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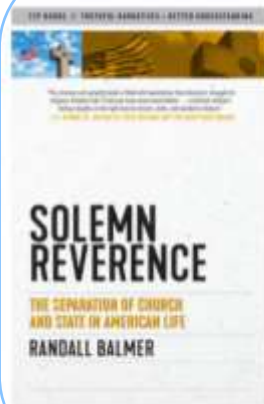


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Recent events have made it clear that the mission of keeping America a secular nation is more important than ever. In light of that, we have the great honor of meeting with Randall Balmer to discuss his book *Solemn Reverence*.

9/12/2021
5pm EDT

[Atheists of Florida](#)



Click here to find out more and to request a link to the meeting.

Replacing Disinformation

Even humanists, despite our commitment to critical thinking, are susceptible to disinformation campaigns, especially when we aren't fully up-to-speed on the latest scholarship and are unaware of the campaigns calculated to use us to advance in-humanist agendas. By better understanding the playing field, we can avoid being co-opted by the far right. Here are ten signs you may have inadvertently accepted right-wing talking points, which need not be a reprimand, but rather a call to action to do your homework and overcome these misperceptions.

10) You don't trust mainstream media and academia because you believe they've fallen prey to extremist ideology.

This is a core invention instilled to invalidate reasonable and science-based attempts to counter other right-wing arguments. It's a flat-out lie that the media is pervasively liberal, but yes, students [become more liberal](#) with the more schooling they experience and have done so for generations. That's not the liberal bias of academia, it's the progressive conclusions most folks come to when accumulating a broad base of knowledge.

9) You fear that easing the voting process is opening up our system to rampant election fraud.

Realizing that increasing the number of people who are eligible to vote will hurt their chances of being elected, far-right politicians and their ilk are doing all they can to build barriers to voting, especially for marginalized people who understandably won't vote for them. That's [why voter ID and other such practices](#) are being imposed across the nation despite the shortsightedness of this approach—undercutting democracy isn't a good long-term strategy for any movement.

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NB. Until further notice, following best-practices and official medical recommendations, **all group face to face gatherings are postponed** due to the Coronavirus pandemic. We will let you know here when we're go for "Normal." It will be soon. (We hope)

"Anyone can love a rose, but it takes a lot to love a leaf."

Tom Flynn

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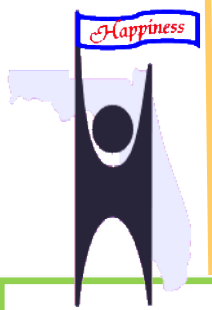
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The Humanist Society of the Suncoast

An Epicurean society dedicated to the proposition that only the fully examined life is worth living.
Associate organization of the the [AHA](#), [COR](#), & [ASHS](#). Find us at www.suncoasthumanist.com

Five Tasks for the Ethical Naturalist

1. Know who you are. It can take a lifetime of persistent investigation to gain an approximate notion of what it means to be a human being; even longer to fully unravel the mystery of who you are. But it's worth the effort.
2. Find yourself in the lives of others. We did not arrive in the world fully formed. We become who we are by slowly accreting and integrating bits and pieces of other people's lives. Consequently, we are always at home, always discovering and recognizing the traces of others within our selves.
3. Find your role in the enterprise of inventing humanity. We are necessarily social beings, dependant on the mechanisms of culture, history, and political economy that in large measure are the foundation of our identity. But nothing lasts. Change is the currency of an authentic life and the evidence of our existence.
4. Find your niche in the living world. We are imbedded in a web of dependency on the activity of living organisms we scarcely consider in the course of everyday life. Embrace the thought that, I am a community of bioplasms that support the neural activity I call, "me". After a certain time, that assemblage will disintegrate, releasing the components of those cells to the ocean of life from which they were so briefly borrowed.
5. Find yourself in the universe. Though our planet may be a grain of sand on the shoreline of the cosmos, you are unique, and of greater value than greatest of galaxies. For all the immensity and power of the visible physical universe, it lacks the awareness, creativity, purpose and love that only we, it's tiny human* component, can supply.

JP *Used here to identify the class of sentient beings. Socrates has very adequately summed up the forgoing with just two words, "Know yourself!"



In 2014, the American Humanist Association and Foundation Beyond Belief announced the merger of their respective charitable programs Humanist Charities and Humanist Crisis Response to encourage humanist giving. [Humanist Disaster Recovery](#), this new joint project of the AHA and FBB, exists to provide financial support to secular organizations working locally to meet the needs of recovering survivors. Recent recovery giving campaigns have helped relief efforts with The Texas snow disaster, Hurricanes Harvey & Irma, famine in East Africa, flooding in Louisiana, earthquakes in Ecuador & Nepal, and much more.

Learn more at: foundationbeyondbelief.org/disaster-recovery

Looking for some serious Intellectual action?

Have we got some brain-Zooms for you!

The Suncoast Humanists and the Tampa chapter of Atheists of Florida are cooperating to bring outstanding advocates for the great questions that are so meaningful for human life today. See page [7](#).

The United Nations Association of Tampa Bay (UNA-Tampa Bay) is a non-profit, membership organization that is part of the United Nations Association of the United States of America (UNA-USA). The mission of the UNA-USA is to inform the American public of the principles and activities of the United Nations, to engage the public to support these principles, and to encourage the United States to take an active leadership role in the United Nations. UNA-Tampa Bay pursues the mission of the UNA-USA in a regional scope by interacting with Tampa Bay Communities through education, empowerment, and advocacy. <https://unatampabay.org/>



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

Punny Ripostes

I told my daughter, "Did you know that humans eat more bananas than monkeys?" She rolled her eyes at me, but I persevered. "It's true!"

"When was the last time you ate a monkey?"

Momma always told me "you are what you eat!" So I started eating mushrooms every day.

I wanted to become a fun guy.

We all know that Albert Einstein was a genius...

But very few people realized his brother Frank created a monster.

If vegetarians eat vegetables....

....beware the Humanist!

What did the humanistic psychologist say at Freud's funeral?

He died at such a Jung age.



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8) You think the word feminist excludes/antagonizes men.

Feminism is the advocacy for political, economic, and social equality of the sexes. Modern feminists recognize the need to elevate marginalized gender identities and the intersectional impact of race and gender. If you think feminism implies anything else, that suggests you've accepted sources for your information that are not credible.

7) You think all lives matter is more important to emphasize than Black Lives Matter.

While we humanists would love to live in a world where race didn't negatively impact people's life opportunities, we don't live in such a world today, nor is that aim about to be realized. So, to return the call to finally recognize the equal value of Black lives with a bland gesture to just recognize everyone's importance is a failure to see the world as it is, and likely a position pushed on you by the far right.

6) You believe it's a strategic error to work with (insert left-leaning group) even if you agree with their aims.

In an attempt to divide and conquer, while stirring up their own base with hyperbole, the far-right tries to build a case that the [left is overrun with extreme organizations](#) that want to break down family values, assault their religious liberties, and hobble America's potential. They also attempt to defame anyone or any group that associates with organizations they don't happen to agree with. Instead of buying into such polarization, we should ally with progressive, mainstream, and even right-leaning groups that share our aims on any given initiative.

5) You're afraid "cancel culture" will be coming for you next, even though you try to be respectful of all.

Another casualty of polarized politics is the constant attempts by one side to undercut the credibility of the other, something that's existed in politics as long as this country has been dominated by two political parties. "Cancel Culture" isn't some new phenomenon only utilized by the left, but a fabricated term that's an attempt to dismiss often valid concerns raised about harmful behavior. Those who try to be respectful of all and aren't captive to fear or bigotry need not fear as they endeavor to make positive change.

4) You fail to see the harm in questioning the validity of transgender identity.

What's the difference between a member of the Flat Earth Society and those who seek to continuously question transgender identity? Both question facts people have long accepted for years, but the latter are contributing to [a deadly environment](#) where transgender people are facing bullying, harassment, rape, and murder over their identities. While it's not a one-for-one analogy, I remember how demeaning it was when articles in the '90s would refer to nonbelievers as "so-called" atheists and had talk show hosts try to convince me that I was deluded into thinking there is no god. Let's accept people's self-identification when it isn't harming us or others.

3) You are convinced that most folks seeking to defund the police want anarchy.

The fact that anarchists exist, and always have, doesn't validate the right-wing claim that there's a sudden widespread movement afoot to completely abolish the police and not replace existing systems with others that offer even better protection and community services. Very little research is needed to see how bloated policing budgets have [pushed law enforcement officers into work they aren't well suited for](#). And the militarization of our police forces has [opened the door to unnecessary harm](#). For those single-mindedly focused on tactics or language—this movement for reallocation and reform needs your support more than your critique.

2) You perceive immigrants and undocumented people as a threat to your livelihood.

While more of a perennial myth than a new one forged by the far right, we see fear being stoked that immigrants and undocumented workers are after other people's jobs, are burdens on taxpayers, and are contributing significantly to crime waves. [Accurate research](#) into these questions makes it clear that in most cases our nation's businesses are desperate to employ these workers to cover unfilled positions, and that they disproportionately relieve, not add to the burden of government support, and account for significantly less crime than other groups.

1) You fear that Critical Race Theory (CRT) is sweeping our public school systems and corrupting our children.

[Critical Race Theory](#) is an academic approach developed in the 1970s to investigate how racism is perpetuated through the law and review racial justice strategies. However, it suddenly became a key talking point when the far right, including deep-pocketed libertarians, [invested millions](#) to counter what they saw as threats to their position. Don't be used by far-right funders to support their fabricated crisis. It's worth remembering that fake news originally referred to false news stories but, in the age of Trump, it's now used to label anything totalitarians around the world don't happen to like, such as CRT in this case.

Roy Speckhardt, Dir. AHA

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Questions to Richard Heinberg from a 15-Year-Old Student

Callum Alexander from Scotland recently contacted me with a few queries about renewable energy. I thought they were interesting questions that might occur to others, so I asked his permission to publish our dialog.

Callum: If you replace a coal- or gas-fired power plant with a solar and/or wind farm (with a back-up reliable energy source), will you reduce or possibly increase overall greenhouse gas emissions?

Richard: Most likely, emissions would be significantly reduced, though the degree of reduction would depend on the backup energy source (battery, natural gas power plant, hydrogen production and storage—there are several options). Solar and wind do offer emissions reduction; however, their widespread adoption is constrained by intermittency, materials requirements, and requirement for land space. And the efficiency of wind and solar generators is site-dependent. So, the analysis is complicated. Each case has to be evaluated separately.

Callum: If you compare the full life cycle of a fossil fuelled vehicle with an electric powered vehicle, or a biofuel powered vehicle, or a hydrogen powered vehicle—from resource extraction to beyond the vehicle's life—which vehicle overall causes most greenhouse gas emissions?

Richard: It would be a close race between the fossil fuel-powered vehicle and the biofuel-powered vehicle for the largest amount of emissions (most

biofuel production uses more energy that it yields). Life cycle analysis (LCA) does show that battery-powered cars are responsible for [fewer emissions overall](#), even considering energy for mining, etc., and even if the electricity that charges them comes from a gas power plant. However, this does not mean that electric cars are “sustainable” in an ecological sense, as they require materials that are depleting and that will, in some cases, be difficult to recycle.

Callum: If the entire world turned to 100% “green energy” overnight, what do you think would happen?

Richard: I’m not sure that’s a useful thought experiment, as it assumes something (the feasibility of a full energy transition) that is exactly what is at issue. The transition cannot occur via magic wand; it will require investment, time, and trade-offs. Our analysis at PCI suggests that scale is the biggest hurdle: it’s only if we aim for a smaller energy system overall (in industrial countries, at least) that a transition is feasible. And even in the best case the end result will be an energy system that will not support the kind of economy we have now—i.e., one based on globalized manufacture and distribution, and constant growth in population and industrial output.

Callum: If we are to build the quantity of solar panels, wind turbines, and electric/storage batteries that is predicted by 2050, do you believe that we will be able to meet the Paris Climate Agreement?

Richard: Predictions for the build-out of wind and solar capacity are based on current installation and investment rates and trends, along with current economic and energy usage trends. If those trends continue, then there is no hope of meeting the Paris goals. Only if overall energy consumption is somehow constrained while we build alternatives is there any realistic path.

Callum: If demand for “green energy” increases, will demand for fossil fuels also increase (do “green energy” sources replace fossil fuels)?

Richard: Yes, a higher immediate demand for solar and wind generators would require more fossil energy for mining, panel/turbine manufacturing, transport, and installation. Only if society’s *other* energy uses (for manufacturing consumer goods, travel, etc.) were significantly curtailed during the transition would GHG emissions actually be reduced.

Callum: How much land do you believe will be required to satisfy “green energy” demand?

Richard: It depends on society’s overall energy usage. If we could somehow supply as much energy from renewables as we currently get from fossil fuels, the land requirements would be very significant, and would impact wildlife and, in some cases, agriculture. That’s yet another argument for reducing overall energy demand.

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Callum: Do electric, biofuel, and hydrogen powered vehicles make it somewhat more difficult to wean ourselves away from fossil fuel power?

Richard: The one thing we could do within the transport sector to ease and speed the transition would be to reduce transportation in certain modes, particularly air transport. Some vehicles are practical to electrify (bicycles, cars), while others aren't (planes, ships, big trucks). Biofuels are ecologically a dead end, and hydrogen is problematic because it leaks so readily, and because producing it is energy inefficient. Synthetic fuels made with hydrogen solve the leakage problem, but are even more inefficient. So: there are alternatives, all of which work in the laboratory, but each suffers from some serious practical drawback if scaled up. That's why we need to reduce transport and re-localize our economies as much as possible. As we do so, we should prioritize public transit and bicycles over automobiles of any kind, because bikes and well-designed public transit systems use much less energy and materials than cars—even electric cars.

Callum: Do you know how much energy is required to manufacture a single solar panel or wind turbine?

Richard: It depends on the specific device. You can find this information yourself by googling, for example, "solar panel LCA." Today's solar panels produce much more energy over their lifetime than the amount of energy used to mine materials, transport them, etc. However, because sunlight is intermittent, energy cost/yield balances ultimately have to be calculated at the system level—that is, you have to include the energy costs of batteries, transmission, etc. Doing so greatly reduces the "energy returned on energy invested" or EROEI of renewables.

Callum: I understand that if you advocate for "green energy" as a politician, it can attract millions of voters and supporters. However, do you believe that politicians understand the impact of manufacturing "green energy"?

Richard: Generally, no. They don't.

Callum: I personally believe that burning biomass for energy is unsustainable and could further fuel the climate crisis. What do you think about burning biomass for energy?

Richard: On a small scale, it's something we've been doing for hundreds of thousands of years. Once again, the problem is scale. We simply cannot get a significant proportion of energy (at our current scale of usage) from biomass, or we'll end up burning the whole biosphere.

Callum: Do you believe that nuclear and geothermal energy are viable solutions to the energy crisis?

Richard: I'm more favorable toward geothermal (I live in

northern California, where much of our electricity comes from a local geothermal plant). The environmental risks are relatively contained. Nuclear is more troublesome: the problem of waste storage hasn't been solved, and when something goes terribly wrong (as at Fukushima), the results are beyond our ability to manage.

Callum: What other forms of energy are viable alternatives to wind, solar, biomass, and fossil fuels?

Richard: At small scales, micro-hydro can be useful. Large-scale hydro of course produces more energy, but also more environmental damage, and most of the best sites are already taken. There are some interesting ideas for putting wind turbines on giant kites that reach up to the lower stratosphere, but there are no commercial projects yet. The same with solar panels in space, beaming power down to Earth. Beyond those examples, you quickly get into the territory of speculation—which, in my view, includes nuclear fusion.

Callum: If some materials (such as rare earth materials and scarce metals) that are needed to manufacture solar panels, wind turbines, and electric batteries run out in a few decades, what do you believe will happen?

Richard: We can do a better job of recycling materials, but many materials degrade as they are recycled, and others are used in trace amounts that make them impractical to recover. Ultimately, we will have to return to a world not just of renewable energy, but mostly renewable materials—and it will be a slower way of life that's lived closer to nature. In the best case, we will go through a transitional period in which we shrink our population and energy/materials usage while minimizing casualties and preserving the best of what we humans have achieved in these last few decades of anomalous energy abundance.

Callum: Am I missing anything else?

Richard: Good questions! And good luck!



Atheists of Florida

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For our Atheists helping the Homeless project -

For all meetings: bring, if you can, small bars of unused soap, small bottles of shampoo, heavy duty socks, any kind of personal care items, or money (for bulk purchase of these items).

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See **AoF Meetup** for details Website: <http://aof.ngo>

AoF is a comfortable & safe place in which to; find rewarding new friendships, discover hidden potentials, & 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 & powerful criticism of the philosophical world-view 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 & changeless narrative of unexamined traditional beliefs. JP



Be sure to come on in for AoF's regular Sunday evening Zoom sessions starting at 5:00 PM. See our listings below, or on the TB-CoR Meetup for topics and times.

For linking information, see our notices on the Coalition of Reason Meetup page, or on www.aof.ngo. Please RSVP.

AoF's Sunday Zoom

Date	Leader	Event
9/12/2021	Randall Balmer	Solemn Reverence: The Separation of Church and State in American Life
9/19/2021	Geoffrey T. Blackwell, Esq.	American Atheists
9/26/2021	Neil Carter	Godless in Dixie
Soon /2021	David Tamayo	Hispanic American Freethinkers
Soon /2021	Dr Linda Elder	Foundation for Critical Thinking

Help us make these programs possible - Join!

Do you know what your legislature Is up to?

AoF submitted a short survey on **religious freedom** to candidates for the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Senate, and the US House of Representatives. We are posting the responses on our website as they are received. You can visit the information at <https://www.atheistsoffloridainc.org/2020-candidates>. (NOTA BENE: We did this through email, so only those candidates for whom we could find an email address are included.) JMA



Always Vigilant

Public school prayer events are generally billed as being student-organized in order to *appear* constitutional.

But in reality, school staff are often actively involved, even to the extent that they're the ones organizing the event.

To stop this unconstitutional Christian proselytizing, someone needs to expose the adult organizers. That's where we come in!

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A new web service to the entire community providing an aggregate of events around the nation and world, significant to people who care deeply about freedom. It will be updated continuously. Let us know how you like it.

For over 27 years, Atheists of Florida Inc. has attempted to provide much needed information about religion and the alternatives to religion which have proved to be so liberating for so many of us.

We invite you to explore the many written and audio video presentations from our library.

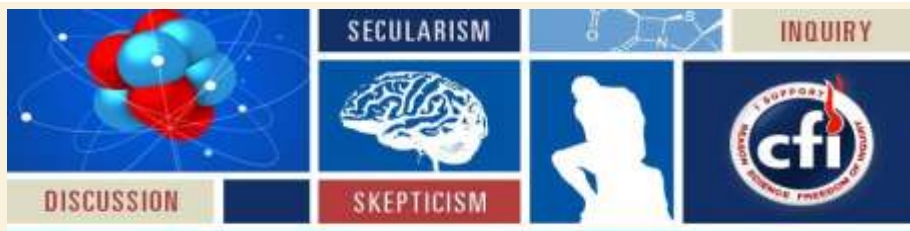
The radio/TV broadcasts are on extended hiatus for now. However, previous programs, most with discussions of timeless interest, are available **on the internet at:** www.youtube.com/atheistforum.



For now, tune in to **the Voice of Reason, Thursday at 10am on WTAN radio** See [page 13](#)! The voice is a private effort led by Ed Golly, who along with Joe Reinhardt and guests supply fresh insights on the world we face.

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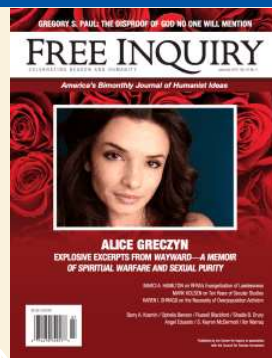
Saving Environmentalism at the Fringe

The global emergencies of climate change and environmental destruction are very real and require science-based solutions, but all too often these crises are confronted by an environmental movement that has embraced fantasy and fringe beliefs. In the latest issue of *Skeptical Inquirer* magazine, David Mountain confronts environmentalism's penchant for hostility toward science and technology, showing that when life on Earth is in the balance, good intentions aren't enough.

Charting the movement's wariness of science from the 1920s to today, Mountain laments that the marrying of spiritualism and New Age beliefs with environmental activism has been self-defeating, muddying an existential cause in the popular imagination. "The hope of escaping modernity for some rural idyll was a pipe dream even in the 1920s," writes Mountain. "Today it's deluded to the point of being dangerous."

Mountain cites the examples of the baseless opposition to genetically modified crops and the overhyping of organic farming and the wholesale rejection of nuclear power as a tool for combating global warming.

Read David Mountain's *Skeptical Inquirer* cover story, "Environmentalism and the Fringe," free online.



Tom Flynn

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Has died August 23rd, 2021

In every way, a brilliant Humanist.

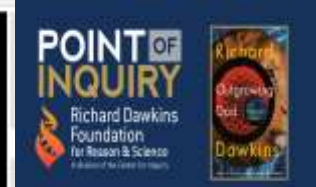
See page [15](#) for more.

"There are millions and millions and millions of atheists in America," said Robyn Blumner, *President and CEO, Center for Inquiry*. "But we are invisible. We have no political power. We can be dismissed by politicians with utter impunity. We can be insulted and we can be ignored and there is no political cost for it. "And why is that? Because we are too quiet."

Pensar, revista iberoamericana para la ciencia y la razón, publicada por el Center For Inquiry para el público de habla hispana, es una invitación al libre pensamiento y al pensamiento crítico. También, una vía para conocer todo acerca de las pseudociencias (falsas ciencias) y el mundo esotérico, analizando las evidencias disponibles mediante la razón y el método científico. Si piensas que éstos últimos son más eficaces que la creencia a ciegas, entonces ¡suscríbete!

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The Atlantic: Expect the Unexpected From the Delta Variant

The Verge: India's healthcare workers are busting misinformation on WhatsApp

The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists: We've analyzed thousands of COVID-19 misinformation narratives. Here are six regional takeaways

Skeptical Raptor: COVID vaccine during pregnancy – uptake lagging in the USA



The [Center for Inquiry](#) (CFI) leads the charge on promoting science, reason, critical thi

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Secular Celebrants officiate at nonreligious marriage and commitment ceremonies, funerals/memorials, and other celebrations of life's milestones.

As many as 25% of Americans are unaffiliated with any religion, yet our celebrations and ceremonies are dominated by religious leaders and civil officials. CFI created our [Secular Celebrant Program](#) to address this problem.

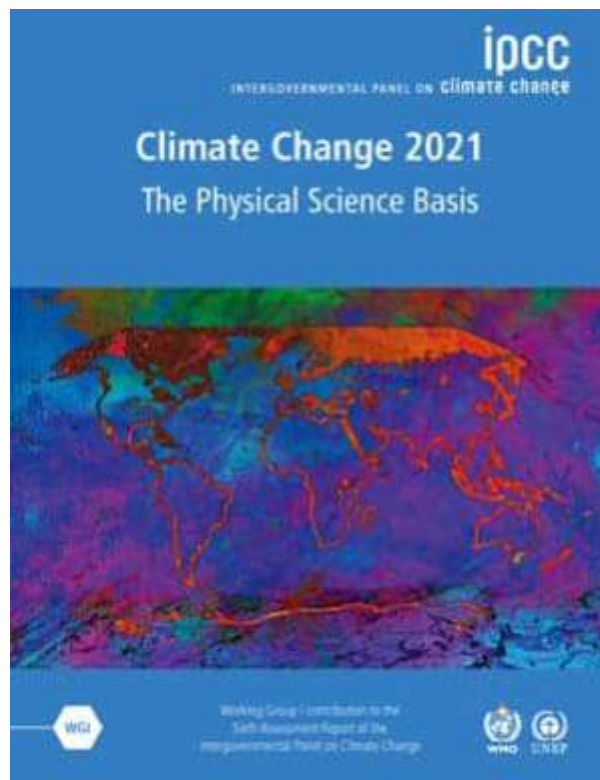
In 2014 [CFI won a landmark ruling](#) allowing CFI Secular Celebrants to Solemnize marriages in Indiana. Since then CFI has continued the fight for secular marriage equality, winning a similar [lawsuit in Illinois](#) and helping [pass Secular Celebrant legislation in Oregon](#) in 2017. In early 2020 CFI's [lawsuit in Michigan was resolved](#) allowing Secular Celebrants to legally solemnize marriages in all of these states. CFI currently has an [ongoing lawsuit in Texas](#), which has been appealed to the Circuit Court.

How can I become a CFI Secular Celebrant?

Attending a [Secular Celebrant Training Workshop](#) is the first step to becoming a certified CFI Secular Celebrant.

[See the CFI Secular Celebrant Certification requirements »](#)

[Learn more about the CFI Secular Celebrant Program»](#)



Beyond the headlines: what climate science now shows about Earth's future. Can we act in time?

The UN-sponsored Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) recently released its latest comprehensive report on the state of the earth's climate. The much-anticipated report dominated the headlines for a few days in early August, then quickly disappeared amidst the latest news from Afghanistan, the fourth wave of Covid-19 infections in the US, and all the latest political rumblings. The report is vast and comprehensive in its scope, and is worthy of more focused attention outside of specialist scientific circles than it has received thus far.

The report affirms much of what we already knew about the state of the global climate, but does so with considerably more clarity and precision than earlier reports. It removes several elements of uncertainty from the climate picture, including some that have wrongly served to reassure powerful interests and the wider public that things may not be as bad as we thought. The IPCC's latest conclusions reinforce and significantly strengthen all the most urgent warnings that have emerged from the past 30 to 40 years of climate science. It deserves to be understood much more fully than most media outlets have let on, both for what it says, and also what it doesn't say about the future of the climate and its prospects for the integrity of all life on earth.

Please Don't Delay – Get Your Covid 19, Shingle, Flu, & Pneumonia Shots - STAT!

Finally. The pandemic vaccine we've all been waiting on is flowing in. While rapidly becoming available at grocery and drug stores, you'll still need an appointment. For **Shingles**, the CDC and Food and Drug administrations have approved, **Shingrix**, also available at many of the same locations.

If you have already had the first vaccine in a series, be sure to *get the second to complete your protection*. **Also**, don't forget your current **Flu & Pneumonia shots** available now.



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



A Conversation with William Nordhaus on the Economics of Global Warming, Pandemics, and Corporate Malfeasance

In this conversation, based on his book *The Spirit of Green: The Economics of Collisions and Contagions in a Crowded World*, Nobel Prize-winning pioneer in environmental economics, Dr. Nordhaus explains how and why “green thinking” could cure many of the world’s most serious problems — from global warming to pandemics. Solving the world’s biggest problems requires, more than anything else, coming up with new ways to manage the powerful interactions that surround us. For carbon emissions and other environmental damage, this means ensuring that those responsible pay their full costs rather than continuing to pass them along to others, including future generations. Nordhaus describes a new way of green thinking that would help us overcome our biggest challenges without sacrificing economic prosperity, in large part by accounting for the spillover costs of economic collisions. In a discussion that ranges from the history of the environmental movement to the Green New Deal, Nordhaus explains how rethinking economic efficiency, sustainability, politics, profits, taxes, individual ethics, corporate social responsibility, finance, and more would improve the effectiveness and equity of our society. To hear this Podcast, [CLICK HERE](#)

THE MICHAEL SHERMER SHOW

A series of conversations between Dr. Michael Shermer and leading scientists, philosophers, historians, scholars, writers and thinkers about the most important issues of our time.

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TBS “\$1,000 Challenge” Poker-Card Player Folds

By Gary P. Posner

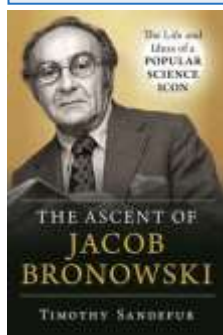
On July 8, I fielded an unsigned e-mail from someone claiming the ability to name correctly “a full deck of poker playing cards” and wishing to take the Tampa Bay Skeptics “[\\$1,000 Challenge](#)” online. I instead offered him, on the “honor system,” six practice attempts to name merely *the top four cards* of a face-down and freshly shuffled (for each attempt) deck, thus easing his odds to roughly 1:1,000,000 by chance guesswork. A properly controlled and witnessed “\$1,000 Challenge” would be conducted by TBS at a later date should he succeed with me.

Informed that my deck was shuffled and ready for trial #1, he provided *two* predictions: (1) King of spades, 7 of clubs, 4 of hearts, Jack of clubs. (2) King of spades, 7 of clubs, 4 of hearts, Joker. He was obviously uncertain about card #4, though as I replied to him, “Joker” was a poor choice for a “52-card” deck. But no matter, since the actual cards were: 2 of clubs, Jack of diamonds, 3 of spades, 5 of clubs. And his next four trials were, predictably, no more successful.

Tampa Bay Skeptics is reactivated, so take part and rejoin: <http://bit.ly/iSkFjni>

Recommended Reading

Click on the book's image for more info



Jacob Bronowski (18 January 1908 – 22 August 1974) was a Polish-British mathematician and historian. He is best known for developing a humanistic approach to science, and as the presenter and writer of the thirteen-part 1973 BBC television documentary series, and accompanying book, *The Ascent of Man*, which led to his regard as "one of the world's most celebrated intellectuals".

"Before Neil deGrasse Tyson, Richard Dawkins, and Carl Sagan, there was Jacob Bronowski, a world-class scientist, caring humanist, elegant poet, magisterial writer, and inimitable host of the first documentary science series, *The Ascent of Man*. That millennials and Generation Z are unfamiliar with his name makes this biography the first of this Renaissance man all the more vital, as science becomes ripped apart by political divisiveness and the need for a unifying message calls out for a voice. Listen to Dr. Bronowski and read this book." Michael Shermer

From Descartes to designer babies, *The Philosophy Gym* poses questions about some of history's most important philosophical issues, ranging in difficulty from pretty easy to very challenging. **Stephen Law** brings new perspectives to age-old conundrums while also tackling modern-day dilemmas -- some for the first time. Begin your warm up by contemplating whether a pickled sheep can truly be considered art, or dive right in and tackle the existence of God. In this radically new way of looking at philosophy, *The* author illustrates the problem with a story, then lets the argument battle it out in clear, easily digestible and intelligent prose. This perfect little mental health club is sure to give each reader's mind a great workout.

Global warming: it's one of the hottest scientific and political issues of today. And yet we've all found ourselves asking...

- It's freezing outside--where's global warming now?
- Climate is always changing--how do we know this isn't just a cycle?
- Why should Christians care about global warming when we know the world won't end that way?

For all the talk about climate change, there's still a great deal of debate about what it all means, especially among Christians. *A CLIMATE FOR CHANGE* offers straightforward answers to these questions, without the spin. This book untangles the complex science and tackles many long-held misconceptions about global warming. Authored by a climate scientist and a pastor, *A CLIMATE FOR CHANGE* boldly explores the role our Christian faith can play in guiding our opinions on this important global issue.

The Matt Cooper Memorial Humanist Lending Library

Humanist Society members can select the number of the book you wish to borrow, at any meeting. Then pick it up at the next meeting. **Be sure to return it!** Donations appreciated. **Brad Perryman** is our new librarian.



TITLE AUTHOR

1. The Expanding Circle Peter Singer
2. In Gods we Trust Scott Atran
3. Why Evolution is True Jerry Coyne
4. The Second World Panag Khanna
5. Denialism Michael Specter
6. The Selfish Gene Richard Dawkins
7. Democracy Incorporated Sheldon Wolin
8. The Upside Irrationality Dan Ariely
9. The End of Growth Richard Heinberg
10. The God Delusion Richard Dawkins
11. All That We Share Jay Walljasper
12. Sex, Time, and Power Leonard Shlain
13. Sex at Dawn C. Ryan, & C. Jetha
14. What Liberal Media Eric Alderman
15. The End of Faith Sam Harris
16. Plan B Lester Brown
17. The Portable Atheist Christopher Hitchens
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19. Non Believer Nation David Niose
20. God on Trial Peter Irons
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25. Breaking the Spell Daniel Dennett
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29. Mathematics and Politics Alan Taylor
30. Stealing Elections John Fund
31. The God Virus Darrel Ray
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33. Imagine There's no Heaven Editors of Free Inquiry
34. Hidden Order David Friedman
35. What the Dog Saw Malcolm Gladwell
36. Sway Ori, Rom Brafman
37. The Better Angels of our Nature Steven Pinker
38. Letter to a Young Contrarian Christopher Hitchens
39. Hot, Flat, and Crowded Thomas Friedman
40. Gaming the Vote William Poundstone
41. Subversion Fable Alexa KcKearing
43. Evolution and the Big Question David Stamos
44. Why People Believe Weird Things Michael Shermer
45. The World is Curved David Snick
46. The Snow Ball Warren Buffett
47. The Moral Landscape Sam Harris
48. How We Believe Michael Shermer
49. Full House Steven Jay Gould
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51. Asimov's Guide to the Bible Isaac Asimov
52. Autobiography of Mark Twain Harriet Smith, Editor
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55. Inevitable Illusions Piatrelli & Palmarini
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57. Being Right Is Not Enough Paul Waldman
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63. 12 Vol Complete Works Robert Ingersoll
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65. The God Makers Baker & Hunt
66. Inevitable Illusions M. Piatrelli-Palmarini
67. Ain't Nobody's business If You Do Peter McWilliams
69. Bonk Mary Roach
70. What Money Can't Buy Michael J. Sandel
71. Financial Shenanigans Howard Shilit
72. Sex & God Darrel Ray, ED.D
73. Best American Non required Reading Dave Eggers
74. Reporting at Wit's End St. Clair McKelway
75. Corporations are not People Clements
76. Could I Vote Mormon for president? Cragun - Phillips



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Humanist Families of Greater Tampa

Jennifer Hancock started this organization several years ago. It uniquely serves Humanist families with a variety of wonderful programs throughout the year.

We strongly emphasize creative childrearing. You can connect with other families dealing with the same problems of living in a society that is still hostile to an explicitly humanist way of life.

Jennifer wrote three books: *The Humanist Handbook*, *The Humanist Approach to Happiness*, & *The Bully Vaccine*.

Humanist Families organizes social outings every month.

Come and do something fun, socialize, enjoy each other's company. Sometimes we go to a park, a museum, go swimming, & sometimes we leave the kids at home. We organize Tampa & Manatee/Sarasota area outings every month.

Throughout the year we host parties like *Darwin Day* in February, *World Humanist Day* in June, *Freethought Day at Disney* in October, & *Carl Sagan Day* in November.

Among our spin off groups is a *Parenting Beyond Belief* group which gets together to discuss the challenges of raising children without religion. Please join us on [Facebook](#).

The Military Association of Atheists & Freethinkers (MAAF)

The **MacDill Atheists & Secular Humanists (MASH)** community was created for atheist & secular humanist military personnel stationed at MacDill Air Force Base, their families, & retired military residing in the Tampa Bay area.

MASH provides a valuable & much needed resource in which you will find common ground to socialize, discuss issues, & draw emotional support from like-minded freethinking members. Learn more [HERE](#).

Tampa Bay Thinkers

Be part of the conversation on Monday **September 13** online at 7 PM

Topic: TBA

See our Meetup page for meeting [link](#)

We meet monthly to escape shallow, petty talk and to ponder broad, complex yet practical subjects. We expect members to proffer evidence and use logic in conclusions, but expect all present to keep the meeting FUN for all. We teach, and don't scold. We expect the conversation to move without getting stuck so sometimes, we are forced to "agree to disagree" and move on.

We arrive and part as friends. There are no personal attacks, but each IDEA goes under the microscope. Members agree, others disagree, often with enthusiasm! We have no gates, and no gatekeepers. All are welcome and we tolerate no personal attacks, sarcasm, or even indirect denigration. IDEAS RULE and stand on their own. Finally, we are "thinkers", not "doers". Come, join us, participate, learn, exercise your brain, but mostly HAVE FUN. Learn more [here](#).

Karen Assel, Leader



The Socrates Cafe

A monthly discussion since 2008.

Hosted by **Brent Hardaway**

Facebook: <http://bit.ly/38mveZH>

Join us for a Socratic discussion...

of **What is Science?**



Saturday, Sept 11, 2021 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM ET on Zoom.

See our **Meetup page** for the RSVP and link.

Humanistic Jews of Tampa Bay welcomes all who are interested in Jewish history, culture, and tradition independent of supernatural explanations. We believe human beings are responsible for their own choices and making the world a better place through science and reason. Join us for discussions, lectures, cultural events, and holiday celebrations using a Humanistic lens.

Ethical Humanism, also called Ethical Culture, is an evolving body of ideas that inspires Ethical Societies. Humanism is a progressive philosophy of life that, without supernaturalism, affirms our ability and responsibility to lead ethical lives of personal fulfillment that aspire to the greater good of humanity ([Humanist Manifesto III](#)). For Ethical Humanists, the ultimate religious questions are not about the existence of gods or an afterlife, but rather, "How can we create meaningfulness in this life?" and "How should we treat each other?"

The American Ethical Union was founded in 1877 by Felix Adler in New York, and currently has over 30 member societies.

UU St. Pete Thursday Citizens' Café

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

100 Mirror Lake Dr. N., St. Petersburg

UU Humanists of Clearwater

Usually every 3rd Sunday 12:30 to 1:30 pm, after UU services,

UU Humanists of Tampa

Public Discussion, 2nd Thursday eve from 7-9 PM.

11400 Morris Bridge Rd. Tampa



Humanists of Sarasota Bay, Inc.

Sarasota, Florida

HUSBAY is only holding meetings on Wednesdays via Zoom. We don't plan the topics much in advance. People interested in joining us can contact dbhelgager@comcast.net or text to 941-350-0927.

Tampa Bay CoR

TAMPA BAY COALITION OF REASON

Promoting Action & Unity in the Tampa Bay Area

Join the Freethought Organizations of the Tampa Bay Area: groups that promote serious secular discussion & activity about important issues in our area & beyond.

Substantive & exciting new activities are now offered to the Tampa Bay area that were not possible for most organizations before.

Every year we sponsor events such as Darwin Day in February, Solstice day in December, and other activities all year long.

You may recall that UCoR was the major impetus to getting a large number of billboards erected in Tampa Bay & across the nation with such messages as "You can be good without God. Millions are!"

TBCoR is an alliance of West Central Florida groups identified with the secular, freethought, Humanist, Atheist movement.

Hear a secular point of view on local radio.

Listen to:

The Voice of Reason

on WTAN Radio Network AM 1340 from Clearwater. Thursdays at 10 AM



University of South Florida Humanities Institute !

Consumed: Colonialism, Climate Change, and Consumerism in the Fashion Industry

Aja Barber

Photoby:Stephen Cunningham

Tuesday

09.14.21 12pm (ET)

ONLINE

(Scan from Newsletter [here](#))



The St. Petersburg Astronomy Club, Inc.

(SPAC), has been meeting continuously since 1927. It was incorporated in 1979 as a nonprofit, tax deductible organization.

For almost 50 years SPAC has provided free educational programs for its members & the public. Questions? send an email to: spaceaminer@gmail.com.

Meetings are normally held on the fourth Friday of each month (except November & December when it is on the third Friday) at the St. Petersburg College/Gibbs Campus, 6605 5th Ave N, St. Petersburg, FL 33710, at 8:00 P.M. Meetings are open to the public. [Calendar](#)



M.A.R.S. – Tampa Astronomy Club

Come to the [Museum Astronomical Resource Society](#), also known as the M.A.R.S. astronomy club. M.A.R.S. is sponsored by the [Museum of Science & Industry \(MOSI\)](#), in Tampa, Florida. We are also members of both the [Astronomical League & Night Sky Network](#). This site provides club news & astronomical information to our membership & to the public. Whether you are new to astronomy & curious about how to experience it, or a seasoned veteran looking for an active club to spend observation time with. We invite you to attend a meetings as our honored guest. Monthly meetings are normally held on the 3rd floor of MOSI in the Science Works Theater, & take place on the 2nd Friday of each month from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Meetings



USF Freethinkers

Freethinkers@USF is a cosmopolitan collective of USF students promoting critical thinking & pluralism through dialogue & reasonable inquiry. Join the official group and vote on upcoming discussions: Contact: <https://orgsync.com/87429/chapter>



TBCoR Leadership Team 2021

Eileen Stafford, AoF	Bill Norsworthy, UUCH	Mark Brandt, UUCH	Chris Brown, MASH	Jenn Hancock, GTBHF	Rick O'Keefe, CFI	David Vangsness, TBS	Jim Peterson, HSS, TBPC, CoR Facilitator
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Tampa Bay Coalition of Reason – September, 2021 Calendar

Prevailing conditions warrant that
all gatherings in-person are cancelled pending further notice.
See our Meetup site or the organization for more ONLINE:



CFI in BRANDON – Sunday Freethought Social & Godless Friday Nights	Skeptical interests with critical thinkers. Details & RSVP: http://bit.ly/2ljTe9l	
Statewide – Tampa Based Atheists of Florida, Inc.	Details & RSVP: http://bit.ly/AOF-Meetup	
West Central Florida & beyond – Tampa Bay Skeptics, Inc.	Details & RSVP: http://bit.ly/2ljTe9l	
DUNEDIN – Humanist Soc. of the Suncoast , see Pg. 2	Details & RSVP http://bit.ly/Suncoast-Humanists Zoom usually on the 2nd Saturday at 2 PM !	
E. CLEARWATER – UU Clearwater Humanists	Details: http://bit.ly/UUC-Humanists	
E. TAMPA – Museum Astronomical Resource Society (MARS) at MOSI	Details & RSVP: http://bit.ly/1Psc2Pi Other events: http://bit.ly/MARS-home	
E. TAMPA – Humanities Institute at USF	See Web site for full listing of many events & calendar. http://bit.ly/USF-Humanities Locations vary! Page 12.	
N. PINELLAS AREA – CFI Freethought Supper	Not meeting pending resumption of "normal life" , Seating is limited to 25! <i>For CFI & TBS paid members only + one time guest.</i> http://bit.ly/2ljTe9l	
New TAMPA – Tampa Humanist Assoc.	Details & RSVP: No program until life resumes! http://bit.ly/TPA-Humanists	
ZOOM – CFI Readers Book Discussion	Limited to <i>10 paid-up CFI members</i> . RSVP is required. Must have read the book under discussion to attend. http://bit.ly/2ljTe9l	
ZOOM – Tampa Bay Thinkers	Lively monthly discussions. Know the topic or get laughed at. RSVP here: http://bit.ly/2DVtwCd	
ST. PETERSBURG – Astronomy Club	For several dates monthly, locations, & details: http://bit.ly/StPete-Astronomy-Home http://bit.ly/StPete-Astronomy-Calendar	
TAMPA BAY REGION – Center for Inquiry Tampa Bay	Local & national Zooms until Covid is dealt with. Details & RSVP: http://bit.ly/2ljTe9l	
TAMPA BAY REGION – Humanist Families	For families only! Family outings & other monthly activities. Details & RSVP: http://bit.ly/1Ps9MaN	

Tom Flynn, Giant of American Freethought, Has Died at Age 66

August 23, 2021 The world has lost a towering figure of American freethought, a man who was both on the cutting edge of secular humanist thought, as well as the foremost caretaker of its rich history. The entire Center for Inquiry family is anguished by the sudden and unexpected death of our colleague, teacher, and friend Tom Flynn at age 66.



Tom Flynn in 2019

Tom held numerous leadership roles during his more than thirty years with the Center for Inquiry, most recently as editor of [Free Inquiry magazine](#), director of the [Robert Green Ingersoll Birthplace Museum and the Freethought Trail](#), and former executive director of the Council for Secular Humanism.

But this collection of titles does not nearly convey the plainer truth, which is that Tom Flynn was the beating heart of the Center for Inquiry and indeed the wider freethought movement.

A stark rationalist and staunch atheist if ever there was one, Tom was nonetheless brimming with enthusiasm, curiosity, bold ideas, and perhaps most of all, humor. He had a deep love and encyclopedic knowledge of freethought history and devoted himself to the preservation and rediscovery of American freethought's great untold stories.

At the same time, he was a true visionary whose future-focused ideas about religion, atheism, equality, and the existential crises we face as a global civilization were once considered radical but now seem prescient. He was a virtuoso of the written word, penning not only countless articles and essays but also science fiction novels and the defiantly revelatory book *The Trouble with Christmas*. Tom as "Anti-Claus"

(*Tom in 2020*.) Tom reveled in his various public personas, whether as a pugnacious stoker of controversy, a stubborn atheist curmudgeon (as with his infamous "Anti-Claus" alter-ego), or a wisecracking, avuncular coworker big ideas, regardless of their popularity or public acceptance, and he was eager to share those ideas, bringing to them his unmatched combination of scholarship, eloquence, and humor.

"Tom didn't believe in magic, but he was magical," said Robyn E. Blumner, president and CEO of the Center for Inquiry. "How else to describe this unlikely combination of brilliance, charm, vision, and roll-up-your-sleeves accomplishment?"

"He saved the legacy of the Great Agnostic, Robert Green Ingersoll, from obscurity. He carried the torch for atheism, secular humanism, and clear-eyed rationality for decades with his powerful and copious writings and speeches—undoubtedly helping to cause the Rise of the Nones. All while cracking jokes and delighting everyone in his orbit," said



"The death of Tom Flynn is a tragedy of epic proportions for everyone who cares about the equality of atheists anywhere in the world," said Edward Tabash, veteran freethought activist and chair of the Center for Inquiry. "He was our conscience against religious bigotry. He was our conscience against irrational action and thought."

"His razor sharp humor and wit were simply unmatched," said Tabash. "The best way that we can honor Tom's memory and all the magnificent work that he did is to continue to devote ourselves to ending religious bigotry anywhere and everywhere."

To Tom's wife, Sue, and to his family and friends, all of us at the Center for Inquiry join you in your grief. He was our family, too.

Tom's hero, Robert Green Ingersoll, once wrote, "A great man does not seek applause or place; he seeks for truth; he seeks the road to happiness, and what he ascertains, he gives to others." It will be a long time before there can ever be a full accounting of what Tom Flynn gave to all of us. Now Tom joins Ingersoll in what the Great Agnostic called "the perfect rest," no longer as a mere admirer but as an equal.

We in [Center for Inquiry Tampa Bay](#) who knew Tom are shocked by his very untimely death. Tom will be much missed. There is no one like Tom.

We will have much more to say about Tom in the coming days and weeks, for there is indeed much more to be said. For now, explore Tom's incredible body of work spanning four decades, including articles, videos, and interviews.

[Archive of Tom's articles for *Free Inquiry*](#). (1985–2021)

[Archive of Tom's Center for Inquiry blog "*Advocatus Diaboli*."](#) (2008–2017)

[American Freethought](#): A documentary produced by, and featuring, Tom Flynn.

Selected interviews with Tom Flynn on the Center for Inquiry's podcast *Point of Inquiry*:

[Tom Flynn – Science Fiction And Atheism](#)(2008)

[Tom Flynn – Secular Humanism versus ... Atheism?](#) (2009)

[Tom Flynn – In Like Flynn](#) (2010)

[Spirituality: Friend Or Foe? – Adam Frank And Tom Flynn](#) (2011)

[Christmas Extra: Tom Flynn's 30th Year of Anti-Clausing](#) (2014)

[Should Atheists Celebrate Christmas? Tom Flynn Debates Lindsay Beyerstein](#) (2016)

[The Trouble with Christmas for Atheists with Tom Flynn](#) (2020)

[Teaser trailer for Tom's Anti-Claus Christmas-at-the-office livestream](#) (2018)

