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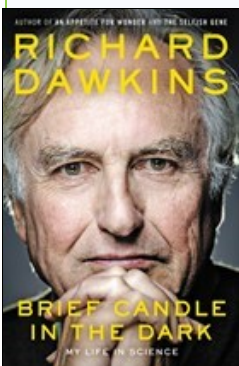
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Dawkins & Silverman

Discuss *Brief Candle in the Dark*

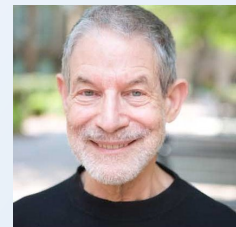


Two great scientific minds are eagerly awaited for the first major Freethought event in the Tampa Bay area in quite some time. Those who were lucky enough to be among the 800 who purchased tickets early for the October 10th event, will be in for a unique and wonderful experience.

Doctor Richard Dawkins is a preeminent evolutionary biologist and a well known critic of religious orthodoxy. Mathematician Herb Silverman is as known for his witty repartee as Dawkins is for his snappy comebacks. It will not be a dull evening. Both are internationally renowned as leaders of the freethought/atheist/humanist movement now gaining momentum across the globe. As part of this event, participants will receive a complimentary autographed copy of Dawkin's biography they will be discussing.



Dr. Richard Dawkins



Dr. Herb Silverman

Resurgent

The air is almost electric with the crackle, zing, and fizz of renewed interest in the Freethought movement here in the Tampa Bay area. The arrival of Richard Dawkins in our midst marks a turning point of sorts.

In 1985 there was no organized freethought presence in the area. Now there are more than 10 such groups with many more allied groups and over 400 members. Meetup groups have memberships that total over 1000. The recent and growingly successful events of TB-CoR are yet another indicator of the expanding influence of these alternatives to conventional religion.

On the world scale, the election and tour of the current pope show another sea change in the tactics of the major religious bodies as they struggle to regain the prestige and authority that has slipped away in the accelerating evolution of the world's people toward secular forms of life.

If you are not yet a member of our movement, now is the time to join with like minded sisters and brothers everywhere who are showing that the joy of critical thinking and a superstition free existence are worth pursuing.

TB-CoR presents special dates for your calendar!

Watch Richard Dawkins when he appears on Bill Maher Oct. 2!

Human light / Winterfest Potluck

Hundreds of us bring together our finest dishes to share in anticipation of another successful year. Always something Special. December 5th

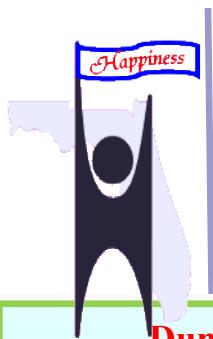
FreeFlo Florida Humanist Conference

Three days to remember in Orlando - many special speakers. November 6-8, See [page 9](#).

Darwin Day 2016

Saturday, February 6th
Frans Dewaal &
Deby Cassill





The Humanist Society² of the Suncoast News

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Dunedin Public Library 223 Douglas Ave, Dunedin, FL ([map](#))

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The **Sierra Club's Tim Heberlein** is the organizing representative for the *Beyond Coal* solar energy initiative. He will speak about the current and potential use of **Solar Energy in Florida** and how political actions in Tallahassee are affecting availability and easy inexpensive use of solar power by individuals and small companies here in the Sunshine State.



Along with his work at the Sierra Club, Tim is a current member of the *Hillsborough County Human Relations Board* which reviews complaints filed under the county's Human Rights Ordinance. Tim was past Director of *FCAN* (Florida Consumer Action Network), a group active in advocating, organizing, and developing grassroots and activists for many different consumer issues. He was previously the President of *Hillsborough Young Democrats*, and worked as a mental health advocate & counselor.

The *Sunshine State Clean Energy Coalition* consists of many groups, spearheaded by the Beyond Coal initiative of the Sierra Club, and includes our own *Tampa Bay Post Carbon Council* sponsored by *Suncoast Humanist Society*.



Food: the first kindness and the measure of our Hospitality
Humanists aspire to true friendship with our fellow human beings. An important measure of this concern is care for the physical well being of others. Thanks to **Glenn Paul**, chair.
Ed Note: Glenn needs assistance. **We need volunteers!** See a board member. Or write to jim@suncoasthumanist.com Thanx.

**Please join us at
2 PM Oct. 3rd
in
The Dunedin
Public Library at
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*Humanists work to build a world
in which happiness is the
enduring criterion of social policy.*

What is the Humanist Way?

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

The Movable Feast:
the Humanist Society monthly social Dinner
For September, is at ...

Kumba Island

1800 Gulf-To-Bay Blvd Clearwater
(N.E. Corner of G-T-B & Keene)

We're changing our approach. Now its just open. No RSVP required. Trundle on down for the fine food and fastidiously fabulous fellowship!

Be there on Sunday October 18th by **5 O'clock** for Early bird specials. As always, this is a self treated dinner. Ask to be seated with "the humanists." We need a coordinator for this!... Maybe you?

Laugh Lines Looking Back ... 9-15

1. I think part of a best friend's job should be to immediately clear your computer history if you die.
2. Nothing sucks more than that moment during an argument when you realize you're wrong.
3. I totally take back all those times I didn't want to nap when I was younger.
4. There is great need for a sarcasm font.
5. How the hell are you supposed to fold a fitted sheet?
6. Was learning cursive really necessary?
7. Map Quest really needs to start their directions on #5. I'm pretty sure I know how to get out of my neighborhood.
8. Obituaries would be a lot more interesting if they told you how the person died.
9. I can't remember the last time I wasn't at least kind of tired.
10. Bad decisions make good stories.

Thanks to Connie Purdum

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

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Tampa Humanist Association

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



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Join the Tampa Humanist Association!

More information and RSVP at: www.meetup.com/Tampa-Humanist-Association/
Meets October 17th

Three Questions of the Economy and Morality

- What constitutes a good life and how should I live mine?
- If the norms of my current civilized society no longer apply, what moral framework will I live by?
- What will be my moral boundaries?

It's important to answer these questions for yourself sooner rather than later. Egregious moral lapses usually occur in unfamiliar situations where the normal moorings which regulate our moral reasoning and conduct are absent. This situation could arise for many of us in the eventuality of a sudden energy or financial crisis in a fluctuating economy. What concerns me most is the behavior of our governments during such a crisis. What will you do if your government starts to enact laws and policies which you find morally objectionable? Would you stand up and risk their censure or would you pretend not to notice programs or incidents which didn't directly affect you?



JP

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Promoting Action & Unity in the Tampa Bay Area

Join the Freethought Organizations of the Tampa Bay Area: Center for Inquiry-TampaBay, Tampa Humanist Association, Institute for Science and Human Values, Humanist Society of the Suncoast, UU Humanists Clearwater, Atheists of Florida, UU Humanists Tampa,* Freethinkers @ USF,* Plus numerous Meetup organizations that promote what are essentially Freethought principles (*= not currently members of the Coalition)

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

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

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

As this momentum continues to grow, we will keep you informed of developments . JP
Contact: tbcor@metrodirect.net: <http://unitedcor.org/coalition-of-reason/tampa-bay/>

A Humanist Discussion 4 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://uutampa.org/unitarian-universalist-humanist-of-tampa/>



More [Seasonings](#) by CFI & Humanist Society member and journalist- poet, **Lula J. Dovi**. She has completed a second illustrated chapbook of poetry reflecting on her 92 years of adventures. It will be available soon, but the first [can be found here](#).



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

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

Humanist Quotes

" We distrust anything that contradicts science or outrages reason. We may differ on many things, but what we respect is free inquiry, open-mindedness, and the pursuit of ideas for their own sake. ."

Christopher Hitchens 8-15



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Cap Fossil Fuel Production Now!

Right now climate policy negotiators are hammering out an agreement to be signed in Paris late this year. Of the policy measures being discussed, some (carbon taxes) do not entail actual caps. If caps are approved, there are further decisions to be made: should we limit carbon dioxide emissions (which can be complicated: do you account for offsets, which can be gamed?) or actual fossil fuel extraction at the mine or wellhead (which is likely to be much simpler)? Then, how should remaining production amounts be allocated? A promising idea that has gleaned far too little attention is the use of rationing, via [Tradable Energy Quotas](#).

Our climate dilemma is dire and worsening by the month. We have no time to dither. We should do the simplest, most straightforward thing and forgo an ever-larger annual portion of fossil fuel production, limiting extraction at the mine/wellhead. Then allocate produced fuels via tradable quotas to citizens on a per-capita basis and auction the rest to industry, with companies vital to the renewable energy transition either subsidized outright or given a discount on the fossil energy they use. Also, we should create one international fund for relief from climate-related disasters, and another to help poor countries do an end-run around carbon-heavy development policies by going directly for renewable energy and intermediate technology. Oh yes, and while we're at it: we should provide serious support for carbon sequestration efforts that center on soil-building and reforestation.

Will this be the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Climate Change in Paris, November 30-December 11? Don't hold your breath. But if this is what you think we should do, now is the time to say so. *Richard Heinberg*, Senior fellow



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



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.

Click to see the [Calendar](#)

Clearwater UU Humanists

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

The UU Humanists are open to all aspects of humanism, including investigation of religious humanism. However, the focus of the group is on the secular aspects of humanism.



Clearwater, Florida

The Humanities Institute at USF

<http://humanities-institute.usf.edu> Wednesday Oct. 14 CWY 206
6:00pm, reception to follow

Did the Early Christians Forget Jesus? Faulty, Frail, and False Memories of the Messiah, with Bart Ehrman [u/about/](#)

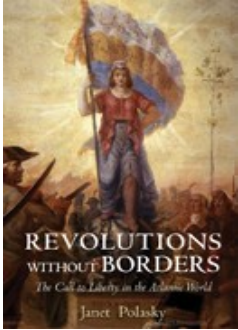
Bart Erhman, the James A. Gray Distinguished Professor of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, has published almost 30 books, including five *New York Times* bestsellers, in which he questions the historical accuracy and inconsistencies of the New Testament, as well as the way it has been interpreted, misinterpreted, and distorted.



TBCoR Leadership Team 2015

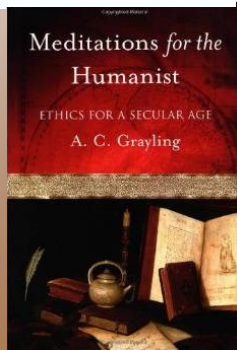
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Meaningful Books

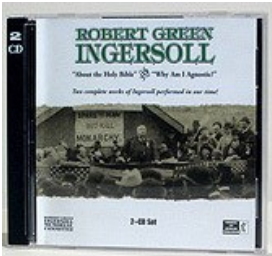


Revolutionaries want to tear down walls. Between 1776, when America declared independence, and 1804, when Haiti at last threw off the yoke of French rule, the compartments and divisions of established power became everyone's target. This book assiduously describes how, just as the doctrine of the universal rights of man seized the Western world, so too did an irrepressible iconoclasm.

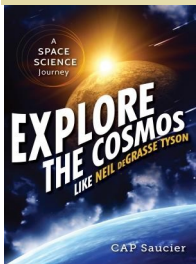
Magnanimity is in short supply," writes A. C. Grayling is this wonderfully incisive book, "but it is the main ingredient in everything that makes the world a better place" And indeed *Meditations for the Humanist: Ethics for a Secular Age* is itself a generous, insightful, wide-ranging, magnanimous inquiry [Order](#)



Ingersoll on CD: 2-CD set includes "About the Holy Bible" (1894) and "Why Am I an Agnostic?" (1889). The complete texts, without one word omitted ... performed with an oratorical flourish that does justice to Ingersoll's mighty words. Plus an introduction that places Ingersoll and freethought into the context of America's Gilded Age. Two complete works of Ingersoll performed in our time! 2-CD Set, \$12. [Click here to order](#)



Thoughts of a Freethinker is the second book of local Humanist writer, *Michael Kaye*. Pensive considerations from an unencumbered mind lurking in the fresh air just outside the box. Order it from [Amazon](#), or at your local book monger.



One of an acclaimed series of books for parents and children. [Neil DeGrasse Tyson](#) takes youngsters through the Universe. Includes awesome images from the Hubble Space Telescope Available [here](#).

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Pins, 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.

TITLE

1. The Expanding Circle
2. In Gods we Trust
3. Why Evolution is True
4. The Second World
5. Denialism
6. The Selfish Gene
7. Democracy Incorporated
8. The Upside Irrationality
9. The End of Growth
10. The God Delusion
11. All That We Share
12. Sex, Time, and Power
13. Sex at Dawn
14. What liberal Media
15. The End of Faith
16. Plan B
17. The Portable Atheist
18. Open Society
19. Non Believer Nation
20. God on Trial
21. Natural Experiments of History
22. The Missionary Position
23. Life Inc
24. A brief History of Time
25. Breaking the Spell
26. The Philosophy of Humanism
27. The Quotable Atheist
28. 50 Reasons People Give for Believing In God. G. Harrison
29. Mathematics and Politics
30. Stealing Elections
31. The God Virus
32. What Every American Should Know About World
33. Imagine There's no Heaven
34. Hidden Order
35. What the Dog Saw
36. Sway
37. The Better Angels of our Nature
38. Letter to a Young Contrarian
39. Hot, Flat, and Crowded
40. Gaming the Vote
41. Subversion Fable
43. Evolution and the Big Question
44. Why People Believe Weird Things
45. The World is Curved
46. The Snow Ball
47. The Moral Landscape
48. How We Believe
49. Full House
50. The Origins of Political Order
51. Asimov's Guide to the Bible
52. Autobiography of Mark Twain
53. Science Friction
54. Genius
55. Inevitable Illusions
56. Sex & God
57. Being Right Is Not Enough
58. Loser Takes All
59. Taking Back Politics
60. What Happened in Ohio?
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65. Asimov's Guide to the Bible
66. Inevitable Illusions
67. Ain't Nobody's business If You Do
69. Bonk
70. What Money Can't Buy
71. Financial Shenanigans
72. Sex & God
73. Best American Non required Reading
74. Reporting at Wit's End
75. Corporations are not People
76. Could I Vote Mormon for president?
77. Culture of Honor
78. Rot on the Vine
79. **Thoughts of a Freethinker** **New!**

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Florida Atheists



Chair, Tracy Thomas, President, Judy Adkins

Join members of our Tampa chapter For a few Hours with Richard Dawkins

Saturday, October 10th See [AoF Meetup](#) for details.

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



Florida NOW

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

NOW is a multi-issue political organization. NOW's self-defined role has been to initiate change for the benefit of the greatest number of people, to affect the legal and institutional structures of the society in a way that systematically expands the choices and possibilities available to all women. In this way, NOW takes action to bring women, as a class, into the mainstream of society, rather than offering aid to individual women in achieving personal solutions or temporary relief from oppression.



Connect with the ACLU of Florida

<https://acluf.org>

BECAUSE FREEDOM CAN'T PROTECT ITSELF JOIN THE ACLU

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St Pete Atheists // Freethought Group

Moderated by: Gary Thompson
Monthly Meetup Day: Third Tuesday at 7 PM
Contact: easy8@tampabay.rr.com
On the web: <http://atheists.meetup.com/209>

Save the date...



November 6 - 8, 2015

[Holiday Inn Orlando-International- Airport](#),
5750 T.G. Lee Blvd, Orlando, FL ([map](#))

Speakers (subject to change, more info and descriptions below taken from: <http://www.floridahumanist.org/>):

- **Dan Barker**, Keynote, Author of "Life Driven Purpose", Co-president, Freedom From Religion Foundation
 - **Matt Dillahunty**, Host of the Atheist Experience
 - **Katherine Stewart**, Author of The Good News Club
 - **Seth Andrews**, Host of The Thinking Atheist
 - **Anthony Pinn**, Author, professor and Director of the Institute of Humanist Studies
 - **Sarah Morehead**, Executive Director of Recovering from Religion
 - **Ryan Cragun**, Professor, researcher and author of How to Defeat Religion In 10 Easy Steps
 - **Andrew Seidel**, Constitutional Attorney for the FFRF
 - **Bo Bennet**, Co-Host of the Humanist Hour Podcast
 - **David Tamayo**, President of the Hispanic American Freethinkers
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 - **Dr. Jason Heap**, National Coordinator, United Coalition of Reason
 - **Dave Churvis**, Program Manager, Richard Dawkins Foundation for Reason and Science
- Stewart Huff**, Comedian



Tampa Bay Thinkers



Thinking deep thoughts about serious matters since 2008.

Carrollwood Cultural Center, Tampa, every 3rd Monday, monthly at 7 PM.

October 19th: Topic:

Meetup site: www.meetup.com/tampa-bay-thinkers/

The Military Association of Atheists and Freethinkers



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

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

On the web at: www.maaf.info

Contact: Chris

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MSgt, USAF (Retired) Co-Organizer:
MacDill Atheists & Secular Humanists
(MASH) MacDill AFB, FL

Humanist Families of Greater Tampa

Jennifer Hancock started 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*.

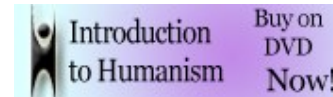


Humanist Families organizes social outings every month. These are opportunities to do something fun, socialize and enjoy each other's company. Sometimes we go to a park, sometimes a museum, sometimes we go swimming. Our group has grown over the past year to the point we now organize Tampa area outings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

Thank you! **Jennifer Hancock**



Freethinkers@USF is a multi-cultural, interdisciplinary student society which welcomes USF students who describe themselves as atheists, agnostics, skeptics, freethinkers, humanists, or religiously open-minded

who seek to promote reason, compassion, tolerance, and free inquiry on campus. We hope to contribute opportunity for interdisciplinary dialog to the USF community, and build scientific literacy for all to enable objective and rational interpretations of issues affecting our lives.

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Write **Rodrick Colbert** at:
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The Institute for Science and Human Values

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Tampa Bay

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Rick O'Keefe

How to lose friends and influence fewer: On being good allies

By David Koepsell, CFI Education Director September 15, 2015

About thirteen years ago I wrote about the culture wars we faced and their roots in the Dominionist movement. Much has changed in that time, and it seems that we are winning against those forces - those who would try to undo secularism. Through victories big and small, in courts, legislatures, and by slow cultural change, we have successfully pushed back in many ways against the onslaught on secularism, although some exceptions remains, there are battles still to be fought. It is at times like this that movements become vulnerable. We are vulnerable.

Our mission and our goals remain the same: continue the project of the enlightenment, ensure safety for secularism, continue to critique religion and superstition and promote the methods of empiricism, naturalism and humanism. There are many who share some of the same goals, and those of us who work even within the same institutions have differing views on how to pursue those goals, or even differing visions of those goals. As with any "movement" it shifts and sways, alters course and accommodates changes, becomes more or less urgent depending upon the cultural milieu. And as with any movement, it depends upon groups of individuals, and individuals are prone to their own interests and concerns.

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Tampa Bay Coalition – October, 2015 Calendar of Reason

This is produced from preliminary information. Check the individual Web sites to insure the event is being held, when and where We are not liable for changes, errors, or omissions. Compiled by Rick O'Keefe & Jim Peterson.

Organizers of these events will be most grateful to all who have the courtesy to RSVP for those events that require it.

Check for more events + details on the Coalition of Reason Web site at: <http://tampabay.unitedcor.org/tampabay/>



10-02, Friday, 8:30 AM; & 10-10 Richard Dawkins, all day	RIVERVIEW– CFI-Tampa Bay	Lecture, discussion, supper. Topic & RSVP http://www.meetup.com/CFI-Tampa-Bay/
10-03, Saturday 2 PM	DUNEDIN– Humanist Soc. - Suncoast	Lecture, discussion, supper. Topic & RSVP http://www.meetup.com/SuncoastHumanist/
10-07, 14, & 22	E. TAMPA– Humanities Inst. at USF	See Web site for full listing of many great events and calendar. http://humanities-institute.usf.edu/events/
10-10, all day at Richard Dawkins	CLEARWATER– Atheists of Florida, Inc.	Details & RSVP : http://www.meetup.com/Atheists-of-Florida-Tampabay/
10-11 & 19	E. TAMPA– M.A.R.S. Astronomy Club at MOSI	Details & other events RSVP : http://www.meetup.com/MARS-astronomy-club-at-MOSI/
10-18 Sunday, 2 PM	BRANDON– Tampa Bay Skeptics	Skeptical interests & critical thinking. Click to RSVP : http://www.meetup.com/CFI-Tampa-Bay/events/224658847/
10-18, Sunday, 12:30 PM	E. CLEARWATER– UU Humanists	Details: http://www.uuc.org/
10-18, Sunday, 5 PM	PINELLAS COUNTY Humanist Society Dinner	This month's venue: http://www.meetup.com/SuncoastHumanist/
10-17, Saturday, 11 AM	CENTRAL TAMPA– Tampa Humanist Assoc.	Details & RSVP : http://www.meetup.com/Tampa-Humanist-Association/
10-23, Friday, 8 PM 4 th Friday gen'l. mtg. Plus other events!	ST. PETERSBURG– Astronomy Club	For several dates, locations, & details: http://www.stpeteastronomyclub.org/index.php
10-24, Saturday, 10:30 AM; <i>Must have read the book to attend</i>	NW HILLSBOROUGH– CFI Readers Book Discussion (Limit 12)	Book lovers discuss books we've read. Limited to 12 paid-up <i>CFI members. RSVP is required.</i> http://www.meetup.com/CFI-Tampa-Bay/
10-26, Monday, 6 PM	N. PINELLAS AREA– CFI Freethought Supper	RSVP is required if you are coming. Seating is limited to 25! Click here <i>before</i> midnight, Sunday the 27 th . <i>For CFI paid members.</i> http://www.meetup.com/CFI-Tampa-Bay/
10-TBA, Monday, 7:00 PM	NW HILLSBOROUGH– Tampa Bay Thinkers	Lively discussions. RSVP here: http://www.meetup.com/tampa-bay-thinkers/
10-TBA, See Meetup	BRADENTON/SARASOTA – Humanist Families	RSVP here: Family outings and other activities. Details & RSVP : http://www.meetup.com/Humanist-Families-of-Greater-Tampa-Bay/
2 nd Wednesday eve. & 4 th Sunday	TEMPLE TERRACE– UU Tampa Humanists	RSVP here: http://www.meetup.com/CFI-Tampa-Bay/ Topics: http://uutampa.org/shaag-discussion-topics/

