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## United A RATIONAL ALTERNATIVE

### Warmth of Friendship Gets us Through Cold, Dark Days

*Co-President's Message*

Dark days again. And this December is especially dark, it seems. My usual optimism flounders in the face of one irritation after another setback.

I know I'm not alone. Even in sunny Southern California, the short days, the rainy days, the holly days, put a strain on law enforcement and social service agencies alike.

In the churches and the synagogues they light candles and sing. Smart things to do. We do those things, too, though perhaps not as much as we should.

But then they do that other thing that we don't. They call on the gods for comfort. That often seems to work. Often. Not always.

We know, too, that frequently it only makes matters worse. But I'm not in favor of interfering with other people's fantasies. Let them have Jesus, Allah, Jehovah, Mithra, Vishna, and the thousands of gods in the trees and the rocks. They know what delusions they need better than we do.

I've always said that if a man thinks he's Napoleon, I don't want to tell him he's not. I always add that I don't want my taxes to support his army; I don't want him drafting my children into his service.

Most of us agree on this. Atheists don't go door-to-door trying to reason with people; we don't sing hymns to freethought on the sidewalk; we don't ask that school children begin each day with a statement of nonbelief.

Still, we are treated like the big kids who told the little kids "There is no Santa Claus." And we keep protesting that we didn't. All we said was, "I don't believe in Santa Claus," and they ran away crying.

The reason is obvious. If the ten percent of Americans who privately state that they have no god belief were to demand the same respect that is accorded any religion, the whole house of cards would come tumbling down. Within a few years belief in the supernatural would be seen as it is, a coping device which most people are better off without.

So we are, at best, ignored and, at worst, maligned. If we are threatened or persecuted it is when they have one of us alone. No witnesses. No proof. In public, just the little imitations of living in a nation "under God" and being blessed by our political leaders. And in the dark days of December, when their music fills the stores, the streets and even the classrooms, those who do not choose to join us must feel alone indeed.

For we know the one tradition for the dark, cold days which has stood the test of time. Join us for the pot luck on the 17<sup>th</sup>, as we cling to our friends for strength and look to each other for light.

*Bobbie Kirkhart*



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big kids who told the little kids  
'There is no Santa Claus.'"*

"There is something about the appeal of irrationality which has always eluded me. We're going to have to make this a national issue. I don't think anyone short of the president, any president, can do this. I think he actually has to rub our noses in our present predicament."

— Steve Allen

Don't forget...

**There is no General Meeting  
on December 24<sup>th</sup>.**

**Instead, join us for the Pot Luck at  
Burton Chace Park on December 17<sup>th</sup>!**

**Details page 5.**

## Member Corresponds with the Gore Team

*(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. As with sound-off, opinions are personal and do not represent the organization. E-group manager Rachel Sene chooses one "best post" (this month it's two) each month for the newsletter, to share with our members who are not on line.)*

To all my friends and colleagues, here is a sample of what I have been doing in communicating with Al Gore's legal team in Florida. Again, my ultimate goal is to make sure that Bush does not get to appoint US Supreme Court justices.

November 22, 2000

To: Gore Legal Team

From: Eddie Tabash

Re: What Still Needs To Be Done

The Florida Supreme Court actually did not go far enough in securing the fulfillment of its own declared purpose. The Court said that the intent of each voter was paramount and that accurately ascertaining that intent must supersede other procedural considerations. Yet, by allowing the Florida Secretary of State to impose a deadline as early as Sunday, the 26th, the Court is allowing the election to be certified before there is adequate time to take into account the true will of each voter who voted on November 7th.

1. We must go back to the Florida Supreme Court and seek an additional ruling giving the Florida counties more time in which to hand count their votes. The fact that Dade County has refused to commence the hand recount, because its officials feel that they would not be able to count every such ballot by the Sunday deadline, is the strongest evidence that the Florida Supreme Court did not give us enough time to secure the fully accurate total recount that the Court, itself, stated was necessary in order to fairly and completely determine the intent of each voter.

In keeping with the theme that the Florida Supreme Court enunciated about how the primary objective must be to secure a full and accurate tally of all the votes cast, all counties that are doing recounts must include these dimpled, pregnant, and hanging chad ballots.

2. We must go back to the Florida Supreme Court and seek yet a further ruling that requires all recounts to include these dimpled, pregnant, and hanging chad ballots. We have a right to proceed as if the Court meant what it said about how securing the most accurate determination of each voter's intent is the primary goal. Accordingly, we should be able to go back to the Florida Supreme Court for follow-up orders that are necessary to secure the total ultimate fulfillment of the Court's own articulated purpose of conducting the recount so as to most accurately ensure that the intent of each voter is determined.

In keeping even further with this objective, we must secure hand recounts in every Florida county and those

tallying the ballots must try to determine the intent of the voter who cast every single ballot, including those types of ballots described above.

3. Accordingly, we must additionally ask the Florida Supreme Court to require all counties to recount and to recount each ballot.

All we are doing is asking the Court to make sure that its own stated purpose will be honored, that is, that every step will be taken to secure an accurate count of every vote cast.

Respectfully submitted,

Eddie Tabash

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*The Origins Of the Koran: Classic Essays on Islam's Holy Book.* Edited by Ibn Warraq. Published 1998 by Prometheus Books. ISBN 1-57392-198-X 411 pages

Reviewed by Jon Nelson

The *Origins of the Koran* is a collection of essays critiquing Islam's "Holy" book. Most of these essays date back several decades, and a couple are over a hundred years old. The writing style of the earlier essays can be ponderous to today's readers, but the critiques themselves remain valid and convincing.

The book is divided into four main sections: part one, entitled simply "Introduction," contains two chapters. Part two, the longest section, is entitled "The Collection and the Variants of the Koran," and is composed of ten chapters. Part three, "The Sources of the Koran," consists of three chapters, while the final section, entitled "Modern Textual Criticism of the Koran," consists of only one essay.

The introduction, although only 26 pages long, is alone worth the price of the book. Written by the editor, Ibn Warraq, it sets the tone for the rest of the book by providing the reader with a brief summary of historical criticism of Islam and the Muslim world. Warraq, author of the much-acclaimed *Why I Am Not A Muslim*, pulls no punches as he introduces the topical material. He starts by telling us that Muslims venerate the Koran with "a reverence that borders on bibliolatriy and superstition" and it doesn't get any better for believers from that point on.

Warraq and the other writers focus on four primary questions: 1) How did the Koran come down to us? 2) When was it written? 3) What are its sources? 4) What exactly is the Koran?

Warraq calls into question some of the most basic traditions concerning the origins of the Koran. For example, he notes that: "...the companions of the Prophet (Muhammad) are said to have memorized many of his utterances. Could their memories never have failed?" (pg. 13) In addition, it also becomes obvious that the historical origins of the Koran are even murkier and more impenetrable than those of the Bible. As one writer notes, "It must be emphasized that far from there being a single text passed down inviolate from the time of Uthman's commission ( the first collection of the alleged "revelations" of Muhammad, collected sometime between 644 and 656), literally thousands of variant readings of particular verses were known in the first three (Muslim) centuries." (pg. 15)

Some of the essays are classics in the field of Islamic studies, including Theodor Noldeke's "The Koran," a lengthy essay which first appeared in the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* back in 1891. Noldeke takes exception to the much-lauded poetical qualities of the Koran, calling much of it "stiff in style." While this criticism might also be leveled at Noldeke, he certainly is espousing a literary truism, as anyone who has made an effort to wade through the Koran can attest.

Charles Cutler Torrey's essay "The Jewish Foundation of Islam" is also more than a bit dry, but provides us with some invaluable historical facts concerning Islam's indebtedness to

ancient Semitic traditions. His points are well-taken: Islam, like Christianity before it, begs, borrows, and steals from the traditions of its historical forebearers.

A few essays are written by devout Christians, and occasionally become sickeningly obsequious in their efforts to prove the truth of their faith at the expense of the Muslims. One wishes, since these writers obviously have the ability to build a convincing case against Islam, that they would demonstrate a bit more intellectual integrity and apply the same techniques to their own religion.

Despite some of the above-mentioned flaws, the book is an important one for those seeking a critical examination of the literary origins of one of the world's foremost religions. Since the Muslim community is growing by leaps and bounds (current estimations of about 1.2 billion adherents seem to be fairly accurate), it is crucially important that the freethought community, and the world at large, acquaint itself with the growing body of academic work critical of the faith.

## *Won The Bet, But Never Collected*

By Henry Farber

Around September of 1999, my mother's best friend Sally, a Jew for Jesus, knowing I am an atheist, challenged me to a bet. She said, "I bet you that after December 31st, I will be in heaven and you, with all your atheist friends, are going to fry in hell!" So I answered, "Sally, how much do you want to bet with me that we will see each other after January 1st, 2000?"

We were sitting across the table from each other, enjoying coffee and cake served by my mother. I said, "All right, Sally," extending my hand across the table, "I will bet you \$1,000 that we'll see each other after January 1st, 2000."

I must have looked very sure and determined, because she looked at me and muttered, "Well, let's make it \$100." "Fine," I said, and we shook hands. My mother was the witness.

Around January 15, 2000, I went to visit my old mother and asked if Sally had visited and mentioned the \$100. She said yes, but she was willing to offer me a cup of coffee! Offended, I called Sally on the phone, "Hi, Sally. Henry here, you owe me \$100. This is January, 2000. No Armageddon, no rapture, no Jesus. I won the bet." After a little silence she said, "Well, I am inviting you for coffee...let me explain." "Sally, there is no explaining." Knowing how stingy she is, I retorted, "Listen, if you don't pay your debt, you are going straight to hell!" She slammed the phone down.

This is how I won the bet, but never collected.

# The New Creationism

By: Margie Farber

After I had read an article in the "Skeptic" Magazine, Vol. 8 No.22000, on "Intelligent Design: The New Creationism," I knew that we had something to worry about.

The New Creationism is based on the Intelligent Design theory. The people who advocate this idea, claim that it is based on science not religion. The two main promoters of this idea are Michael Behe, a microbiologist and author of "Darwin's Black Box" and Phillip Johnson, Berkeley law professor, and author of "Darwin on Trial". Their main goal is not to destroy the Theory of Evolution alone, but all of science.

The New Creationists are by-passing the legal battles in the court, but starting a new effort to involve Congress in efforts to oppose the teaching evolution. They had a briefing with some congress members on the issue of Intelligent Design. Rep. Charles Canady (R-FL) provided the room and Rep. Tom Petri (R-WI) warmly introduced the speakers. Petri is slated to become chairman of the House Education and the workforce Committee in January.

Behe emphasized two keystones of ID theory: (1) that an intelligent designer is the only way to explain irreducibly complex natural systems, which defy explanation by Darwinian processes, and (2) that information is a third fundamental entity separate from matter and energy, and information can only come from a mind.

Phillip Johnson claims that Darwinism is not so much a scientific theory as a creation story. Darwinism is a replacement of one priesthood, the clergy, with another of scientists and intellectuals.

All the speakers were exceedingly cautious in responding to questions about how Intelligent Design theory relates to religion.

We MUST be aware of the New Creationists and their Intelligent Design theory, and prevent them from using our elected officials to force their Intelligent Design theory in our schools.

As Michael Shermer states in this issue: "Make no mistake about it. Creationists do not want equal time. They want all the time. There is a war on evolution in particular and science in general, and they are as fanatical in their zeal as any religious movement of the past millennia."



# A Day for Darwin

Editor:

This is a follow-up to Harvey Tippit's review of the book *The Autobiography of Charles Darwin and Selected Letters*.

Sometime in the past I read an explanation of Darwin's illness. According to this theory, Darwin received a parasite from an insect while on the Pampas of Argentina. Unfortunately, I do not recall the name of the insect. The parasitic infection leaves one five years of good health before symptoms appear. The English doctors that Darwin consulted had no knowledge of the disease and were not able to diagnose his chronic intestinal illness. Nor could they offer him a cure.

Thus Darwin paid a high price for the knowledge he gathered in the field and transmitted to us through his clear and easily understood writings. That is, easy to understand unless one takes creation myths seriously.

Without doubt, Darwin is the greatest hero that Atheism has had. That is why we have pins and car stickers bearing his name within a fish that sports legs. Each year we should commemorate his life. A difficulty is that he was born on February 9, 1809, the same day as Abraham Lincoln, whose birthday we already celebrate. Also, the date of publication of his masterpiece, "The Origin of Species", November 24, 1859, is preempted by our Thanksgiving Day festival.

My suggestion is that we create an International Day of Scholarship and Rationality to be celebrated every July First, the anniversary of Alfred Wallace and Charles Darwin's joint presentation on July 1, 1859 to the Linnean Society of London of their papers on what we now call the Theory of Evolution. Then freethinkers around the world could join together in a celebration of reason and the Atheism that flows from it.

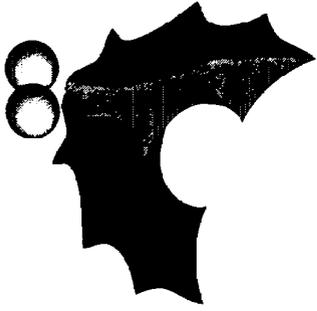
John Simons

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## Latimer Calls for Atheist Infrastructure

In an emotional speech about the long-term survival of atheist philosophy, Don Latimer called for the building of an infrastructure, where atheists own land and farm and build communities similar to those of persecuted religions. He emphasized that we must carry through legal challenges, but added that protecting ourselves through the legal system is not enough. We must, he said, increase our endeavors, as well. He said we should emulate the gay rights movement in fighting back.

After the break, members shared readings in honor of the holiday weekend. Those reading were Fred Durlesser, Henry Farber, Barbara Soldier and Fran Troy.



# Let's make our own Sunshine on the darkest day

*Celebrate the Winter Solstice with your freethinking friends!*

**How?** With a Pot Luck Dinner

**When?** Noon, December 17

**Where?** Community room, Burton Chace Park\* at 13650 Mindanao Way (at the end of Mindinao Way) in Marina Del Rey

**What** do I bring?

If you last name begins with

**A-K**, a salad or side dish

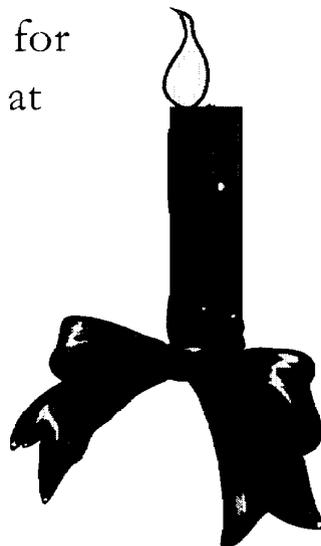
**L-Q**, a main dish

**S-Z**, a desert or appetizer

Bring your favorite board game if you wish.

And please bring an unwrapped toy for  
the abused and neglected children at  
*MacLaren Children's Center.*

\* Due to a change in their policy, this may be our very last chance to get together at this building which was our meeting place for so many years. Don't miss it!



# To Die With Dignity

By Henry Farber

Recently my mother died at age 91, in a fancy nursing home in Palm Desert. She lived a full life and died in comfort in her sleep. For the last 5 months she was severely afflicted with Alzheimer's and lost control of her faculties, physical as well as mental.

Before she was admitted to the nursing home, the management asked me if I had Power of Attorney, I said no, but that I am her only son and there is a will to my name. What is her religion? She is a secular Jew only by birth and culture. Do you want a Rabbi to assist her if needed? No, she was never religious, it wont be necessary. Religion is no issue in this case. Do you want us to use life supporting machinery to keep her alive as long we can? No, because she always wanted to die naturally. In case of death do you plan a religious ceremony? No, just a secular burial, no flowers, no embalming, she wanted a simple interment. They made me sign the document and they did stick to the agreement.

Three months later my mother died. This experience made me think about different ways people die. Visiting a nursing home on a regular bases really brings you to the reality of life and death. These nursing homes are conveyor belts for dying people, no matter how fancy the place. These life-end facilities are overpriced, understaffed and the food is worse than a hospital's (there may be some rare exceptions). No wonder my mother, who used to be an European gourmet cook, did not enjoy the meals. For the last month, she lost her ability to swallow due to Alzheimer and lived on liquids.

Such places make one ponder about death. Every person I know wants to die with dignity, painless and in their sleep. This is a big order and it brings us to Euthanasia. Religionists shiver at that word because they say that only a higher power decides. But when a horse breaks a leg or a dog or cat suffers from a terminal disease, we put it to sleep without any protests. Why not the same for us human animals? Is a dead human body worth more than a dead horse? How strange that these same religious people cry foul about Euthanasia, but cheer when the State executes a felon under the death penalty law. It does not matter if that individual might be innocent.

Where are the cries of indignity when after 18 years of life, our conscripts are sent to fight a war against an unknown enemy and get mowed down in the prime of their life. I call that legal Euthanasia or better, a postponed abortion practiced by the State. No one says a word when the State plays god.

Same goes for suicide. I don't understand why suicide is considered a "sin", it is an act of desperation and an individual decision, it happens daily. Lets face, it takes courage to afflict self-death! Is it really an act of cowardice? I am not so sure.

No matter what the religionists tells us, we all have control over our own bodies. Free choice does not only apply to abortion, it applies to all other decisions about our bodies. I don't accept the idea that government nor religion for that matter, have a right to tell us what to do with our private lives.

The bible thumpers should look a little closer to the real value and quality of life and not dictate double standards. Yes indeed, life belongs only to the living.

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# Meetings of Allied Freethought Organizations

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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.

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: Henry (818) 988-2806.

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

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!

- au.atheism.org
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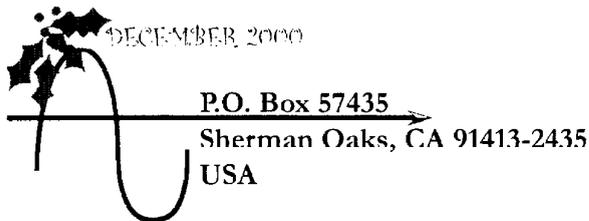
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