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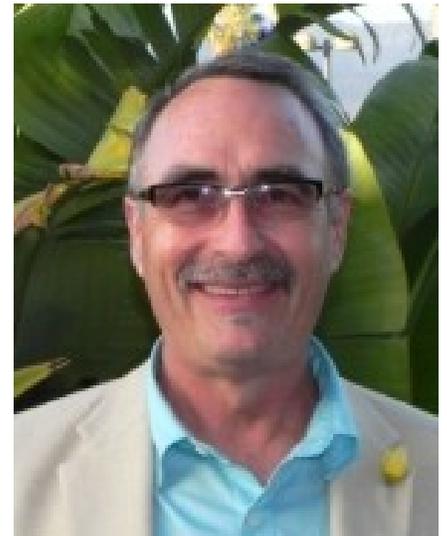
OCTOBER 2013

October Program:

Political Evolution – From the Enlightenment to the Present

Professor Joe White

Santa Barbara City College Professor and Chairman of the Philosophy Department, Joe White, one of our most popular speakers and friend of our Society, will regale us on October 19th with *Political Evolution-From the Enlightenment to the Present and What's in Store for our Grandchildren*. This is a theory of justice which is based upon *Political Liberalism* as promulgated by John Rawls, a prominent philosopher of our own time. The original theory began in the 16th Century with Locke and Hume, which led to Jefferson's 18th Century Philosophy and its reliance upon Enlightenment works. This led to Abraham Lincoln's Republicanism of the 19th Century, thence to Franklin Roosevelt's New Democracy and to the Human Rights movement by Kennedy and Johnson in the 20th Century.



The theme of "The Right vs. the Good" has been debated over the centuries and understood differently by many honest people. What will our grandchildren's experience be in the next 50 years or more?

Not only is Joe the Chairman of the Philosophy Department and author of many books on this topic, he is also the Executive Director of the Center for Philosophy and the Founder of "A Year Without War", an idea of Joe's that is turning into a global movement.

When: Saturday, October 19th, 2013

Where: Patio Room at Vista Del Monte. (**Park ONLY in spaces marked "VDM".**)

Time: Doors open at 2:30pm. Program begins at 3:00 pm

Cost: \$2 members/\$5 non-members

Dinner: Vista Del Monte. \$22 includes tax and tip. RSVP judithannfontana@yahoo.com or 967-7911.

For More Info: Activities@SantaBarbaraHumanists.org or call 769-HSSB

Welcome New Members!

**Harvey and Magda Stancer,
Santa Barbara**

**Activities
Judy Fontana**

Don't forget to join us for dinner following the October 19th HSSB program at Vista Del Monte. This month's menu consists of a buffet with assorted desserts, beverages and wine. And all for the unbelievable price of \$22 per person, which includes tax and tip. Please RSVP to judithannfontana@yahoo.com or call 967-7911.

HSSB Donates Books to the Library

At the May Board meeting, Roger Schlueter suggested that HSSB donate books on humanism and freethought books to the Santa Barbara Public Library System. Dick Cousineau volunteered to do the research on what books on these topics were already in the library's collection. He also contacted Tom Flynn, Executive Director of the Council for Secular Humanism and editor of *The New Encyclopedia of Unbelief*, for his advice on the book selection. After compiling a list of 14 titles, Dick worked with Left Coast Books in Goleta to find and purchase 17 books, 14 for the Central Library, and 3 duplicates for the Goleta Branch. When the order was complete, the books were picked up by Richard Martin, and on September 10, Dick, Roger, Richard, and Robert Bernstein met with Librarians Brent Field and Jace Turner at the Central Library to hand over the books and document the event. In his letter of thanks to the HSSB, Reference Librarian Brent Field said that "The items purchased have been gift-plated with the following text: 'A Gift of the Humanist Society of Santa Barbara.'"

Book titles:

The New Encyclopedia of Unbelief - Tom Flynn
Forbidden Fruit - Paul Kurtz

Dictionary of Atheism, Skepticism and Humanism
- Bill Cooke

Darwin's Dangerous Idea - Daniel Dennett

The Secular Outlook - Paul Cliteur

Embracing the Power of Humanism - Paul Kurtz

The New Atheism - Victor Stenger

The Philosophy of Humanism - Corliss Lamont

Losing Faith in Faith - Dan Barker

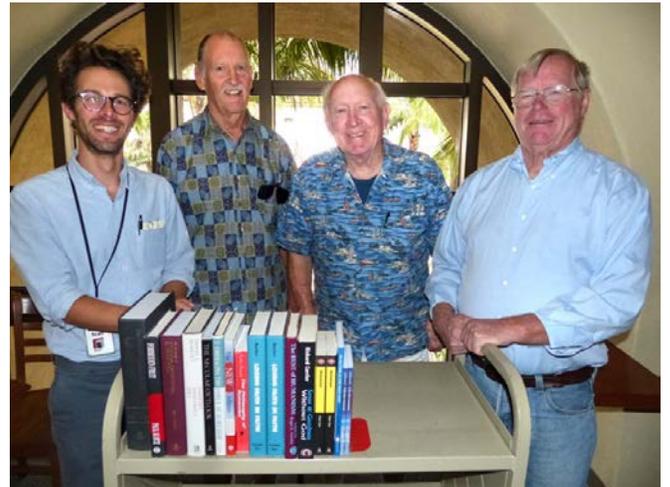
The Best of Humanism - Roger Greeley

Sense and Goodness Without God - Richard Carrier

Humanism - Peter Cave

Humanism as the Next Step - Lloyd and Mary Morain

Humanism: A Very Short Introduction - Stephen Law



Pictured left to right: Librarian Jace Turner, Richard Martin, Dick Cousineau, and Roger Schlueter. Photo by Robert Bernstein.

Donations for Vista Del Monte Claudia Solé

There is a new way to contribute and show our appreciation to VDM. Please donate your unwanted costume jewelry and the proceeds will go to the Residents Association's scholarship fund. You can bring your donations to the front desk or give them to me at our meetings.

September Program: Jamie Merrick: Cannabis as Medication or Remedy Robert Bernstein

Jamie Merrick attended Oaksterdam University, the only cannabis university in California. He is expert in the legalities and the logistics of cannabis delivery, but avoids detailed medical advice, leaving that to the doctors.

He brought a full house with people interested in this issue.



Left to right: Speaker Jamie Merrick, and HSSB member Anne Rojas. Photo by Robert Bernstein.

Cannabis was recognized by the AMA in 1850 as legitimate medicine in their catalog. It was added to many remedies until the 1930s.

William Randolph Hearst called the drug marijuana to undermine its legitimacy. Henry Anslinger was the first Commissioner of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics and worked to outlaw it. Despite AMA efforts to stop it, the 1937 Tax Act effectively outlawed cannabis.

In 1996, California voters passed Prop 215, which was intended to legalize cannabis for medical purposes. However, it was legally vague and the legislature passed SB420 in 2004 to regulate cannabis. Just one problem: The Federal government still classifies Cannabis as a Schedule 1 Narcotic, meaning it has no known medical uses. Worse, the Federal government also outlawed any research that might prove its medical efficacy.

However, there is a growing list of medical uses that doctors recommend it for. Cannabis is used to treat Alzheimer's, Crohn's, epilepsy, glaucoma, multiple sclerosis, autism and Tourette's Syndrome. It is widely recognized to elevate mood and to reduce stress. It is a coping mechanism for those who are stressed or going through grief. It also restores appetite for those who are receiving other medical treatments that suppress appetite.

Even with SB420, the legal status of Cannabis in California has many complexities. Doctors cannot write prescriptions for it because the Federal FDA regulates prescriptions. Doctors can only write "recommendations for use" to "qualified patients."

The law also does not allow for anyone to profit from producing or selling cannabis. Hence, when a patient receives cannabis from a provider, the payment is called a "reimbursement." And the law does allow people to be paid for their services.

As for drug delivery, there are three methods: Smoking, vaporizing, eating. Each has advantages and disadvantages. Vaporizing heats the cannabis without burning. It is healthier for the patient's lungs than smoking. But smoking is thought to activate more of the complex chemicals in the plant.

Smoking with a water pipe delivers more of the drug into the body than simply smoking a cannabis cigarette. Water pipes are made of glass for heat resistance and for easy cleaning.

Edibles are slower to enter the body, but can last far longer, for 2-8 hours. This is most important for treating conditions like restless leg syndrome where it must last through the night. Edibles are typically mixed into chocolate bars or with butter or vegetable oil.

There are three cannabis subspecies, each with different effects and origins. Indica comes from India and is best for pain relief or sedation. Sativa is tropical and is for stimulation or mood

elevation. Kush comes from Afghanistan and is highest in medical components.

Legally you can grow your own or you can become part of a collective. If you grow your own, you are allowed 18 plants because only some will be active at a time. The life cycle is a year and it is only the female reproductive organs that have medicinal value. "Think of it like a corn plant. You don't eat the corn stalks, just the ears." Growing it outdoors is cheapest, but indoors offers more control and medical benefits.

I was curious whether collectives compete with each other and might even cause trouble for each other. Merrick said not at all. Each collective can only supply a limited number of patients, so there is a need for many collectives. They see themselves as "all in it together." The cost to "acquire" cannabis from a collective is \$5/dose.

There is little liability with cannabis, because there is no recorded case of an overdose death. The worst that happens is the person goes to sleep.

In 2011 the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency DEA sent letters to owners of buildings leased by cannabis storefront businesses. They were warned that their buildings could be seized for violating Federal law. The result is that current collectives supply patients through delivery couriers rather than through storefronts.

For now the Federal government is not going after people who follow state laws. Colorado made a big leap by legalizing recreational use of cannabis. People generally want to be legal and don't want to support criminal activity. The future looks good for full legalization, but there are steps yet to go to get there.

With diligent, careful collectives like Merrick's, the future looks good for those who need cannabis as a treatment. And legalizing cannabis for recreational use is almost certain to follow.

Letters to the Editor

Since I am the one who sent a copy of the speech by Geer Wilders about Islam to our news letter, I would like to state my own opinion.

First, let me make it clear that Mr. Wilders and I are on opposite sides of the political spectrum. He is on the ultra-right side and I am labeled as a liberal. But what he mentioned in his speech I do agree with.

Islam is a danger to a free and democratic society. The Netherlands, the country where I was born and raised, has always been a place where anybody who for some reason wanted to or had to leave his or her country of origin was welcomed with open arms no matter if it was for political, religious reason or for finding a job. But after the war, the influx of people from Islamic countries became the highest percentage. They formed their own communities where they did not like to accept the laws of Holland but lived by their own rules. Critique about their lifestyle, whether in a newspaper or a film, was greeted with violence and people were killed.

After the showing of a movie by Theo Van Gogh titled *Submission* that was critical of Islam, he was assassinated. When in Denmark, a cartoon was published making fun of Mohamed, a riot followed with several people being killed. When Salam Rushdie's book *Satanic Verses* was published, the high power of Islam proclaimed a death sentence on him and told their flock to kill him and be a hero of Islam.

When talking about criticism of Islam, a person mentioned to me "why just pick on them. All religions are alike." There is no difference? After ages of violence, even the Catholic church has calmed down. If a cartoon was published making fun of the pope, I do not see a bishop or other high power of the church tell their flock that it is now open season to kill the cartoonist.

There is no difference? Being an atheist, I do not adhere to any religion but I know that Islam is a violent force and would like to have everyone to live by their laws. Here I draw the line.

A book I recommend to read is *Infidel* written by Ayaan Hirsi Ali, who is a woman who fled from Somalia and a forced Islamic marriage. It will open your eyes.

---John L. Coppejans

Letters to the Editor (cont.)

A few thoughts regarding the decision, with which I fully agree, to publish in the August *Secular Circular* the 2008 speech of Geert Wilders concerning the potential effect of large numbers of Islamic immigrants on western democracies, particularly the smaller countries such as his native Holland. While his rhetoric was somewhat excessive and his thesis flawed in several respects, notably about Israel's crucial importance in the issue, there were valid facts and statistics in his presentation that we should know about.

When our primitive forbears developed explanations for phenomena they did not understand, their conclusions morphed into codified belief systems we call religions. Two of the most militant and vindictive, that attracted large numbers of adherents, were the Catholic and the Islamic. The former was based on Jesus' thoughts as relayed by his close followers; the latter, by the Qu'ran, the written edict of warlord prophet Mohammed that decreed that the only purpose of human existence is "to love and serve Allah." Centuries later the Catholics were enforcing their doctrines by burning heretics at the stake. In the 21st century Islamic leaders were still issuing death sentences (fatwas) to prominent dissidents: Salman Rushdie for his *Satanic Verses* and Ayaan Hirsi Ali for *Infidel*, the account of her life as a reformed Muslim woman.

Current events document the deadly aspects of religious extremism. Regular suicide attacks on civilians in Iraq, the al-Shabaab terrorist attack on the Kenya mall are only some of the latest examples. Even the US is not immune as it faces a government crisis created by a political party committed to promoting religious concepts in the subjects of abortions, aid programs for the less fortunate and the value of a fact based science education. We will learn within a few weeks how much damage we will suffer from their 18th century fundamentalism.

But, given time, there is change. The once standard of certitude "Is the Pope Catholic?" may not be quite as accurate as it once was. It seems increasingly likely that the new Pope Francis is also something of a humanist.

There is now a popular backlash against the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt. Russia and China are supporting

the UN to destroy Syria's chemical weapon stockpile AND after decades we are talking to Iran. It is quite possible that Wilders' alarmist concerns, though not completely unreasonable, were not as prescient as they might have been.

I would remind those members critical of the *Secular Circular* for publishing Wilders' comments that Humanism is not a religious "peace" organization. One of our core principles is to actively oppose those who would impose dogma or doctrine on our democratic secular society.

---Robert Perry

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I would not expect to find a xenophobic rant by right wing demagogues like Michelle Bachmann or Ann Coulter in a humanist newsletter but ... Geert Wilders? Either the publishers of the *Secular Circular* don't know who he is or do but failed to alert their readers -- either is a serious failure of responsibility. And in the next newsletter, HSSB president Richard Martin writes "Wilders cites", "he regards", "Wilders describes", etc., as though Wilders were an authority on anything other than bigotry and demagoguery -- and Richard refers to Samuel Huntington's xenophobic thesis of a "clash of cultures." Huntington worried not only about Muslims -- see his

http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2004/03/01/the_hispanic_challenge. Folks at *Front Page Magazine* and *The Free Republic* lap this sort of thing up, but it's distressing to see purported humanists taking it on board. Contrast this to the words of sociologists Phil Zuckerman (who spoke at HSSB a while back) and Greg Paul at

http://www.edge.org/3rd_culture/paul07/paul07_index.html:

"To put it starkly, the level of popular religion is not a spiritual matter, it is actually the result of social, political and especially economic conditions (please note we are discussing large scale, long term population trends, not individual cases). Mass rejection of the gods invariably blossoms in the context of the equally distributed prosperity and education found in almost all 1st world democracies. There are no exceptions on a national basis. That is why only disbelief has proven able to grow via democratic conversion in the benign environment of education and

egalitarian prosperity. Mass faith prospers solely in the context of the comparatively primitive social, economic and educational disparities and poverty still characteristic of the 2nd and 3rd worlds and the US."

Now *that* is humanism.

In defense of publishing Wilders, Dick Cousineau and Roger Schlueter employ some starkly fallacious arguments. They say that Wilders would have Islam censored ... but at the end of his rant Wilders said "We have to take the necessary action now to stop this Islamic stupidity from destroying the free world that we know" -- that's about more than censorship. And they say that Islam (who, exactly, is that?) would censor Wilders, and since humanists disagree with both of them, "openness" seemed the right approach. News flash: Geert Wilders is the leader of a political party; he doesn't need the *Secular Circular* to prevent him from being censored. Again, think of poor Ann Coulter ... let's open our pages to her, or maybe the Westboro Baptists, simply because there are people who would like to shut them up.

It's not "openness" to call a xenophobic rant "a chilling report" while ignoring more rational voices: from <http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/belief/2011/feb/11/islam-population> "The Pew findings demonstrate that fear of a Muslim takeover was largely the product of hysteria. France is not headed toward becoming an 'Islamic republic' by 2048, as has been claimed, and Germany is not on its way to becoming a 'Muslim state' by 2050." That article has links to <http://blogs.reuters.com/faithworld/2011/01/27/will-pew-muslim-birth-rate-study-finally-silence-the-urabia-claim/> among others that make clear that Wilders' rant is not based on fact; people who accept these claims about Muslims taking over Europe are being misled by their own biased assumptions and are contributing to spreading a dangerous lie. Supporting the argument by Paul and Zuckerman, we have:

"The declining growth rate is due primarily to falling fertility rates in many Muslim-majority countries,' it said, noting the birth rate is falling as more Muslim women are educated, living standards rise and rural people move to cities."

Now *that* is humanism.

Dick and Roger follow their fallacy about censorship with an appeal to authority, saying John Copejans

"has personally seen the ravages of fanaticism so his perspective on the issue deserves more weight than might otherwise be the case." But I saw nothing from John on his perspective, just a xenophobic rant from right wing politician Geert Wilders. The irony here is stunning, as Wilders is a banner carrier for fanaticism: an extreme right winger, a bigot, a racist, a demagogue ... just the sort of person who produced those ravages.

I have my own authority, my brother Michael, the human evolution and culture correspondent for *Science* magazine, who lives in Paris among the Muslim hordes -- he has boots on the ground, he's not just reading polemics in the HSSB book club about Muslim culture that appeal to people's prejudices. He says:

"I'm surprised that the newsletter would publish this rant from a well-known racist xenophobe without any comment or explanation whatsoever. It seems to indicate a severe naivete on the part of the editors, or does the humanist umbrella allow for this kind of attitude? Perhaps I am the one who is naive! The newsletter editors obviously think it is a reasonable proposition that Muslims are taking over Europe and instituting Sharia law, so it sounds as though the organization needs to sharpen its understanding of its mission (pro-human, if I have it right!) [As for Wilders,] I think most anti-racist people in Europe (and that includes most politicians not on the extreme right) have just branded him as the racist he is and left it at that."

The Economist goes further at <http://www.economist.com/news/europe/21582541-fanned-geert-wilders-dutch-euro-scepticism-rise-founding-members-apostasy>, saying Wilders "has found a new pet hate" ... "Having shattered the multi-cultural Netherlands, which once brokered the integration of Europe, Mr Wilders is now proposing to undertake Europe's dismantling. Mr Wilders' party has taken advantage of rising Dutch anger over the euro crisis in the past two years by shifting the focus of its criticism from Islam to the EU."

Perhaps a legitimate argument can be made of a threat of Muslim immigration to Europe (although most of the folks pushing this line don't make clear what they think ought to be done about it -- we know what Anders Breivik did), but as Heidi Kent pointed out in her letter, Wilders' animus is so clearly evident that it's impossible to take him seriously -- unless of course, one accepts what he says simply because it confirms

one's biases, but that's not a very humanist approach.

---Jim Balter

P.S. For further reading on this subject I suggest the many citations at

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eurabia>

Secular Coalition for California Roger Schlueter, SCCA Co-Chair

As a California Humanist, you may be familiar with the [Secular Coalition for America](#) (SCA), a national 501(c) (4) advocacy organization working to amplify the diverse and growing voice of the nontheistic community in the United States. As part of their strategy to expand their national influence, they have instituted several state chapters to further this effort at the state and local level.

I am happy to announce that a **California Chapter of the SCA** (SCCA) has been established.



The Secular Coalition for California (SCCA) is the **state and local voice** advocating for separation of church and state as a fundamental American value protected in the First Amendment. For example, we are currently tracking bills like California Senate Bill SB323 which revokes charitable tax exemptions for non-profit youth organizations that discriminate on the basis of gender identity, race, sexual orientation nationality, religion or religious affiliation.

To ensure that California's secular community is heard loud and clear in the halls of government in our state – the SCCA needs your help. Today, I'm not asking for much, only that you visit our [web page](#) and sign up to receive updates on issues of

importance to the secular community. As we move forward, we may ask you to get more involved by sending a letter or calling your state representatives, or possibly joining us during a lobby day in Sacramento. By signing up, you're not making any commitments, just adding your name to the growing ranks of secular Americans who want to stand up and be counted.

If you are interested, please [sign up](#) for updates and alerts and follow us on [Facebook](#). Finally, if you have any questions or comments please feel free to [contact me](#).

I look forward to working with you to further the goals of the SCA and our own local SCCA.

Housing Needed

Would you have space to house one of our speakers for a night? Many speakers prefer staying in private homes of Society members rather than in a motel. Moreover, many local motels require weekend visitors to book for two nights, increasing our housing expense. If you have such space available, please notify Dick Cousineau, our temporary Housing Committee Chair at dkcgeo@cox.net or at 687-2371. We are also looking for a permanent Housing Committee Chair.

What's Going on Here? Andrew Hankin, still there

Britain's first Muslim-free [all ability, taxpayer-funded] school is controlled by religious hardliners who ban children from singing or reading fairy tales and force staff to wear headscarves - according to the former head teacher and deputy who claim they were forced to leave. Andrew Cutts-McKay resigned from his role as head of al Madinah School in Derby in August, two months after deputy Suzanne Southerland stepped down from her post. Both allege they were "bullied and sidelined" by members of the school's trust, which is predominantly Muslim. The school strongly denies the pair's claims. But earlier this week, concerns were raised by teachers

who complained they were being ordered to wear the hijab – even if they are not Muslim. Now claims have been made that alongside the strict dress code, the school's 200 pupils are banned from playing stringed instruments, which are forbidden in the Islamic faith. Singing is also forbidden unless it involves Islamic faith songs, while youngsters are not allowed to read fairy tales as these are “non-Islamic.”

A staff member told The Sunday Times: “When teaching children the alphabet, you could not associate the letter ‘p’ with ‘pig.’”

Female members of staff, some of whom are not Muslims, say they have been told to sign new contracts which force them to wear the hijab. These also ban them from wearing jewelry on the school's premises. One woman, who had been interviewed for a position, claimed she was told she was not allowed to shake hands with male teachers to avoid “insult.” Another staff member, speaking anonymously to the Mail, said the school was “like being in Pakistan.”

Full story:

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2428958/Muslim-school-banned-pupils-singing-reading-fairy-tales-hardliners-took-control-ousted-headmaster-deputy.html#ixzz2fmEvZGi4>

Better news: ...another congregation is hoping to take America (and other countries) by storm. Like Methodism and Episcopalianism, the Sunday Assembly is a British import, but with a difference: This church doesn't believe in God. Its motto is “live better, help often, and wonder more.” It's striving to be a global atheist religion.

Stand-up comedians Sanderson Jones and Pippa Evans started the original Sunday Assembly in a decommissioned London church in January, and there are now five congregations in the Sunday Assembly Everywhere (SAE) denomination: Three in Britain, one in New York, and one in Melbourne, Australia. Starting Oct. 22, Evans and Jones are starting a “global missionary tour” to visit the four branch congregations and set up new ones in 18 other cities in Britain, Scotland,

Ireland, the U.S., Canada, and Australia.

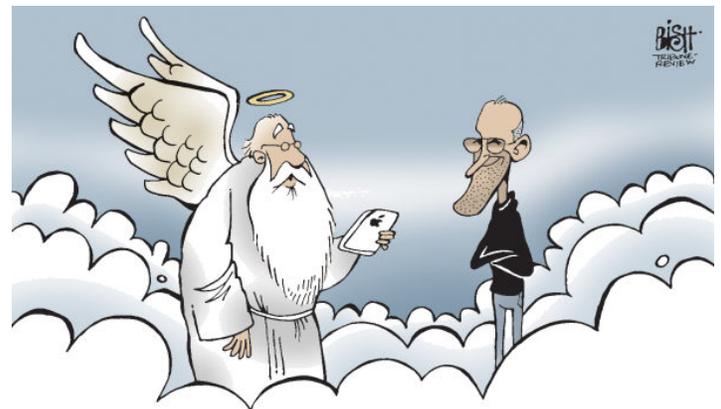
The stated goal is to have “a godless congregation in every town, city, and village that wants one” — and hopefully 30 to 40 by the end of December. If they reach that goal, the Sunday Assembly says in a press release, “the 3000 percent growth rate might make this non-religious Assembly the fastest growing church in the world, catering to the fastest growing belief / non-belief group.”

There are certainly enough atheists, agnostics, and humanists to fill up the pews, if they're interested. A growing number of Americans and Europeans fall somewhere toward the skeptical end of the organized-religion spectrum.

Full story: <http://news.yahoo.com/why-atheists-starting-own-global-church-130500790.html>

Blasphemy Rights Day

International Blasphemy Rights Day is an initiative of the Center for Inquiry to focus attention and efforts on defending the right to criticize religion—that is, to blaspheme. CFI maintains that religious beliefs should be subject to examination and criticism just like any other beliefs. International Blasphemy Rights Day is celebrated every Sept. 30 to commemorate the 2005 decision of the Danish newspaper *Jyllands-Posten* to publish a dozen cartoons lampooning the Islamic prophet Muhammad, which prompted violent demonstrations and deadly riots around the world.



TO BE HONEST, MR. JOBS, THE LAST TIME AN APPLE CAUSED SO MUCH EXCITEMENT AROUND HERE INVOLVED ADAM, EVE AND A SNAKE...

Non-HSSB Events of Interest

Upcoming Events in California:

October 6: Dr. Donald Prothero: *Abominable Science: Do Bigfoot, the Yeti, the Loch Ness Monster and Other Cryptids Really Exist?* CFI West, Los Angeles.

<http://www.cfiwest.org/calendar/FeedYourBrain.htm>

October 13: Dr. David DiLeo: *Head and Heart: The Great American Paradox.* Orange County Chapter of Americans United for Separation of Church and State. Irvine.

<https://www.au.org/get-involved/events/orange-county-chapter-event-with-dr-david-dileo-october-13>

October 20: Brian Leiter: *Why Tolerate Religion?* CFI West, Hollywood.

<http://www.cfiwest.org/calendar/FeedYourBrain.htm>

October 20: Richard Dawkins: *An Appetite for Wonder – The Making of a Scientist* ---in conversation with Michael Shermer. Skeptics Society, Cal Tech, Pasadena.

<http://www.skeptic.com/upcoming-lectures/>

October 27: Lawrence Krauss: *The Unbelievers:* A film screening. Skeptics Society, Cal Tech, Pasadena.

<http://www.skeptic.com/upcoming-lectures/>

November 3: Michael De Dora: *Advancing Secular Values Around the World.* CFI West, Hollywood and Costa Mesa.

<http://www.cfiwest.org/calendar/FeedYourBrain.htm>

Upcoming Events Outside of California:

October 24-27: CFI Summit: A joint conference between the Center for Inquiry, the Council for Secular Humanism, and the Committee for Skeptical Inquiry. Speakers include Bill Nye, Katherine Stewart, Susan Jacoby, Edwina Rogers, Eugenie Scott, and many more. Tacoma, WA.

<http://www.cfisummit.org/>

November 15-17: Skepticon 6: Annual student-organized atheist and skeptics convention. Speakers include Hemant Mehta, Seth Andrews, Greta Christina, Richard Carrier, PZ Myers, Rebecca Watson, many others. Springfield, MO.

<http://skepticon.org/>

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Deadline for submissions to the Secular Circular is midnight, the last day of each month.

HSSB meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 2:30 pm, usually in the Patio Room of Vista Del Monte, 3775 Modoc Rd., Santa Barbara. More information is available at our web site:

www.SantaBarbaraHumanists.org. At meetings, a donation of \$2 from members and \$5 from non-members is appreciated. First-time visitors are welcome on a complimentary basis.

Annual HSSB membership dues are \$36 for a single person, \$60 for a couple, and \$100 (or more) to become a Society Supporter. One may subscribe to our newsletter only for an annual fee of \$20.

To join HSSB, please send your contact information and a check for your membership dues to HSSB, PO Box 30232, Santa Barbara, CA 93130, Attn: Mary Wilk. For membership information contact Mary Wilk at 967-3045, or mwilk@cox.net.

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<http://picasaweb.google.com/Humanist.Society.of.Santa.Barbara>



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HSSB Calendar

Tuesday, October 15. Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m. Home of **Mary Wilk.** Members invited to attend.

Saturday, October 19 . Monthly Meeting. Professor Joe White, Political Revolution: From the Enlightenment to the Present. Vista Del Monte, Patio Room, 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 27. (and the last Sunday of every month), 10 a.m., **Secular Sunday Brunch** for humanists, atheists, agnostics, skeptics, freethinkers, singles, couples and families without religion. No cover charge; membership not required. Pay only for your food, drink and tips. Cody's Cafe, 4898 Hollister Ave. in the Turnpike Center, Goleta in the room to the right as you enter the restaurant. For information phone Board member, Mary Wilk at 805-967-3045.

Tuesday, November 12. Board Meeting. 5:30 p.m. Home of Mary Wilk. Members invited to attend.

Saturday, November 16. Monthly Meeting. Jason Torpy, Discrimination in the Military.

Saturday, December 21. Winter Solstice Party!



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