



The Idaho Humanist

The Humanists of Idaho is a chapter of the American Humanist Association and the Council for Secular Humanism. We are a nonprofit corporation organized to promote ethical, democratic, and naturalistic Humanism in the state of Idaho through public awareness, education and community involvement.

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President's Message:

How Committed Are You to Your Values?

The recent elections here in the United States provide a number of lessons in the idea of commitment. By commitment I mean the amount of time, energy, work, money, and any other form of “blood, sweat, and tears” that people can and will devote to promoting someone or something that they value, or in fighting what they disvalue.

Politicians who won recent elections generally marshaled superior commitment to their campaigns. Many donated or loaned large sums of their own money to their campaigns. They asked for, and received, donations from others. It takes much more than money, though: candidates and issues who won elections were those who had established networks of supporters, mobilized volunteers to make phone calls and walk precincts, write, design, publish, stuff, stamp, and mail campaign material, and so on.

The good news for Humanists is that the next President of the U.S. is not a Biblical literalist. He has said, however, that he likes the idea of government support for faith-based charities. We will have to support the work of humanists and allies to keep strong the wall of separation between church and state. More good news for Humanists is that several initiatives to impose religion-based bans on abortion were defeated.

Bad news includes the passage, by about 52% to 48%, of Proposition 8 in California, to ban same-sex marriage. This brings me to the eye-popping statistic that led me to think about the main topic of this column, and my level of commitment compared to, apparently, a lot of other people right here in Idaho. It turns out that Idahoans donated over \$400,000 to the campaign FOR Proposition 8, while Idahoans donated only about \$3,100 to the campaign AGAINST it.

The source for these statistics is a web site passed along by Mary Fran Groll. The URL is huge, so use your favorite search engine to look for “proposition 8 contributions database” and you will find it.

I personally have written several checks for \$500 to causes and candidates I support, but never larger than that. Many of my fellow Idahoans appear to be way more committed to establishing legal discrimination against gays and lesbians than I have been committed to promoting equality. Here are some numbers that absolutely shock me – this is how many people *from Idaho* donated these sums to support Prop. 8: 1 @ \$100,000; 1 @ \$20,000; 2 @ \$15,000; 5 @ \$10,000; 23 @ \$5,000; 11 @ \$2,000; 39 @ \$1,000; and 45 in the \$100 to \$500 range.

Most folks do not have this kind of money to kick in, and there are many, many worthy causes competing for our charitable dollars, especially this time of year. Humanists of Idaho are involved in supporting the non-sectarian work of the Women's and Children's Alliance (come to the meeting) and Interfaith Sanctuary Homeless Shelter (interfaithsanctuary.wordpress.com). (*Continued on Page 2*)

Humanism is a rational philosophy informed by science, inspired by art, and motivated by compassion. It affirms the dignity of each human being and supports individual liberty consonant with social and planetary responsibility. Humanism advocates participatory democracy, the open society, human rights, and social justice. Free of supernaturalism, it recognizes human beings as part of nature and holds that all values—be they religious, ethical, social, or political—have their source in human nature, experience, and culture. Humanism thus derives the goals of life from human need and interest rather than from theological and ideological abstractions, and asserts that humanity must take responsibility for its own destiny.

—*The Humanist*,
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Association

(Continued from Page 1) Nevertheless, we humanists must also remain steadfastly committed to promoting our values by supporting humanist organizations and allies. The Religious Right will be emboldened by the win on Prop. 8 in California, and upset by the defeat of McCain-Palin. Please get involved to whatever extent you can with HOI locally and with these groups nationally:

- American Humanist Association – www.americanhumanist.org
- Council for Secular Humanism – www.secularhumanism.org
- Americans United for the Separation of Church and State – www.au.org
- Secular Coalition for America – www.secular.org
- The Interfaith Alliance – www.interfaithalliance.org

Humanists of Idaho Monthly Meetings

From 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM we are now the Humanist Supper Club. We invite everyone to arrive whenever they can for dinner and join the group for informal discussion and socializing. At 7:30 we will start our program.

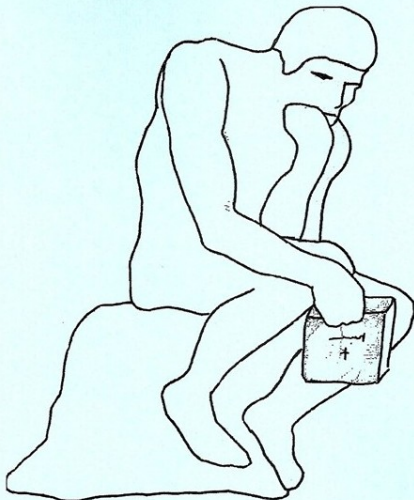
4th Monday of the month
The Flicks in Boise
646 Fulton, at 6th and Myrtle
6:30 PM Humanist Supper Club
7:30 PM Program

November Meeting, Monday, November 24th “Dissecting the Bible” by D.C. Van Curen

Van will be discussing his recently published book that is a critical analysis of the Holy Scriptures. We will also be finalizing our charitable giving project for the holiday season. Ideas for Darwin Day would be greatly appreciated.

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Dissecting a Bible



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Chapters

1. In the beginning - An analysis of the first few chapters of Genesis, the story of creation, and the first humans
2. The Great Flood - A somewhat thorough scientific analysis of the many flaws and failings of the Great Flood story.
3. Biblical Law and the Ten Commandments - A look at many of those little known biblical laws and how they compare to American law.
4. Women and the Bible - Highlights the Biblical view of women through an examination of relevant scriptures.
5. Internal Agreement - Compares scriptures to see if there truly is internal agreement as religious leaders claim.
6. Divine Mischief - Examines some of the oddities claimed to be God's handy work.

Humanists of Idaho Program Schedule

Program Chair – We need a new one!

- Saturday, December 21st – Winter Solstice party at Paul & Nancy Rolig's home.
- January 26– Presentation by Melanie Curtis of Second Chance, a recycled building materials program– Arranged by Mary D Gutierrez
- February 23 – Special Charles Darwin 200th Birthday. Need Help Planning!

BUUF Discussion Group – Sunday, December 13th

Second Sunday of the Month at **11:00 AM**

Boise Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 6200 Garrett, Garden City

Library in the south wing

Everyone is welcome whether you consider yourself a UU or not.

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Boise State Secular Student Alliance Update

From Lloyd Lowe November 13, 2008

We had a lot of good discussions tonight about bringing up belief in public and at work and how differences among family members can affect relationships. If you weren't able to make it you can still find out more about these issues from the [Institute for Humanist Studies](#) and also from [American Atheists](#), and the list of questions that we talked about can be found on the [Secular Student Alliance website](#).

At some point an idea to take a simple (yes or no style) survey of religious views on campus was proposed and Andrew Choufrine is heading up a committee with Britney Meza to organize that. It should be a good noncontroversial way to reach out and let more people know we exist. Of course, we also had some good conversations about the benefits of causing a little controversy every now and then too.

For those of you concerned about proposition 8: Tori Allen informed me that there is going to be a [nationwide protest](#) against the gay marriage ban on Saturday at 11:30. Our local Boise protest will be at the plaza in front of the City Hall. There will be speakers and press releases have been sent out as well. Friday night at 8 a sign making party is being hosted and held at the Lucky Dog Tavern.

Our next meeting will be Monday at 6 pm in the Forum on the bottom floor of the SUB. It's going to be an (anti)testimony meeting. Those who have experience with the LDS church probably don't need much explanation but for the rest of you: Once a month LDS congregations have a 'fast and testimony' meeting where rather than having a sermon taught they open up the podium to the congregation to share faith promoting stories or anecdotes about blessings they've received and so forth. So we're going to turn that idea on its head and give you all an opportunity to share your stories about how you have come to hold the beliefs or non-beliefs that you do. This will be a great opportunity to get to know each other better!

BSSSA Meetings for the rest of the semester:

- Sunday 11/23 @ 10:30 am: Brunch @ Elmers
- No Meeting during Thanksgiving week
- Thursday, 12/4 @ 6 pm, Hatch Room, SUB: Speaker from the Unitarian Fellowship (pending confirmation)
- Monday, 12/8 @ 6 pm, Place TBD: Movie Night (week before finals)

President Bush Is Not Done Yet

Message from Planned Parenthood

This summer, the Bush administration tried to keep secret a proposed federal regulation that would allow health care providers to redefine abortion to include birth control. With your help, we forced Secretary of Health and Human Services Mike Leavitt to make the plans public.

Then the administration submitted the proposed rule for public comments. More than 200,000 people — **including more than 90,000 Planned Parenthood supporters like you**, and more than 150 members of Congress — immediately called on the Bush administration to withdraw this damaging proposal that could keep millions of people from receiving basic health information and necessary medical care.

The Bush administration promised not to release any new regulations after November 1.

Well, it's now November 14, and guess what? **President Bush is poised to implement this disastrous new policy as soon as next week**

Less than two weeks ago, the American people voted to move past the Bush administration's policies that have done so much harm to women, men, and families in need of comprehensive reproductive health care. In elections at local, state and federal levels — including the election of a pro-choice president, Barack Obama, and the defeat of three dangerous anti-choice ballot initiatives in California, Colorado, and South Dakota — the American people spoke out loudly for new policies that put the needs and rights of patients first. It's outrageous that President Bush is using his last days in office to implement a rule that would limit the rights of patients to receive complete and accurate reproductive health information.

. **Please, tell President Bush: Keep your word. Stop the attack on women's health.** Go to http://www.ppaction.org/campaign/hhsnov08_ppan to send you message.

The Humanist Perspective on Channel 11

Tuesdays at 6:00 PM

“The Humanist Perspective” now airs each Tuesday from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and then repeats at 8:00-8:30 Wednesday morning on Boise’s local cable access television station, TVTV Channel 11 on CableOne. The Council for Secular Humanism (CSH) produces a weekly half-hour television program exploring issues of interest from a humanist point of view.

Parenting Beyond Belief: Grandmas Gone God-Wild

GUEST COLUMN BY ROBYN PARNELL For HumanistNetworkNews.org Nov. 12, 2008

(HNN's Parenting Beyond Belief column provides a forum for humanist parents and parenting experts to share their wisdom, advice and knowledge of parenting and family issues. Edited, and sometimes written, by Dale McGowan, the monthly column features guest writers who provide information and support about issues affecting freethought parents and children in the 21st century.)

This month's column features the second of three winners in the first annual Parenting Beyond Belief Column Competition. What defines good or evil? Can moral authority exist without divine dictate? If there's no God, who pops up the next Kleenex? These questions are pieces of existential cake for secular parents compared to dealing with *Grandmas Gone God-Wild*.

Our family recently attended my husband (H's) family reunion. As is her custom after such visits, H's mother (MIL) wrote to our children. As is their custom upon receiving snailmail, my daughter (D) and son (S) handed their respective notecards to me, requesting translation ("I can't read Grandma's handwriting.")

The notes seemed innocuous, if gushier than usual. Grandma thanked them for coming to the reunion, praised their characters, and effused about the pictures she'd taken: "D, You are a beautiful person, inside & out; it's fun to see your smile!" *(Continued on Page 5)*

(Continued from Page 4) D, who loathes family photo sessions, lasered me an-- *I-know-what-she's-doing-and-it-won't-work--* look. We both giggled, then gasped, as the notes' closings caught us off guard: "We didn't discuss it when we were with you but we are still disappointed & sad that you all have rejected God. He is really a loving God – so hope you get to know Him sometime! We love you!"

"All that stuff about the smile and being a beautiful person – ick," D sputtered, "She was buttering me up!"

"Just when I thought this conflict was over...." S, spoke as if narrating a horror movie, "It's back from the grave with an icy hand!"

Years ago, our family realized that our naturalistic world view isn't compatible with religion. We neither concealed nor proclaimed this fact, although our car's accumulation of freethought-friendly bumper stickers ("What would the Flying Spaghetti Monster Do?") was a likely pointer.

During a summer visit, MIL noticed our de-churched Sundays and questioned H, who confirmed her suspicions. It brought out a side to the heretofore moderate, MYOB Lutheran lady that neither H nor I anticipated.

At first she confined her Save-An-Apostate efforts to H. Then, during a spring break trip to my in-laws' home, out of the breakfast table blue MIL asked H and me why we'd "rejected God." ("It was weird," said S, who'd overheard the conversation. "The calmer you and Dad stayed, the more upset Grandma got.") And after yet another family trip, MIL sent H a four-page letter on the subject. One good thing has risen from this situation, she wrote: her faith is stronger, and she prays for us daily.

"The last thing we intended by leaving religion was to create a religious fanatic," I chuckled. H concurred, and drafted a reply. Which he didn't send. He told me he didn't want to encourage "that kind of relationship" with his mom.

Prior to the reunion trip, our children told me they dreaded Grandma harping on "the religion thing." "It's like she thinks we're a problem she has to solve," D moaned. MIL's notes provoked more than indignant laughter from her grandchildren -- disappointment, anger, and betrayal flashed in their eyes. So now, I told H, *you* have a problem to solve.

Letters, phone calls, "witnessing" books – what MIL says and sends to us is extraneous to the issue at hand, which is that she must stop sermonizing our kids. Professions of love are irrelevant. She loves them? Duh-- she's their grandmother. She needs to love them as a grandparent should: unconditionally and uncritically.

She noted their fine qualities -- was that sincere? Aside from being in better moods come Sunday morning, their essential natures haven't changed since our family became religion-free. They remain the "intelligent, wonderful, helpful, kind" children she'd extolled; they haven't started kicking blind beggars or tearing legs off flies. The only discernible change is her attitude toward them.

D and S are well aware of Grandma's views on religion. Offering unsolicited, critical comments about their views is presumptuous; also, she's setting herself up for not being taken at face value by her grandkids, who have experienced her not-so-hidden agenda.

Praise, compliments, and (biggest ick of all) declarations of love are now seen as set-ups for the altar call. I assume MIL wants love and respect, not toleration, but she's heading toward "Just smile and nod, you know how she is," territory.

H rose to the occasion and sent a letter to his mother, with an analogy to the Serenity Prayer (nice touch, I thought) to warmly yet firmly request that, if she feels she must proselytize, she should pick on someone her own size. MIL replied with more professions of love, declaring she'd merely intended to share "the facts" with us. She did not acknowledge his request.

"We haven't heard the last of this," H sighed.

This calls for another bumper sticker. Perhaps I'll append one I've seen elsewhere: "Lord, save us from your followers. Or just Grandma."

Robyn Parnell is a writer and secular parent living in Oregon. When not working on innumerable fiction projects, she searches for worthy additions to her bumper sticker collection, which includes family favorites "God Told Me To Embarrass My Kids," and "Jesus is My Co-Pilot, Buddha is my Navigator, And Vishnu Will Be Serving Drinks Once We Reach Cruising Altitude." Parnell shares life with one freethinking husband, two children, and an assortment of pagan pets (cats, reptiles, spiders, dust bunnies).

The Day After: How an Obama Presidency May Affect Humanists

By RUTH N. GELLER HumanistNetworkNews.org Nov. 5, 2008

The *Humanist Network News* decided to ask half a dozen humanist movers and shakers about their reaction to the presidential election. As we interviewed people both pre and post-election, we posed the same question: How will a Obama or McCain presidency affect atheists and humanists and the issues that generally concern us, like separation of church and state, First Amendment rights, protecting a woman's right to choose, marriage equality for gays, etc.?

Following the decisive Obama victory, Roy Speckhardt, executive director of the American Humanist Association, told *HNN* that "clearly a door has opened up for us that wasn't there before. Humanists will not let up the pressure but go through this open door and talk to them. The Obama campaign ran a grassroots campaign and from reading the pundits I get the impression that they intend to continue that against special interests," "We (the AHA) need to be a part of that grassroots mobilization."

Prior to Tuesday's election, *HNN* we spoke with Lori Lippman Brown, the director of the Secular Coalition for America (SCA). The SCA is the first Congressional lobbying organization explicitly representing and advocating for the rights of nontheistic Americans. Brown, also a lawyer who once served as a Nevada state senator, said that she was "very hopeful that whoever will be elected will be a welcome change from the current administration. We see it as a chance to educate a new president," said Brown. Her chief concern is that both McCain and Obama have said that they plan to keep and even expand the "faith-based initiative scheme", as Brown called it, begun by George W. Bush. "Neither will stop the privileging of religion."

(For more information about the history and purpose of faith-based and community initiatives, visit [this web site](#). Among other things, the initiatives serve to make it easier for faith-based organizations to get financial support for doing charitable works.)

"This is damaging to the reputations of non-theists around the country," said Brown. "It's saying that anyone without a god belief can't do good social service." Brown also feels that whether to give cash vouchers to parents so their children can attend religious schools will be an issue in the next administration.

Ronald Aronson, professor at Wayne State University and author of *Living without God: New Directions for Atheists, Agnostics, Secularists, and the Undecided*, thinks that "Life will be better for secularists (and almost everyone else) under an Obama presidency, but piety will still prevail in America and we secularists will largely remain a fragmented, unorganized non-community. ...It is important to think about how to combat specific issues ahead of us, such as Obama's 'faith-based initiative', but it is no less important to think about *ourselves*. How might we become a more visible community? How become a political force?"

Margaret Downey, former president of Atheists Alliance International, said that she was bothered by how "degraded atheists are as citizens and a political voice." Not differentiating between Republicans or Democrats, she said that atheists were viewed as the "the lowest of the low" by both parties. As example, she pointed to the campaign tactics of Senator Elizabeth Dole (R-NC) which smeared her Democratic opponent Kay Hagan as an atheist just because Hagan once attended a fundraiser held by an atheist businessman and philanthropist. The Dole campaign ran ads falsely accusing her of not believing in God and accepting money from the Godless Americans Political Action Committee (GAMPAC). Hagan, who is a Christian, has filed a lawsuit charging defamation against Dole's re-election campaign. Apparently, the negative tactics didn't work as Hagan soundly trounced Dole in Tuesday's election. "The next four years should be a wake up call for us, full of planning and strategy," declared Downey. She thinks that the humanist/atheist movement should not be satisfied until an open atheist can be elected to higher office.

Ellen Johnson, executive director of GAMPAC, which was recently renamed and reorganized as EnlightenTheVote.com, said via e-mail that "We (nontheists) need to be able to demonstrate that we are a voting bloc. We need to be able to deliver votes and money to candidates who will support us. We need to give them our political safety net...Our mission is to be able to demonstrate that we can defeat candidates who will not support us and elect candidates who will..."

Ruth N. Geller is the editor of [Humanist Network News](#), the weekly e-zine of the [Institute for Humanist Studies](#).

Humanist Library

The Humanists of Idaho maintain a library of books and DVDs. If you would like to borrow anything please contact Doug Van Curen at Saw2thking@aol.com.

Video CD/DVDs

- *Religion on Trial, Chester Dolan*
- *A Better World is Possible, Yes it is*
- *A Brief History of Disbelief, 3 parts*
- *Uncommon Sense: What is Humanism (two parts)*
- *Humanist Perspective Episodes (on DVD)*
- *The Hemlock Society # 3*
- *The Hemlock Society # 4*
- *The Hemlock Society # 5*
- *Humanism, Islam, Cultures and Values*
- *Teaching Evolution in the Bible Belt*
- *Evolution Education*
- *Faith Healer Turned Freethinker #1*
- *Faith Healer Turned Freethinker #2*
- *Memes and Religion*
- *Humanism and the Crisis in Catholicism*
- *Secular Sobriety: A Volunteer Speaks*
- *Civil Liberties and the Nonreligious*
- *Toward a World Safe for Humanism*
- *When Godless Americans Marched*
- *Myths and Hoaxes*
- *The Human Question*
- *Your Preacher May Not Want You to Read This*
- *Unsaved in the South*
- *Secular Sobriety Update*
- *Military Atheists #1*
- *Military Atheists #2*
- *Military Atheists #3*
- *Portrait of a Self Made Rebel*
- *Clergyman turned Atheist Philosopher*
- *Relentless Activist*
- *Mistakes of Mormonism*
- *Media Mythmakers #1*
- *Bringing Humanists Together*
- *Godless in Gradeschool*
- *Exposing Creationist Strategies*
- *An Atheist Who Served At Sea*
- *Abortion and the Law*
- *An Atheist Navy Vet*
- *Iranian-American Humanism*
- *Secular Sobriety*
- *Gay Activism in San Diego*
- *Humanists in Love*
- *A Center and Its Friends*
- *Humanism in Nigeria and Uganda*
- *Humanism in Africa and the World*
- *Who was Jesus? (Gerd Ludemann)(Out of sync)*
- *Conflict and Reconciliation*
- *Introducing CFI – On Campus*
- *Inquirers on Campus*
- *The Science of Belief*
- *Affirmations*
- *Defending Inquiry on Campus*
- *Alternative Medicine*
- *What Scientific Examination Tells Us About Religion*
- *Tribute to Thomas Paine*
- *Is America a Christian Nation?*
- *Rock For Relief*
- *Bringing the New Enlightenment to Campus*
- *Media Mythmakers #2*
- *Religious Extremism in America*
- *America Needs a New Enlightenment (2 copies)*
- *Campus Outreach in a Faith Saturated Era*
- *Fighting For Reason on Campus*
- *Who Was Jesus? (Joseph Hoffmann)*
- *What the Scriptures Really Say*
- *Prospects for Secularizing Islam*
- *Humanism in Africa*
- *Israel: Should the Nonreligious Care?*
- *Searching for Lake Monsters*
- *Blasphemy in the West*
- *An Exuberant Manifesto, Part 1*
- *An Exuberant Manifesto, Part 2*
- *The Clash Over Cartoons*
- *Religion in Pop Media*
- *The Jesus Project*
- *Did Jesus Exist?*
- *A Humanist Chaplain*
- *Humanism on Capitol Hill*
- *Humanism and the Law*
- *The Humanism of James Gouinlock*
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- *Radical Naturalism*
- *Naturalism and Ethics*
- *The Naturalism of Laura Purdy*
- *The Naturalism of Paul Draper*
- *Godless Physics*
- *The Naturalism of Ron Giere*
- *The Naturalism of Charlene Haddock Siegfried*
- *The Challenge of Naturalism*
- *Does Religion Make People Behave Better?*
- *God: The Failed Hypothesis, Part 1*
- *God: The Failed Hypothesis, Part 2*
- *Fallibilism and Faith*
- *The Happiness Myth, Part 1*
- *The Happiness Myth, Part 2*

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Books

- *American Theocracy*, Kevin Phillips(Penguin Books, 2006)
- *An Anthology of Atheism and Rationalism*, Gordon Stein (Prometheus, 1980)
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- *Biodiesel America*, Josh Tickell (Yorkshire Press, 2006)
- *Biomedical Ethics*, Howard B Radest(Prometheus Books, 2006)
- *Breaking the Spell*, Daniel C Dennett(Penguin Group, 2006)
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- *Co-Dependent No More*, Melodie Beattie(Harper Collins, 1987)
- *Concepts, A Prototheist Quest*, Paul Dehn Carleton (Carleton House , 2004)
- *Darwin's Cathedral*, David Sloan Wilson(U of Chicago Press, 2001)
- *Elements of Constitutional Law*, Ben Arneson(Harper Brothers, 1928)
- *Evolution vs. Creationism*, Eugenie Scott(UCLA Press, 2004)
- *Evolution: What The Fossils Say and Why It Matters*, Donald Prothero(CU Press, 2007)
- *Forgive & Forget*, Lewis B Smedes, Pocket Books New York, 1984)
- *Forgiveness*, Dr Sidney B Simon(Warner Books, 1990)
- *From So Simple A Beginning*, Edward O Wilson(W W Norton, 2006)
- *Getting the Love You Want*, Harville Hendrix(Henry Holt & Co, 1988)
- *Globalization and Humanism*, Humanist Institute(NACH, 1998)
- *Holy Blood, Holy Grail*, Michael Baigent
- *Humanism, What's That*, Helen Bennett(Prometheus Books, 2005)
- *Imagine No Superstition*, Stephen Frederick Uhl (Trafford, 2006)
- *In Gods We Trust, The Evolutionary Landscape of R*, Scott Atran(Oxford Press, 2002)
- *Invisible Walls*, Peter Seibel(Prometheus Books, 2001)
- *James Madison on Religious Liberty*, Robert Alley(Prometheus Books, 1985)
- *Learning to Play God*, Robert Marion(Addison Wesley, 1991, RDC)
- *Letter to a Christian Nation*, Sam Harris(Alfred Knopf, 2007)
- *Maybe Right, Maybe Wrong*, Dan Barker(Prometheus Books, 1992)
- *Min liv som Humanist(My life as a Humanist)*, Edd Doerr(Rocinante Press, 2004)
- *Mind Siege*, Tim LaHaye/David Noebel (Word Publishing, 2000)
- *Noah's Flood*, William Ryan/Walter Pitman (Touchstone 2000)
- *Organizational America*, William Scott/David Hart(Houghton Mifflin, 1980)
- *Parenting Beyond Belief*, Dale McGowan(AMACOM, 2007)
- *Piety and Politics*, Reverend Barry Lind(Harmony Books, 2006)
- *Public Education and the Public Good*, Robert Alley(ARL, 1996)
- *Religion Explained*, Pascal Boyer(Basic Books 2001)
- *Religion on Trial*, Chester Dolan(Mopah Publications, 2002)
- *Scenario: Nascent Christianity Emerges*, Michael Conley (Xlibris, 2005)
- *Science and Religion*, Paul Kurtz (Prometheus Books, 2003)
- *Scientists Confront Intelligent Design & Creationism*, Andrew Petto (Norton, 2007)
- *Search for Identity*, Elmar Fetscher(Charles E Merrill Books)
- *The Atheist's Handbook*, Phillip A Stahl(Professional Press, 2000)
- *The Battle for Truth*, David A Noebel (Harvest House, 2001)
- *The Christian Concept of Salvation*, Daniel R Francis Jr(Secret Wishes Pub, 1996)
- *The Courtier and the Heretic*, Matthew Stewart (WW Norton, 2006)
- *The End of Faith*, Sam Harris(W W Norton, 2004)
- *The Evidence of the Senses*, David Kelley (LSU Press, 1986)
- *The Evolving World*, David Mindell(Harvard University Press, 2006)
- *The Exact Location of the Soul*, Richard Selzer(Picador, March 2002)
- *The Fundamentals of Extremism*, Kimberley Blaker(New Boston Books, 2003)
- *The God Delusion*, Richard Dawkins(Bantum Press, 2006)
- *The God Part of the Brain*, Matthew Alper(Rogue Press, 1996)
- *The Godless Constitution*, Isaac Kramnick(W W Norton, 1996)
- *The Human Agenda*, Roderic Gorney(Simon & Schuster, 1973)
- *The Humanist Manifesto, Part I & II*(Prometheus Books, 1973)
- *The Leadership Labyrinth*, Robert Coppentrath(Dorrance Publishing, 1994)
- *The Most Dangerous Man in America*, Robert Boston (Prometheus Books, 1996)
- *The Nature of the Gods and on Divination*, Marcus Cicero(Prometheus Books, 1997)
- *The Peace Book*, Louise Diamond(Conari Press)
- *The Role of Religion in History*, George Walsh (Transaction Publishers, 1998)
- *The Western Intellectual Tradition* (Harper & Brothers, 1960)
- *Toward the Mystery*, William Edelen (Joselyn Morris)
- *Unsolved Mysteries of the Past*, (Reader's Digest)
- *Western Civilization to 1500*, Walther Kirchner(Barnes & Noble, 1972)
- *Why God Won't Go Away*, Andrew Newberg
- *Why I Am Not A Christian*, Bertrand Russell (George Allen & Unwin, 1957)
- *With God On Their Side*, Esther Kaplan(New Press, 2004)
- *Woe To The Women: The Bible Tells Me So*, Annie Laurie Gaylor (FFRF, 1981)
- *Your Inner Fish*, Neil Shubin (Pantheon Books, 2008)

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Sunday November 23rd BSSSA Brunch

10:30 am at Elmer's

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**Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup> - HOI Meeting**

**6:30 PM Humanist Supper Club, 7:30 PM Planning Meeting**

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BUUF Senior Sages

2nd and 4th Thursdays of the Month, 9:30 AM at the Kopper Kitchen (2661 Airport Way)

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**Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup> BSSSA Meeting**

**6 PM Hatch Room, SUB:**

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Monday, December 8th BSSSA Movie Night

6 PM, Place TBD: week before finals

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**Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 AM – BUUF Humanist Group**

**Boise Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 6200 Garrett, Garden City,**