

# atheists united

## A RATIONAL ALTERNATIVE

### “Not this, Not That” Not Logical! *Co-President's Message*

There are quite a few things that separate the atheist from the believer in religion. One of the most important of these is the simple fact that we recognize that we must employ no contradictory ideas in our philosophy. Those who oppose us have no such qualms; indeed, many of them seem to welcome contradictions as if they were a long-lost sibling.

Contradictions cannot exist in the real world; something cannot be “A” and “non-A” at the same time and in the same way. This is a fundamental, axiomatic concept first recognized over 2300 years ago by the great Greek philosopher Aristotle. Before we accept any idea as true, we must be able to logically integrate it, without contradiction, into the total sum of our knowledge. If we come across a contradiction, then we have committed an error of reasoning at some point in the thinking process.

As rationalists, we then seek to pinpoint the error and remove it. If we do not do this, then we remove ourselves from the rationalist's camp.

The religionist, by contrast, must habitually employ contradiction as part and parcel of their thinking processes.

*“No matter how they dress it up, death is the ultimate goal of the religious mindset.”*

The best illustration of this is the idea of what a god is. Certainly

much ink (and blood) has been spilled over just what is meant by the word “god.” However, most believers would agree that a god is some sort of “non-physical being.” However, this can easily be proved to be an incoherent statement. After all, the word “being” means something that is alive and that physically exists. All of our knowledge about the nature of reality points

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#### September General Meeting

Sunday, September 24, 2000

#### Margaret Downey speaks on Discrimination

Margaret Downey, one of the country's most prominent atheists, is the speaker at the September 24 meeting. Her talk, “Fighting Discrimination—One Mother's Story,” will chronicle her nine-year struggle against the membership policies of the Boy Scouts in an entertaining and informative multi-media presentation. Downey's profession, as owner-operator of a design business, is apparent in her presentations, which have earned her the nickname “The Martha Stewart of Freethought.”

She is often called upon by the media to respond to church/state separation issues and or to explain the philosophy of Atheism, and has been a featured guest on several Philadelphia television programs, as well as radio broadcasts nationally. One National Public Radio program featuring her (“Can an Atheist by Spiritual?”) was one of the top rated programs of the year.

Downey founded the Freethought Society of Greater Philadelphia (FSGP) in 1992. In 1993, she founded the Anti-Discrimination Support Network (ADSN) which works to counter negative stereotyping of Atheists and to

assist with legal battles such as bigotry in the Boy Scouts of America and religious testing for public office.

The ADSN is involved with “Freedom of Religion and Belief” through the United Nations. In this capacity she attended the UN world conference held in London as a representative of the Atheist/Freethought community and has spoken at the UN in New York City as an invited member of the “Freedom of Religion and Belief” forum.

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 10:00 a.m., with members' concerns an item on the agenda.

The social period will begin at 12:30.

The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. with announcements and the speaker, followed by a break. Questions and answers will follow the break. We'll have discussion and reports, then sound-off before adjourning. Those who wish will reconvene for after-meeting eating at Dinah's, 6521 S. Sepulveda Blvd., L.A.

## AU Walks the Walk

Wearing buttons proclaiming "God didn't cause it. Prayer won't cure it. Atheists United against AIDS," a proud team from AU will gather October 15 to raise money for AIDS treatment and research.

Team leader Mary Cancilla says, "I'm definitely looking forward to doing this, so you can count on me to work hard." She adds, "I have wanted for a long time to start some atheist charity work, and I don't want AIDS Walk to be the last thing I organize..."

With that kind of commitment at the helm, the ten kilometer walk will seem easy to AU participants.

To sign up, make a pledge or to get more information, call the office or call Mary at (310) 737-9632.



### Co-President's Message

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to this fact: by definition, the word "being" presupposes physical existence. Therefore, the theist's definition of a god as a "non-physical being" is a contradictory statement; if any god exists, then it must physically exist. Therefore, at the most fundamental philosophical level, the idea of a god is inherently contradictory and must be rejected by rational people.

In order to justify their irrational beliefs, religionists must come up with a philosophical system that allows them to do so. This is where theology comes in. Consider Eastern mysticism. Well before the time of the New Testament, Eastern mystics had evolved the idea of the yin and yang, the acceptance of opposites. This fundamental concept was later elaborated into the Buddhist idea of "neti-neti" (not this, not that), which accords equal value and significance to existence and non-existence. From these basic ideas the Eastern mystic's love of contradictions arose, and from this, the inherent anti-life belief system which elevates non-existence (nirvana) above existence, and death above life.

No matter how they dress it up, death is the ultimate goal of the religious mindset. Whether they call it Nirvana, eternal life, or anything else, the theistic underpinning of all religious systems is the same: A hatred of life and of existence.

And then they tell us that it is a doctrine of love for humanity!

*Jon Nelson*

## We want your best **JUNK!**

*AU's Second Annual Garage Sale is*

*Sunday, October 8*

We need volunteers on the day of the sale, to work in four-hour shifts, starting at 6:00 A.M. and going to 6:00 p.m.

Drop off your donations at Liliana Dishman's (call the office if you need her phone number or address) the week before the sale. (For larger items that require a truck, leave a message at the office.)

Because this is a one-day event, please only your best. No clothes; no broken items.

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# Book Review

*Hitler's Pope* by John Cornwell. Published 1999 by the Penguin Group. ISBN 0-670-88693-9 430 pages.

By this late date, it is doubtful that any serious scholar doubts the fact that the papacy played a singularly sinister role in the tragedy that was the Second World War. The degree, rather than the fact, of the involvement of Pope Pius XII is the only issue of contention. Some scholars, such as Edmund Paris and the late Avro Manhattan, place the pope in a central role, and their writings document the fact that Pius was much more than a mere appeaser to Adolf Hitler and other fascist leaders. Other writers, such as Carlo Falconi, admit that, while Pius certainly could have done more than he did, he detested fascism and its leaders, and thus should be exonerated from any direct involvement in the atrocities that were committed. John Cornwell's landmark best-seller "Hitler's Pope", despite its title, seems to straddle the fence between these two positions. According to Cornwell, Pius was indeed guilty of anti-Semitism and this fact was always at the forefront of his thought in all of his dealings with the fascist leaders, Hitler in particular. However, Cornwell leans over backward to avoid an utter condemnation of his actions during the war.

For Cornwell, Pius was a bigoted, anti-Semitic zealot who nevertheless was humane enough to make quite a few admittedly half-hearted efforts to save some of the Jews in Europe. He condemns Pius, but it is a guarded condemnation; he sees the man as inherently flawed, but not inherently evil. It should be pointed out that both Cornwell and Falconi are Catholics. Both men set out in their initial research efforts as Pius apologists. In this capacity, Cornwell was able to obtain access to secret Vatican files which would be off-limit to anyone else. Starting out as a devout Catholic who believed, as the present pope does, that Pius is deserving of beatification and possibly sainthood, Cornwell uncovered a wealth of irrefutable information to the contrary.

Cornwell traces the life of Eugenio Pacelli from the time he was a leading Vatican spokesman early in the century through his troubled years as pontiff (1939-1958). Pacelli came on the scene during the papacy of the extremely reactionary Pius X, who reigned from 1903-1914. Pius X was an anti-intellectual of the most vehement persuasion who absolutely hated all modernist ideas. He reaffirmed the idea of papal infallibility, first enunciated in the eleventh century by Pope Gregory VII (reigned 1045-1046) and started a purge of progressive and anti-intellectual ideas that would continue unabated through the reign of Pius XII, "Hitler's pope."

In this respect, we may view Pius as a totalitarian Catholic, one who viewed any opposition as the enemy. Hitler, being another totalitarian, likewise could not tolerate opposition, and so as a consequence the two men formed a most uneasy alliance culminating in the signing of the 1933 concordat between Germany and the Vatican.

The one constant that has underlined all papal policies since the first World War has been an unremitting and uncompromising hostility toward communism in any form. Recognizing the anti-religious nature of many of the communist regimes, the papacy equated atheism with communism, and based all its policies on this equation. Cornwell maintains that, while Pius detested Hitler, he felt more at ease with the god-believing Fuhrer and with Catholic Germany than he did with the "godless" Communists. It was this rationale that underlay the signing of the Concordat.

Despite the title of the book and Cornwell's fundamentally rational approach, there are some problems. One of the most serious of these concerns the famous "ratlines" after the second World War. These refer to the escape routes provided for a dizzying number of war criminals after the war's end. As Christopher Simpson makes abundantly clear in his book "Blowback" (Weidenfeld and Nicolson, 1988), the Vatican was at the forefront of a huge effort to transport these criminals to the United States so that the US government could use them in various operations against the Soviet Union. Cornwell seems not to be aware of Simpson's book; he never mentions it or any number of other substantiating works, and he dismisses Pius' role as "unproven."

Despite this and other flaws, there is much to recommend this book. Pacelli's persona is laid bare for all to see. We see Pacelli the anti-Semite. We see Pacelli the anti-intellectual. And, at the most basic level, we see a man with a medieval mindset caught in the vicissitudes of the modern world. If the present medievalist, Pope John Paul II, succeeds in his efforts to make Pius XII a saint, then the entire world will see first hand the real nature of autocratic Catholicism.

## WANTED: Leaders

In accordance with our bylaws, the September meeting is the time for nominating next year's board members and officers. You qualify for all positions other than copresident by having been a member of AC since July 1 of this year. Copresidents must have been on the board one of the past ten years.

Everyone runs individually except the copresidents, who run as a team.

If you are interested in serving, call the office. You will be on the nomination list if you are willing and qualified, as above. Additional nominations will be taken from the floor.

The election will be held at the October meeting. Members unable to attend that meeting may request a mail-in ballot by calling the office.



Awards

Banquet

*Featuring* **Ray Romano**, producer and star of *Religiously Incorrect*  
President of Atheists of San Francisco Region

**Presenting –**

Winner of the “Name the Newsletter” Contest

Queen Silver Courage Award

Spencer Blackwelder Atheist Pioneer Award

Energizer Award

*And recognizing many of you who have made the freethought world  
a better place to live this last year.*

*Saturday, September 9*

Cocktails from 6:00-7:00

Dinner at 7:00

Taix French Restaurant

1911 Sunset Blvd. • Los Angeles

**Cost:**

Advance Reservation \$25\* • walk-in \$30

**Menu choices:**

Pot Roast of Beef

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Call the office (818)785-1743 or write to AU at PO Box  
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is sufficient, but please consider it a commitment.

# Attorney Urges Vote With an Eye on the Court

By Eddie Tabash

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Atheists United members may join our e-group, the electronic version of sound-off, where members speak their minds on any issue. There are 29 members, and so far 2320 messages have been sent back and forth.*

*As with sound-off, opinions are personal and do not represent the organization. E-group manager Rachel Sene will chose one "best post" each month for the newsletter, to share with our members who are not on line.*

*Layout Editor's Note: Due to space limitations, we are unable to present Eddie Tabash's post in its entirety. The complete post is available currently in the atheistsunitedinc archive at [www.egroups.com](http://www.egroups.com), message 2213. You will need to be a member of the list to access the archive.*

From: <etabash@a....>

Date: Sun Aug 20, 2000 0:24am

Subject: Why Gore Is Our Only Realistic Hope

As an atheist, and as hopefully a practical person, I believe that the only hope for preserving equal rights for non believers is to elect Al Gore as president. I invite comments on the following reasoning.

## **Gore V. Bush**

1. Realistically, the next president of the United States to shape the Supreme Court will be either Gore or Bush. Successful assassinations of American presidents are still very rare occurrences in the United States. Thus, this election should still be decided solely on Gore versus Bush. Bush has stated that he will appoint justices like Scalia and Thomas to the Court. Bush's father appointed Thomas. Together with Rehnquist, Scalia and Thomas hold the view that branches of government should be free to openly and officially favor belief over non belief. This is still a minority viewpoint on the Court and is not yet the law of the land. However, with the addition of just two more allies, these three religious fascists will have the two additional votes they need to make it the law of the land that believers can now be officially favored over non believers.

2. This will result in Nuremberg style laws, formally cementing nonbelievers into second class citizenship. The only reason why each state legislature and Congress are not passing laws overtly discriminating against non believers is because the Supreme Court still says that they can't. The moment that the Court would now allow such discrimination, the floodgates would open and we would see a torrent of legislation, all over the country, emblazoning religion at the expense of non belief.

3. Gore has said that he will appoint justices like Harry Blackmun, who wrote the 1973 Roe v. Wade opinion and who was a staunch supporter of church/state separation. Thus, the gulf between the two candidates on the question of Supreme Court nominees could not be any greater. All the freedoms that non believers care about and need in order to preserve our equal rights are ultimately determined by the Supreme Court and by no other government agency.

## **Gore Can Now Win**

4. Against the above backdrop, some have argued that Gore cannot win under any circumstances and that therefore a vote for Nader will not deprive Gore of an otherwise possible victory. This is not true. As of today, the NBC poll has Gore a few points ahead of Bush and other polls have them dead even. Some have Bush ahead by only few points. If anyone cannot win, it is Nader. Thus, votes for Nader can very easily mathematically constitute votes for Bush, resulting in religious fascists taking over the Supreme Court.

## **Irving Kristol Does Not Speak For Lieberman**

5. Irving Kristol is a religious right winger who is in the business of attempting to suck people back into religious orthodoxy. Lieberman is not. Lieberman is a mainstream Democrat with a perfect voting record on abortion rights. Kristol is a point man for the religious right in the Republican Party. Lieberman and Kristol have always been at odds. Kristol does not speak for nor reflect Lieberman's views.

6. Lieberman has consistently said that whatever his personal views, he regards the separation of church and state as one of the most core values of American democracy. The religious right has never regarded him as an ally.

## **We Atheists Should Not Hold A Candidate's Private Views Against Him**

7. So long as Lieberman would protect the equal rights of non believers, we atheists should not be guilty of doing to him what religionists have always done to us, that is, we should not judge someone by that person's personal beliefs. So long as Lieberman would protect our equal rights as non believers, which he would, we would then become religious bigots if we held his personal practices against him. We shouldn't care if he prays three times a days, goes hungry on the campaign trail until he can find a kosher deli, or circumcises bananas. What counts is the type of people he would put on the Supreme Court, if Gore dies or is incapacitated. In this regard, he is infinitely preferable to Cheney.

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# Tabash Urges Vote Based on Court

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## Summation

14. Lieberman's religiousness will not infect his participation in the crafting of public policy in any way so as to prejudice non believers. Since our constitutional system is so constructed that all of our rights as non believers are ultimately at the mercy of the Supreme Court, the two to four vacancies that the next president will have the opportunity to fill must be the main issue determining the votes of non believers in this election. Gore, like Clinton, will give us church/state separationists on the Court. This translates into justices who will vote to uphold the principle that no branch of government can favor belief over non belief.

15. Given the current climate of religious immaturity that

pervades our nation, no candidate can win if that candidate expresses verbal assent to full and complete church/state separation. Thus, the sops that Gore verbally throws to religious voters must be seen as essential for him to have a chance of winning. Once he wins, he, like Clinton, will protect the equal rights of non believers by shaping a Supreme Court designed to so protect us. Gore is now within striking distance of winning. Any withholding of support for Gore will unavoidably assist Bush, who will reconstruct the Supreme Court so as to remove equal rights for non believers.

16. We, as non believers, have only one realistic choice in this year's election. We must think some more, and then help Al Gore.

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## Members Print Letters to the Editor

*(Editor's note: The following was printed in the Daily News)*

Gary Inbinder (Public Forum, Aug. 1) Quotes John Locke to support his position that nonbelievers cannot be trusted: "Those are not to be tolerated who deny the being of God. Promises, covenants and oaths, which are the bonds of human society, can have no hold on an Atheist."

How strange is this logic when so few atheists are found in our prisons. I know dozens of nonbelievers who have served their country, lovingly support their families, never have been arrested, pay their bills on time, can be relied upon to keep their word and give generously to charity.

They practice what they consider social responsibility without the fear of divine retribution or the desire for heavenly reward.

*Don Malvin*

*(These letters appeared in the Antelope Valley Press)*

I see that Colorado's board of education has voted to urge schools to post "In God We Trust."

Although it appeared on some coins much earlier, it wasn't generally used until the 1950s, when Congress voted for it. You can look at photos in a coin book and see for yourself.

*Don Latimer*

This morning, I was reading about how Bush is telling the religious right that he is on their side. At the same time, he is moving to the center in public speech.

How Machiavellian!

This is very good for the religious right; they can take credit when things go right and the government gets the blame when things go wrong.

*Don Latimer*

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## Member Writes Lieberman Committee About Concerns

Dear Lieberman 2000 Committee:

I thought the Democratic party was supposed to be the inclusive party. I thought you cared about minorities. Well, I was so terribly disappointed. You don't seem to care about us atheists. Don't we deserve any consideration? We vote. I was about to vote for the Gore team. But now I'm not so sure. You invoked the name of god far more than was necessary.

Are you trying to win over the religious right with your personal religion? I thought there was supposed to be a separation of church and state. It seems you are trying to break down that barrier. It's a sad day for me when I hear you thanking god for events that have nothing to do with anything other than man-caused events.

I'm sure I'm not the only atheist who feels hurt by your indifference. We must be the most undeservedly reviled minority in history. Yet we are educated, concerned, and we care about this country and the direction it is taking.

I implore you to keep your reliance on your god to yourself. With your attitude we may revert back to a time when two sides are arguing that god is on each's side. To what avail? To sow dissension. Please stick to the things a political party can address without divine intervention.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Barbara L. Revland*

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Night • Beach Outreach • Community  
Service • Email Discussion Group •  
ArtFest • And much, much more!

## 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, Irvine Ranch House Restaurant (formerly Jolly Roger's), 1727 E. Dyer Rd., Irvine, one block east of 55 Freeway. Info: David (714) 220-1777 or e-mail: ocau@thinkdontpanic.com.

AUSEV - 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.

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

AyoUth - Young Atheists Coffee Night. Mondays 8:00 p.m. Lulu's Alibi, 1640 Sawelle (just south of Santa Monica Bl.) Info: Matt (310) 993-4876 or Monica (310) 383-8409.

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.

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

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

HALA - Humanist Association of Los Angeles: Third Sunday, 2:30PM, MGM Center, Colorado & Cloverfield, Santa Monica. Info: (310) 456-6642.

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

SHOLA - Secular Humanists of Los Angeles: First Sundays, 11:00AM, Center for Inquiry West, 5519 Grosvenor. Info: (310) 371-8469.

### Freethought "Links"

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

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www.atheistalliance.org

Atheist Alliance

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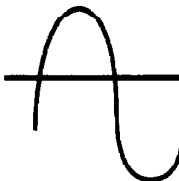
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