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Animal Rights Discussion

As stated last month, a Controversy! evening will be sponsored by the HOC on Sunday, November 13, at the Hub, on the topic of animal rights,

The evening will be led by Jerry Gilbert, who will present some material, then divide the audience into groups who will discuss and debate the topic.

Participants will be expected to defend whichever side they land on, not necessarily the side they personally believe in. Believe us, that can be liberating, tons of fun, and extremely informative. Likely nobody will change their mind, but they may view the questions differently.

Potluck at 6:00, presentation at 7:00

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Guest Opinion

Here, enjoy some puppies!



Not good enough? Try some kittens!



Sorry, that's all we can offer right now.

- Editor

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Home for the Holidays

The holiday season unfolds amidst memories and feelings of years past that give these days a unique and special meaning for many of us. The colors and songs and aromas can transport us back, even to our formative years, reminding us of where we came from.

Going home for the holidays isn't always an option, but there's no reason we can't celebrate the holidays together, with good friends and good food and good cheer, and bring a little slice of home here. And so we will.

On Thursday, November 24th, come celebrate those things you have to be thankful for at the Hub for our annual [Thanksgiving Dinner](#). The main dish is on us. Bring a side dish and the beautiful, wonderful person that is *you!*

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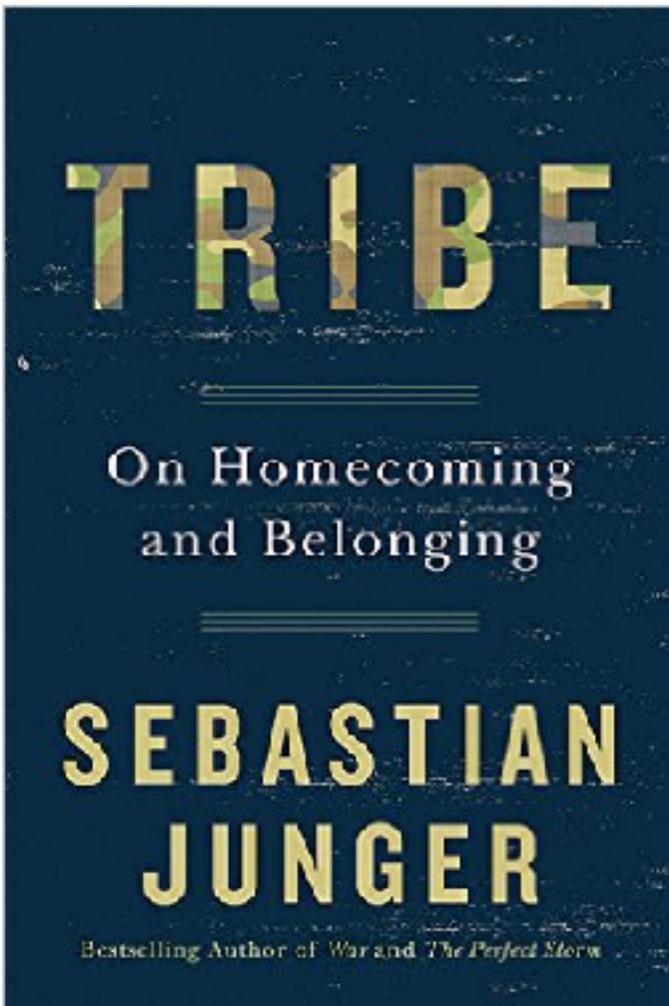
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Secular Hub Book Club

Sunday, November 20th @ 12:30p

D Bar Denver/494 E 19th Ave, Denver

Last Sunday we had our first Book Group meeting at the Hub. We have decided on *Tribe: On Homecoming and Belonging* - by Sebastian Junger for November's book.



From the publisher: "Decades before the American Revolution, Benjamin Franklin lamented that English settlers were constantly fleeing over to the Indians-but Indians almost never did the same. Tribal society has been exerting an almost gravitational pull on Westerners for hundreds of years, and the reason lies deep in our evolutionary past as a communal species. The most recent example of that attraction is combat veterans who come home to find themselves missing the incredibly intimate bonds of platoon life. The loss of closeness that comes at the end of deployment may explain the high rates of post-traumatic stress disorder suffered by military veterans today.

Combining history, psychology, and anthropology, *TRIBE* explores what we can learn from tribal societies about loyalty, belonging, and the eternal human quest for meaning. It explains the irony that-for many veterans as well as civilians-war feels better than peace, adversity can turn out to be a blessing, and disasters are sometimes remembered more fondly than weddings or tropical vacations. *TRIBE* explains why we are stronger when we come together, and how that can be achieved even in today's divided world."

Book for December: 'God is NOT Great' by Christopher Hitchens

BOULDER ATHEISTS

Boulder Atheists is very excited and proud to have participated in a project produced by one of the Middle schools in the Boulder Valley School District entitled "Religions Of The World". We were contacted by the librarian of the school and asked if we would do an on-camera presentation on what atheism is all about.

A script was written which included many of the suggestions that were posted on the discussion board of the Boulder Atheists Meetup page. It was then shared with other members who contributed suggestions and ideas for improving it and the Board Members approved the final re-write of the script on October 10th. One of our members, Michelle Iturrate was eager to be the on-camera spokesperson presenting our position on the subject of religion and atheism. The filming was done on Friday, October 14th in a very sophisticated studio located in the library of the Middle school. The video was then edited by the librarian who was producing this project by adding other video clips which empathized many of the aspects of religion and atheism that Michelle spoke of during her seven minute presentationAt the Monthly



Membership meeting held on Sunday, October 23rd we first viewed four other videos that had all ready been completed for this project, Hindus, Islam, Judaeism and Zen Buddhism. Then we premiered our contribution to this awesome project. Keeping in mind that these videos will be shown to 7th graders in a Social Studies class, we sincerely feel that if our video on atheism saves just one child from growing up to believe religious nonsense it will have been worth all of the time and effort put forth by those who worked on this project. A special "Thank You" goes out to Michelle for the awesome job she did as our on-camera spokesperson.

BOULDER ATHEISTS

The video described on the previous page, along with the ones produced by various religions can be viewed by either clicking on the following links or copying them to a web browser.

Atheism: <https://vimeo.com/189046903>

Hinduism: <https://vimeo.com/184008996>

Judaism: <https://vimeo.com/183886111>

Islamism: <https://vimeo.com/182763575>

Zen Buddhism: <https://vimeo.com/181978865>

Mormonism: <https://vimeo.com/181693657/323f>



On Sunday October 30th Boulder Atheists spent a couple of hours picking up the trash on our Adopt-A-Road. The city of Boulder no longer grants Adopt-A-Road designations, but we are grand fathered in since we continue to meet our obligation to clean up our road twice a year. In doing so a sign is kept at each end of our adopted road which credits Boulder Atheists with keeping that particular street clean. These signs have actually led to two members that we know of, finding us and joining us. Boulder Atheists have the following activities scheduled for the month of November.

Thursday November 3rd and every Thursday is the Weekly Lunch Special at 3 Margaritas, 28th Street and Iris Ave. In Boulder. Starts at 12:30 PM until 4:00 PM. Followed by Afternoon Coffee at the Red Rock Coffee House, 3325 28th St. Unit 9, Boulder. Starting at 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM

Dinner in Lafayette, Friday November 25th at Ting's Place 1265 S. Public Rd. Lafayette, starting at 7:00 PM.

Regular Monthly Membership Meeting on Sunday November 27th at the Main Boulder Public Library starting at Noon followed by lunch at The Mediterranean Restaurant, 1002 Walnut St. Starting 2:15 PM.

The Monthly Evening Social at Murphy's, 28th and Iris St. In Boulder on Tuesday December 6th, 7:00 PM.

JEFFERSON HUMANISTS

JH Seasonal Celebration.

The Jefferson Humanists will celebrate the season on December 10th at 5:00 pm at the Jefferson Unitarian Church. We welcome Mari and John back to cook a special celebratory meal. A festive Dinner will be served at 6pm. More details coming soon..

JH Book Club

FROG (Freethinkers Reading Opportunity Group) will meet on Saturday, November 12th at 1:45 pm at the Belmar Library. The November book is American Gods, a Hugo and Nebula award-winning novel by Neil Gaiman. See <http://meetu.ps/312YHX> for more details.

Monthly Dinner Social

The monthly dinner social at a favorite local restaurant is going to stay at Infinitus PIE in Wheat Ridge for a while. Because Infinitus is such a great place, we are going to make it the home of this event for a while.

So, here is a regular social event you can count on. We're going to try out every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm, to see if it sticks. This month it will be Wednesday the 16th at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome. For details go to the Meetup Listing for Infinitus PIE

Our November Monthly Meeting Program

Sunday, November 27 at 5pm, at Jefferson Unitarian Church, 14350 W. 32nd Avenue, Golden, CO

A Humanist Life View to Understanding the World and Ourselves

Our special guest speaker, Gordon Gamm, will speak about Humanism as one of three major world views through which people understand themselves and their world. He will draw on his knowledge in law, economics, linguistics, history, political science and religion to demonstrate how Humanism has a unique perspective on a host of disciplines, a unique way of interpreting and experiencing our world.

Gordon graduated from Tulane University law school with an emphasis on comparative law. He has represented all of the Humanist organizations in several court actions over many years. He has served on the board of the American Humanist Association (AHA) and was chair of the committee to write the Humanist Manifesto III.

In March 2016 he filed a friend of the court brief with the US Supreme Court on behalf of the AHA dealing with the establishment clause of the First Amendment to our Constitution.

Seminar

A three-part seminar on Intro to Humanism started on Sunday, October 30th, and goes for two more sessions on 11/13 and 11/20. The seminar is so popular that it is filling up fast, and will be full. If you plan to go, sign up right away by emailing Jim Bole at randjbole@gmail.com.

The series is presented by Dr. Joe Woodson, member of the Jefferson Humanists and the Jefferson Unitarian Church (JUC), which also promoted it. I was impressed how Dr. Woodson created a "cross-over" event with both organizations. Session One, The Winds Blow in Many Directions: The Seven Points of Humanism, was fascinating, and right on the mark, even for my extreme atheist beliefs. Session Two is on What is Moral? What is Meaning, and Session Three is A Panel of Humanists take Questions. For more details, go to www.meetup.com/

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Events

[Details in Online Calendar](#)

Monday, November 14

6:30 PM (Hub) Freethinkers in AA

Tuesday, November 15

10:30 AM (Hub) Work/Study at the Hub

6:30 PM (Hub) Secular Sisterhood Monthly Meeting, at the Hub

Thursday, November 17

12:30 PM (BA) Weekly Lunch Social at 3 Margaritas, 28th and Iris, Boulder

4:00 PM (BA) Afternoon Coffee at Red Rock Coffeehouse, Boulder

6:30 PM (Hub) Movie Night: TBD at 7 on the big screen at the Hub

Saturday, November 19

9:30 AM (Hub) Freethinkers in AA

Sunday, November 20

10:00 AM (Hub) Coffee and Community

12:30 PM (Hub) Secular Hub Book Group

Monday, November 21

6:30 PM (Hub) Freethinkers in AA

Tuesday, November 22

10:30 AM (Hub) Work/Study at the Hub

More Events

[Details in Online Calendar](#)

Wednesday, November 23

7:00 PM (Hub) Biweekly Meditation

Thursday, November 24

12:30 PM (BA) Weekly Lunch Social at 3 Margaritas, 28th and Iris, Boulder

4:00 PM (BA) Afternoon Coffee at Vic's Coffee, 30th Street, Boulder

4:00 PM Hub Hang: Thanksgiving Edition, at the Hub

6:30 PM (Hub) Movie Night: "TBD" at 7 on the big screen at the Hub

Friday, November 25

7:00 PM (BA) Dinner in Lafayette

Saturday, November 26

9:30 AM (Hub) Freethinkers in AA

Sunday, November 27

10:00 AM (Hub) Coffee and Community

2:15 PM (BA) Lunch at the Med on Walnut

Monday, November 28

5:30 PM (Hub) Social Hour Southeast, at Darcy's Pub and Bistro

6:30 PM (Hub) Freethinkers in AA

SECULAR CONTACTS

This page contains contact information for the groups collaborating on this newsletter.

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Website: <http://www.secularhub.org>

Meetup: <http://www.meetup.com/SecularHub/>

Humanists of Colorado

Website: <http://humanistsofcolorado.org>

Meetup: <http://www.meetup.com/humanism-160>

Boulder Atheists

Website: <http://www.boulderatheists.org>

Meetup: <http://www.meetup.com/Boulder-Atheists/>

Freedom From Religion Foundation

Meetup: <http://www.meetup.com/FFRF-Denver/>

Sunday Assembly

Meetup: <http://www.meetup.com/Sunday-Assembly-Denver/>

Secular Volunteer Corps

(Organized by the Secular Hub)

Americans United

Meetup: <http://www.meetup.com/Americans-United-for-Separation-of-Church-State-Colorado/>

Jefferson Humanists

Website: <http://jeffersonhumanists.org>

Meetup: <http://www.meetup.com/jeffcohumanists>

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