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Surveying the Nonreligious: Improving Questions and Categories April Public Meeting

Come help improve the way social scientists do survey research on the nonreligious!

The rapid rise in nonreligion in the United States over the past 30 years has sparked a growing field of social science research devoted to better understanding nonreligious beliefs and identities. From rich ethnographic and interview studies of nonreligious groups and people, to larger scale survey studies of nonreligious populations, social scientists in sociology, psychology, and other fields have become increasingly interested in nonreligion. However, survey research in this area still has a long way to go before it accurately captures the diversity of nonreligious identities, beliefs, and practices. Much of the survey research on nonreligion is based on survey questions that were meant to measure religious beliefs and practices, and questions often group all nonreligious individuals into one category. This often leads to inaccurate and overly generalized conclusions about what nonreligious people believe and do.

In this talk, Jacqui will first describe the state of survey research on nonreligion and the common questions and categories that are used to capture nonreligious beliefs and practices. Then she will ask attendees to weigh in with their thoughts and opinions on how these questions and categories might be improved. As a graduate student in sociology who has participated in a range of research on nonreligion, including a

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Sunday, April 28, 2018

1:00–1:15 p.m.: Social
1:15–1:45 p.m.: Business Meeting
1:45–2:00 p.m.: Break
2:00–3:30 p.m.: Program

4:00 p.m.: Dinner

Ridgedale Public Library
12601 Ridgedale Dr
Minnetonka MN 55305

Dinner details will be announced at the meeting.



President's Column From Membership to Leadership

By *Ben Blanchard*

Greetings and felicitations!

First things first: I wanted to express my sincere thanks to everyone who came to this month's organization listening session. When we as a board first started talking about doing a listening session as a monthly meeting, it was brought up that historically, monthly meetings without an external speaker can have a hard time bringing in an engaging public. While we can always do better, I was very proud of the members and participants who came to the listening session, and I am grateful to those that asked critical questions and provided feedback. Member engagement is the lifeblood of organizations like ours, and as a board, we received actionable feedback at this session. In addition to finding out the perceived strengths of our current plan forward, we also found several gaps in our structure, and I look forward to incorporating that feedback into our plan-

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ning. I was especially ecstatic that multiple newer members were in attendance, and were eager to get more involved; they just wanted to know how. This ties in well with my second goal as president: developing membership leadership.

My plan for developing membership leadership has three major parallel efforts. First, we must empower members to lead committees. In order to facilitate this, we have to better define our committee structures and processes so that more volunteers can participate in leadership capacities. Second, we must put effort into training organizers and speakers. The best way we can accomplish this is to develop an organizer certification process and build up our speakers bureau. Third, we have to better solicit and support member-driven events. In order to accomplish this, we can more actively engage membership to find events that they would like to lead, and support them through their planning and execution.

Over the last several months, the board and some key volunteers have spent countless hours working on documenting our processes and organizational methods. This work has ranged from board retreats documenting our programs and

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Cryptogram

By *George Francis Kane*

Vj Ahx xhzrc'y bvqz yoz gpk V bvfvz, oz rohtbx
yzbb lz, chy kht.

—Lzrrpaz hc p ityyhc



News and Notes The Right to Retaliate

By *George Francis Kane*

I come across some pretty extreme attacks on Jefferson's wall of separation of church and state, but I think that this one takes the cake. Missouri State Representative Hardy Billington, a Republican and a Southern Baptist who ran for office on a pledge to "stand up for Christian values," has introduced into the state legislature a bill to prevent judges from permitting plaintiffs in Establishment Clause cases to maintain anonymity. HB 728, according to the Missouri legislature's bill tracking program, "specifies that except if the party in interest is a minor, in any action involving the separation of church and state, such action will be prosecuted in the name of the real party in interest." It has already been passed by the Standing Committee on Judiciary and the Standing Committee on Rules — Administrative Oversight.

Judges currently are permitted to grant plaintiffs the right to file cases anonymously, with initials only, or under pseudonyms such as "John Doe" if the plaintiff has a well-founded fear of harm if their role in the case becomes publicly known. This bill would prevent this in one type of case only, those in which the separation of church and state is at issue. The plaintiffs are of course known to the judge and the opposing attorneys, but they may not release that information to the public.

The justification for this bill, according to committee testimony cited on the Missouri bill tracker, is "to protect the rights of Missourians." Proponents assert that "this would make it more fair for religious people because they are currently being singled out." In what way? Since the defendants in Establishment Clause cases are always government agencies or the public officials who run them, the names of the public officials are always known.

The bill's proponents assert that it is unfair that the individuals on one side of a case must be disclosed in the interest of government transpar-



ency, while those on the other side are permitted to remain anonymous. Clearly, though, the litigants on the two sides are not at all comparable. It is conceivable that in some cases a government official might not want the voters to know his position in the case, but nearly always they are building their *bona fides* with their conservative Christian electoral base.

Those arguing against placing Christian monuments on government land, on the other hand, risk social disapproval, economic harm, bullying and physical attacks on themselves and their families. According to the bill tracking system, the bill's proponents "say they hide behind anonymous names because they fear retaliation from religious people, but religious people in Missouri are not violent." This assertion is so disingenuous that it would be laughable if its perils were not so serious. According to Ryan Jayne, representing the Freedom from Religion Foundation, he has had clients who were threatened with murder if they did not drop their case.

The proponents of the bill further assert that "(t)his would treat claimants the same no matter the viewpoint Civic leaders have to endure scrutiny so why shouldn't plaintiffs." But the defendants are not denied anonymity because of their Christian "viewpoint." Anonymity is simply not possible because of the defendants' government offices. This is not a case of suppression of Christianity or favoritism for atheists and religious minorities.

Rep. Billington stated that "(t)his will hope-

March Meeting Review Optimistic Organization

By *Madilyn Love*

The public meeting for March 2019 was a great chance for anyone in attendance to gain a fresh understanding of where Minnesota Atheists is as an organization, and where we are planning to go as an organization. Our current and most recent presidents — Ben Blanchard and Alyssa Ehni — presented their ideas for where they would like to see Minnesota Atheists move in the next two years, and then shared optimistically realistic views of where they would like to see Minnesota Atheists be over the next five and 10 years.

One of the most promising ideas that was presented was the idea that we should have definite and measurable goals. Nebulous plans for the future, without clear goals can leave us unsure of whether we have actually succeeded in improving and growing our organization and community in the ways we intended. Of all the metrics mentioned, perhaps the one that grabbed this attendee's attention the most was the idea

of growing our dues paying membership by 50% over the next 2 years. We have a large social media presence, including a large number of folx that are part of our Meetup site, however active dues paying members are vital for any volunteer organization to remain relevant and able to do the community and legislative work Minnesota Atheists is so well known for. Seeing our organization grow and fill with folx who are actively engaging in their communities, is something that I can truly look forward to. Lowering the barriers for new members to feel their participation is welcome, valuable, and even needed is a key part of growing our organization. It was a recurrent and positive notion that both Ben and Alyssa came back to and demonstrates a clear way we can ensure we are able to reach our membership goals.

Bringing in new members, with fresh voices, new ideas should be a goal of any organization, such as ours, with such a strong history of positive atheism in action; however, where do these new folx meet? Ben, Alyssa and the rest of the board are taking a fresh look at the procurement

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Board of Minnesota Atheists (partial) 2019

Left to right: Chris Matthews, Alyssa Ehni, Hertzey Hertz, Ben Blanchard, Dane Haverly, and Heather Hegi.

Opinion

Why I Could Never Teach Yoga

By Milo Grika

I've been doing yoga nearly every week for about five years now. And while I don't have anywhere near the hours necessary to be a professional instructor, the real problem is that the more I practice, the more I realize I could never be a genuine yogi.

The problem is not the poses, or flexibility, or mental focus — the problem is with the vernacular, and to be clear, not the Sanskrit language, but the **woo** that is assigned to every part of the practice. The ancient yogis definitely felt there was magic to the poses, beyond and truly facilitating, the health benefits.

What follows are actual quotes from my yogi, followed by my snarky responses, which I feel I might actually say out loud if I was teaching a yoga class:

प्रश्न Me

Breath in the pure air and breathe out the deoxygenated air

Um, what? Thankfully my eyelids are closed so my yogi can't see me rolling my eyes.

Expand your ribcage

The liver and kidneys are constantly doing their job of detoxifying the body — no organ "massaging" necessary ... or helpful

Feel the burning of your strained muscles

पोषक प्रणव हानवे रण
प्रणव रणहहह. प्रबोलइ उप
तठ रणहहहह हनहहहह
रिठल त्तेह प्रणवहहहह.
प्रबोलइ वेठजण तठ रणहहहह
हनहहहह रिठल त्तेह हनहहह

हहह त्तेह इठौ प्रणवह
प्रणव हहह

त्तेहोके ठं त्तेहहह त्तेहोहह
त्तेह प्रणव वणह त्तेहोके
रिठ वणह त्तेहोके त्तेह
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Place your hands palm up or down ... whatever

Feel the mat under your feet, and pretend that you are somehow connected to the ground — here on the second floor of this manufactured building

Think of three (or some other historically magical number of) things that have happened to you and contemplate the randomness of the universe that causes things to happen randomly, but which your own bias makes them noteworthy

While I find the woo humorous, there was someone on a local forum that was looking for a yoga class that wouldn't conflict with her Christian beliefs. So, she was afraid of someone else's mystic power language usurping hers. I find this extremely precious!

Thankfully, unlike religious rhetoric, I'm not promised anything beyond this life, I don't feel threatened to believe in the universe as an entity, I don't feel blackmailed to change my attitude to avoid damnation, nor am I shamed that my thoughts or bedroom activities are immoral.

Also, this particular studio isn't replete with Hindu or Buddhist imagery — though, for some reason, those symbols don't make me shake my damn head like Judeo-Christian symbols do. I think I see ancient Indian symbols more as cultural and exotic than religious.

In the end, I appreciate that yoga keeps me limber, helps me practice to clear my mind, and gives me a community of people with whom I have something in common. And it's a pretty powerful thing at that — shamanistic language notwithstanding.



Atheists Talk Radio Show

Podcasts can be listened to at www.mnatheists.org (scroll down to the podcast link), <https://www.patreon.com/AtheistTalk>.

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Recent Programs

Ep 492 **Mandisa Thomas** February 24, 2019

We are joined by Mandisa Thomas to chat about her talk at the February Minnesota Atheists public meeting, “Fear of a Black Atheist.”

Mandisa Thomas is the founder and President of Black Nonbelievers, Inc. Although never formally indoctrinated into belief, Mandisa was heavily exposed to Christianity, Black Nationalism, and Islam.

Ms. Thomas has a number of media appearances to her credit, including CBS Sunday Morning, CNN.com, and JET magazine. She has been a guest on podcasts such as Life After God, The Humanist Hour and Ask an Atheist, as well as the documentaries *Contradiction* and *My Week in Atheism*. Mandisa served on the Board for Reason Rally 2016, and previously for Foundation Beyond Belief, and the Secular Coalition for America. She has presented at conferences/conventions for American Atheists, Freedom from Religion Foundation, Secular Student Alliance, and many others.

As the president of Black Nonbelievers, Inc., Ms.

Thomas works to encourage more Blacks to come out and stand strong with their nonbelief in the face of such strong religious overtones.

LINKS

<http://wocbeyondbelief.com/>

<https://www.meetup.com/Black-Nonbelievers/events/257513734/>

<https://blacknonbelievers.wordpress.com/>

Ep 493 **Ben Blanchard President of MN Atheists** March 3, 2019

Ben Blanchard, President of MN Atheists, sits down with Hertzey to talk about the recent board elections, and opportunities for members of MN Atheist to have a direct impact on our direction. If you enjoyed this show, we’d love to have you come back next week for another episode.

Ep494 **Ken Albala, Food Historian** Sunday March 17th

Ken Albala is a Professor of History at the University of the Pacific United States, received his Masters of Arts degree in history from Yale, and his PhD in history from Columbia University. Ken has been an author or editor for over 25 books on both food and the intersections of food and history. His course Food: A Cultural Culinary History is available from the Great Courses and the Great Courses Plus. While Dr. Ken’s most recent books, *At the Table: Food and Family Around the World* and *Noodle Soup: Recipes, Techniques, Obsession* are available everywhere, my personal favorites are all his books that do deep dives into history such as *Beans: A History*, *Nuts: A Global History*, and *Pancake: A global history*.

LINKS:

Ken Albala on The Great Courses, “Food: A Cultural Culinary History” <https://www.thegreatcourses.com/courses/food-a-cultural-culinary-history.html>

Books by Ken Albala: <https://www.amazon.com/Ken-Albala/s?k=Ken+Albala>

Ken’s personal blog: <http://kenalbala.blogspot.com/>

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roles, to meeting with volunteers to formalize event plans, to 12-hour long working sessions developing our branding guide. All of this work has had a singular overarching goal in mind, making it easier for people to step up and do more.

When I started working with the board (before I joined), I was impressed at how much work they individually churned out, but was also confused. Minnesota Atheists is a roughly 30-year-old 501(c)(3), with a subnational membership and major community support, so having so many events and programs that are

led or even completed entirely by board members is strange. Ideally, a board like ours would spend more time

working on our strategy and mentoring or advising volunteers to lead projects, rather than completing so many of them ourselves. By doing so much of this work ourselves, we are actually depriving development opportunities from potential leaders in our membership. But developing new leaders is a hard, time consuming task in the best of situations. In an organization like ours, where we are entirely volunteer run, with so many people who have operated programs for years (if not decades), asking people to not only continue their efforts, but to also spend more time training people can be a difficult request.

In order to help bridge the gap from membership to leadership, we are working on a developing guides and aids to help new leaders step up. We want to lower the barrier for entry to lead programs, so that if a new member wants to host additional sessions of a current project, or kick off something brand new, they will have what they need to be successful, and we as a board can be confident in their plans. As we develop more skills in our organization, our more experienced leaders will then have capacity to be working on broader efforts in our structure (if they want to), to help us be more efficient as an organization and grow. Some of this work will be done by leading pillars of programming in our more defined organizational structure. In addition to that, it is my vision to have some leaders, who are knowledgeable on our programs and efforts across the organization, become

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certified organizers for Minnesota Atheists. These major volunteers would be prepared with our organizational knowledge, and trained to have the skills to represent us confidently.

When the board was developing our long-term plans, we thought that having a corps of certified organizers would be a 10-year goal. While we still have a lot to figure out and work on, I am happy to say that as a result of the heroic efforts of our volunteers, we are on-track to have certified organizers within two years (If not sooner). While we still have a long path forward to driving mem-

bership leadership, I am confident our path is a good one for our organization, and our community.

In next month's column, I am excited to discuss our goals and efforts in regards to building stronger local partnerships. As always, I want everyone to know that feedback from you is essential for making Minnesota Atheists better. If you have any thoughts or suggestions, please feel free to send me an email at pres@mnatheists.org or talk with me at an event. I want to know how we can better serve you, and Minnesota Atheists.

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three-year ethnographic case study of the Twin Cities Sunday Assembly, a focus group project that compared religious and nonreligious ways of reasoning through social controversies, and a survey project assessing demographic differences among the nonreligious, Jacqui has found that the available social science survey categories do not adequately take into account the diversity of nonreligious people that she has encountered in her research. She is currently working with a team of researchers at University of Minnesota and Augsburg University to construct and field survey items that address some of these issues, and they are looking for feedback from a range of nonreligious people as they construct their survey. So if you're interested in survey research or helping social scientists create better measures for studying nonreligious populations, don't miss this event!

Treasury Report January 2019

By *Chris Matthews*

Radio Fund

\$20 Steve Petersen
 \$10 Cynthia Flaig
 \$823 via Patreon
\$853 Total Radio Fund

General/Visibility Fund

\$500 August Berkshire
 \$100 Art Kallenbach
 \$60 Ben Zvan
 \$50 Mandy & Ross Meisner
 \$45 Jason Varin
 \$22 Anonymous
 \$14 PayPal Giving Fund
\$791 Total General/Visibility Fund

Building Fund

\$0 Total Building Fund

Total Income

\$1,644

Expenses

\$820 Radio Show
 \$517 Newsletter
 \$188 Other
\$1,525 Total Expenses

Current Building Fund

\$140,585

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fully reduce the number of frivolous lawsuits.” His true concern is not that the lawsuits are frivolous, but that they are successful. He is also undermining his position that the fears the plaintiffs claim to justify their anonymity are unjustified. If that were true, why would this bill discourage the suits? Billington’s only intent with this bill is to expose the plaintiffs to intimidation. I think this is obvious to everyone, so it is distressing that this bill sailed easily through two House committees and was supported by Concerned Women for America of Missouri, the Missouri Baptist Convention, the Missouri Family Network and the Maranatha Baptist Church.

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of an actual “brick and mortar” office space and public meeting venue. While a building is part of the 5 to 10 year organizational plan, they are optimistic this is a goal that can be met much sooner, and their excitement at being able to provide this to our organization was quite evident.

There isn’t a single committee within Minnesota Atheist that wouldn’t benefit from a fresh voice

The latter half of the meeting was spent discussing the organizational chart as envisioned by the current board. Our model, OACES (Operations, Activism, Community, Education, Social) is modeled on the ACES model discussed by Jim Helton of American Atheists. While nearly every aspect of what Minnesota Atheists does has an overlap with another aspect, it is useful as an organization to find folx who are willing to take on the various responsibilities that come with each aspect. Having a clear and public map of our organization makes it easier for our newer members to understand the different ways they can contribute, or perhaps even an area that we may have overlooked. A clear organizational map is one tool in lowering the barrier for new members to become involved in our organization, and having new members invest themselves into our organization, our goals, and our dreams is a great way to make Minnesota a better place for all of us.

So what aspects of Minnesota Atheists should a new, or even long standing member get involved with? The answer to that question is anywhere! There isn’t a single committee within Minnesota Atheist that wouldn’t benefit from a fresh voice and the experience of someone new to the committee, who is passionate and willing to work. If there is a group or committee that interests you, head over to mnatheists.org, navigate to the info tab and look up the contact information for the committee you are interested in. If you’re unsure, you can always contact board@mnatheists.org and someone can put you in touch with the appropriate member.

2019 Day of Reason

Theme: Secular Voices

This year our Day of Reason event will have the theme “Secular Voices.” This will be an assembly of citizens from around the state who use their voices and actions to promote secularism in government and in our daily lives. Minnesota Atheists welcomes those who are religious but actively support our secular Constitution, as this is a common bond for all American residents.

We encourage attendees to bring hand-held signs indicating the group they represent, or their passion for church-state separation. Signs must have a positive message and match our theme. Signs for Minnesota Atheists and the Day of Reason will be hung behind the speaker’s lectern. This event will be recorded.

Schedule to date:

- Heather Hegi, Minnesota Atheists
- Hertzey Hertz, Minnesota Atheists
- Alyssa Ehni, Minnesota Atheists
- Benjamin Blanchard, Minnesota Atheists
- George Kane, Freethought Toastmasters
- Audrey Kingstrom, Humanists of Minnesota
- Mahad Muhammad, Black Freethinkers of Minnesota
- Jack Richter, Survivor of Conversion Therapy.

If you represent an atheist, humanist or freethought organization in Minnesota let us know if you would like to speak. If you know of a religious group that supports secular government and separation of government and religion, we also would like to know so that we can invite them too.

Minnesota Atheists Day of Reason Committee members for 2019:

- Heather Hegi, sec@mnaatheists.org
- Steve Petersen, address@mnaatheists.org
- Hertzey Hertz, chair@mnaatheists.org
- Benjamin Blanchard, pres@mnaatheists.org

Save the date for our 2019 Day of Reason:

Date: May 2, 2019

Location: State Capitol Rotunda

Time: 1:15 to 2:30 p.m.

Host: Minnesota Atheists



Day of Reason 2018
Left to right: Raymond Dehn, Ilhan Omar, Tina Liebling and Mike Friedberg



Day of Reason 2018
August Berkshire



Day of Reason 2018
Steve Petersen and Heather Hegi

The “Nones” That You Know

Maurice Sendak

By *Milo Grika*

Maurice Bernard Sendak (June 10, 1928 – May 8, 2012) was an American illustrator and writer of children’s books. Best known for *Where the Wild Things Are*.

But [Samuel Palmer] believed in God, you see, and in heaven, and he believed in hell. Goodness gracious, that must have made life much easier. It’s harder for us nonbelievers.

— Marice Sendak

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- Have an opinion? *Let us hear it.*
- Have a comment about something we printed? *Don’t hold back.*

Just send your input to editor@mnatheists.org and we’ll do the rest.

Cryptogram Answer

If God doesn’t like the way I live, he should tell me, not you.

[Message on a button]

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- Three-year household membership \$115
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- Three-year sustaining membership \$200
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Upcoming Events

Dinner with the Board Sunday, April 14, 5:00–8:00 p.m., Seven Oak Condominiums, 3412 Oak Ridge Rd, Minnetonka. \$45 per person.

Volunteer at Second Harvest Heartland Saturday, April 27, 12:30–2:30 p.m., 7101 Winnetka Ave N, Brooklyn Park.

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.

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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Minnesota Atheists

Positive Atheism in action since 1991

Minnesota Atheists is dedicated to building a positive atheist community that actively promotes secular values through educational programs, social activities, and participation in public affairs.

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Minnesota Atheists Goals

Minnesota Atheists practices positive, inclusive, active, friendly, neighborhood atheism in order to provide a community for atheists, educate the public about atheism, and promote separation of state and church.

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