

American Atheists 34th Annual Conference – March 20-23 2008

Location: Minneapolis Marriott City Center Hotel (downtown)

30 S. 7th St., Minneapolis, MN 55402. 612-349-4000 or 800-228-9290.

The hotel is located two blocks from the light rail line, which travels from the Mall of America to the airport to downtown Minneapolis along Hiawatha Ave.

Special room rate: \$99 per night (single, double, triple or quad).

Make reservations directly with the hotel.

(Schedule subject to change)

Thursday, March 20, 2008

6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. — Pre-Registration (Fourth Floor)

7:00 p.m.-11:30 p.m. — Rock the Night Away! with various musical bands

Friday, March 21, 2008

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. — Registration/Book and Product Room (Fourth Floor)

8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. — MAAF Meeting (Military Association of Atheists and Freethinkers)

(All current and former military Atheists welcome)

8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. — American Atheists State Directors Meeting

8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. — American Atheists Affiliates Meeting

9:15 a.m.-10:00 a.m. — Ellen Johnson, President of American Atheists

10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. — Richard Dawkins - "The God Delusion"

11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m. — Book Signing and Lunch (Lunch on your own.)

1:30 p.m.-2:15 p.m. — Lois Utley, Director of the Merger Watch Project. -

"Medicine and Morality: How Religious Restrictions Can Affect Your Health Care"

2:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m. — Panel Discussion - "Is Atheism a Philosophy?"

3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. — Mary Stanton - "Atheist Bill Moore's 1963 Freedom Walk"

7:00 p.m.-midnight — Banquet, Awards, Music (Separate admission price, \$43 prepaid.)

Saturday, March 22, 2008

8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. — Registration/Book and Product Room (Fourth Floor)

8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. — MAAF Meeting (Military Association of Atheists and Freethinkers)

(All current and former military Atheists welcome)

8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. — American Atheists State Directors Meeting

8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. — American Atheists Affiliates Meeting

9:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m. — Workshop - August Berkshire and Steve Petersen - "Lobbying for Separation of State and Church at Your State Capitol"

9:45 a.m.-10:30 a.m. — Dr. Jack David Eller - "Religion is Not What You Believe: How Religion Works without Belief or Meaning to Colonize Experience"

11:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. — Robert Lanham - "The Sinner's Guide To The Evangelical Right"

11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m. — Lunch and Book Signing (Lunch on your own.)

1:00 p.m.-1:45 p.m. — Eddie Tabash - "The Threat of the Religious Right to Our Modern Liberties"

1:45 p.m.-2:30 p.m. — Rene Salm - "The Myth of Nazareth: The Invented Town of Jesus"

2:30 p.m.-2:45 p.m. — Greydon Square - Atheist Rap Artist

2:45 p.m.-3:15 p.m. — Break. Book and CD Signing

3:15 p.m.-4:15 p.m. — Dr. Lawrence Krauss - "Much Ado About Nothing: A Cosmic Mystery Story."

5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. — Ask The Experts: • **Arlene Marie** - How to run a local group.

• **Richard Dawkins** - How to answer creationists.

• **Frank Zindler** - How to handle Bible thumpers.

• **Edwin Kagin** - When is something unconstitutional? What are my rights?

• **Ellen Johnson** - What you can do to help American Atheists.

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. — Life and Legacy (10 years) Members Dinner (Separate admission price, \$43 prepaid.)

9:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. — Movie: "A Flock Of Dodos" Everyone welcome.

Sunday, March 23, 2008

10:00 a.m.-noon — Debate: "Does The Jewish God Exist?" Dennis Prager and Frank Zindler

12:30 p.m. — Lunch Buffet (Separate admission price, \$28 prepaid.)

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone, E-mail address: _____

Mail to: American Atheists, P.O. Box 5733, Parsippany, NJ 07054-6733

To register on-line, or for more detailed information, go to American Atheists: atheists.org.

Conference Registration Prices

_____ Non Member of American Atheists or Affiliate Group (such as MN Atheists) – \$85

_____ Individual American Atheists Member – \$75

_____ Couple American Atheists Members (put both names on other side) – \$100

_____ Non American Atheists Member, but member of affiliate group, such as Minnesota Atheists (Name of affiliate group: _____) – \$80

_____ Distinguished citizen: 65 years or older (member or non-member) – \$50

_____ Student (photo ID required) – \$50

_____ One day only (member or non member) – \$50

_____ 18 years old and under attending conference sessions – \$25 each

_____ I/we cannot come, but here's a donation - \$_____

Meals (Registration for meals must arrive by March 17)

_____ **Friday** Night Dinner – \$43 each _____ Regular meal _____ Vegetarian meal

_____ **Saturday** Life & Legacy Dinner – \$43 each _____ Regular meal _____ Vegetarian meal

_____ **Sunday** Brunch (after the debate) – \$28 each

Membership in American Atheists

_____ \$35/yr. Individual _____ \$60/two yrs. Individual _____ \$60/yr. Couple/Family

_____ \$25/yr. Student _____ \$25/yr. Distinguished Citizen (65 yrs or older) _____ \$1500 Life

Total: \$ _____ Check Visa Master Card American Express Discover

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