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Jim G. Helton American Atheists — The Time is Now

What is an “atheist issue”? American Atheists redefines what that is. They challenge the status quo. In doing so, they lay out a plan to fight for equality and the true separation of religion and government. If you are not happy with the way things are, then the time is now to make a change.

Jim G. Helton, the National Field Organizer for American Atheists, will be visiting freethought groups in Minnesota over the course of four days in mid-October to bring us up-to-date on what American Atheists is doing, how they can help us, and how we can help them.

Minnesota Atheists is a Local Partner of American Atheists, due to our high level of activism. In addition, Minnesota Atheists’ past president August Berkshire serves on the national board of directors of American Atheists and is their Minnesota State Director.

Helton co-founded the Tri-State Freethinkers and was appointed American Atheists’ Kentucky State Director. Under his leadership, Tri-State Freethinkers adopted the highway in front of the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter and led a protest that received international attention.

Helton has been quoted in numerous news outlets, including The New York Times, Miami Herald, and The Washington Post. He is a fixture in local media and has given interviews for international television specials in France, Switzerland, and elsewhere.

As National Field Organizer, Mr. Helton works with affiliates, local partners, and state directors to challenge religious privilege and fight to protect church/state separation at the local level by building coalitions around specific issue campaigns, including medically accurate sex education, LGBT non-discrimination ordinances, and religious exemptions.

Sunday, October 21, 2018

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| 1:00–1:15 p.m.: Social | Rondo Community Library |
| 1:15–1:45 p.m.: Business Meeting | 461 Dale St N |
| 1:45–2:00 p.m.: Break | St Paul, MN 55104 |
| 2:00–3:30 p.m.: Program | |
| 4:00 p.m.: Dinner | Hoa Bien |
| | 1105 University Ave W |
| | St. Paul, MN 55104 |



Board Appointment Vote at the October Public Meeting

Announced in the last newsletter, board member August Berkshire, has resigned from the board to pursue a greater role with American Atheists. This created a vacancy on the board. Our bylaws allow the board to appoint members to vacant positions, the appointment needing approval from the general membership. The board

has chosen to appoint member, Ben Blanchard. We pose a vote for approval at the October Public Meeting, Business Meeting starting at 1:15 PM.

The Public Meeting is on Sunday, October 21 at:

The Rondo Library
461 Dale St N
St Paul

Cryptogram

By George Francis Kane

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News and Notes

The Case Against Kavanaugh

By *George Francis Kane*

All the national atheist and secularist organizations have opposed the nomination of Brett Kavanaugh to fill the seat on the Supreme Court vacated by the retirement of Anthony Kennedy, because of Kavanaugh's clear support for religious privilege. Nevertheless, they looked forward to the Senate confirmation hearings, hoping that the Democrats would ask questions that expose his pro-religion bias.

In this regard, the hearings have been a disappointment; the questions about religion came predominantly from supportive Republicans. For example, Senator John Cornyn asked about *Santa Fe School District v. Doe*, in which the Supreme Court ruled that the school district was impermissibly requiring prayers by the students. Kavanaugh had written an amicus brief supporting the school district. His response was that SCOTUS erred because the decision demonstrated hostility toward religion. The other Texas Senator, Ted Cruz, engaged Kavanaugh in friendly discussion of Michael Newdow's 2010 suit against the presidential inauguration, in which the secular oath required by the constitution is amended by appending "so help me God." The Supreme Court ruled that the suit was moot regarding the 2009 inauguration, and that Newdow could not sue to prevent recurrence in

2013 and 2017 because they had not yet occurred! Kavanaugh opined that the court should instead have decided the case on its merits and ruled that the reference to God is permissible ceremonial Deism, just like legislative invocations.

The critical exceptions were questions from Senator Mazie Hirono of Hawaii, a Democrat. On day two of the hearings, she brought up a case previously raised by Senator Diane Feinstein (D-California), *Garza v. Hargan*. Jane Doe, referred to in the case as J.D., was a pregnant 17-year old from Central America, who was held in

detention by the Office of Refugee Resettlement for entering the country illegally. They refused to release her to get an abortion, instead forcibly taking her against her will to a pregnancy crisis center, with the intent of persuading her not to get the abortion.

Working through a guardian ad litem, Rochelle Garza, J.D. convinced a judge to authorize an abortion, fulfilling Texas' parental consent law. The government — nominally HHS Secretary Eric Hargan — appealed to a 3-judge panel of the Appeals Court, that included Judge Kavanaugh. Kavanaugh ruled that it would not "substantially burden" J.D. if the government denied her the opportunity to get an abortion until a sponsor was found to take care of her. This tactic was likely to run out the clock on J. D.'s opportunity for an abortion.

Kavanaugh's ruling was overturned by the entire Appeals Court sitting *en banc*.

On day three of the hearings, Hirono raised the case *Priests for Life v. United States HHS*, in which a religious organization was claiming an exception to the requirement of the Affordable Care Act for employer-provided medical insurance to include contraceptive coverage. To accommodate this religious objection, the Obama administration required only a 2-page, 5-entry form, declaring that the employer would not comply because of a sincerely held belief. This would trigger a requirement that the insurance company provide the contraceptive coverage at its own expense. The Appeals Court for the Dis-

Kavanaugh held that forcing a teenager to carry a pregnancy to term was not an "undue burden" on her rights, but that filling out a five-blank form was a "substantial burden" on religion.

trict of Columbia, sitting *en banc*, ruled 9–3 in favor of the government. Kavanaugh was one of the three dissenters. He wrote in his dissent that as

long as employers sincerely believe that a course of conduct violates their religious beliefs, the government cannot inquire any further and must not force compliance even with a task as minimal as filling out a simple form. When the case, consolidated with others, reached the Supreme Court, Kavanaugh's opinion won the day.

It seems to me that this violates the school-

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Atheists Talk Radio Show

Podcasts can be listened to at www.mnatheists.org (scroll down to the podcast link), <https://www.patreon.com/AtheistTalk>. You can catch our show live, every Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. Central on AM 950 KTNF or online at <http://www.am950radio.com/listen-live/> and <https://www.stitcher.com/podcast/a-minnesota-transatheist/atheist-talk>. Contact us during the show with questions or comments at (952) 946-6205 or contact us anytime via radio@mnatheists.org or tweet us anytime at [@atheiststalk](https://twitter.com/atheiststalk).

Sponsors of the program are Q.Cumbers restaurant in Edina, American Atheists, and the members and donors of Minnesota Atheists. To support the program, go to the MNA web page [donation/radio](http://www.mnatheists.org/donation/radio), [giveMN/minnesootatheists](https://www.patreon.com/AtheistTalk), <https://www.patreon.com/AtheistTalk> or donate by mail to our PO Box. All donations are tax deductible.

Recent Programs

Ep 463 **Alternative Medicine**

July 29, 2018

Hertzey had just returned from Camp Quest North where she got the idea for the show whilst being slathered in apple sauce and jelly. Light on the atheism this week, but according to homeopathic principles, that makes our atheism extra potent!

Patrons of the show can enjoy an extra long episode!

Ep 464 **Atheist Christian Debate at Christian Art Festival**

Sunday August 5, 2018

A Christian art festival was held in Greenswood, Wisconsin, Athanatos Fest. Part of the festival included a debate between an atheist, and a long time Christian friend. We brought the atheist on this week's show to discuss the debate, talk about himself, and because he seems like a pretty interesting fellow all around.

Dan is a British public health specialist, formerly an ED nurse and aid worker for Doctors Without Borders, he has an undergraduate degree

in Philosophy, a masters in public health and a diploma in health & human rights. After achieving a philosophy degree ('96-'99) Dan decided he wanted to keep up the practice of debating, so he started visiting some very early internet discussion forums, and the most interesting ones were generally American. This led to some adversarial friendships developing with people (such as Tony, who was hosting the Christian Arts festival that he was here for) while Dan has stated he disagrees with Tony on about almost everything they still get on with very well, and they both have found the friendship to be valuable.

Ep 465 **Religious Liberty Task Force**

Sunday August 12, 2018

Jordan, Julie, and Maddy discuss how atheists have been oppressing Christians over the centuries, and how we have been doing our best to limit the religious liberties of marginalized Christians in the United States.

We also make fun of Jeffery Bearegard Sessions.

Ep 466 **Unapologetix**

Sunday August 19, 2018

We were joined by the hosts of the Unapologetix podcast, a skeptical atheist show out of Florida. We talk about their religious background, and their religious differences (shhh! Only one of them self-labels as atheist).

Patrons get almost an hour of bonus content!

Ep 467 **Potpourri**

Sunday August 26, 2018

Hertzey Hertz & Amy Withawhy from the Secular Soup podcast chat across a variety of subjects affecting the world of atheism. This is a free flowing conversation between two friends, and many a rabbit hole was explored.

You can find Amy Withawhy chatting along side Ami Withani over at the Secular Soup podcast: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/secularsoup> Patrons get almost an hour of bonus content!

Ep 468 **Living After Faith**

Sunday September 2, 2018

This episode was a special one for me (Maddy) as I've been a fan of the Living After Faith pod-

Home For Sale

An Atheist's House for a Special Soul

By *Matthew Richardson*

REFUGE FOR THE SINGLE MAN OR WOMAN

If you were dreaming about moving into a new house with empty rooms all painted white for only \$250,000, then my house is not for you.

But, if you are willing to move out of your present abode, but

at the same time you can't afford the high rents that are available, you might want to consider my cluttered 1922 house. But there's a catch.

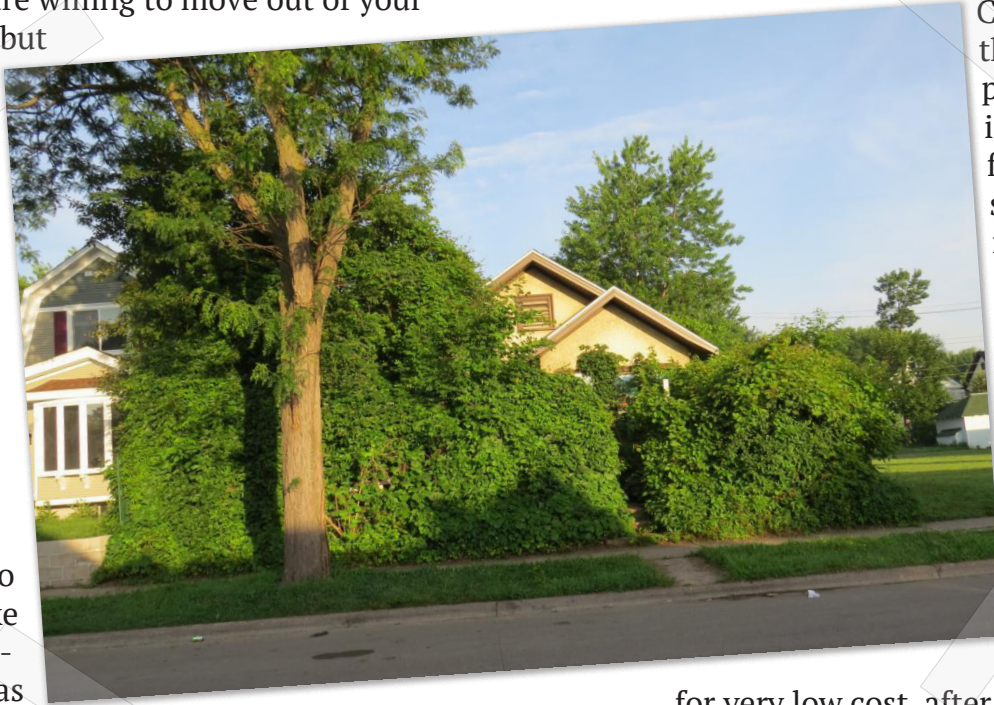
I'm looking for an urban archaeologist who is willing to take over my possessions because, as you will discover, they have indeterminate value. This is a rare opportunity to take over someone else's life as they left it.

Ordinarily, capitalists buy "ugly old houses" clean them out, send everything not nailed down to the city dump; fix

here and there and sell it for about \$85,000, here in N Minneapolis. If there are more than just a few bushes, they would replace them with grass that you would have to mow — enabling you to make your contribution to global warming.

Around my house is a tight forest of lilac, mulberry, and wild bushes that shade the house where AC is not needed. There are plenty of hostas underneath the bushes. The front of the property has a 7.5-ft high trellis with a Special City

Council Permit that provides privacy and yet is very beautiful during late spring, summer and fall. My property is home to dozens of birds (including cardinals), lightning bugs, frogs, and cicadas. No grass.



My house is available,

for very low cost, after I interview those who are interested.

My house is preferably for the middle-aged loner who loves privacy, but I will consider the young intellectual as well.

I am a Life Member of Minnesota Atheist, served on the Board for many years.

I am now at the end of my life and should be dead by mid-2019. I'm 77 and terminal with diabetes and advanced heart disease.

I'm looking for a fellow atheist who would like to become a homeowner. I have no relatives nor friends, and I don't want a bank or the State to take over my property when I die. The mortgage was paid off May 2001 and I've been debt-free since then. I do not have a phone. If interested, email me at atheistcable@gmail.com



Letter to the editor (The Stevens County Times)

Conservative Christians will bring atheism

By Michael Lackey

Atheism is coming to America, and it is conservative Christians who are bringing it here. During the Nazi period, around 95 percent of Germans identified as Christian. But today, just a little more than 75 years later, almost 60 percent of Germans identify as either non-religious or atheist. What happened?

It was through their conservative version of Christianity that Hitler and the Nazis were able to make the case for criminalizing, violating, and eventually exterminating Jews, Gays, Gypsies, Immigrants, and many Others.

On the surface, it might seem that atheists infiltrated society and persuaded Germans to dismiss or reject God. But there is little evidence to support this interpretation. More likely is the following: Hitler and the Nazis were self-described conservative Christians. When Hitler first came to power he declared in a speech: “It is Christians and not international atheists who now stand at the head of Germany.” It was through their conservative version of Christianity that Hitler and the Nazis were able to make the case for criminalizing, violating, and eventually exterminating Jews, Gays, Gypsies, Immigrants, and many Others. Germans today know what a fanatical version of conservative Christianity can lead to (not all versions of Christianity lead to horrific behavior), which, in part, explains why so many contemporary Germans reject God and religion.

I don’t believe that Trump will do in America what Hitler did in Germany, but the overwhelming support for Trump by conservative Christians will lead, I believe, to the same cultural transformation in America that occurred in Germany. Many (and I even believe a majority of) Americans will eventually say: “Look at Trump and his conservative Christian base. These people support perpetual lying, belittling the disabled, criminalizing immigrants, degrading women and

minorities, supporting white supremacists, and so much more. In good conscience, not only must I reject Trump, but I must also reject the conservative version of Christianity of which he is a part.”

In thirty years from now, when people ask the question, “who killed God in America,” the answer will not be “the atheists.” It will be the conservative Christians who supported Trump.

Sources: For the 95 percent statistic of Germans who were church-affiliated Christians, see James Carroll’s book *Constantine’s Sword: The Church and the Jews* (28).

For the nearly 60 percent statistic of non-religious and atheist Germans today, follow this link to the Washington Post article: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/worldviews/wp/2015/04/14/map-these-are-the-worlds-least-religious-countries/>

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yard adage that “your right to swing your fists through the air ends at my nose.” The government is not compelling religious objectors to use contraceptives, but they should not be allowed to prevent others from receiving insurance coverage for it. When Senator Hirono questioned why filling out the form was a “substantial burden,” Kavanaugh responded that penalizing someone “thousands and thousands of dollars” was clearly such. Hirono responded sharply that filling out a two-page form would have insulated them against having to pay “thousands and thousands of dollars” in fines; and that the issue of a ‘substantial burden’ relates to a simple form, and not the fine.

Hirono then returned to *Garza*, on which she had questioned Kavanaugh the day before. She argued that Kavanaugh’s findings in *Garza* and *Priests for Life* were irreconcilable. Kavanaugh held that forcing a teenager to carry a pregnancy to term was not an “undue burden” on her rights, but that filling out a five-blank form was a “substantial burden” on religion. Kavanaugh claims that he was adhering strictly to precedent, but in each case he was writing in dissent, so most of his colleagues disagreed with his understanding of precedent.

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cast for almost a decade. While I've chatted with both Rich and Deanna in closed Facebook groups for podcasters, and on public posts, this was the first time I've been able to sit down and chat with two amazing people, who are also atheists.

This was a pre-recorded conversation, as schedules and holidays meant a regular Sunday morning radio appearance wasn't going to be possible.

Patrons get about 30 extra minutes of content this week.

Ep 469 **Lucien Greaves of The Satanic Temple**
Sunday September 9, 2018

Lucien Greaves is the most prominent and outspoken contemporary Satanist in the world. As spokesperson for The Satanic Temple, Greaves has gained international attention as an advocate for religious liberty and the voice of the Satanic Reformation. He has delivered lectures at Universities and colleges nationwide, and has been a featured speaker at conferences for American Atheists, the American Humanist Association, the Secular Student Alliance, and many others.

Greaves has been featured in national media outlets including MSNBC, NPR, Huffington Post Live, CNN, Harper's Monthly, Newsweek, Fox News, Vice, Salon, Rolling Stone, and many more. Greaves famously made two appearances on Tucker Carlson's Fox News program where the ensuing debates were overwhelmingly adjudged in Greaves's favor. Press inquiries should be directed to media@thesatanictemple.com

The Satanic Temple official website: <https://the-satanictemple.com/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/lucien.greaves>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/satanicpsalms>

Patrons of the show get an extra 30 minutes with 3 satanists and a Christian discussing the interview. Unfortunately, sans Lucien.

Treasury Report July

By Chris Matthews

Radio Fund

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| \$200 | George Kane |
| \$100 | Nancy Ruhland |
| \$30 | James Barri |
| \$25 | Steve Petersen |
| \$10 | August Berkshire |
| \$10 | Cynthia Flaig |
| \$140 | cash donations, 5th Sunday fundraiser |
| \$515 | Total Radio Fund |

General/Visibility Fund

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| \$50 | Mandy & Ross Meisner |
| \$35 | Keith Scott |
| \$203 | cash donations, CONvergence |
| \$90 | YourCause |
| \$2 | PayPal Giving Fund |
| \$380 | Total General/Visibility Fund |

Building Fund

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| \$0 | Total Building Fund |
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Total Income **\$895**

Current Building Fund **\$139,372**

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| \$1,025 | Radio Show |
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September Public Meeting Review

Seth Andrews' Life as an Apostate

By *George Francis Kane*

The summer hiatus on Minnesota Atheists' monthly public meetings ended on September 23 with Seth Andrews' presentation about his life as the world's most-watched atheist video blogger. Andrews spoke to an audience of 156 at the Minnsky Theater. From a show of hands, it appeared that a great majority of those in attendance were attending their first Minnesota Atheists event.

Andrews grew up in a conservative Christian family. When he told his parents that he had learned in school about Neanderthal man, his parents pulled him out of public schooling and enrolled him in an Accelerated Christian Education (ACE) program. The children were taught the bible in every part of their schooling, not to produce educated adults, but to cultivate ignorance, to produce obedient culture warriors. They were taught that homosexuality was a learned behavior that is "as natural as murder and theft." Also, they learned that we know that humans lived together with dinosaurs because of references in literature and art. Andrews remarked that they apparently thought that *The Flintstones* is a doc-

umentary.

After graduating, Andrews became a Christian broadcaster for a radio station in Oklahoma City. His life changed, however, when he watched on YouTube a debate between Rabbi Schmuley Boteach and Christopher Hitchens. Hitchens was a revelation for Andrews, if you will pardon the expression, which led him to question and eventually renounce his religion. He announced his apostasy in a lengthy email to his family and friends. He sent that message to justify his decision to all, thinking that he would persuade many of them to join his apostasy. This hope was impossible, however. He lost his friends and ended up blocking emails from his parents. He wishes that he had kept his message short and positive, not attempting to persuade others but solely to take responsibility for his life.

When he lost his job at the Christian radio station, he turned his efforts to a video podcast. That series began with an interview of Aron Ra in July of 2010. To date his podcasts have received nearly 50 million downloads. He now is a full-time atheist activist, traveling the world to speak to atheist and humanist groups.

His presentation was interrupted several times by tumultuous applause, and he received standing ovations after both the end of his prepared presentation and after the question session that followed.



Dan Barker and Dogmatic Catholic Debate the Existence of God

By *George Francis Kane*

On September 24, at Minnesota State University in Mankato, Dan Barker, the co-president of the Freedom from Religion Foundation and fundamentalist minister-turned-atheist debated the existence of the Christian god with Trent Horn, a staff apologist for the Catholic Answers ministry, author and lecturer. The event was sponsored by the Secular Student Alliance Mavericks and the Catholic Mavs. (Maverick is the school's athletic mascot name.)

The event was free and well-attended. The overflow from the 350-seat Elias Halling Recital Hall was accommodated at a live broadcast at the Newman Center.

One thing that struck me as strange at the outset was the topic, "Does the Christian God Exist?" Usually the topic of a debate is a positively stated resolution, with one side speaking for the resolution and the other side speaking against it. I thought that the topic should have been formulated as "Resolved: The Christian God Exists." I am guessing that the reason for the unusual formulation of the debate topic was to permit Trent Horn to deny that he had the burden of proof. Indeed, he insisted that atheists have the burden to justify not believing in God. Perhaps, too, it was intended to avoid constraining the range of the debate to the formal philosophical arguments, which were only treated summarily.

Trent Horn barely did more than mention some in his opening statement. He relied on forms of the First Cause argument, such as contingency, why things exist and "nothing comes from nothing." Other than that, he only offered God as a necessary inference from the asserted existence of objective moral laws. Dan Barker dismissed these arguments as mostly resulting from "bad grammar," and pointed to the lack of good evidence. He rebutted the assertion of objective morality by claiming that the Bible is worthless as a moral guide, and that the Christian God is incompatible with the existence of

evil. He even argued at length that the Christian God is expressly malevolent. He concluded that reality can be understood with no need for a god.

Trent Horn introduced an interesting thread in the debate when he asserted that the existence of God is not a scientific question because God is immaterial, and that the methods of science cannot deal with things that cannot be seen. Rather than evidence in a scientific sense, he claimed that he needed only to find occurrences that justified an inference of divine intervention. Dan Barker countered that this claim was contradictory. If God acts in the material world, then we need empirical evidence for his existence.

The arguments of both sides suffered from the time constraint, which did not allow them to construct effective arguments. For example, I was not impressed by Dan Barker's argument that the Bible asserts that "Ye shall know them by their fruit" and "a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit." Catholics also claim that it proves that the Catholic Church was created by Jesus. He argued further that the pedophile priest scandals exposed the institutional corruption of the Catholic church, thereby proving God's malevolence. I thought that it was a weak argument,

and especially poorly considered before a predominantly Catholic audience.

Trent Horn often lapsed into lengthy stretches of technical philosophy word salad, that would be incomprehensible to anyone in the audience who did not have a lengthy Catholic education. At times he emphatically asserted as true the claims of Catholic dogma. At those moments, the Catholics in the audience were nodding in assent, while the atheists were suppressing laughter. At one point, Horn stated emphatically "I **know** that God exists." Since that was the very topic of the debate, why was he not proving this to us? I think that his assertion meant nothing more than "I have a strong emotional attachment to the premise of God's existence."

Despite its weak moments, the debate was provocative and enthusiastically received by the audience that included several members of Minnesota Atheists.

[Dan Barker] rebutted the assertion of objective morality by claiming that the Bible is worthless as a moral guide

The “Nones” That You Know

Rowan Atkinson

By *Milo Grika*

Rowan Sebastian Atkinson CBE (born 6 January 1955) is an English actor, comedian and screenwriter best known for his work on the sitcoms *Blackadder* and *Mr. Bean*.

While I personally don't care for his acting and "comedic" work, when I came to know of his

anti-religious views, I gained new respect for Mr. Atkinson.

“What is wrong with inciting intense dislike of a religion or the activities or teaching of that religion are so outrageous, irrational or abusive of human rights that they deserve to be intensely disliked?”

— Atkinson

Cryptogram Answer

I should scorn to shiver with terror at the thought of annihilation. Happiness is nonetheless true happiness because it must come to an end, nor do thought and love lose their value because they are not everlasting.

—Bertrand Russell

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Upcoming Events

Heathens' Highway Cleanup and Lunch Saturday, Oct 13, 10:00 a.m., Carbone's Pizza Bar & Grill, 7670 W 160th St, Lakeville.

Walk to End Hunger Thursday, Nov 22, 7:30–9:30 a.m., Mall of America, 60 East Broadway, Bloomington.

Winter Solstice Banquet Saturday, Dec 15, 5:00–9:00 p.m., Embassy Suites Minneapolis — North, 6300 Earle Brown Dr, Brooklyn Center.

Atheists Talk Community Brunch 1st Sunday of every month at 10:30 a.m., Q. Cumbers, 7465 France Ave S, Edina.

Atheist/Agnostic Alcoholics Anonymous Every Sunday from 6:00–7:00 p.m. and Wednesday from 7:00–8:00 p.m., Health Recovery Center building, lower floor, 3249 Hennepin Ave, Minneapolis. Based on A.A., minus beliefs in any form of a God.

Freethought Toastmasters Meeting 1st and 3rd Monday of every month from 6:30–8:00 p.m., Larpenteur Estates Party Room, 1280 Larpenteur Ave W, St Paul. freethought.toastmastersclubs.org

Minnesota Atheists Board Meeting 1st Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m., Amherst H Wilder Foundation, 451 Lexington Pkwy N, St Paul.

All Minnesota Atheists members are welcome.

NOTE: The day of the month has changed.

Godless Gamers Every Thursday at 6:00 p.m., Fantasy Flight Games Center, 1975 County Rd B2, Roseville.

Freethought Dinner Social 2nd and 4th Monday of every month from 5:00–7:00 p.m., Davanni's, 8605 Lyndale Ave S, Bloomington.

Freethinking Females 2nd Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m.,

Claddagh Irish Pub, 7890 Main St N, Maple Grove

And 4th Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m.,

Sweeney's Saloon, 96 North Dale Street, St. Paul

NOTE: Two different locations.

Shattering the myth that atheist groups are male dominated with a females-only event.

Volunteer Food Packing 2nd Thursday of every month at 1:00 p.m., The Food Group, 8501 54th Ave N, New Hope.

Blasphemer's Brunch 2nd Saturday of every month at 10:30 a.m., Pizza Lucé, 800 W 66th St, Richfield.

Bowling for Deities Last Saturday of every month at noon, Memory Lanes, 2520 26th Ave S, Minneapolis.

For more events, visit www.meetup.com/minnesota-atheists



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