

**A RATIONAL ALTERNATIVE***Co-President's Message*

## Militancy or Moderation?

Every movement has to apologize, at one time or another, for its most combative, angriest members. Labor unions were not born of murderous vandals, nor feminism of bra-burners. The Boston Tea Party was one of the cruder and more infuriating of the Colonial protests, and the flag burners may have done the cause of peace in Viet Nam more harm than good.

In all cases, the other side, the establishment, if you will, has attempted to define the entire issue by caricatures of these most extreme factions, while history's verdict is more varied. The Tea Party is, in retrospect, a heroic act on this side of the Atlantic. The debate over the personality of the labor movement might be less polarized than it once was, but the underlying charges haven't changed. Though the stories of bra burning were mostly fiction, women who today benefit from laws which came about through their mothers' militancy often preface their own struggles for equality with, "I'm not a feminist, but..." On Viet Nam, which once divided my generation, it seems that both sides decided years ago

to calm the rhetoric and go forward together.

The only clear lesson we can gather, then, is that decisive victory ennobles every effort. This gives us little guidance about atheist strategy, as this will be a struggle in process for generations to come. Some of us will consider the battle won when our civil rights are assured. Others will feel a loss until we gain full social equality. A few will argue the cause as long as there is a religionist left on the planet.

So for the nonce, we'll continue to see our ilk portrayed as angry, even bitter, malcontents. Religionists will hold up the scowl as the face of freethought. Some of us will resent this and keep trying to get media attention for moderate atheism, while others will agitate for more agitation, as a necessary prelude to change. In my opinion, both groups are right.

It is no surprise that the history of successful struggle records the militants and the moderates. Radical, sometimes violent, protest gets society's attention. But politics—and make no mistake; the atheist movement one to change the politics of religion—is the art of compromise, and the moderates in successful protests run the compromise.

There is a story that Malcolm (X) Shabazz and Martin Luther King were appearing on the same stage. Before the program, Mr. Shabazz leaned over and whispered to Dr. King, "I'm here to make you look good." Whether the story is true, there's no doubt that Shabazz and his comrades did make the very radical Dr. King seem moderate and thus catalyzed the victories which were won.

But one lesson of history and radicalism is clear. Where there is real injustice, and throughout Twentieth Century America there was real injustice in religious politics, there is not shortage of angry radicals. Anger is not only justified; it is

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### February General Meeting

Sunday, February 27, 2000

#### Why Evolution?

Devin Carroll, a private pest management consultant for farmers in the San Joaquin Valley, has a doctorate in entomology from UC Riverside. Devin was a founder and long-time president of the Family of Humanists, which specializes in educational materials for humanist children. He helped write Humanism for Kids for FOH. He is also president of the Humanists of the San Joaquin Valley. He wrote a column called Teaching Humanist Children for the Humanist Magazine for several years. While editing the Starwalker Magazine for teenagers for FOH, Devin researched evolution for a series of articles that eventually developed into the booklet, Why Evolution.

Devin also researches humanist history and is working on a book on that subject.

Devin is married to Claire and has four children.

The meeting will be in the Center for Inquiry West, 5519 Grosvenor Blvd., in the Marina area of Los Angeles.

The board meeting will start at 11:00 a.m., with members' concerns the main item on the agenda. (Another board meeting will convene at CFIW at 11 a.m. on the second Sunday of each month. This month that will be January 9. Members are welcome to attend that meeting.)

The social period will begin at 12:15. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m.



# Objection to School Prayer

by Harvey Tippit, MD

This issue should have been adequately quashed years ago by numerous court decisions. But I guess it was inevitable that the religious mind-wringers would not cease and desist but would continue to irritate the students, their parents and the nation with their agitations. Perhaps only a minority of the students and parents object, but the needs of all

should be respected. Do we not oppose the tyranny of the majority?

How does it hurt? It indoctrinates those whose religion is disparate from the ideas expressed in any arbitrary, single prayer. Prayers and worship cannot be so diluted and generalized that they will be relevant and pertinent to all. Furthermore, those who do not believe in any god are compelled to hear the brain-draining drone of (to them) senseless words, and the insult to their intelligence and to their persons. Can't they opt out? About as easily as opting out of wearing a shirt when we are arraigned to appear before a magistrate. There is, of course, the pressure to conform, and

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inevitable. Most of us became activists because we were angry with religion. (We didn't become atheists out of anger. We became atheists because we don't buy the god myths.) And some of us will show our anger. The media, which loves conflict and hates conciliation, will follow those who do.

But our anger points out our differences from, what we may believe are our superiorities to, religionists. The feminist movement made gains when men realized that women want many of the same things men do—nice houses, good jobs, power over our lives. The labor movement benefits when labor and management see each other as similar people with different points of view. Our country began to heal when warrior and peacenik realized that both love America.

Academics usually attribute King's tremendous influence to his ability to activate the middle-class African American, the people who had said to earlier, more belligerent protesters, "Don't make waves. You can work within the system," had even said, "The inequality isn't important, doesn't have to beat you if you don't let it."

Many atheists have the same attitude, and these are the people we must reach if we are to affect change. I think the message we need to send them is not so much that we have a right to be angry. I think they know that, though they might not admit it. The message we must send them is that the happiness and fulfillment people get from their religion is the happiness and fulfillment people get from living their lives in accordance with the truth, as best they can find it. While we have every right to be proud of our rationalism, we are indeed little different from the average Christian, Jew or Hindu in our attempt to lead a good life on this planet.

Stubborn civility may not attract as much media as we think it should, but I'm convinced it's the most important ingredient in the changes we must make in the twenty-first century.

*Bobbie Kirkhart*

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# Making Sense of the Babble

by Margie Farber

*Tower of Babel: The Evidence Against the New Creationism*, written by Robert T. Pennock. Published in 1999 by MIT Press. ISBN 9780262-161800, 429 pages.

The author quotes, "Creationists are building a tower to heaven, and they are raising the banner of antievolution upon its ramparts. They see themselves as participants in a holy war against forces that would undermine the foundations of true Christianity, and they see 'evolutionism' as the godless philosophy that unites the enemy."

There are two kinds of Creationists: the YEC's (Young Earth Creationists) and the OEC's (Old Earth Creationists). The YEC's, the old creationists, are supported by John Morris, Henry Morris and Duane Gish. They have changed their "creation science" to "abrupt appearance theory" or "initial complexity theory". The OEC's, the new creationists, are supported by Phillip Johnson and Michael Behe. Their theory is mainly called "intelligent-design theory" and sometimes they use "theistic science."

This book is about the New Creationism. The new creationists are using new tactics to the old creationism. They believe that these tactics will win in the courts. They also use different tactics than the YEC's. They use science instead the literal bible. People who are "scientifically illiterate" will find their books believable. They can sometimes fool those of us who have some scientific knowledge, but if you read further on, you can see their real agenda. Take Michael Behe, who wrote "Darwin's Black Box". At first, his book seems to have quite a bit of scientific knowledge, then, when you read further, you see that he is leading to the "intelligent-design theory".

He has a whole chapter on Phillip Johnson, who is the new creationists' leading representative. His only credentials are that he is a professor of law and a lawyer. He is not a scientist.

The creationists love to use the Second Law of Thermodynamics to prove their point. In Chapter 2, the author explains how the creationists conveniently leave out the part of the definition that limits it to "closed" systems.

The new creationists, OEC's (a.k.a IDC, Intelligent-design creationists) have latched onto the SETI (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence) program, hoping it will prove their theory. A book by Fred Heeren, *Show Me God: What the Message from Space is Telling Us About God* has a section about a pulsar that sends us a message in Morse Code, the complete Old Testament in Hebrew and the complete New Testament in Greek.

Even though the book has a humorous side, in reality the new Creationists' agenda is frightening enough to take this book seriously. As Bertrand Russell said, "It is good to keep an open mind, but not so open that our brains fall out!"

I would recommend this book to all atheists, humanists and other freethinkers. It is important for us to understand how sophisticated the new creationists are, so we, can be prepared to fight them at all fronts. As the author says, "The new creationism, IDC, is nothing more than the old creationism now dressed up in designer clothes."

## New Age Science

by Bruce Hemphill Jr.

Do science and religion conflict? Religion is practice of faith that a supreme being exists, and there perhaps are thousands of religions throughout the world. So what god are we supposed to worship? It never has been proven even indirectly that a universal power governs the process of nature and/or human behavior. Science is the study of the observation of nature,

Amazing developments in astronomy and physics in recent years have led many people to make connections between religion and science. But many of us had learned in high school science that energy and/or matter can not be created or destroyed. It is my feeling that the universe has always existed but it in of a different form today than it was immediately after the big bang.

Immediately after the big bang, the temperature of the universe was many trillions of degrees Fahrenheit. Atoms of matter could not form at those temperatures. At time zero, the universe was concentrated matter and energy in a space smaller

than a period at the end of a sentence. Were there other universes previous to our present one? Are we connected to other universes through black holes and wormholes to mean that we are an open system? I therefore question if a supreme being was needed to create the present universe.

If the universe is a closed system, the amount of matter and energy together always has been the same. Something cannot come out of nothing. God is an arbitrary being that cannot be described. Something can exist only if a consciousness can identify it and describe it in some detail. Things exist only as part of the Universe. Something that does not exist cannot be the cause of anything.

Much new age literature has tried to "tame" science through religion. But many nonreligious scientists have tried to promote good for the human species and the natural environment. Religion often has been a primary cause of wars, human misery, and poor distribution of wealth. Therefore, I think that religion and science must be mutually exclusive subjects.

# Prop 22 Seeks to Legislate Morality

by Stuart Bechman

On March 7, 2000, California voters will be asked to vote on Proposition 22, the 'Limit on Marriage' initiative.

The proposition is only 14 words: "Only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California." It sounds innocuous, but in fact it is an important plank in extending the Religious Right's views of morality on all Californians through state law.

The issue of this initiative concerns the recognition of same-sex marriages in California. Not that this initiative will have any impact on California residents: Over 25 years ago, the legislature passed a law that forbade California from issuing marriage licenses to gay couples. What this initiative affects are non-traditional couples married in other states or countries that subsequently move to California. This proposition will require the state to strip the rights of any such family that moves to California.

Since 1872, it has been California policy to recognize marriages made in other states/countries regardless whether they could be married in this state. (Ironically enough, the 1872 marriage tolerance policy was established when Mormon polygamists were being persecuted for their beliefs and

traditions. Now it's Mormons who are demanding that this policy be changed.) There are over 100 distinctive benefits given to married couples within California law that such couples would be denied. This initiative is meant to change that policy. By stripping away the rights of non-traditional families who move to California, this initiative would leave children of those families without the normal protections that state law provides. Instead of protecting families, this initiative would actually destroy them.

This issue affects more than gay couples. It also affects polygamous Muslim families (Islam allows a man to take up to 4 wives), or any non-traditional family recognized by another government. This proposition was drafted not so much to solve a 'problem' - non-traditional marriages aren't legal in any state - as to assert the Religious Right's claim that they are the authoritative voice in regards to marriage and the family. If this proposition passes or fails, little legally will change; but a failure would be devastating to the political reputation and authority of the Religious Right. That's why they have so much riding on this proposition.

# Survey Looks at Community's Needs

by Monica Davis

When co-president Bobbie Kirkhart first approached me last year about doing a market research-style survey for Atheists United, I knew immediately that one of our biggest challenges would be obtaining the funds to do it right. Information does not come easily; people who can't wait to tell you what they think seem to mysteriously clam up when you start asking questions. I learned as a sociology student you're lucky if you get a 15% response rate, and the smaller the sample, the more difficult it is to draw conclusions from the data.

Fast-forward a few months, and Don Latimer approached Jon and Bobbie with a novel way to support Atheists United. Don expressed a desire to contribute a large amount of money, and challenge the membership to match the contribution, specifically to fund a way to really change things and grow the power of the organization to live out its goal: to protect the separation of church and state.

At first Don wasn't sure just how the organization should go about this change, but when he learned of the proposed survey, it seemed a perfect match. Here was a project that needed proper funding to create lasting gains for the organization, and funds specifically allocated to create just that kind of change.

The survey will consist of two major components: a membership survey, which you will receive in the mail in about two months; and a general population survey, conducted over

the telephone in Southern California area codes. Peggy Calkins, a newly revived lapsed member, brings her strong experience in telephone polling to bear on the second task, which means we can create a corps of volunteer callers she can train.

These two surveys will tell us different types of information. What we can find out best from you, our members, is what we've done right so far, and what the people who know us

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## Gems, Antiques, Small Collectibles

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## Member Calls for a More Personal Touch

Editor:

Don Latimer's Challenge raises some interesting points on the financial underpinnings of Atheists United. However, more than money is involved.

Long ago I asked what happened to the \$500 life memberships. I was told that the money goes for general expenses. Just imagine if that money had been set aside in an endowment fund, perhaps invested in mutual funds as Don suggests. By now there would be a sizable nest egg. I, for one, would have given \$500 if I had felt that my money was going into more than just printing and postage.

Into this fund could go memorial contributions. I once gave AU \$100 in memory of my dance partner, who had died. I thought that through my example others might give when the occasion arose, but no mention of her death or any contribution in her honor was made in the newsletter.

AU needs to concern itself with the milestones of its members' lives. Fraternal organizations do so. We should expand our horizons in this direction. That would give the members personal reasons to support the organization. In other words, we need to appeal to the members' hearts as well as to their minds and purses.

I fondly remember the solstice and equinox picnics we used to have. Seeing old familiar faces led to a feeling of having an extended family. Different area groups could pick a picturesque site, and each person would bring her own picnic lunch.

I have drifted off the subject, so I'll close by saying that Don's idea is a good one. We just need to build a foundation that would make tithing seem a proper and reasonable thing to do.

Yours for truth and enlightenment,  
John Simons

### AU Board Resolution on Prop 22

"We oppose Proposition 22 as an attempt to insure that the state will continue to enforce church law. We respect the right of religious institutions to define holy matrimony as they see fit. We believe in the responsibility of the state to enforce the laws of civil matrimony in a nondiscriminatory manner."

from *Pocho*, by José Antonio Villareal

"There are but three things I can say I have learned for myself. First, I know that one should never discuss matters of sex with one's parents. Second, one should not, on penalty of going to Hell, discuss religion with the priests. And, last, one should not ask questions on history of the teachers, or one will be kept after school," he said. "I do not find it in me to understand why it is this way."

## Believe it or not, Humans Are Animals

(Letter to the Editor of the Terre Haute, Indiana, Tribune Star)

Editor:

In one letter the writer revealed that he doesn't believe humans are animals. I suppose there are others who believe that humans aren't animals. So, I'd like to list the life processes that humans and animals have. As I list them you can compare them with your animal (dog, cat, cow, horse, etc.)

Life processes are:

- Assimilation - food getting, digestion, tissue making.
- Respiration - circulation, process of breathing.
- Reproduction - making another of its kind.
- Nutrition - circulation.
- Sensitivity - process of reacting to outside forces.
- Excretion - passing off of waste material.

Humans and animals are born and live and die. This is not enough for many humans. "Tis to be forgiven," as Byron observed, "that in our aspirations to be great, our destinies overleap their mortal state."

-Arthur W. Lindholm

### Board to Meet in Orange County

If you're planning to attend the March 13 Board meeting, you should know that it will be at 12 noon, at the Jolly Roger Restaurant, 1727 E. Dyer Rd., in Irvine. This immediately follows the AU Orange County Brunch. Your board is moving for the month in order to be accessible to the Orange County members.

### School Prayer

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that can damage the sensitive pride of youngsters just learning to think on their own, to have their own ideas. And probably the majority of students are too unaware or distracted by the process of learning to object to what is in effect a subtle linking of their minds to myth and magic, in the very place where they should be learning to investigate the real world, its history, its geography--in short, its facts. And many parents are unaware of what is being wafted into their children's ears, or are themselves unconcerned for their children's unfettered inquiry into reality.

What are schools for? To further the agenda of religions, which are pervasive already? Or to teach facts and the enjoyment of facts and to inculcate the scientific method? Something closer to the latter, I aver.

"School" and "prayer" should never be joined in a single phrase or concept. For some, prayer has a place. School has its place. But why conjoin these two concepts?

# Survey Seeks Solutions

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best think we need most. Equally important, though, is the information we get from the people out there who aren't part of us: the people who haven't found us yet, maybe because they're not looking. How do we make this a group that people want to join and support? What does the world need from an atheist organization?

Right now, this organization needs something from its own little world, and that is support. Yes, monetary support is always great, and needed now more than ever. But this survey is going to need all kinds of support that has nothing to do with money. Start by checking your mailbox in March for your member survey. Tell us what you think. You'll get a \$2 coupon at the book table just for responding. If you have more time than money to give, you can help us tremendously by volunteering to call or to help tabulate data. Finally, when the survey is completed, you can be at the leading edge of implementing the methods, programs, and ideas that come from the information gained.

Many of us are atheists because we require solid information in order to make decisions. The information we can gain from a well-executed survey can help our board and members make

good decisions for years to come, so that we can enter the 21<sup>st</sup> century far stronger than we leave the 20<sup>th</sup>. And you are an essential part of that change.

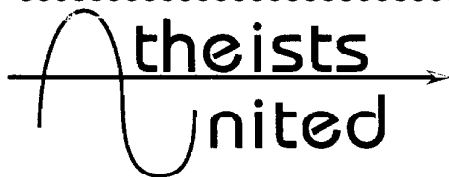


## AU Members Get the Credit They Deserve

AU members may now sign up, renew their membership, or donate to the organization with plastic. Just send your Visa or Mastercard number on your membership or donation form, and we'll debit your account.

As of this writing, decisions about other uses of the card (the book table, on-line purchases) are not made. If you have information or ideas to contribute to this decision, come to the first February Board meeting or contact a board member.

You'll find below a pledge form, wherein you can authorize AU to debit your card one time only or every month for the next year.



*Asks... Can you meet the Challenge?*

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*Thank you for your generous support of Atheists United.*

## Meetings of Allied Freethought Organizations

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### Meeting Dates, Times, Phone Numbers

AUGen - Atheists United General Meeting: Fourth Sunday, except December. 11:00 AM, board meeting, 12:15PM, social hour; 1:00PM, meeting. Center for Inquiry West, 5519 Grosvenor. Info: (818) 785-1743.

AUOC - Atheists United Orange County: Brunch. Second Sunday, 10:30AM, Jolly Roger Restaurant, 1727 E. Dyer Rd., Irvine, one block east of 55 Freeway. Info: David (714) 220-1777 or e-mail: [ocau@thinkdontpanic.com](mailto:ocau@thinkdontpanic.com).

AUSFV - Atheists United San Fernando Valley: Discussion Group. Third Wednesday. 7PM IHOP Restaurant, 6429 Van Nuys Blvd., Van Nuys, one block N. of Victory Blvd. Info: Sam (818) 993-1353.

SHJ - Society for Humanistic Judaism, Third Friday Info: (213) 891-4303.

AUSLO - Atheists United San Luis Obispo: 3rd Saturday, 3PM. County/City Library. Info: Peggy (805) 544-1580.

FTM - Freethinkers Toastmasters: Second and Fourth Saturdays, 2PM. CFIW, 5519 Grosvenor. Info: David: (310) 479-6318.

HALA - Humanist Association of Los Angeles: Third Sunday, 2:30PM, MGM Center, Colorado & Cloverfield, Santa Monica. Info: (213) 876-9036.

HALA - SFV - Humanist Association of Los Angeles: Outreach Discussion, San Fernando Valley: Second Sunday, 11:15 AM, Sherman Oaks Fashion Square Community Room. Info: (818) 893-9691.

HALA - WESTSIDE - Humanist Association of Los Angeles: Outreach Discussion, Westside: Second Wednesday, 7:30PM, Ladera Heights. Info: (310) 670-7103.

SHOLA - Secular Humanists of Los Angeles: First Sundays, 11:00AM, Pavilion Community Center, Pico and Westwood, Los Angeles. Info: (310) 371-8469.

ECLA - Ethical Culture Society of Los Angeles: First and Third Sundays, 11:00 AM, Children's Community School Auditorium, 14702 Sylvan Street, Van Nuys. Info: (310) 470-2873.

GALAH - Gay and Lesbian Atheists and Humanists: First Sunday, 1:00 p.m., The Village Gay and Lesbian Center; Room 135; N. Mc Cadden Place Los Angeles, Info: Ken: (818) 500-9858

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Carson Continental	Ch.26	Monday	6 P.M.
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Time-Warner, Orange County	Ch.6	Friday	10:30 P.M.
Ojai	Ch.8	Thursday	6 P.M.
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Adelphia/Marina	Ch.3	Sunday	Between 9-11:30 A.M.
Adelphia/West Hollywood	Ch.3	Sunday	Between 9-11:30 A.M.
Adelphia/All Others	Ch.77	Sunday	Between 9-11:30 A.M.
Charter Cable/Long Beach	Ch.65	Tuesday	4:30 P.M.

### Out of State- Greater Seattle Area

Washington	Ch.29	1st Sunday	6 P.M.
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## Freethought "Links"

For those of you who are connected to the Internet, check out the following websites!

<http://au.atheism.org>

*AU's Website*

<http://www.atheistalliance.org>

*Atheist Alliance*

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*AU San Luis Obispo*

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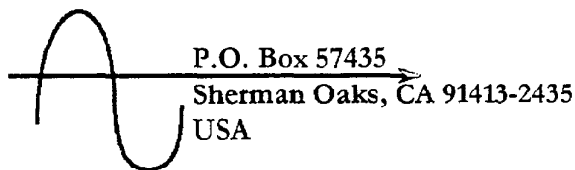
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*"Congress Shall Make No Law Respecting an Establishment of Religion..."*