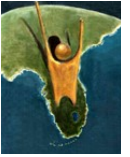


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The 2018 election will have consequences for a long time. New districts for US House and state legislative races will be based on the results of the 2020 census are effective starting in 2022 and last until 2030.

In Florida, congressional lines are drawn by the legislature, as a regular statute, subject to gubernatorial veto; the state legislative lines are drawn by the legislature and passed as a joint resolution, which is not subject to gubernatorial veto.

Who is in control in the state makes a huge difference.

Exercising your right to vote and holding politicians accountable is the only way for us to change our government for the better. Atheists are one of the largest religious demographics in our nation. Politicians need to learn that we're not going anywhere. Atheists are not a political monolith. But we all agree that a secular government is a better government.

Are you concerned about any of these issues?

- You want to ensure that you have the right to know about health care options that are available, regardless of religious beliefs of the provider or your employer.
- You don't want government money used to support religious groups.
- You want to ensure that women have a right to decide what health care options to use.
- You know that religious freedom is not a license to discriminate.
- Religious beliefs should not be used as the primary justification for any policy.
- That tradition is a terrible reason to allow religious ideology to remain part of government practices.
- Religious groups should have to pay taxes.

Watch for it...

Seth Andrews



coming in November
at UUC-Humanists

Freethought Radio moves to Friday Afternoons at 2 PM

Be sure to listen on **Friday, July 27** at 2
to hear **Eddie Tabash!**



Chairman of the board of the Council on Secular Humanism - CFI, Author and human & civil rights constitutional lawyer .

Atheists of Florida produces *Atheist Forum*, every **week** for your dining and dancing pleasure.

You will find a variety of subjects discussed, from atheism (of course) to science, politics, ethics, art and social culture.

The broadcast is available on WTAN-1340 and on the internet at TanTalk1340.com

Be sure to call **727-441-3000**, with your questions and comments. See page [14](#) for more.

Check out twenty years worth of past programs of the Atheist Forum on our website www.aof.ngo And check into our channel at www.youtube.com for additional material.

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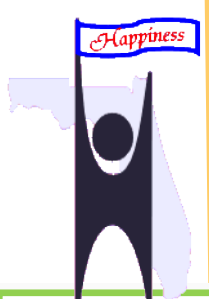
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The Humanist Society of the Suncoast News

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](#), & [ASHS](#). Find us at www.suncoasthumanist.com

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Walkable Neighborhoods and The Creation of Place:

What I learned at the Congress for New Urbanism Savannah, May-2018

Dave Kovar will present a lively discussion summarizing the several conference presentations he attended, adding his own background as long time transit activist and urbanist. He will provide perspective and insight of current and future directions for property development and transportation technologies, emphasizing how it can satisfy a younger generation's urge to return to local simplicity. "Everything Old is New Again".

"**Scooter Dave**" has not relied upon a personal car since 2013: Using his motor-scooter, mass transit, uber/lyft, and rental cars as needed. He sits on the PSTA Transit Riders Advocacy Cmte (TRAC) and is active in several local "Complete Streets" initiatives. Prior to retirement, he was a million-mile traveler visiting every state and various European capitals, and was deeply involved in the Green Light Pinellas initiative. Dave covers Transit issues for our own *Tampa Bay Post-Carbon Council*. [Pg.5](#)

NEW URBANISM is the most important planning movement this century, and is about creating a better future for us all. It is an international movement to reform the design of the built environment, and is about raising our quality of life and standard of living by creating better places to live. New Urbanism is the revival of our lost art of place-making, and is essentially a re-ordering of the built environment into the form of complete cities, towns, villages, and neighborhoods - the way communities have been built for centuries around the world. New Urbanism involves fixing and infilling cities, as well as the creation of compact new towns and villages.



"Scooter" Dave Kovar

Please
Join us in:



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

Saturday, Aug. 4
at 2:00 PM

Many of our members meet afterward for more conversation and refreshment not far from the library.



Tampa Bay Harvest

Food: the first kindness & the measure of our Hospitality.
Humanists aspire to true friendship with our fellow human beings.
Money is more effective than cans and boxes to get the most benefit to the greatest number of people. But we can also use personal toiletries. Thanks to *Jordan Williams*. **We need volunteers!** Write to jim@suncoasthumanist.com Thanx.

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Humanist Society of the Suncoast

Annual Dues



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Your membership helps keep Humanism alive & 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 & enables us to support larger & more exciting programs.

If you have questions concerning your dues or status, contact our treasurer,
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List of Fake News Websites:

Before you get too excited about an item you want to share or comment about, make sure the social media item is legit.

The list:

<http://bit.ly/2vvrXbb>



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

What is the Humanist Way?

- ◆ **To extend** a human centered approach to the critical problems of life & society.
- ◆ **To encourage** attitudes of kindness, compassion, tolerance & a loving generosity in human relationships, & in our treatment of all life. These attitudes help us to see ourselves in the lives of others, & encourage appreciation for the remarkable diversity of human culture & experience.
- ◆ **To develop** & popularize the skills of creative & critical thinking that empower people to challenge prejudice, superstition & irrationality in every area of life. Such empowerment enables the individual to reach the highest levels of achievement.
- ◆ **To exalt** those artistic & imaginative expressions of life which have been the source of the greatest pleasure & enlightenment, & which reflect compelling human truths. Through music, literature, art, dance, & other expressions, we embrace the essence of what it means to be human.
- ◆ **To explore** the grounds of ethics & 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

Join us on Sunday, August 19th.
at 5 O'clock for good local Italian style cooking, and decidedly the best company:

Carrabas

For map Menu

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Kindly **RSVP** to: (727) 581-2146
Great Conversation and good food, reasonably priced.

Laugh Lines Famous Last Words 8-18

You'll be perfectly safe behind this much shielding.
That's not smoke, that's steam.
That should be enough gas to make it across Nevada.
It's so tame you can put your head in its mouth.
It was fresh just last week.
These are the safe kind of mushrooms.
It should be ok to swim in.
Clip the red wire first.
It's supposed to make that noise.
It's pretty much grounded.
Are those killer bees?
It doesn't look like the bridge is out.
They only attack when they're hungry.
I can hold my breath at least that long.
The boss won't mind.
It shouldn't take too long to reach Anchorage.
Let's ask those soldiers for directions.
Jason won't find us in this closet.
I'm sure I turned my lights off.
I bet I can fit in there.
I'm sure it will support my weight.
It's just a few scattered lightning bolts.
We should be out of range here.
Aren't these bear cubs cute?
Hey guys, watch this (for all you redneck fans)
The tide's not that strong.
That's just a water snake.

Humanist Society of the Suncoast

A chapter of the American Humanist Assoc., Tampa Bay Coalition of Reason, & The Association of Secular Humanist Societies

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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](#)

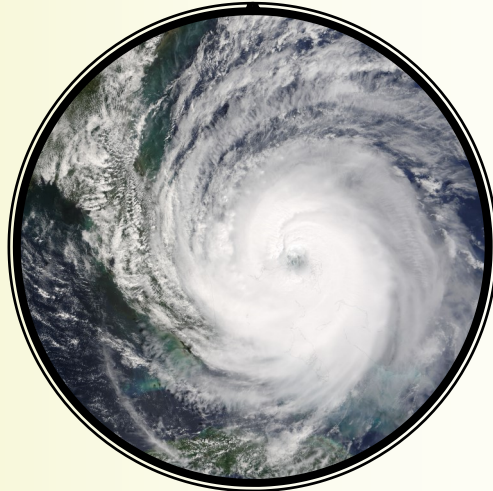
July 21st , 11 AM

Leaders: *Lucas Hopegood & Jim Peterson*

This month's Issue:

Hurricane

Why are we not Prepared?



A Boston firm that analyzes potential catastrophic damage reported that our region would lose \$175 billion in a storm the size of Hurricane Katrina. A World Bank study called Tampa Bay one of the 10 most at-risk areas on the globe.

Yet the bay area — greater Tampa, St. Petersburg and Clearwater — has barely begun to assess the rate of sea-level rise and address its effects. Its slow response to a major threat is a case study in how American cities reluctantly prepare for the worst, even though signs of impacts from climate change abound all around.

State leaders could be part of the reason. Republican Gov. Rick Scott's administration has reportedly discouraged employees from using the words "climate change" in official communications. Last year, the Republican-controlled state legislature approved bills allowing any citizen to challenge textbooks and instructional materials, including those that teach the science of evolution and global warming.

As Humanists it is our task to discover the secret world above and within the level of conscious recognition. Using the instruments of reason, & 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 & critically dissects a novel intersection of mind and matter. Be part of it.

At present, we are a small, intimate group meeting in a neighborhood library. But we are ambitious, and hope to grow. Ideally, such small discussion groups should appear in every neighborhood. The need is as great as the potential. What is required is a few longtime humanists willing to take on the relatively small effort to secure a library meeting room once a month, post a few notices here and there (including this newsletter), and show up to lead a discussion, share a little knowledge; give something to the future. ♪ Learn more about the association at: <http://tampahumanist.com/>



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AHA affiliate.

Why Vote... From Pg.1



ACTIONS:

1. Make sure your voter registration is current and correct: Go to <http://dos.myflorida.com/elections/for-voters/voter-registration/>

July 30th is the deadline to register for the primary elections.

2. Please take 1 minute each day between now and Election Day to Tweet or email one of the candidates that you are an Atheist Voter and that you will be voting on Election Day. Let them know you are an active constituent and that it is time that they started listening to their nonreligious, equality-demanding, secular constituents, too!

JMA

Humanist Quotes

8/18

"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 "

"The only possible basis for a sound morality is mutual tolerance and respect: tolerance of one another's customs and opinions; respect for one another's rights and feelings; awareness of one another's needs."

– A J Ayer, *The Humanist Outlook*,
1968



An autonomous project of the Humanist Society.
Affiliate of the [Post Carbon Institute](#)

Strengthening the community resilience movement.

Post Carbon Institute believes that building community resilience is our best response to the looming economic, energy, and environmental challenges of the 21st Century. A resilient community is one that can maintain its essential identity while adapting to these and other challenges.

Our Community Resilience program supports people who want to deepen their thinking and pursue strategies that build community resilience in a sustainable and equitable way.

We can't "solve" these challenges with technical fixes. Nor can we ignore the need for global action, or the needs of people less fortunate than ourselves. But we **can** recognize our vulnerabilities, build our capacities, and take advantage of opportunities—even in an increasingly unpredictable future. We **can** adapt our behaviors, connect with neighbors, develop viable strategies, and rediscover a shared sense of meaning. And we **can** have a world that supports robust communities of healthy, creative people and ecosystems where millions of other species flourish.

We can build a more resilient, equitable, and sustainable world...for all—if we have a true understanding of the nature of the challenge, employ systems and resilience thinking, and act with courage, creativity, humility, and humanity.

Projects

The Community Resilience program includes:

Think Resilience, an online course that provides subscribers with an understanding of the systemic crises of the 21st century, introduces them to systems and resilience thinking, and provides practical examples of efforts to build resilience in various sectors of society.

Resilience.org, the premier source of news, insights, and resources for our turbulent times, visited by over 1 million people a year.

Research and publications that illuminate key challenges and opportunities, and highlight diverse perspectives from the field.

Learn More

- Visit [resilience.org](#)
- Take the [Think Resilience course](#)

Read [Six Foundations for Building Community Resilience](#)



post carbon institute

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 & the public. For additional information send your emails to: spaceexaminer@gmail.com

Meetings are normally held on the fourth Friday of each month (except November & 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

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 & Industry \(MOSI\)](#), in Tampa, Florida. We are also members of both the [Astronomical League & Night Sky Network](#). This site provides club news & astronomical information to our membership & to the public.

Whether you are new to astronomy & 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, & take place on the 2nd Friday of each month from 7:00PM to 9:00PM. Meetings are free & open to the public.

Details & RSVP:

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



The mission of the Center for Inquiry is to foster a secular society based on science, reason, freedom of inquiry, & humanist values. Since 2002, our all-volunteer chapter has served West Central Florida. Won't you support us? [Join our community today.](#)



Rick O'Keefe,
Coordinator

Some of August's activities are:

- ◇◇ CFI SHARE Book Club
- ◇◇ Thank Goodness 4 Godless Friday Nights
- ◇◇ CFI Sunday Skeptics Brunch
- ◇◇ Tampa Bay Tech Center Open House
- ◇◇ The Moveable Feast w. Humanist Society
- ◇◇ Howard's Skeptics Corner
- ◇◇ 2+ astronomy clubs' meetings
- ◇◇ N. Pinellas CFI Supper Club

And more at <http://bit.ly/2qEQuH4>

Subscribe to our CFI Tampa Bay newsletter here: <http://bit.ly/2ljTe9l>, Then scroll down the page until you see the red section with "Receive E-Mails".



Founded in 2006 by Richard Dawkins, the foundation's mission is to realize Richard's vision to remove the influence of religion in science education and public policy, and eliminate the stigma that surrounds atheism and non-belief .

- ~ [See the latest from Richard](#)
- ~ [See the latest News](#)

Secular Rescue is a program of the Center for Inquiry that identifies those writers, activists, and everyday citizens in countries such as Bangladesh, Pakistan, and Iraq who live under the threat of violence and death. *Secular Rescue* then provides financial and diplomatic assistance to help these courageous freethinkers escape to safety so they can continue to write, work, and live. Last year, The Atlantic profiled *Secular Rescue* and its successes, calling it "[The Underground Railroad that rescues atheists.](#)"

Skeptic cartoonist Celestia Ward debuts her new column for CFI, *Peeling Onions*, with a piece on "outrage vampires," those who feed off our knee-jerk anger using deceptive means. In this case, a viral video by "Joey Salads" created to make people seething mad about the [scorn faced by breastfeeding moms](#): "While on the surface it might seem like any publicity is good publicity when it comes to public acceptance of breastfeeding, I can see some very real problems here. Harken back to my informal poll: despite the fact that very few mothers reported harassment from strangers as they nursed, some of those who sought out private spaces did so "out of fear" and admitted to being nervous about what reaction they might get if they nursed in the open."

CFI intern **Kayla Bowen** has a compelling piece at our *Course of Reason* blog on how [humanists and skeptics handle the topic of obesity](#): Secular humanist values involve treating people with respect and dignity, and that includes those one might consider to be overweight/unhealthy. If you're still on the fence because you think it's aiding the obesity epidemic to treat fat people like people, then consider that being cruel to them will ultimately make the situation worse. If you can't be a good secular humanist, at least listen to the science.

Because CFI Tampa Bay depends solely on your generosity for sustenance, please share your participation and wealth with us. We need to meet our budget of \$3,500 for the last six months, and make of a shortfall of \$1,200 for the first six months. Memberships and donations make a big difference to us because we are an active community.

http://bit.ly/CFI-TampaBay_Support_Us



Did your CFI membership lapse?

Find out: please send me an email so I can check for you. **Include** your current phone & address with ZIP, please. I'll look it up & let you know.

Cordially, Rick
Mail:

bit.ly/2l9uaLr



16 years in Florida



Our New & Improved website: <https://CFITampaBay.org>. Please visit, then comment: what would you like to see?

Take note: In this newsletter most graphics & blue text are links for your use. So **click** away!



POINT OF INQUIRY

Point of Inquiry is the Center for Inquiry's flagship podcast, where the brightest minds of our time engage in deep conversation about the big questions in science, religion, politics, and culture.

THIS WEEK

The Odyssey of the Plutophiles: Alan Stern and David Grinspoon on the Voyage of New Horizons from conception to arrival at Pluto.

The book:

Chasing New Horizons: Inside the Epic First Mission to Pluto

BECAUSE THE ANSWER NEVER TURNED OUT TO BE MAGIC. EVER.

A Skeptic Reads the Newspaper
Benjamin Radford, A CFI blog

Physicist Summits Everest For Girls In STEM

I interviewed physicist Dr. Melanie Windridge, author of *Aurora: In Search of the Northern Lights*, last year for a Special Report on the CFI website. No armchair-ridden ivory tower egghead, Windridge is a veteran of days-long treks and wilderness expeditions. Her website features photos of her summits, and her book contains many compelling first-person adventures in Iceland,

Ask the Atheist,
Jim Underdown, a CFI blog

Xenu, Murder, And Declining Heaven

Is there anything positive in religion? Research shows that some dogmatic atheists are unable to see anything positive in religion. Aside from being a positively wonderful target for your devilish sense of humor, what do you find that is positive in religion?



The Morning Heresy is your **daily digest** of news and links relevant to the secular and skeptic communities. What you wouldn't otherwise know.

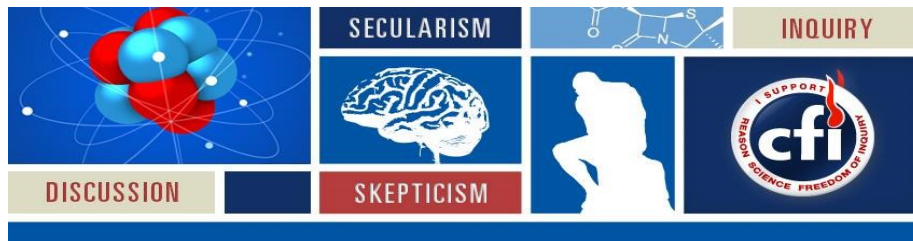
One can be a skeptic without being a humanist, but no one can be a humanist without being a skeptic.

Non-participation is a negative personal choice. Have you chosen to be positive?



Click below

JOIN NOW



Beginning again in September, **CFI Tampa Bay** will feature its lecture series in both Brandon and various venues around Tampa Bay and West Central Florida. *Who would you like to hear?* What local but little known folks have something worth hearing? Let Rick know at tampa@CenterForInquiry.net.

We will continue our book club, socials, and field trips, so don't miss out!



CHURCH AND STATE

Why DO conservatives hate science so much?

Benjamin summed it up, “A nation of well informed men who have been taught to know and prize the rights which God has given them cannot be enslaved. It is in the region of ignorance that tyranny begins.”

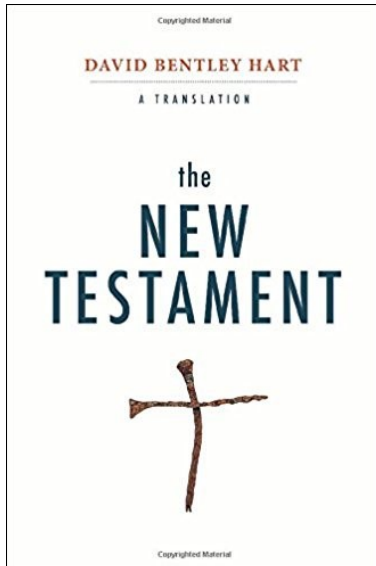
A well informed populace is hard to lie to. A well informed population is hard to manipulate with propaganda. A well informed population is hard to convince that economic suicide is a viable platform. The Right has spent decades slowly eroding the foundations of intellectual America.

How does religion fit into this scam? Easily. Fundamentalism works best when no one questions the authority and authenticity of scripture. “You will obey MY interpretation of God’s word or else!” Science, by its very nature, questions and is, therefore, the enemy.

... Read the rest and much more news here: <http://bit.ly/2FQVO3t>

READ THIS: TB-CoR’s [Meetup](#) makes it easy to **view** & **RSVP** to our activities & some affiliated events. The value to us of your joining our Meetup is that we need to know how many folks expect to attend an activity. Some programs are limited in seating; some require ordering books, etc.; some are open only to paid-up CFI members; & some require prepayment. So, sign up if you aren’t already participating.

The Center for Inquiry (CFI) leads the charge on promoting science, reason, critical thinking, and humanist values.



David Bentley Hart undertook this new translation of the New Testament in the spirit of *etsi doctrina non daretur*, “as if doctrine is not given.” Reproducing the texts’ often fragmentary formulations without augmentation or correction, he has produced a pitilessly literal translation, one that captures the texts’ impenetrability and unfinished quality while awakening

readers to an uncanniness that often lies hidden beneath doctrinal layers.

The Greek of the New Testament is Koine Greek, a pidgin form with none of the nuances or beauty of Attic/Classical Greek. It is a simple tradesman’s form, easy to learn, but of no literary value. Hence, Hart says, “Where an author has written bad Greek ... I have written bad English.”

The attempt to translate translations and revise versions in trying to puzzle out what the many varying ancient authors were trying to impart has been a constant frustration, specially to literalists, for whom there are no reliable sources.

That’s why I offer this book for your consideration: is there any real value in the Testament?

Enjoy the enlightening source article in *Free Inquiry*, August/September 2018

CFI Tampa Bay’s exposé of Scientology at the Clearwater Main library, right in the heart of Scientology’s HQ. SRO—out in the halls!



Is Religion Good for Children? 9
Secular children differ in happiness, mental health, and their grasp of reality. By **Mark Joseph Stern**

In the United States, conventional wisdom holds that you should raise your child to be religious. Taking the kids to church is the default; leaving them home requires **justification**. Push parents to explain why they should pass on their religion—apart from a principled urge to keep the faith—and they’re likely to tell you **studies prove** that kids do better with religion than without it.

But is religion really good for kids? That might depend on what kind of child you want to raise.

... “The problem with certain religious beliefs,” according to Bloom, “isn’t that they are incredible (science is also incredible) and isn’t that they ruin children’s ability to distinguish between fantasy and reality. It’s that they are false.”

... The question of children and religion, then, is really just a small part of the broader dilemma of faith versus skepticism. In the United States, the **vast majority of us** choose the former and push our kids to do the same. That might make them docile, obliging, and credulous. But it doesn’t make them better people.

Read the report here: <https://slate.me/2KQmpfn>

Last month we debuted a new column on the CFI website, *Ask the Atheist*. Each Wednesday, actor, comedian, and activist **Jim Underdown**, director of **CFI West** and the **Independent Investigations Group**, will answer questions about atheism from believers (and anyone else), with the goal of opening a legitimate and friendly dialogue between the religious and the secular. “Look, just because people hold mind-blowingly different beliefs from each other doesn’t mean that they have to hate each other or consider themselves at war,” says Jim. **His first column deals with the definition of God, “hating” God, and something to do with Homer Simpson.**

“That’s not the way the world really works anymore, he continued. We’re an empire now, and when we act, we create our own reality.” ~ Aide to President G.W. Bush at a press conference 2002



Founded in 1988 by **Gary P. Posner, M.D.**, **Tampa Bay Skeptics** is a nonprofit educational & scientific organization devoted to the critical examination of paranormal & fringe-science claims, & the dissemination of factual information about such claims. [Read More!](#)



More Harm than Good?: The Moral Maze of Complementary and Alternative Medicine

This book reveals the numerous ways in which moral, ethical and legal principles are being violated by those who provide, recommend or sell 'complementary and alternative medicine' (CAM). The book

analyses both academic literature and internet sources that promote CAM. Additionally the book presents a number of brief scenarios, both hypothetical and real-life, about individuals who use CAM or who fall prey to ethically dubious CAM practitioners. The events and conundrums described in these scenarios could happen to almost anyone. Professor emeritus of complementary medicine Edzard Ernst together with bioethicist Kevin Smith provide a thorough and authoritative ethical analysis of a range of CAM modalities, including acupuncture, chiropractic, herbalism, and homeopathy. This book could and should interest all medical professionals who have contact to complementary medicine and will be an invaluable reference for patients deliberating which course of treatment to adopt.

A Scientist in Wonderland: A Memoir of Searching for Truth and Finding Trouble

This is the story of the author's life as a doctor and a scientist. Despite a youthful ambition to become a jazz musician, he studied medicine and eventually became a medical research scientist, taking up appointments in Germany, Austria and finally in England. His reverence for the pursuit of truth through the application of scientific methods, coupled with a growing interest in the history of medicine during the Nazi era, did not always endear him to others. At the time he was appointed to the world's first chair in alternative medicine, this was an area of health care that had rarely been studied systematically, and was almost entirely dominated by outspokenly evangelic promoters and enthusiasts - among them, famously, HRH Prince Charles -

many of whom exhibited an overtly hostile, anti-scientific attitude towards the objective study of their favoured therapies. Clashes were inevitable, but the sheer ferocity with which advocates of alternative medicine would operate in order to protect their field from scrutiny came as a profound surprise. This memoir provides a unique insight into the cutthroat politics of academic life and offers a sobering reflection on the damage already done by pseudoscience in health care.

Professor Ernst qualified as a physician in Germany where he also completed his MD and PhD theses. He was Professor in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PMR) at Hannover Medical School (Germany) and Head of the PMR Department at the University of Vienna (Austria). He came to the University of Exeter in 1993 to establish the first Chair in Complementary Medicine. Since 2012, he is Emeritus Professor.



The **Committee for Skeptical Inquiry** promotes science and scientific inquiry, critical thinking, science education, and the use of reason in examining important issues. It encourages the critical investigation of controversial or extraordinary claims from a responsible, scientific point of view and disseminates factual information about the results of such inquiries to the scientific community, the media, and the public.



Secular Psychotherapy

by Dr. Ann Lane, *Washington, DC Coalition of Reason*



As a lifelong atheist, religion was never a part of my practice. I always identified myself as a humanist who relies on research-supported methods tailored to meet individual needs.

Through my secular readings and affiliations with secular groups, it became more and more apparent that there are so many people that have difficulty finding therapists who do not have some religious biases. I also met many people who struggle with issues related to religious upbringing but keep coming across therapists who try to promote spirituality or prayer for healing.

I was particularly influenced by *Dr. Darrel Ray* who brought to light the need for accessibility to secular therapists. He created a database of mental health professionals who met rigorous evaluation and made it available through the *Secular Therapy Project* (seculartherapyproject.com). My own participation in this project has provided me with opportunities to work with people: all are unique, and have different types of issues.

I do often work with patients who are religious believers, but I make it clear from the onset that my approach is strictly reality-based and that I leave “spiritual” issues to their respective religious leaders. I believe that everyone can benefit from psychological strategies aimed at altering negative patterns of thinking, improving communication skills, overcoming difficulties in decision making, setting effective goals, proper time management and improving organization.

Although my profession’s ethical guidelines do not permit me to use actual cases and examples, I am able to provide a glimpse of how *Secular Therapy* can help through example composites of patients that reflect the different kinds of situations I deal with:

“Mr. Z” was a 28 year old male who suffers from low self esteem, low confidence, and other social issues. He is smart, talented and skilled at his craft; however, he continually sabotages any opportunities for advancement. Furthermore, despite a strong desire for relationships he avoids social situations. History revealed that the foundation of his negative view of himself was laid by harsh parental rearing practices shaped by religious dogma. By helping this patient understand where his negative beliefs about himself come from, he was able to see how they influence his mood and decisions. Together, we worked on identifying and changing negative thought patterns and maladaptive behaviors.

“Ms. X” no longer shared her family’s fundamentalist beliefs. She described her parents as loving but very devout. She was feeling guilty about living life as an atheist while simultaneously presenting herself as a religious believer to her family. She wanted an authentic life but was afraid of disappointing her parents and worse than that she feared rejection. Helping people “come out” is always challenging because there is no guaranty of a positive outcome. We worked on her internal conflicts and fears, her needs for authenticity vs. acceptance, communication and assertiveness, expectations, developing support systems and building of confidence.

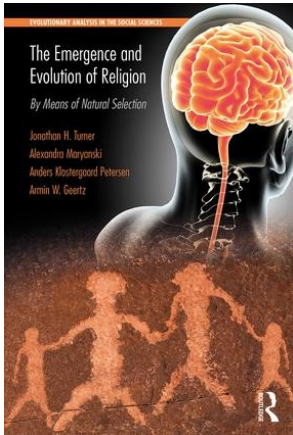
20 years ago, Dr. Lane and her husband also founded a non-profit organization called Paws for Life, helping to provide financial assistance to pet owners facing veterinarian expenses in emergency situations. Her family has also volunteered support for rescue groups who rehabilitate and prepare animals for adoption.

UnitedCoR wants to thank Dr. Lane for writing to us about her work as a registered and trained psychotherapist, who focuses her work on peer-reviewed and scientifically-tested methods, rather than religious belief. If you or someone you know are in need of secular, evidence-based mental health professionals in your local area, please contact The Secular Therapy Project for more details.

The idea of God was not a lie but a device of the unconscious which needed to be decoded by psychology. A personal god was nothing more than an exalted father-figure: desire for such a deity sprang from infantile yearnings for a powerful, protective father, for justice and fairness and for life to go on forever. God is simply a projection of these desires, feared and worshipped by human beings out of an abiding sense of helplessness. Religion belonged to the infancy of the human race; it had been a necessary stage in the transition from childhood to maturity. It had promoted ethical values which were essential to society. Now that humanity had come of age, however, it should be left behind. ~ A History of God by Sigmund Freud

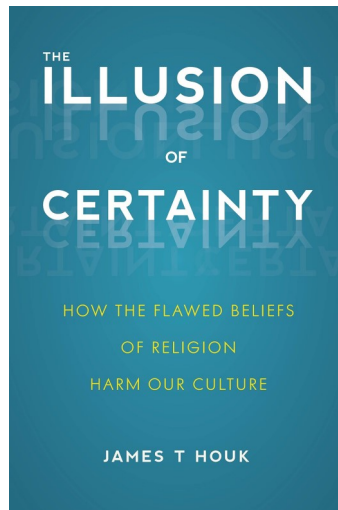
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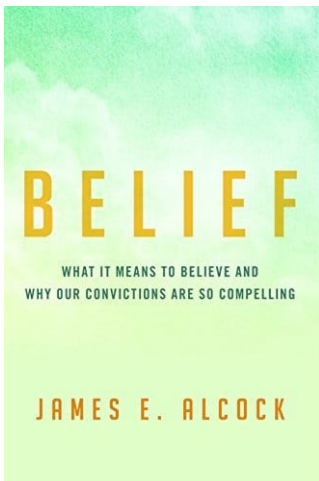


Why did religion first emerge and then continue to evolve in all human societies? The book remains true to its subtitle by emphasizing an array of both biological and sociocultural forms of *selection dynamics* that are fundamental to explaining religion as a universal institution in human societies. In addition to Darwinian selection, which can explain the biology and neurology of religion, the book outlines a set of four additional types of sociocultural natural selection that can fill out the explanation of why religion first emerged as an institutional system in human societies, and why it has continued to evolve over the last 300,000 years of societal evolution.

In this examination of religion's influence on society, an anthropologist critiques fundamentalism and all mindsets based on rigid cultural certainties. The author argues that the future can only be safeguarded by a global humanistic outlook that recognizes and respects differing cultural perspectives and endorses the use of critical reason and empiricism. Houk coins the term "culturalism" to describe dogmatic viewpoints governed by culture-specific values and preconceived notions. Culturalism gives rise not only to fundamentalism in religion but also stereotypes about race, gender, and sexual orientation.



In James Alcock's classic 1995 article "The Belief Engine", he said, "Our brains and nervous systems constitute a belief-generating machine, a system that evolved to assure not truth, logic, and reason, but survival." Now he has expanded that thesis into a book that is much more than a book about belief. In the Foreword, [Ray Hyman](#) says it would be an ideal textbook for a course that provides an integrated overview of all the areas of psychology. He says every psychologist and psychology student should read it. It is an outstanding achievement of scholarship; its 640 pages include over 70 pages of references. It covers everything from the latest findings in neuroscience to a catalog of many of the questionable beliefs people hold, and why they hold them.



The Matt Cooper

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The mission of the [Secular Coalition for Florida](#) is to increase the visibility of & respect for non-theistic view-points in the State, & to protect & 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, & appreciated!



SC wants *you* to represent the voice of thousands of people of reason in the halls of power.

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

St Pete Atheists // Freethought Group

Moderated by: Gary Thompson

Contact: easy8@tampabay.rr.com

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

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The Atheist Forum



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Listeners can call **727-441-3000**, where four lines await your call in of questions and comments. All programs are being archived on the AoF web site, www.talk.aof.ngo.

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August Events

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meetup

Aug 5
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Citrus Park
5pm

Aug 11
Parkside Café
Pinellas Park
3:30pm

Aug 19
TBD
Clearwater

Aug 26
Jasmine Thai
Brandon
5pm

Florida Elections

AOF has sent surveys to Candidates for the following offices :

- ☐ Governor
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Topic: Why is income inequality increasing? How can it be stopped?

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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*, & her latest book, *The Bully Vaccine*.



Humanist Families organizes social outings every month. These are opportunities to do something fun, socialize & 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 & 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 & 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>.



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The Military Association of Atheists & Freethinkers



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

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We are especially grateful to the national office of the United Coalition of Reason & its director, Sarah Levin.

You may recall that UCoR was the major impetus to getting a large number of billboards erected in Tampa Bay & 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

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Why I'm a member of an atheist organization and you should be too.

Judy Adkins

When I was younger I joined a lot of different organizations for social change, but never an atheist organization. I didn't really see the point. After all, being an atheist is just rejecting the idea that there is a god, or gods.

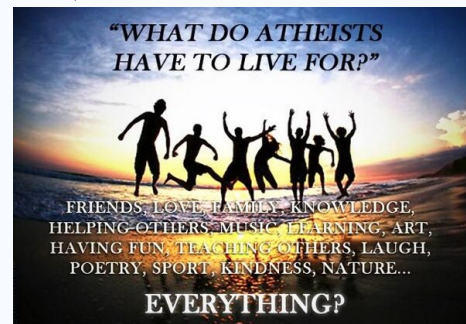
As I got older, and wiser, I realized how important it is to support an organization focused on atheism. After all, the first step most people take to a more rational life is to recognize they are atheist, or at least agnostic. I was fortunate that many of my friends at the time were atheists, so I never felt rejected. My biological family was not part of my life so I didn't have to deal with their religious views and being rejected by them. But many people are not so fortunate. They suffer from isolation and fear of how their friends and family will react if their rejection of superstition is found out. People, especially young people, are often stuck having to pretend they are religious, going through the rituals, attending church and other functions, in part because they don't know there are others that have rejected the myths of old.

An Atheist organization can provide mutual support for people through social gatherings and meetings.

An Atheist organization can alert people that there are others, some in their own community, that live their life without myths and legends.

An Atheist organization has a duty to protect the religious liberty of everyone by ensuring that democracy is protected and theocracy rejected.

But an Atheist organization can only do these things with the help of a community of people who are willing to come out of the shadows and support the effort. It takes time, and money, to address the issues facing our society today. It has only gotten worse recently, with the appointment of judges who are fundamentalist Christians, who would impose their religiously based views on everyone. With the appointment of people like Betsy DeVos, whose goal is to bring people to god using the education system; with the appointment of Jeff Sessions who wants to return us to the 1950's way of life (well at least the idealized version, not the reality of that time.)



It is up to us to make a difference in our world. We must work together to ensure the true meaning of religious liberty is preserved. I encourage you to join and support an organization, preferably Atheists of Florida, but there are several out there that work to ensure the future of humanity is based in reason and science. Invest your time, your money, and your energy in building a real legacy.



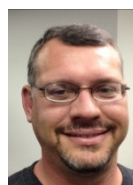
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17 Can Humanists Practice Yoga

I practice yoga. I like it. To me it is a physical exercise that includes a meditative/ breathing/mindfulness component that I find highly enjoyable. I enjoy tai chi for the same reasons. I also like that it is low impact, so my inner ear injury isn't harmed by the practice in the same way step aerobics would.

Anyway – there is a bit of a scuffle about whether atheists and by extension, humanists, can practice yoga. The question centers on whether or not yoga is a religious practice or not. And the answer is, it can be. It also can be just an exercise.

The fact that some people treat it as a religious practice is fine for them. That's not how I practice it. Am I doing it wrong? I really don't care. It works for me and I enjoy it and that's enough for me to find time in my day to do it.

If you want to learn more about these debates – here is an interview with the author of [Atheist Yoga](#) by Antonin Drake

Jennifer Hancock



Keeping up with Jennifer...

Thinking Freely

Speaking Out



Mindfulness is the art of paying attention. To be mindful is to be consciously aware of something. Mindfulness is the state being consciously aware. Recently, mindful meditation has been promoted, which is a practice designed to help you to be more mindful in your everyday life.

The problem with meditation is that it is often packaged with woo. Woo, for those of you who don't know, is a derogatory term used to describe non-science teachings and practices. Most of what passes for self help these days is woo.

But is mindfulness and/or meditation woo? Well, not necessarily. There are secular non-woo versions of both. Secular meaning non-supernatural and non-woo meaning some has actual science to back it up.

But to get back to the central question, is mindfulness meditation? Or something else? Yes and no. Mindfulness is a state of being consciously aware. Meditation is a practice which depending on the method can help you become more consciously aware, at least in the moment.

So why do meditation? Well, it turns out that it is surprisingly hard to be mindful. Focusing your attention and awareness for any length of time is something most brains fight. Our minds seem to have a mind of their own. They think what they want to think and it might not be what you want to be thinking about.

Just try and sit still and be aware of nothing but your breath. I dare you!

Most people can't just be aware of their breath and nothing else without practice. This is why meditation is called a practice. Meditation, in its most secular non-woo form, is the practice of concentrating.

Assuming you have no medical reasons why concentration would be hard, most people can train their brains, through practice, to concentrate more effectively and presumably on your command. That's all secular mindfulness or meditation is.

Thanks and take care.

Jennifer



Tampa Bay Coalition of Reason – August 2018 Calendar

This is produced from preliminary information. Check the individual Web sites to insure the event is being held, when & where We are not liable for changes, errors, or omissions. Compiled by Rick O'Keefe & Jim Peterson. Your RSVP is requested, & often is required for admittance. Meeting planners need this information.



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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— this semester	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.	
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3rd Saturday, 11 AM	NE TAMPA – Tampa Humanist Assoc.	Details & RSVP: http://bit.ly/TPA-Humanists	
4th Saturday, 10:30 AM;	CLEARWATER – CFI Readers Book Discussion	Limited to <i>10 paid-up CFI members.</i> RSVP is required. Must have read the book under discussion to attend. http://bit.ly/2ljTe9I	
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 Tampa Bay	Details & RSVP http://bit.ly/2ljTe9I	
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