communities and infrastructure. For instance:

- Can we produce enough renewable energy to power all the cars and trucks we have today? If not, how should our transportation system change? And what does that mean for land use patterns?
- What infrastructure—from highways to power lines—do we need for a 100% renewable future? What infrastructure can be retrofitted, and what needs to be built new?
- We know how to build net-positive-energy buildings; but what will it take make the *entire* building stock net-positive? Is it possible to construct building using only renewable energy?
- Are the architecture, construction, engineering, and planning industries getting ready for a 100% renewable future? Is local government?

Here in the Bay area, movements to bring more resources to bear on creating a rational transportation plan have foundered on narrow concerns about increased taxation during a time of economic distress. The problem will not recede on its own, but will become even more pressing. As fuel prices continue to plummet, an opportunity arises to again press for needed changes.

Learn more about us: <http://www.tampabaypostcarbon.com/>

# USF Freethinkers



Join Freethinkers@USF for genuine, conversational discourse and a communal atmosphere. Freethinkers@USF is a cosmopolitan collective of USF students promoting critical thinking and pluralism through dialogue and reasonable inquiry. Join the official group and vote on upcoming discussions:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/FreethinkersUSF/>

For more information contact: [fadibitar@mail.usf](mailto:fadibitar@mail.usf)

## The St. Petersburg Astronomy Club, Inc.

(SPAC), has been meeting continuously since 1927. It was incorporated in 1979 as a nonprofit, tax deductible organization. For almost 50 years SPAC has provided free educational programs for its members and the public. For additional information send your emails to: [spaceaminer@gmail.com](mailto:spaceaminer@gmail.com)



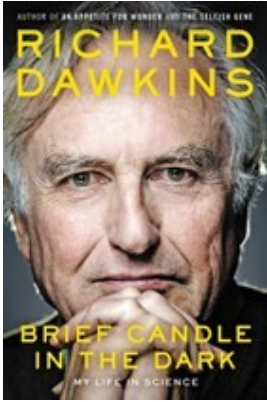
Meetings are normally held on the fourth Friday of each month (except November and December when it is on the third Friday) at the Science Center of Pinellas County, 7701 22nd Avenue North, St. Petersburg, FL., at 8:00 P.M. Meetings are open to the public.



### TBCoR Leadership Team 2016

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## Meaningful Books



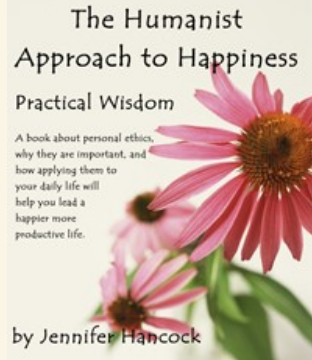
The last few copies, signed by Richard Dawkins, are available. This is his recent autobiography that he presented to us in Clearwater last October.

Order here:

<http://bit.ly/EvolveTampa>

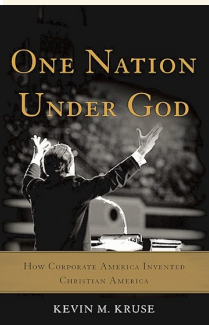
Our own Jennifer Hancock's popular book that guides readers into happiness through applied Humanist ethics. Look at reviews, applicability, and discount savings here:

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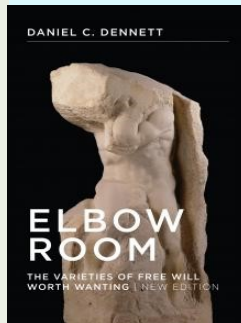
From an award-winning historian, the story of how in the middle of the 20th century, corporate titans and evangelical activists rewrote history and created the pervasive myth that America was, is, and always will be a fundamentally Christian nation.

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*Elbow Room: The Varieties of Free Will Worth Wanting* by Daniel Dennett the varieties of free will worth wanting - those that underwrite moral and artistic responsibility -- are not threatened by advances in science but distinguished, explained, and justified in detail.

<http://amzn.to/29gXG5W>



More *Seasonings* by CFI & Humanist Society member and journalist- poet, **Lula J. Dovi**. She has completed a second illustrated chapbook of poetry reflecting on her 92 years of adventures. It is available at [Google Books](https://books.google.com/books) now. But the first [can be found here](#).

**Evolve Fish is a good source for your freethought goodies:** Pins, jewelry, posters, buttons, bumper stickers, t-shirts, etc  
<http://evolvefish.com/>

## The Matt Cooper

### Memorial Humanist Lending Library

Humanist Society members (only) can select the number of the book you wish to borrow, and send it to Marios Psomas at: [marios\\_psomas@hotmail.com](mailto:marios_psomas@hotmail.com) Then pick it up at the next meeting **Be sure to return it!** Donations appreciated.

#### # TITLE

1. The Expanding Circle
2. In Gods we Trust
3. Why Evolution is True
4. The Second World
5. Denialism
6. The Selfish Gene
7. Democracy Incorporated
8. The Upside Irrationality
9. The End of Growth
10. The God Delusion
11. All That We Share
12. Sex, Time, and Power
13. Sex at Dawn
14. What liberal Media
15. The End of Faith
16. Plan B
17. The Portable Atheist
18. Open Society
19. Non Believer Nation
20. God on Trial
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22. The Missionary Position
23. Life Inc
24. A brief History of Time
25. Breaking the Spell
26. The Philosophy of Humanism
27. The Quotable Atheist
28. 50 Reasons People Give for Believing In
29. Mathematics and Politics
30. Stealing Elections
31. The God Virus
32. What Every American Should Know About World
33. Imagine There's no Heaven
34. Hidden Order
35. What the Dog Saw
36. Sway
37. The Better Angels of our Nature
38. Letter to a Young Contrarian
39. Hot, Flat, and Crowded
40. Gaming the Vote
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45. The World is Curved
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74. Reporting at Wit's End
75. Corporations are not People
76. Could I Vote Mormon for president?
77. Culture of Honor
78. Rot on the Vine
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# Florida Atheists



**Chair, Tracy Thomas; President pro-tem, Al Hann**



Join members of our Tampa chapter at our headquarters / Studio Building

see [AoF Meetup](#) for details  
Website: <http://aof.ngo>

AoF is a comfortable and safe place in which to find rewarding new friendships, to discover hidden potentials, and make a positive contribution to your own humanity as well as that of others. We are pleased to offer legal assistance with church state separation issues as an important focus. For many people, atheism represents the most focused and powerful criticism of the philosophical worldview with which most of us were raised. It is liberating for the same reason it attracts the enmity of those who are committed to the closed and changeless narrative of unexamined traditional beliefs. JP

## Your Career in Showbiz

**5004 S. MacDill Ave Tampa**

Atheists of Florida is currently producing a regular online video series, the *Atheist Forum*, from our studio in South Tampa.

We are always seeking help with the production either as crew members; writers, producers, camera, switchboard operators, or as participants for our program usually consisting of two or more presenters discussing a particular topic relating to science, education, state/church separation, art, philosophy, or a thousand other topics.

This is a great experience dealing with exciting ideas and interesting people on a project that can make a significant contribution to the social and intellectual vibrancy of our community. Sessions are on Thursday nights, contingent on talent.

If you would like to participate, contact AoF's *Chris Brown* at: [aof.ngo](http://aof.ngo). Current productions are scheduled at the [meetup](#).

## St Pete Atheists // Freethought Group

**Moderated by: Gary Thompson**

Wednesday, May 18, 2016 7:00 PM

Contact: [easy8@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:easy8@tampabay.rr.com)

On the web: <http://atheists.meetup.com/209>

- \* Provide intellectual and emotional support to each other and to others in our community who share our philosophy.
- \* Foster humanistic moral values and ethical behaviors.
- \* Promote a naturalistic worldview wherein beliefs must be verified by a scientific examination of evidence.
- \* Defend the separation of church and state at all levels of government as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America.
- \* "To Smell the Roses Along the Way"

## Clearwater UU Humanists

Usually on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, at 12:30

We are a group of Unitarian Universalists committed to a humanistic and non-theistic worldview. Currently, meetings are scheduled once a month and are usually held on the third Sunday of most months from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm, after UU services.



Clearwater, Florida

**This month, our meeting will be on August (too hot) hiatus. Watch this space for more upcoming events!**

## Ready for Skepti-Camp 2 ?

Remedies good for what ails ye.



The true meaning of the word *skepticism* has nothing to do with doubt, disbelief, or negativity. Skepticism is the process of applying reason and critical thinking to determine validity. *It's the process of finding a supported conclusion, not the justification of a preconceived conclusion.*

Skepticism is, or should be, an extraordinarily powerful and positive influence on the world. Skepticism is *not* simply about "debunking" as is commonly charged. Skepticism is about redirecting attention, influence, and funding *away* from worthless superstitions and popular misinformation, and *toward* projects and ideas that are evidenced to be beneficial to humanity and to the world.

Remember what fun we had last time? Do you miss it? Don't be "left behind" this time, register now for SKEPTICAMP2 - August 27th, 2016, 1pm - 6pm (doors open at 12:30 PM.) We will have some of the area's best thinkers and writers. Limited seating. Tickets can be had at: [HTTP://aof.ngo/skepticamp2](http://aof.ngo/skepticamp2) and they are cheaper if you buy them first [Sign up to be a discussion leader now](#)

This will be a fundraiser for AOF as well as continuing education for the community. Tickets are available in advance for \$10 for AOF members (membership in the organization, not just in the meetup group), \$15 for non-AOF members (but includes a complimentary 1 year membership in AOF.) Or, \$20 at the door for everyone.

See a report of the first one [here](#).

## Humanist Families of Greater Tampa

**Jennifer Hancock** started this organization several years ago. It uniquely serves Humanist families with a variety of wonderful programs throughout the year. There is a strong emphasis on creative childrearing. Here, you can make connection with other families dealing with the problems of living in a society that is still hostile to an explicitly Humanist Way of life. Jennifer is author of several books including: *The Humanist Handbook*, *The Humanist Approach to Happiness*, and her latest book, *The Bully Vaccine*.



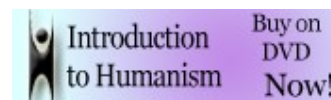
Humanist Families organizes social outings every month. These are opportunities to do something fun, socialize and enjoy each other's company. Sometimes we go to a park, sometimes a museum, sometimes we go swimming. Our group has grown over the past year to the point we now organize Tampa area outings and Manatee/Sarasota area outings every month.

Throughout the year we host parties like Darwin Day in February, World Humanist Day in June, Freethought Day at Disney in October and Carl Sagan Day in November.

Among our spin off groups, is a Parenting Beyond Belief group which gets together to discuss the challenges of raising children without religion. We are on [Facebook](#).

See more at: <http://www.Jen-Hancock.com>.

Thank you! **Jennifer Hancock**



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Neo-Humanists recognize that no individual can live isolated from others, but should share values with others in the community.

- That is why compassion is an essential ingredient of the full life. This entails the capacity to love others and accept their love in return.
- This involves some mode of sexual fulfillment and compatibility, the willingness to overcome excessive repression, given the diversity of sexual proclivities. Women's needs should be considered equal to men's, and society should tolerate same-sex modes of expression.
- It also means that society should seek to cultivate moral growth in both children and adults.
- No person is complete unless he or she can empathize with the needs of others and have a genuine altruistic concern for their good.



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## The Military Association of Atheists and Freethinkers



Nontheistic service members serve honorably throughout the world—always have; always will. However, nontheists are the last unprotected minority. The nontheistic, whether an atheist, humanist, agnostic, freethinker, or other secular minority, have a strong community.

Jason Torpy, a West Point graduate, serves as president of MAAF. He also holds seats on the boards of the Secular Coalition for America and the American Humanist Assoc.

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Rick O'Keefe



## JANUARY 20, 1953: WHEN SECULAR GOVERNMENT IN AMERICA DIED

by Kevin M. Kruse (Excerpted from *One Nation Under God: How Corporate America Invented Christian America*, posted on [Delanceyplace.com](http://Delanceyplace.com), 5/16/2016)

The inauguration of President Dwight D. Eisenhower was much more than a political ceremony. It was, in many ways, a religious consecration.

Indeed, the Republican nominee talked so much about spirituality on the stump that legendary New York Times reporter Scotty Reston likened his campaign to “William Jennings Bryan’s old invasion of the Bible Belt during the Chautauqua circuit days”. On election day, Americans answered his call. Eisenhower won 55 percent of the popular vote and a staggering 442-to-89 margin in the Electoral College. Reflecting on the returns, Eisenhower saw nothing less than a mandate for a national religious revival.

In the past, incoming presidents had attended religious services on the morning of their inauguration, but usually discreetly.

Eisenhower, in contrast, turned spirituality into spectacle. At a transition meeting with his cabinet nominees, he announced that they and their families were invited to a special religious service at National Presbyterian Church the morning of the inauguration. “He added hastily as an afterthought that, of course, no Cabinet member should feel under pressure to go to the Presbyterian services,” remembered Sherman Adams, his chief of staff; “anybody could go instead to a church of his own choice.” But given a choice between worshiping with the president or worshiping without him, almost all chose the former. More than 150 supporters joined the extended Eisenhower clan for the services.

Immediately after [Eisenhower took] his oath [of office], in his first official words as president, Eisenhower asked the 125,000 Americans in attendance—and the estimated seventy million more watching live on television—to bow their heads so that he might lead them in “a little private prayer of my own” he had composed that morning.

The president’s prayer caused a minor sensation — not because of anything said in it but simply because it had been said.

The inauguration and its immediate aftermath established the tenor for Eisenhower’s entire presidency. On the first Sunday in February, he became the first president ever to be baptized while in office, taking the rite before the congregation of National Presbyterian Church. That same night, Eisenhower broadcast an Oval Office address for the American Legion’s “Back to God” ceremonies, urging the millions watching at home to recognize and rejoice in what the president said were the spiritual foundations of the nation. Four days later, he was the guest of honor at the first-ever National Prayer Breakfast, which soon became an annual tradition.

The convening pastor led a “prayer of consecration” for Eisenhower, who then offered brief remarks of his own. “The very basis of our government is: ‘We hold that all men are endowed by their Creator’ with certain rights”, the president asserted. “In one sentence, we established that every free government is embedded soundly in a deeply-felt religious faith or it makes no sense.” Eisenhower made clear that he would personally turn those words into deeds. The next day, he instituted the first-ever opening prayers at a cabinet meeting. It took some time before this innovation became a natural habit. His secretary recalled Eisenhower emerging from a cabinet session only to exclaim: “Jesus Christ, we forgot the prayer!”

For a review of Kevin Kruse’s book, [CLICK](#).

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### Politics out of the Pulpit!

The far right just threatened religion in America – but not in a way that you might expect.

Yesterday, the Republican Party released its official platform. And in a move that is an obvious attempt to please the Religious Right and prod churches to intervene in elections, that platform includes a call to repeal the federal law requiring houses of worship and non-profits to steer clear of endorsing or opposing political candidates. This is outrageous! In 1954, then-U.S. Sen. Lyndon Johnson championed a law that stops churches and other houses of worship from acting like miniature political action committees. The idea behind it is to ensure that the desirable benefit of tax exemption is awarded only to organizations that operate in the public interest, not partisan entities. **Houses of worship are free to speak out on issues, but may not focus on partisan politics, and their congregations don't want to be handed a list of endorsements from the pulpit.**

But far-right fundamentalists have long dreamed of getting rid of the Johnson Amendment. Thanks to the backing of our members, Americans United has blocked numerous legislative attempts to remove the ban – but the Religious Right could finally get their wish after all these years. In addition to the platform calling for the repeal of the no-politicking rule, the U.S. House of Representatives recently passed a critical spending bill that includes [a provision that would drastically weaken the Johnson Amendment.](#)

Thanks to the partnership of our supporters, since 1996 Americans United has reported more than 100 churches to the Internal Revenue Service for unlawfully endorsing or opposing candidates for office, through a program called [Project Fair Play.](#)

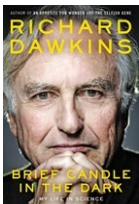
Your Best Letters: ***Holy books Moral codes obsolete***

Both the Bible and Koran contain stories inspired by tribal warfare and the law-of-the-jungle attitude of the earliest civilizations. Morals and ethics have evolved over the past several thousand years, resulting in more liberties and responsibilities for everyone.

My question is, why are these ancient texts still regarded as inspired by one's god? When will the civilized world progress sufficiently to delete those horrific tribal stories from their holy books? How can anyone in the modern world accept them as ethical or moral?

Thomas Jefferson deleted such references when he produced the Jefferson Bible. A similar knife should be taken to the Koran. Such a rewrite would also get rid of most of the contradictions. Perhaps only then will both books be a moral guide for those needing such a guide.

**Frank Prahl, St. Petersburg July 14**



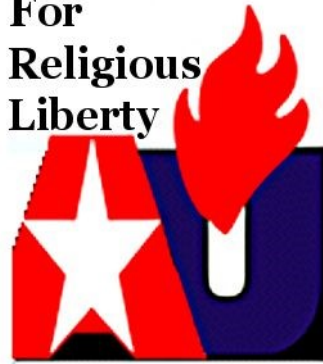
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## Ever wonder what other Florida Freethought groups are doing?



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## FLORIDA REPORT

Civil liberties news in the Sunshine State



Events of recent weeks have made it clear that our country needs to confront pervasive, institutional racism that is literally putting people's lives at risk. It is exactly at times like these when we need more free speech — not less.

But in too many communities across the country, demonstrators are being met with aggression and violence. **We've seen law enforcement officials cracking down on demonstrations, using harsh, often violent, tactics to thwart free speech.**

At times like these, the ACLU's essential work protecting free speech is put to the test...and we need your help as we vigorously defend this fundamental freedom.

Just days ago, we filed a lawsuit against the Baton Rouge Police Department and others for violating the First Amendment rights of peaceful demonstrators protesting the killing of Alton Sterling.

**We're monitoring law enforcement actions** at Black Lives Matter and other protests nationwide. We're also distributing Know Your Rights materials on the ground to ensure that protestors fully understand their constitutional rights.

[We can only continue that urgent work and protect all our fundamental rights with your help. Donate now to protect free speech.](#)



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## Tampa Bay CoR welcomes new Freethought Group

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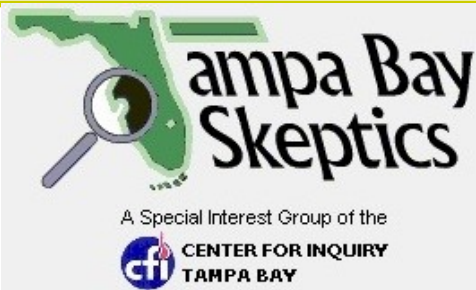
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The conference will take place in the stellar Excalibur Hotel and Casino and will feature amazing presentations, illuminating workshops, a Halloween costume party, and, being that this is the Excalibur, a joust dinner at the Tournament of Kings.

This is no illusion; it's really happening. Investigate it for yourself, [and register right now.](#)

### Science Education is No Guarantee of Skepticism

Despite the best efforts of skeptics and teachers to advance scientific thinking, paranormal beliefs and pseudoscientific thinking continue to be commonplace. It is a common popular stereotype that knowledge of science and belief in the paranormal are like opposite ends of a teeter totter: with one tending to rise as the other falls. However, the landscape of belief is considerably more complicated than that. Science education may not be enough when we lack the ability to critically evaluate the evidence for claims. In this article from [Skeptic 9.3](#) we examine the relationship between science knowledge and paranormal beliefs.

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*eSkeptic* for  
June 29, 2016

In this week's *eSkeptic*, **James "The Amazing" Randi** ruminates on the reality of biological evolution.

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### Leadership Summit

The Tampa Bay area is being well represented at the Florida Secular Leadership Summit this month by **Jordan Williams, Bill Norsworthy and Al Hann.**

They will be among the leaders who are interested in exchanging ideas, networking with other groups, learning from one another, and sharing what they have learned to benefit others around the state.

**David Williamson**, who is organizing this summit is also leading an effort to reorganize and revitalize the Florida Humanist Association.



It is hoped that the effort will enable the organization to continue to present the very successful, Orlando Freeflo Humanist Conferences of the past several years.

Watch for more news on this effort as developments warrant.



**Skepticism is part of reflection ... In religion and ethics, in politics, you have to be skeptical of claims that people make. It applies to all parts of life. Your own beliefs and the beliefs of others, and your willingness to examine these, to see if they hold up under scrutiny. ~ Paul Kurtz**



## THE AFFIRMATIONS OF HUMANISM: A Statement of Principles by Paul Kurtz

1. 1. We are committed to the application of reason and science to the understanding of the universe and to the solving of human problems. We
2. 2. deplore efforts to denigrate human intelligence, to seek to explain the world in supernatural terms, and to look outside nature for salvation.
3. 3. We believe that scientific discovery and technology can attribute to the betterment of human life.
4. 4. We believe in an open and pluralistic society and that democracy is the best guarantee of protecting human rights from authoritarian elites and repressive majorities.
5. 5. We are committed to the principle of the separation of church and state.
6. 6. We cultivate the arts of negotiation and compromise as a means of resolving differences and achieve mutual understanding.
7. 7. We are concerned with securing justice and fairness in society and with eliminating discrimination and intolerance.
8. 8. We believe in supporting the disadvantaged and the handicapped so that they will be able to help themselves.
9. 9. We attempt to transcend divisive parochial loyalties based on race, religion, gender, nationality, creed, class, sexual orientation , or ethnicity, and strive to work together for the common good of humanity.
10. 10. We want to protect and enhance the earth to preserve it for future generations, and to avoid inflicting needless suffering on other species.
11. 11. We believe in enjoying life here and now and in developing our creative talents to their fullest.
12. 12. We believe in the cultivation of moral excellence.
13. 13. We respect the right to privacy. Mature adults should be allowed to fulfill their aspiration, to express their sexual preferences, to exercise reproductive freedom, to have access to comprehensive and informed health-care, and to die with dignity.
14. 14. We believe in the common moral decencies: altruism, integrity, honesty, truthfulness, responsibility. Humanist ethics is amenable to critical, rational guidance. There are normative standards that we discover together. Moral principals are tested by their consequences.
15. 15. We are deeply concerned with the moral education of our children. We want to nourish reason and compassion. We are engaged by the arts no less than by sciences.
16. 16. We are citizens of the universe and are excited by discoveries still to be made in the cosmos.
17. 17. We are skeptical of untested claims to knowledge, and are open to novel ideas and seek new departures in our thinking.
18. 18. We affirm humanism as a realistic alternative to theologies of despair and ideologies of violence and a source of rich personal significance and genuine satisfaction in the service to others.
19. 19. We believe in optimism rather than pessimism, hope rather than despair, learning in the place of dogma, truth instead of ignorance, joy rather than guilt or sin, tolerance in the place of fear, love instead of hatred, compassion over selfishness, beauty instead of ugliness, and reason rather than blind faith or irrationality.
20. 20. We believe in the fullest realization of the best and noblest that we are capable of as human beings.

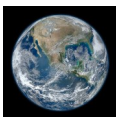
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## Katha Pollitt and Soraya Chemaly Added to Women in Secularism 4

Few events in the freethought world have sparked as much conversation, debate, and inspiration as CFI's Women in Secularism conferences. It's been almost two years since the third such conference, and the time has come to reconvene on this pivotal topic.

[Women in Secularism 4](#) will be taking place September 23–25 in Arlington, VA, and there are many things to talk about: The intrusion of religion into women's lives; violence against women around the world who refuse to let dogma relegate them to second-class status; the role of "safe spaces" within a movement that champions free expression; and so much more.

And now, the conference is adding journalists and activists **Katha Pollitt** and **Soraya Chemaly** to an already incredible lineup of speakers that includes **Rebecca Goldstein**, **Julia Sweeney**, **Bonya Rafida Ahmed**, **Melanie Brewster**, **Wendy Kaminer**, **Kavin Senapathy**, and many more.

So don't wait. [Register](#) for this highly anticipated conference now.

## Atheists Better than Christians (so there!)

An Evangelical Christian pollster finds that atheists commit less crimes, divorce less, and are better educated than their fellow Christians. "It is obvious that you do not have to believe in a higher power in order to live a moral and successful life. Quite the opposite," the [Knoxville News'](#) Al Westerfield writes of the study, adding that "the groups with the highest crime rate, the poorest marriages and the lowest education continually strive to force their beliefs on the nonreligious. And the politicians pander to them. Why else would they pass laws to put religion in the schools and on courthouse facades? And then they wonder why the godless could possibly be upset."

"According to a Barna Research Group report, fundamentalist Christians have the highest divorce rate, followed by Jews and Baptists," Westerfield writes:

*The godless are tied with Catholics and Lutherans for the lowest divorce rate. It seems that some groups that claim to follow the Bible most strictly are not putting their money where their mouths are. The godless who are thought to be without morals seem to take their vows more seriously.*

Written By: David Badash  
[continue to source article at thenewcivilrightsmovement.com](#)

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## University of South Florida Humanities Institute



Sneak preview: Our Distinguished Scholar-in-Residence this fall is Michael Bérubé, Director of the Institute for the Arts and Humanities at Penn State! Check out The Chronicle's recent interview with him: <http://chronicle.com/a.../Scholars-Talk-Writing-Michael/236143>

Calling USF entrepreneurs! Whether you have a pitch of your own or just want to learn how to develop the communication skills to promote your technical capabilities, check out one of the weekly One Million Cups (IMC) meetings in Tampa. The next one is Wednesday, July 6 at 9 am at the Mark Sharpe Entrepreneur Collaborative Center.

No matter their field, successful entrepreneurs constantly pitch their work through presentations to potential partners, investors, and clients. This requires a strong set of communications skills. IMC is a free, national program that brings entrepreneurs together and provides space for new business presentations and community feedback: <http://www.1millioncups.com/tampa>

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Did you know – [Free Inquiry](#) is a bi-monthly [journal](#) of [secular humanist](#) opinion and commentary published by the [Council for Secular Humanism](#), which is a program of the [Center for Inquiry](#). Philosopher [Paul Kurtz](#) was the [editor-in-chief](#) until he stepped down in 2010, and [Tom Flynn](#) ([author](#)) is the current editor.

Feature articles cover a wide range of topics from a [freethinking](#) perspective. Common themes are [separation of church and state](#), [science and religion](#), dissemination of freethought, and [applied philosophy](#). Regular contributors include well-known scholars in the fields of science and philosophy:

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# An Open Letter to the President of the United States

## REQUEST FOR REVIEW AND RECONSIDERATION OF JUNE 29, 2007 OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL MEMORANDUM RE: RFRA



August 20, 2015

The Honorable Barack H. Obama President of the United States The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The 130 undersigned religious, education, civil rights, labor, LGBT, women's, and health organizations write to request that you direct the Attorney General to instruct the Office of Legal Counsel (OLC) to review and reconsider its flawed June 29, 2007 Memorandum titled, Re: Application of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act to the Award of a Grant Pursuant to the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (OLC Memo). The OLC Memo reaches the erroneous and dangerous conclusion that the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 (RFRA) provides a blanket override of a statutory non-discrimination provision. If left in place, the OLC Memo will tarnish the legacy of your work to advance fairness and equal treatment under the law for all Americans.

Some of us were members of the Coalition for the Free Exercise of Religion, which led the effort to persuade Congress to enact legislation after the United States Supreme Court sharply curtailed Free Exercise Clause protections in *Employment Division v. Smith*, 494 U.S. 872 (1990). This effort culminated in 1993, when then-President William J. Clinton signed RFRA into law.

RFRA was intended to provide protection for free exercise rights, applying strict scrutiny, on a case-by-case basis, to federal laws that substantially burden religious exercise. RFRA was not intended to create blanket exemptions to laws that protect against discrimination.

Yet, in contrast to this, the OLC Memo relies on flawed legal analysis and wrongly asserts that RFRA is “reasonably construed to require” a federal agency to categorically exempt a religiously affiliated organization from a grant program’s explicit statutory non-discrimination provision, thus permitting the grantee to discriminate in hiring with taxpayer funds without regard to the government’s compelling interest in prohibiting such discrimination.

The OLC Memo’s broad and erroneous interpretation of RFRA has far-reaching consequences. For example, although the OLC Memo’s conclusion is focused on one grantee in one Justice Department program, the Department has implemented it as a categorical exemption—that does not even require an individualized inquiry—to all religious hiring discrimination bans, most recently in the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women

Act (VAWA). The Department of Labor has also cited the OLC Memo to adopt a categorical prohibition. Moreover, some have cited the OLC Memo in arguing that RFRA should broadly exempt religiously affiliated contractors from the nondiscrimination requirements in Executive Order 11246, including those you added just last year that bar government contractors from discriminating against LGBT workers. And, some are trying to extend its reach beyond the context of hiring: Several grantees and contractors have cited the OLC Memo to support their arguments that the government should create a blanket exemption that would allow them to refuse to provide services or referrals required under those funding agreements, specifically in the context of medical care for unaccompanied immigrant children who have suffered sexual abuse.

Throughout your presidency, you have committed to uphold this Nation’s laws and values. Indeed, in March, when discussing the Indiana RFRA, your Press Secretary said discrimination is “not consistent with our values as a country that we hold dear.” Even before you were elected President in 2008, you promised to end federally funded hiring discrimination, because of the government’s profound and enduring commitment to upholding the civil rights principle that it must not fund discrimination. The deeply harmful OLC Memo severely undermines this commitment.

Contrary to the conclusion in the OLC Memo, RFRA is not a tool to categorically override statutory protections against religious hiring discrimination. Nor does it create an absolute free exercise right—without regard to countervailing compelling interests, as required by RFRA—to receive government grants without complying with applicable regulations that protect taxpayers and participants in federally funded programs.

We accordingly request that the OLC Memo be reviewed and its erroneous and dangerous interpretation of RFRA be reconsidered as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our views. Most respectfully,

For Secular Human Rights Worldwide,  
Toni Van Pelt  
President and Public Policy Director  
Institute for Science and Human Values, Inc.

To see the [list of organizations](http://bit.ly/RFRA_Letter) that signed the letter, go here: [http://bit.ly/RFRA\\_Letter](http://bit.ly/RFRA_Letter)



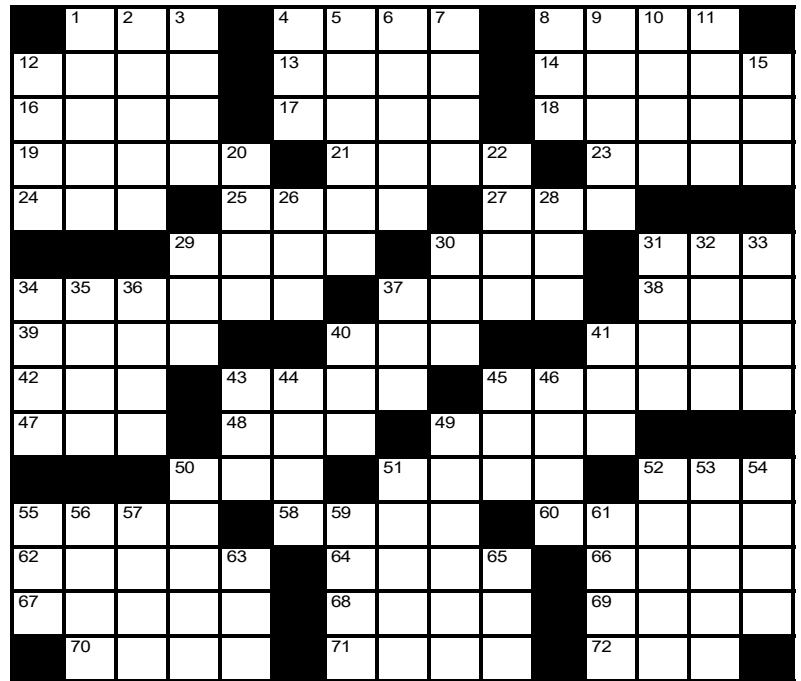
# A Head Scratcher's Delight



## Across →

1. "How \_\_\_ Has the Banshee Cried" (Thomas Moore poem)
4. Baby holder
8. Boris Godunov, for one
12. Sundae topper, perhaps
13. Characteristic carrier
14. Arise
16. Be a rat
17. In doubt
18. Cousin of a loon
19. Nearby
21. "\_\_\_ we forget"
23. Brought into play
24. "\_\_\_ moment"
25. "Your turn"
27. Hangup
29. Surefooted goat
30. Call, as a game
31. "Don't give up!"
34. Mattress of straw
37. It comes easily to hand
38. \_\_\_ v. Wade
39. Elliptical
40. Beanie Babies, e.g.

41. Bit
42. Auction offering
43. High-five, e.g.
45. Over there
47. "Concentration" pronoun
48. Ring bearer, maybe
49. Economical
50. Animal house
51. After
52. Marienbad, for one
55. Alliance acronym
58. Smooch
60. Macho guys
62. Convex molding
64. Big blowout
66. Carrot, e.g.
67. A legume
68. Hip bones
69. Bad marks
70. Appear
71. Old World duck
72. Blue hue



## Down ↓

1. Betelgeuse's constellation
2. Parry
3. Forum wear
4. Chroatic Gas Institute (acronym)
5. Knee-jerk
6. Deduce
7. Ottoman governor
8. Deck (out)
9. Cancel
10. Air force heroes
11. Bumpkin
12. Christiania, now
15. Cabernet, e.g.
20. Brain area
22. Deuce topper
26. Check for accuracy
28. Amateur video subject, maybe
29. "\_\_\_ say!"
30. Pistol, slang
31. Put one's foot down?
32. Automatic

33. Calendar span
34. John Paul II, e.g.
35. Acknowledge
36. When repeated, like some shows
37. Big, fat mouth
40. \_\_\_ cry
41. Setting for TV's "Newhart"
43. "Comprende?"
44. Like young Abe Lincoln
45. "Absolutely!"
46. "@#\$\$%!, " e.g.
49. Jeune fille
50. Musically gentle
51. Church song
52. Embellish by sewing
53. Indiana's state flower
54. A chip, maybe
55. Guy Fawkes Day mo.
56. Ancient greetings
57. \_\_\_ bag
59. Water walker
61. "-zoic" things
63. Electrical unit

## Tampa Bay Coalition – August, 2016 Calendar of Reason



This is produced from preliminary information. Check the individual Web sites to insure the event is being held, when and where .... We are not liable for changes, errors, or omissions. Compiled by Rick O'Keefe & Jim Peterson. Your **RSVP** is requested, and often is required for admittance. *Meeting planners need this information.* Check for more events + details on the Coalition of Reason Web site at: <http://www.tampabaycor.org/>



Off for August	E. CLEARWATER– UU Clearwater Humanists	Details: <a href="http://bit.ly/UUC-Humanists">http://bit.ly/UUC-Humanists</a>
Summer break Lectures & receptions	E. TAMPA– Humanities Institute at USF	See <a href="#">Web site</a> for full listing of many events & calendar. <a href="http://bit.ly/USF-Humanities">http://bit.ly/USF-Humanities</a> Locations vary!
Every 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday, 8 PM general meeting. Many more events monthly.	ST. PETERSBURG– Astronomy Club	For several dates, locations, & details: <a href="http://bit.ly/StPete-Astronomy-Home">http://bit.ly/StPete-Astronomy-Home</a> <a href="http://bit.ly/StPete-Astronomy-Calendar">http://bit.ly/StPete-Astronomy-Calendar</a>
08-06, Saturday, 2 PM	DUNEDIN– Humanist Soc. of the Suncoast	Details & <b>RSVP</b> <a href="http://bit.ly/Suncoast-Humanists">http://bit.ly/Suncoast-Humanists</a>
08-10, Friday, 7 PM at MOSI	E. TAMPA– Museum Astronomical Resource Society (MARS) at MOSI	Details & <b>RSVP</b> : <a href="http://bi2.ly/1Psc2Pi">http://bi2.ly/1Psc2Pi</a> Other events: <a href="http://bit.ly/MARS-home">http://bit.ly/MARS-home</a>
08-13, Saturday, 3 PM	TAMPA BAY AREA– Humanist Families	<b>RSVP</b> here: Family outings and other activities. Details & RSVP: <a href="http://bit.ly/1Ps9MaN">http://bit.ly/1Ps9MaN</a>
08-14, Sunday, 2 PM 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sundays	BRANDON–CFI Sunday Social, with Tampa Bay Skeptics	Skeptical interests with critical thinkers. Click to <b>RSVP</b> : <a href="http://bit.ly/CFI-TB_Meetup">http://bit.ly/CFI-TB_Meetup</a>
08-15, Monday, 7 PM	NW HILLSBOROUGH– Tampa Bay Thinkers	Lively discussions. <b>RSVP</b> here: <a href="http://bit.ly/TPA-Bay_Thinkers">http://bit.ly/TPA-Bay_Thinkers</a>
08-20, Saturday, 11 AM	TAMPA – Center for Inquiry	THOMAS PAINE special Details & <b>RSVP</b> <a href="http://bit.ly/CFI-TB_Meetup">http://bit.ly/CFI-TB_Meetup</a>
08-20, Saturday, 11 AM	NE TAMPA – Tampa Humanist Assoc.	Details & <b>RSVP</b> : <a href="http://bit.ly/TPA-Humanists">http://bit.ly/TPA-Humanists</a>
08-27, Saturday, 10:30 AM; <i>Must have read the book to attend</i>	NW HILLSBOROUGH– CFI Readers Book Discussion	Limited to 12 <i>paid-up CFI members</i> . <b>RSVP is required</b> . <a href="http://bit.ly/CFI-TB_Meetup">http://bit.ly/CFI-TB_Meetup</a>
08-27, Saturday, 12:30 PM	CLEARWATER & S TAMPA– <a href="#">Atheists of Florida</a> , Inc.	Details & <b>RSVP</b> : <a href="http://bit.ly/AOF-Meetup">http://bit.ly/AOF-Meetup</a> SKEPTICAMP2
08-27, Saturday, 12:30 PM	CLEARWATER & S TAMPA– Tampa Bay Skeptics, Inc..	Details & <b>RSVP</b> : SKEPTICAMP2 <a href="http://bit.ly/TampaBaySkeptics-Meetup">http://bit.ly/TampaBaySkeptics-Meetup</a>
08-29, Monday, 6 PM	N. PINELLAS AREA– CFI Freethought Supper	<b>RSVP is required</b> . Seating is limited to 25! <i>For CFI &amp; TBS paid members.</i> <a href="http://bit.ly/CFI-TB_Meetup">http://bit.ly/CFI-TB_Meetup</a>



Watch for the special *Life of Thomas Paine* video performance by noted stage actor Ian Ruskin. Elliott Gould voices the narration. Presented by Center for Inquiry–Tampa Bay. Limited to 50 attendees. Details and RSVP here: [http://bit.ly/CFI-TB\\_Meetup](http://bit.ly/CFI-TB_Meetup)



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