

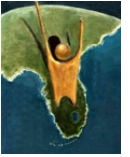


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Save the Johnson Amendment

It's only been a few days since President Trump took office, but he is wasting no time in immediately attacking the separation of church and state—and we need your help to fight back.

While on the campaign trail, President Trump promised to repeal the Johnson Amendment, which prohibits churches from participating in campaign politics. Now, a bill has been introduced in the House of Representatives to do just that, which would allow churches to inject unaccountable “dark money” into our elections and endorse candidates from the pulpit, all while maintaining their preferential tax status.

Stand up for the separation of church and state.
Roy Speckardt, Exec Dir. AHA



Your Best Published Letters

Beware religious influence

When President Donald Trump touts free speech for churches, do you want a local mega-church or some cult controlling your local government? What will this mean for non-Christians, or Christians of the 'wrong' church?

It is imperative that we keep state and church separate, as advocated by our founding fathers. After all, they lived under a state church and knew what it meant.

While modern Christianity is not as repressive as other religions, what happens if the government is taken over by extremists who can control your entire life? You may not like many of the latest social policies, but individuals are not forced to live by them. However, that may not be true when a specific religion controls government and implements its social policies (no divorce, no education or equal opportunity for females, etc.). This is a dangerous path and it's imperative we stop it now.

Judy Adkins, Tampa (Pres. AoF)
From TB Times 2-11-17

Feel inspired? Now is the time to share your thinking with a world that really needs to hear it. Write today!



I want to ask you to do something big and important in response to the unprecedented threat of President Trump's attack on our basic freedoms.

On March 11, we are holding a Resistance Training in Miami, Florida. This event will launch People Power, our effort to engage grassroots volunteers across the country. And what we want to do is organize THOUSANDS of grassroots events in communities across the country to watch the livestream as we organize ourselves to take the fight against Donald Trump's policies not just into the courts, but into the streets.

I want you to sign up today to organize an event in your community. Whether it's in your home, a local theater, a library, or anywhere else, we're gonna make this easy for you. We'll walk you through everything. You just need a screen, speakers, and wifi and we'll help with the rest. What do you say?

[YES! I will host an event for the ACLU's nationwide Resistance Training on March 11.](#) Or,

[I can't host an event, but I want more information on getting involved with People Power.](#)

(Note: clicking the links above will take you to our new website, peoplepower.org)

We are in the fight of our lives right now, and what we have learned since Donald Trump's inauguration is that there is a growing army of people out there who want to be asked to do something big and important in response. So that's what we're going to do.

Anthony Romero, National Director.

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See our event website at:
www.evolutetampa.com

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This publication online at:
www.suncoasthumanist.com



The Humanist Society 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

Dunedin Public Library 223 Douglas Ave, Dunedin, FL 2 PM

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On March 4th ...
The Sierra Club Campaign.



100% St. Pete is part of the Sierra Club's Ready for 100 national campaign, aimed at leveraging the power of cities to catalyze a national transition toward renewable energy. We are one of the first cities in the nation to join the campaign. Florida is especially vulnerable to climate change, it has a striking gap between potential and actual renewable energy production, and it faces strong state-level headwinds that exemplify the need for local innovation and leadership. 100% St. Pete will achieve 100% renewable energy by gaining a commitment in the City's Climate Action Plan, developing residential and commercial pilot programs and raising public awareness with the help of our partner organizations.

Lisa Linton of the *Sierra Club* and **Alan Brand**, *The Solar Shepherd* will speak.

Changing our methods of energy creation and distribution is important to the future of both Florida and our area. You can play a vital role in ensuring that our civilization will continue to have the resources it needs to allow our citizens to have a decent way of life. In other words, we're going to need that juice to stave off the worst effects of some really hot days ahead. Find out more!



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 Thanx.

Be with us at

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

Sat. March 4th at 2 PM

Many of us go to dinner afterwards at: [Marguerites Cafe](#) directly across from the Library.

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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, marios_psomas@hotmail.com

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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's monthly social Dinner
is on hiatus!

Laugh Lines *Traditional Jewish Humor* 03-17

A car hit an elderly Jewish man. The paramedic says, "Are you comfortable?"
The man says, "I make a good living."

I've been in love with the same woman for 49 years. If my wife finds out, she'll kill me!

Someone stole all my credit cards, but I won't be reporting it. The thief spends less than my wife did.

We always hold hands. If I let go, she shops.

My wife and I revisited the hotel where we spent our wedding night. This time I was the one who stayed in the bathroom and cried.

The Doctor gave a man six months to live. The man couldn't pay his bill, so the doctor gave him another six months.

The Doctor called Mrs. Cohen saying, "Mrs. Cohen, your check came back." Mrs. Cohen replied, "So did my arthritis!"

Doctor: "You'll live to be 60!" Patient: "I AM 60!"
Doctor: "See! What did I tell you?"

A doctor held a stethoscope up to a man's chest. The man asks, "Doc, how do I stand?"
The doctor says, "That's what puzzles me!"

Patient: "I have a ringing in my ears."
Doctor: "Don't answer!"

A drunk was in front of a judge. The judge says, "You've been brought here for drinking."
The drunk says, "Okay, let's get started."

A man called his mother in Florida. "Mom, how are you?" "Not too good," said the mother. "I've been very weak." The son said, "Why are you so weak?" She said, "Because I haven't eaten in 38 days." The son said, "That's terrible. Why haven't you eaten in 38 days?" The mother answered, "Because, I didn't want my mouth to be full in case you should call."

A Jewish man said that when he was growing up, they always had two choices for dinner - Take it or leave it.

Humanist society

of the Suncoast

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Tampa Humanist Association

Meets every third Saturday at, 11:00 AM

North Tampa Public Library

8916 North Blvd. Tampa, FL 33604 [Map](#)

March 18th, 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.

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

JP



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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.

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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, Humanist Society of the Suncoast, Tampa Humanist Association, Institute for Science and Human Values, Freethinkers@USF,* UU Humanists Clearwater, Atheists of Florida, UU Humanists Tampa,* 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 secular / freethought / Humanist /Atheist movement.

As this momentum continues to grow, we will keep you informed of developments . JP

Contact: tbcor@metrodirect.net <http://tampabaycor.net/>

A Humanist Discussion group in east Tampa !

UU Humanists of Tampa

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://uutampanet.org/unitarian-universalist-humanist-of-tampa/>

Humanist Quotes

There is no humanist creed, no set of beliefs to which every humanist has to subscribe. Humanism is not a dogma or a sect...as human beings we can find from our own resources the shared moral values which we need in order to live together, and the means to create meaningful and fulfilling lives for ourselves.

Richard Norman, [On Humanism \(Thinking in Action\)](#)



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American scientists are facing censorship on par with that imposed in the USSR under Josef Stalin, Australia's chief scientist Alan Finkel [said](#) during a scientific roundtable in Canberra, Australia, on Monday.

"Science is literally under attack," Finkel warned, describing the Trump administration's [crackdown](#) on Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) data, which requires political appointees to review scientific research before it is published. Congressional Republicans have also set their sights on [gutting](#) the regulatory agency.

"It defies logic. It certainly does longterm harm," Finkel said, and compared the administration's policy to the USSR under Stalin:

It's reminiscent of the censorship exerted by political officers in the old Soviet Union. Every military commander there had a political officer second-guessing his decisions.

Soviet agricultural science was held back for decades because of the ideology of Trofim Lysenko, who was a proponent of [Lamarckism](#). Stalin loved Lysenko's conflation of science and Soviet philosophy, and used his limitless power to ensure that Lysenko's unscientific ideas prevailed.

Lysenko believed that successive generations of crops could be improved by exposing them to the right environment, and so too could successive generations of Soviet citizens be improved by exposing them to the right ideology.

So while Western scientists embraced evolution and genetics, Russian scientists who thought the same were sent to the gulag. Western crops flourished. Russian crops failed.

"Today, the catch-cry of scientists must be frank and fearless advice," Finkel said, "no matter the opinion of political commissars stationed at the U.S. EPA."

Finkel went on to argue that sound science must inform government policy, the *Sydney Morning Herald* [reported](#), and said he was proud to be chief scientist in a country where no politician had ever told him what he could and couldn't say. Trump's actions in his first two weeks in office—not to mention his usual [rhetoric](#)—have also provoked comparisons with other infamous dictators, such as [Adolf Hitler](#) and [Kim Jung-un](#).

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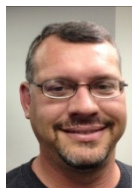
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M.A.R.S. – Tampa Astronomy Club

Welcome to the [Museum Astronomical Resource Society](#), also known as the M.A.R.S. astronomy club. M.A.R.S. is sponsored by the [Museum of Science and Industry \(MOSI\)](#), in Tampa, Florida. We are also members of both the [Astronomical League](#) and [Night Sky Network](#). This site provides club news and astronomical information to our membership and to the public.

There's only one thing the people of M.A.R.S. enjoy more than observing the heavens... that's sharing it with others! Whether you are new to astronomy and curious about how to experience it, or a seasoned veteran looking for an active club to spend observation time with. We invite you to attend a meetings as our honored guest.

Monthly meetings are normally held on the 3rd floor of MOSI in the Science Works Theater, and take place on the 2nd Friday of each month from 7:00PM to 9:00PM. Meetings are free and open to the public.

Details & RSVP:

<https://www.meetup.com/MARS-astronomy-club-at-MOSI/>

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:

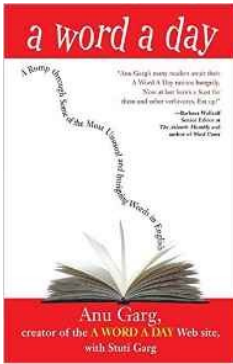
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Meetings are normally held on the fourth Friday of each month (except November and December when it is on the third Friday) at the Science Center of Pinellas County, 7701 22nd Avenue North, St. Petersburg, FL., at 8:00 P.M. Meetings are open to the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



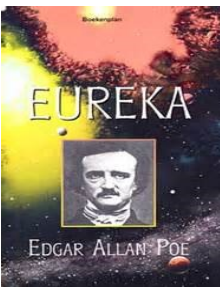
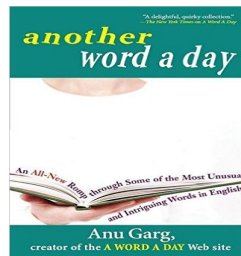
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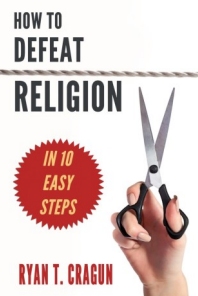
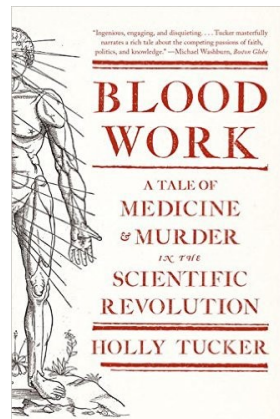
Anu Garg is the founder of Wordsmith.org, a community of more than half-million readers in some 200 countries. He grew up in rural India. He learned the English language as a second language and moved to the US to study computer science in graduate school. He worked as a software engineer at a number of corporations including AT&T Labs. Eventually he gave up his career in software for the love of words and founded Wordsmith.org to spread the magic of words.

A smorgasbord of surprising, obscure, and exotic words: In this delightful encore to the national bestseller *A Word A Day*, Anu Garg, the founder of the wildly popular A Word A Day Web site (wordsmith.org), presents an all-new collection of unusual, intriguing words and real-life anecdotes that will thrill writers, scholars, and word buffs everywhere.



Poe was a century and more ahead of his time, which explains why his contemporaries could not understand *Eureka* and even ridiculed it. But the fact is that *Eureka* contains more than 20 major philosophical and scientific ideas and concepts that are common knowledge today, but that were absolutely unheard of in Poe's days.

Blood Work is the true story about how we got to our old notions of what blood was, how circulation worked, early transfusion science, and what happens when long-held beliefs are challenged. It entails extensive research of the past, yet resonates with the challenges that science research now faces today, for it illustrates how much our knowledge and curiosity today determine our future. **Blood Work: A Tale of Medicine and Murder**



Ryan Cragun, PhD
If you don't know him, where have you been?
<https://www.ryantcragun.com/>



Evolve Fish is a good source for 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 Then pick it up at the next meeting. **Be sure to return it!** Donations appreciated.

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2. In Gods we Trust Scott Atran
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79. **Thoughts of a Freethinker** New Kaye * Essential works

For even more access to Freethought history and perspectives, you may wish to check out Frank Prah's Freethought Library. Contact fprah@verizon.net

Atheists of Florida, Inc.



Tracy Thomas, Chair – Al Hann, President

Join members of our Tampa chapter at our headquarters / Studio Building on So. Westshore.

Activities: [AoF Meetup](#) 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

For information on activities for this month, see our comprehensive web site: <http://aof.ngo>

Public Education is a Good Idea!

HR 610 is the start of dismantling of the public school system, requiring states to fund vouchers for private schools (read the [bill summary](#).)

The bill is in the [House - Education and the Workforce Committee](#). You can contact the committee member from Florida, Representative [Fredericka Wilson](#) 202-225-4506 or visit [her contact page](#) (phone calls are more effective.)

Sample call script: (you will get a staff person, so be nice) "Hi, my name is (your name) and I live in Florida. I am calling in opposition to HR 610. This bill will allow taxpayer money to go to private schools. In the state of Florida, 85% of private schools are religiously affiliated. Private schools can discriminate on who they admit and are exempt from any of the educational requirements of the state.

It also repeals the "No Hungry Kids Act" which requires schools to meet nutritional standards for lunch and breakfast, leaving poor children vulnerable to malnutrition.



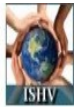
Ever wonder what Florida
Freethought groups are doing?

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The Institute for Science and Human Values

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Dear all,

I believe that our movement as skeptics, secular humanists, rationalists, naturalists, atheists, agnostics, all the ways that we identify as a movement, is of the utmost importance in this very dangerous community we live in today. The tactics of exploitive emotions and fear mongering of the current administration must be countered clearly and loudly.

I'd like to see us hold discussions with our constituents exploring the many ways we can do this. We must rise to the occasion. Our way of life and democracy depend on our leadership. Will you help?

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

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Clearwater, Florida

Clearwater UU Humanists

Usually on the 3rd Sunday at 11:30

We are a group of Unitarian Universalists committed to a humanistic and non-theistic worldview.

Currently, meetings are scheduled once monthly, usually on the third Sunday of most months after UU services.

St Pete Atheists // Freethought Group

Moderated by: Gary Thompson

Contact: 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"

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Topic: See our Meetup site:

www.meetup.com/tampa-bay-thinkers/ for more nfo.

Humanist Families of Greater Tampa

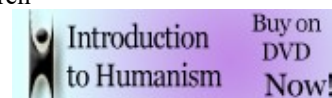
Jennifer Hancock started this organization several years ago. It uniquely serves Humanist families with a variety of wonderful programs throughout the year. There is a strong emphasis on creative childrearing. Here, you can make connection with other families dealing with the problems of living in a 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](https://www.facebook.com/).

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



The Military Association of Atheists & Freethinkers



The MacDill Atheists & Secular Humanists (MASH) community was created for atheist and secular humanist military personnel stationed at MacDill Air Force Base, their families and retired military residing in the Tampa Bay area. MASH provides a valuable and much needed resource in which you will find common ground to socialize, discuss issues, and draw emotional support from like-minded members.

Local Contact: Chris
(christbrown@yahoo.com)
MSgt, USAF (Retired)

On the web at: www.maaf.info

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"Can You Still Be Jewish If You Don't Believe In God?"

A Talk by Paul Golin

Paul Golin is the new Executive Director of the Society for Humanistic Judaism. He's the former head of Big Tent Judaism, and is the co-author of two books on interfaith marriage. Join Paul for dinner at a nearby restaurant after the lecture.

Humanistic Jews of Tampa Bay

Jeff Lipkes, Leader

Wednesday, March 1, 2017 6:30 PM

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Rick O'Keefe



ACLU of Greater Tampa Bay

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Column: Defending rights in Florida after this election

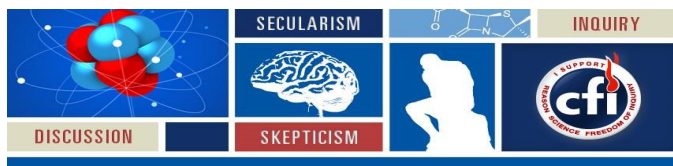
Change our nation's libel laws to go after critics in the media. The day after the election, the ACLU of Florida staff met first to come to terms with our collective shock at the civil liberties challenges we are now surely facing, then to begin planning ... [Tampa Bay Times](#)



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CFI Student Conference 2013 - Amherst, NY. Center, [Eddie Tabash](#), a director of CFI



A lecture given by [Ray Hyman](#) at Skeptic's Toolbox 2012

Ever wonder what Florida Freethought groups are doing?

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<http://AtheistsOfFloridaInc.org/calendar/>

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Free inquiry entails recognition of civil liberties as integral to its pursuit, that is, a free press, freedom of communication, the right to organize opposition parties and to join voluntary associations, and freedom to cultivate and publish the fruits of scientific, philosophical, artistic, literary, moral and religious freedom. ~ Paul Kurtz, The Father of Modern Secular Humanism

Highlights from CFI on the Web

For *Skeptical Inquirer's* 40th anniversary issue, the one and only **Neil deGrasse Tyson** **takes a global view** of skepticism and science, summing up the scientific method: “Do whatever it takes to avoid fooling yourself into thinking something is true that is not, or that something is not true that is.”

In that same special issue, **Lawrence Krauss celebrates** all that *Skeptical Inquirer* has accomplished, writing, “The example it has set for the past forty years should encourage all of us.”

Steven Novella tries to boil down the **mission of the skeptical movement** and how it has and had not changed over the decades.

CFI Senior Research Fellow **Ronald Lindsay** writes in *Huffington Post* that comparisons of Donald Trump to fascists aren't quite right. A better analogy, Ron says, **is Warren G. Harding**.

It wasn't so long ago that something called “Pizzagate” had driven some people to rage and violence over the fakest of fake news. “Conspiracy Guy” **Robert Blaskiewicz unpacks the whole sordid tale** with some lessons for journalists.

Joe Nickell looks at the enthusiasm for holy relics within Catholicism and the incredible and at times horrifying ends some have gone to **acquire objects or even body parts** of saints.

Benjamin Radford interviews the author of horror story *The Bye Bye Man*, which has been adapted for the screen and is now in theaters.

Stephen Law's delightful “Evil God Challenge” animated video gets **tapped as a “Staff Pick”** at Vimeo.

And of course, you can keep up with news relevant to skeptics and seculars every weekday with *The Morning Heresy*.

Center for Inquiry–Tampa Bay activities are found here http://bit.ly/CFI-TB_Meetup

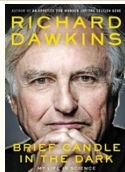
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Hiccups and Poltergeists

By [Gary P. Posner, M.D.](#)

As chronicled in his occasional travelogues, [Terry Smiljanich](#) spends his precious time galloping across the globe visiting the world's wonders - the largest telescope (see his column in this issue), Charles Darwin's Galapagos "laboratory," etc. -- while I sit home watching TV. But *my* preferred pastime sometimes actually results in an interesting (at least to me) thought crossing my mind.

For example, in 2007, when programs such as *Today* and *Good Morning America* were fighting over which would be the first to snare St. Petersburg's "[Hiccup Girl](#)," I found myself seemingly alone in wondering if perhaps her one-per-second hiccups might be a publicity prank, especially since she was able to talk hiccup-free.

I had no compelling reason to doubt the genuineness of the 17-year-old's situation, for which she had sought the help of multiple physicians, and which resolved spontaneously after five weeks. Yet I recall it reminding me of a Robin Williams skit on *Saturday Night Live* from years earlier, in which his trance-channeling impression appeared more authentic than [J.Z. Knight's corny-looking channelings](#), which were all the rage at the time, of the ancient warrior Ramtha.

The same question occurred to me while watching "Hiccup Girl" as when watching Williams or Knight or, for that matter, [Noreen Renier](#) during any of *her* "psychic" trances: How can one discern the difference between the "real" phenomenon (if it exists) and play-acting? In Renier's case, most of her genuine-appearing "psychic" trances that I have observed have been *reenactments* of her *past* cases for TV programs like *Psychic Detectives*, so we know that she does play-act at times -- at least on those shows.

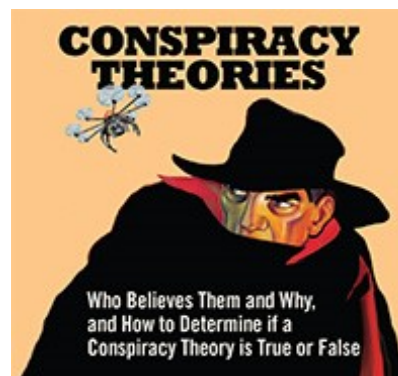
"Hiccup Girl" Jennifer Mee, now three years older, has recently reemerged as a celebrity, this time for suffering a grave hiccup in judgment. She reportedly has confessed to luring a man to a vacant home on a dark alley so that her boyfriend and another male accomplice could rob him. The victim, shot four times in the struggle, died, and Mee is facing first-degree murder charges.

This news broke on the very day that a Sarasota reporter called hours later to interview me about house-hauntings (see "TBS in the Media" below). During the course of our conversation, I came up with a speculative hypothesis that I suggested he might wish to pursue -- under the condition, of course, that he share the ensuing Pulitzer Prize with me. He was more than agreeable to my caveat, but fearing that his editor wouldn't appreciate him straying from the Sarasota beat, though encouraging me onward, he passed.

Read the rest of this article from [Tampa Bay Skeptics Report-Online](#).



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Who believes them? Why? How can you tell if they're true?

What is a conspiracy theory, why do people believe in them, and why do they tend to proliferate? Why does belief in one conspiracy correlate to belief in others? What are the triggers of belief, and how does group identity factor into it? How can one tell the difference between a true conspiracy and a false one?

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[Blood Work: A Tale of Medicine and Murder in the Scientific Revolution with Holly Tucker](#)

Tuesday, March 28th in CWY 206, 6:00pm - Reception to follow

Holly Tucker holds appointments as Professor of French and Italian and in the Center for Biomedical Ethics and Society at Vanderbilt University. Her teaching interests include narrative medicine, medicine and literature, early history of medicine, and early-modern culture and history.

Blood Work was a *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize Finalist in Science and Technology. The book was also named a Best Book of 2011 by the *Times Literary Supplement* and the *Seattle Times* as well as garnering Honorable Mention in the general nonfiction category from the American Society of Journalists and Authors.

On March 28th, Tucker will explore the fascinating chapter in medical history and philosophy of the scientific battle in 17th century Europe.



“Arts education aids students in skills needed in the workplace: flexibility, the ability to solve problems and communicate, the ability to learn new skills, to be creative and innovative, and to strive for excellence.” ~ Joseph M. Calahan, Director of Cooperate Communications, Xerox Corporation

Countering the Gagging of Federal Scientists

The Trump gang is trying to gag scientists - make us shut up, and hide our data. But they're also making scientists gag - want to vomit. So, scientists are fighting back. [*Humanists can help!*]

Some examples:

1) Scientists are keeping track of how Trump gang is changing the EPA website, with before-and-after photos, and analysis:

<https://www.nrdc.org/onearth/ behold-tweaks-trump-has-made-epa-website-far>

There's more about "adaptation" to climate change, and less about how it's caused by carbon emissions.

2) The Trump gang is taking animal-welfare data offline. The US Department of Agriculture will no longer make lab inspection results and violations publicly available, citing privacy concerns:

<http://www.nature.com/news/us-government-takes-animal-welfare-data-offline-1.21428>

3) The **Environmental Data and Governance Initiative** is working to archive public environmental data. Go to a **data rescue event**:

Feb. 4th, NYC Feb 10th-11th, Austin Feb. 11th, San Francisco Bay Feb. 18th, MIT Feb. 18th, Haverford

Feb. 18-19th, Washington DC Feb 26th, Twin Cities, Minnesota or work with them to organize one of your own! They're developing online tools to help: <https://envirodatagov.org/>

4) Less relevant, but too fun to ignore, is **Operation "Kiss Our Asses, Release Your Taxes"**. Hundreds of people are planning to gather at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 12th and *moon* Trump Tower in Chicago - that is, aim their naked butts at it. The goal is to get Trump to release his tax returns.

I think people should do this each time he emits an offensive tweet.

5) A new bill would prevent the US government from providing access to geospatial data if it helps people understand housing discrimination. It goes like this:

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no Federal funds may be used to design, build, maintain, utilize, or provide access to a Federal database of geospatial information on community racial disparities or disparities in access to affordable housing.

For the important ways this data has been used, see:

http://www.philly.com/philly/blogs/public_health/Where-will-data-take-the-Trump-administration-on-housing.html

6) The pushback is so big it's hard to list it all! For now I'll just quote some of Tabitha Powledge's article "The gag reflex: Trump info shutdowns at US science agencies, especially EPA".

THE PUSHBACK FROM SCIENCE HAS BEGUN

Predictably, counter-tweets claiming to come from rebellious employees at the EPA, the Forest Service, the USDA, and NASA sprang up immediately. At The Verge, Rich McCormick says there's reason to believe these claims may be genuine, although none has yet been verified. A lovely head on this post: "On the internet, nobody knows if you're a National Park."

<http://www.theverge.com/2017/1/26/14395642/twitter-accounts-rebelling-trump-federal-agencies-national-park>

At Hit&Run, Ronald Bailey provides handles for several of these alt tweet streams, which he calls "the revolt of the permanent government." (That's a compliment.)

<http://reason.com/blog/2017/01/26/trump-twitter-and-the-revolt-of-the-per2>

Bailey argues, "with exception perhaps of some minor amount of national security intelligence, there is no good reason that any information, data, studies, and reports that federal agencies produce should be kept from the public and press. In any case, I will be following the Alt_Bureaucracy feeds for a while."

NeuroDojo Zen Faulkes posted on how to demand that scientific societies show some backbone. "Ask yourself: "Have my professional societies done anything more political than say, 'Please don't cut funding?' " Will they fight?," he asked.

<http://neurodojo.blogspot.com/2017/01/asking-scientific-societies-to-show.html>

*Scientists associated with the group **500 Women Scientists** donned lab coats and marched in DC as part of the Women's March on Washington the day after Trump's Inauguration, Robinson Meyer reported at the Atlantic. A wildlife ecologist from North Carolina told Meyer, "I just can't believe we're having to yell, 'Science is real.'"*

Taking a cue from how the Women's March did its social media organizing, other scientists who want to set up a Washington march of their own have put together a closed Facebook group that claims more than 600,000 members, Kate Sheridan writes at STAT. [Continued on Page 14]

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<https://www.statnews.com/2017/01/25/science-march-washington/>

The [#ScienceMarch](#) Twitter feed says a date for the march will be posted in a few days. The group also plans to release tools to help people interested in local marches coordinate their efforts and avoid duplication. <https://twitter.com/ScienceMarchDC>

At The Atlantic, Ed Yong describes the political action committee **314Action**. (314=the first three digits of pi.)

<https://www.theatlantic.com/science/archive/2017/01/thanks-to-trump-scientists-are-planning-to-run-for-office/514229/>

Among other political activities, it is holding a webinar on Pi Day – March 14 – to explain to scientists how to run for office. Yong calls 314Action the science version of Emily's List, which helps pro-choice candidates run for office. 314Action says it is ready to connect potential candidate scientists with mentors—and donors.

<http://www.314action.org/want-to-run/>

Other groups may be willing to step in when government agencies wimp out. A few days before the Inauguration, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention abruptly and with no explanation cancelled a 3-day meeting on the health effects of climate change scheduled for February. Scientists told Ars Technica's Beth Mole that CDC has a history of running away from politicized issues.

<https://arstechnica.com/science/2017/01/self-censoring-fears-swirl-as-cdc-abruptly-nixes-climate-and-health-summit/>

One of the conference organizers from the American Public Health Association was quoted as saying nobody told the organizers to cancel.

I believe it. Just one more example of the chilling effect on global warming. In politics, once the Dear Leader's wishes are known, some hirelings will rush to gratify them without being asked.

The APHA guy said they simply wanted to head off a potential last-minute cancellation. Yeah, I guess an anticipatory pre-cancellation would do that.

But then – Al Gore to the rescue! He is joining with several health groups—including the American Public Health Association—to hold a one-day meeting on the topic Feb 16 at the Carter Center in Atlanta, CDC's home base. Vox's Julia Belluz reports that it is not clear whether CDC officials will be part of the Gore rescue event.

<http://www.vox.com/2017/1/26/14402234/cdc-climate-change-conference-al-gore-trump>

For Tabitha Powledge's whole article go here:

<http://blogs.plos.org/onscienceblogs/2017/01/27/the-gag-reflex-trump-info-shutdowns-at-us-science-agencies-especially-epa/> [#climateaction](#)

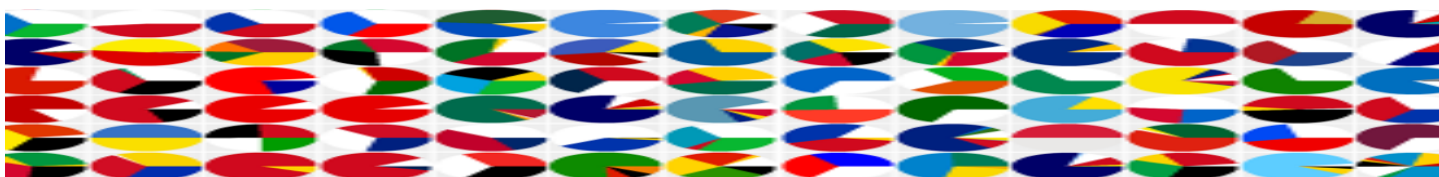
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Think Immigration is not important?

Implementing this policy will be expensive. Hundreds of billions of dollars expensive. No matter which side of the immigration policy aisle you're on, undocumented immigrants generate a lot of economic activity that reverberates throughout the country.

For starters, many undocumented workers actually do pay taxes—to the tune of \$11 billion each year. Being that taxes are the primary source of income for government services, that money covers things like repairing roads, funding fire and police departments, and healthcare programs such as Medicare and Medicaid.


The physical process of removing the estimated 11 million undocumented immigrants that currently live in this country (including legal fees, transportation, and the hiring of more border patrol agents) would cost the U.S. big money—\$400 billion to \$600 billion, according to one [center-right public policy group](#). To get an idea of how much that is, the entire U.S. defense budget—where more than half of our federal budget goes—is just shy of \$600 billion a year.

A crackdown on immigration would also result in a more expensive grocery bill at home. More than half of U.S. farm workers are undocumented, and farms are already [having trouble finding enough laborers](#). The farm bureau estimates that a deportation-only policy could cause an across-the-country price increase—in other words, your steaks, carrots, and strawberries could cost 5-6 percent more. And that's just agriculture. Americans would see higher price tags on a range of expenses including restaurant bills, home construction, hotel stays, and others.

...and what you can do.

Town hall fever is spreading across the nation. You can attend a meeting in your area to make your views on immigration heard to your local politicians. Can't be there in person? [A phone call](#) to your congressional representatives also makes a difference.

If you want to support undocumented immigrants, you can [donate to the National Immigration Law Center](#), which helps provide legal representation to low-income families.

*  is the electrical symbol for resistance.

Resistors, such as the one depicted here are common in electronics. They resist a measured flow of current, and in so doing, become hot.

<https://www.resistancecalendar.org/>



REINCARNATION

Wallace McRae

Edited by Ken Clanton

What does reincarnation mean?

A cowpoke ast his friend
His pal replied, "It happens when
Yer life has reached its end.
They combs yer hair and warsh yer neck,
And clean yer fingernails,
And lay you in a padded box
Away from life's travails

The box and you goes in a hole
That's been dug into the ground.
Re-in-carnation starts in when
Yer planted 'neath a mound.
Them clods melt down just like yer box
And you who is inside
And then yer just beginnin' on
Yer transformation ride.

In a while the grass'll grow
Upon yer rendered mound
Till someday on yer moldered grave
A lonely flower is found
And say a hoss should wander by
And graze upon this flower
That once was you, but now's become
Yer vegetative bower.

"The posey that the hoss done et
Up, with his other feed
Makes bone, and fat and muscle
Essential to the steed.
But some is left that he cain't use
And so it passes through,
And finally lays there on the ground
This thing that once wuz you.

"Then say, by chance, I wanders by
And sees this on the ground,
Guarded by a blue-tail fly
This stuff that I have found
I thinks of re-in-carnation
Of life and death and such
And come away concludin',
Slim, death ain't changed you all that much."

(Selected by R. O'Keefe & Jenny Lind Olin)

Internet Knowledge on the Cheap

These days a strange abundance of knowledge can be obtained with little study, and even less thought. Condensed and hastened bits of trumpety on chemistry, economics, architecture, foreign affairs, physics, and history are available online. And it's from these that the susceptible mind, rightly trying to make sense of what's happening in the world, finds answers and devils. Strained by the feeling that society is mobilized to make him feel as guilty as possible, bored to death in an office building where he comfortably romanticizes the factory or rural life, and perverted into thinking there is a secluded culture he ought to defend but not participate in, the susceptible mind becomes a disciple of, first, the con artist, then the demagogue, and finally, the despot. Thanks *Mark Dunbar* writing in the **Humanist** 2/17

Tampa Bay Coalition of Reason – March 2017 Calendar



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.*
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2nd Sunday, 2 PM	BRANDON–CFI Sunday Social, with Tampa Bay Skeptics	Skeptical interests with critical thinkers. Click to RSVP: http://bit.ly/CFI-TB_Meetup	
TBA – various activities	S TAMPA– Atheists of Florida, Inc.	Details & RSVP: http://bit.ly/AOF-Meetup	
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1st Saturday, 2 PM	DUNEDIN– Humanist Soc. of the Suncoast	Details & RSVP http://bit.ly/Suncoast-Humanists Not this week! See Page 2 for details	
3rd Sunday, 12:30 PM	E. CLEARWATER– UU Clearwater Humanists	Details: http://bit.ly/UUC-Humanists	
TBA – various activities at MOSI	E. TAMPA– Museum Astronomical Resource Society (MARS) at MOSI	Details & RSVP: http://bit.ly/1Psc2Pi Other events: http://bit.ly/MARS-home	
TBA - numerous events— next Spring	E. TAMPA– Humanities Institute at USF	See Web site for full listing of many events & calendar. http://bit.ly/USF-Humanities Locations vary! Page 11.	
4th Monday, 6 PM	N. PINELLAS AREA– CFI Freethought Supper	RSVP is required. Seating is limited to 25! <i>For CFI & TBS paid members.</i> http://bit.ly/CFI-TB_Meetup	
3rd Saturday, 11 AM	NE TAMPA – Tampa Humanist Assoc.	Details & RSVP: http://bit.ly/TPA-Humanists	
4th Saturday, 10:30 AM;	NW HILLSBOROUGH– CFI Readers Book Discussion	Limited to 10 paid-up CFI members. RSVP is required. http://bit.ly/CFI-TB_Meetup <i>Must have read the book under discussion to attend</i>	
3rd Monday, 7 PM	NW HILLSBOROUGH– Tampa Bay Thinkers	Lively discussions. RSVP here: http://bit.ly/TPA-Bay_Thinkers	
4 th Friday, 8 PM general meeting. Many more events monthly.	ST. PETERSBURG– Astronomy Club	For several dates, locations, & details: http://bit.ly/StPete-Astronomy-Home http://bit.ly/StPete-Astronomy-Calendar	
2 nd Saturday plus various other times/venues	TAMPA BAY REGION– Center for Inquiry	Details & RSVP http://bit.ly/CFI-TB_Meetup	
TBA – various activities	TAMPA BAY AREA– Humanist Families	RSVP here: Family outings and other activities. Details & RSVP: http://bit.ly/1Ps9MaN	



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