



Anne M. Rewell of the CSUS Renaissance Society tutored us about the Underground Railroad (AOF Mtg, February 22, 2026)



And Dan Barker of [FFRF](#) musically visited us at Reason Center (January 19, 2026)

✧ ✧ This Month's Headliner Event ✧ ✧

➤ Protest Songs

Sunday, March 22, 2026, 2 pm – 4 pm

Location: Reason Center, 1300 Ethan Way, Rm 675, Sacramento, map at <https://goo.gl/maps/RwiUgEJ5ESHRhrPu8>.

The lyrical **Michael Hersher** will tell you the history of, and lead you in the singing of, old and new songs related to unions, immigration, peace, women's rights, and class struggle. Michael will bring the words. You bring the spirit! (And if you can't sing good, sing loud.)

Michael worked for many years as a lawyer for the State of California on farm worker labor relations and public education. He ended up as a mediator for special education disputes. He has been a folk singer and political activist since the 60s, having grown up in a family of freethinkers and atheists. Michael's parents were victims of McCarthyism in the 50s.

In the last 40 years, Michael has performed and taught protest songs to comfort and inspire folks on picket lines, demonstrations, and in classrooms and places of worship.

Contact for details: See <https://www.aofonline.org/contact.html>.

No entrance fee; free parking. Donations gratefully accepted. Doors open 1:45pm. Bring snacks or a beverage to share if you can. AOF provides cool, clear water.



✧ ✧ Other Upcoming AOF Events ✧ ✧

➤ Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, March 10, 2026, 7 pm – 8 pm

Location: Reason Center, 1300 Ethan Way, Rm 675, Sacramento, map at <https://goo.gl/maps/RwiUgEJ5ESHRhrPu8>

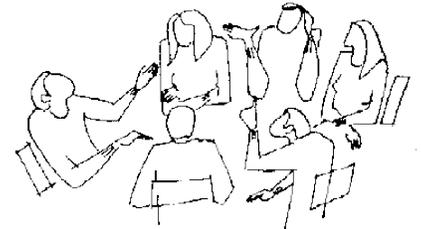
It's an AOF planning meeting, mainly for AOF directors & officers, but open to all of you. These happen as required and are a lot more fun than they sound.

Please join us, meet the Board, keep an eye on the shenanigans. We love visitors. We have snacks. And maybe you'll have some good ideas, hm?

Note, this will be an actual in-person meeting, so be sure vaccinations are current, or wear a mask, or just don't cough on us.

Contact for details: See our <https://www.aofonline.org/contact.html>.

Bring your ideas for AOF, your strategies, your event and activity suggestions -- best of all, your volunteerism! Helping hands are the bomb. (A good kind of bomb.)



➤ Free Movie and Discussion at Reason Center

Friday, March 13, 2026, 7 pm – 9 pm

Location: Reason Center, 1300 Ethan Way, Rm 675, Sacramento, map at <https://goo.gl/maps/RwiUgEJ5ESHRhrPu8>.

Join us for a cozy **in-person Movie Night** at Sacramento's [Reason Center](#), in a quiet room with cushy seating, a huge screen, air conditioning, and refreshments right at hand. The movie title is a secret because of our [MPLC License](#) and certain legal folderol – but we can drop hints. This 2011 film starring Owen Wilson, Rachel McAdams, and Kathy Bates, is a time travel fantasy made for literary lovers. While on a trip to Paris with his fiancée's family, a screenwriter finds himself mysteriously going back to the 1920s every day at midnight, to meet his writer heroes.

AOF co-sponsors the Movie Night events. The movie team provides popcorn and other munchies - feel free to bring your own snacks as well. We also encourage a post-film discussion, which makes this educational if you stretch the word. No fee to attend. But you know, Reason Center always appreciates donations. We're just saying.

Contact for details: See <http://reasoncenter.com/contact/>

Free Movie Night is a joint venture of AOF and Reason Center. Suggest your own fave film for next time!



➤ Davis Community Meal – Feed the Hungry

Tuesday, March 31, 2026, 4 pm - 7 pm

Location: St. Martin's Episcopal Church hall, 640 Hawthorne Lane, Davis, CA, see [map](#)

The **Davis Community Meal** project serves meals to the hungry, the poor, the indigent, the outcast. It happens in bucolic Davis city, so near to us, where compassionate citizens have developed a secular solution for the problem of hunger, and need our help.

So join us in this effort. Your reward will be an opportunity to meet new minds and hobnob with your freethought friends, a likely free meal, jazzy music, and the rosy hearts-glow of benevolence. Also, seriously, it's a blast!

Cooking? Dish washing? Pshaw, none required. The Davis Community Meals team will perform all the food prep and kitchen work. Our job is simply to set up chairs & tables, serve, smile, put things away at the end, and clean a bit (with a minimum of mopping). Extra points if you can arrive for setup, but if you can't, that's OK, any help is good help. Setup begins about 4:30 p.m., food service at about 5:45. At 6:30 we clean up, leaving the hall as we found it.

For details, please see <http://daviscommunitymeals.org/>. For a map to the site, see: <http://binged.it/1uBpi57>. (Yes, it's a church hall, so what?)



✧ ✧ Other Upcoming Events ✧ ✧

These are some local *non*-AOF events worthy of your attention. We won't list them all, just highlights. For more, please check the calendar links below.

➤ **Small Groups, Big Talk (Consensual Non-Monogamy)**

Saturday, March 7, 2025, 3:30 pm – 7 pm (also Saturday, April 4, 2026)

Location: Reason Center, 1300 Ethan Way, Rm 675, Sacramento, map at <https://goo.gl/maps/RwiUgEJ5ESHrPu8>.

A structured small-group discussion for the local Polyamory/CNM community. Roughly 2 hours of discussion with breaks. A safe space for LGBTQIA+ and BDSM but not exclusive to those communities. Not a swing party (really). Stop asking.

Details: see <https://www.meetup.com/reasoncenterevents/events/313587757/>.

➤ **Sunday Assembly & Potluck**

Sunday, March 8, 2026, 11 am – 1 pm (doors open 10:30am, presentation at 11)

Location: Reason Center, 1300 Ethan Way, Suite 675, Sacramento, map at <https://goo.gl/maps/S5MR1e8ZodBzb4TG8>.

Sunday Assembly is a secular celebration of *you* that meets once a month to share stories, create community, and learn from our experiences. We are inclusive and everyone is valued here.

Topic: Pi Day! The wonders of pi and mathematics. For the potluck, bring a pie of either the savory or sweet kind! Our speaker will be Steve Thoreson, one of our community you may know from the longstanding Ancient Christian Study group.

Pi is irrational and the Greeks thought those were the weirdest numbers possible. They couldn't comprehend how weirder numbers actually could be. A fifteen minute history of imaginary numbers gives some fun facts... but it's really a thinly veiled opportunity to rant about the most interesting Renaissance man you've never heard of: Gerolamo Cardano.

Details: see <https://www.meetup.com/sacfan/events/313388120/>.

➤ **Sacramento Audubon Society Field Trip**

Saturday, March 14, 2026, 8 am – 12 noon

Location: North Natomas Regional Park, 4989 Natomas Blvd, Sacramento, map at <https://maps.app.goo.gl/NA26F9E2EzSDWh2K7>.

Join field trip leader **Ben Graber** for a leisurely morning nature walk. Expect to see a variety of grassland species including Western Meadowlarks, Ring-necked Pheasants, and various raptors, herons and egrets. This trip will include approximately 2 to 3 miles of walking over flat terrain, so bringing liquids is recommended. This is a great trip for both beginning and more experienced birders.

Details at: <https://www.meetup.com/sunday-assembly-sacramento/events/313165681/>.

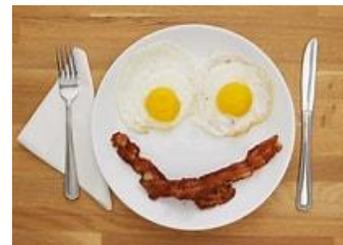
Meet Ben at the park. From Sacramento, take I-5 North to Del Paso Road, Exit 525A. Go right/east on Del Paso Road. In 0.5 miles turn left onto Town Center Drive. Then turn right (first exit) at the roundabout on New Market Drive. The parking lot is .2 miles on your left.

➤ **Blasphemy Breakfast and Brunch**

● **Saturday, March 14, 2026, 10 am – 11:30 am**, at Mel's Diner, 13399 Folsom Blvd, Folsom, CA, map at <https://goo.gl/maps/ri6JvaBoSZVHTdnU6>, details at <https://www.meetup.com/sacfan/events/312169690/>.

● **Sunday, March 15, 2026, 9:30 am – 11 am**, at Mel's Diner, 6708 Lonetree Blvd, Rocklin, CA, map at <https://goo.gl/maps/ZUY2gq72Kkmc4bU6>, details at <https://www.meetup.com/sacfan/events/313450404/>.

Like to hang with like-minded people? Want to meet freethinkers in smaller groups? Or do you just get the morning munchies? Join us for our "Blasphemy Breakfast." We don't blaspheme all that much, but dark mutterings may emerge ... be warned. A great place to speak your mind, and a good starter if you are new to meetups. Please RSVP (see the links).



➤ Ancient Christian Study Group

Sunday, March 15, 2026, 12 pm – 2 pm

Location: Mast Coffee, 1430 28th Street, Sacramento, CA, map at <https://maps.app.goo.gl/7LLEqGrzrQRZm7jn9>.

The history of ancient Christianity is an endlessly fascinating topic. Don Fox and Steve Thoreson facilitate this meetup to review the history of Rome, religions of the Roman Empire, Gnosticism, Mystery cults, history of Christian persecutions, biographies of major Christians, the history of the Bible and many other related topics. If you ever wanted to sort out Eusebius from Clement, or Constantine from Diocletian, or the Vulgate from the Septuagint, then this group is for you. Previous biblical knowledge not required to participate.

Details: See <https://www.meetup.com/sacfan/events/312959865/>.

➤ LiteraCheer at Reason Center

Saturday, March 21, 2026, 2 pm – 4 pm

Location: Reason Center, 1300 Ethan Way, Rm 675, Sac., map at <https://maps.app.goo.gl/bQFMctTFPXyDYTBe8>.

In-person “Literacheer” events occur in the library seating area of Reason Center. Come and enjoy the weekend afternoon by discussing books with fellow thinkers. Everyone will get a chance to share ideas about any book of their choice—any genre, fiction or nonfiction. It's a great way to keep abreast of what like-minded people are reading.

Note, the event must have 3 persons RSVPs to move forward. Lacking that number will force a cancellation.

Follow common decency in the choice of books. Have a book in mind for discussion - even if you are still reading it. Try to keep the book topics accessible to all – a topic you would bring up at a cocktail party or public function. Finally, be nice.

Details at: <https://www.meetup.com/sacfan/events/313037710/>.

➤ Coffee and Community at Reason Center

Sunday, March 22, 2026, 10 am – 11:30 am

Location: Reason Center, 1300 Ethan Way, Suite 675, Sacramento, map at <https://goo.gl/maps/S5MR1e8ZodBzb4TG8>.

Come to the Reason Center Library for coffee, tea and treats. This event is just a casual conversation on topics of the day, and newcomers are welcome. Hosted by Nancy Sneed. Hope to see you soon!

Details: See <https://www.meetup.com/sacfan/events/313574096/>.

➤ Skeptics in the Pub

Sunday, April 5, 2026, 6 pm – 8 pm

Location: Urban Roods Brewing & Smokehouse, 1322 V Street, map at <https://maps.app.goo.gl/VmDt4vn2y1ac12Np7>.

A social gathering for the skeptical minds, a community of people, friends, and families that champion the methods of science and critical thinking. The Skeptics will usually meet in the back patio, weather permitting; tables are out there under a tent. Otherwise, a table inside. Urban Roots is an ideal location.

Details: See <https://www.meetup.com/sacskeptics/events/mzdnstjycgbhb/>.

➤ More Events – So many Calendars!

Really, there's more. And plans change, because we're human. So don't trust the list above. To learn of all those other events, please bookmark & follow these links:

- Sacramento Freethinkers, Atheists and Nonbelievers, <https://www.meetup.com/SacFAN/events/calendar/>
- The Reason Center calendar, <https://www.meetup.com/ReasonCenterEvents/events/calendar/>
- Black Humanists of Sacramento events, <https://www.meetup.com/bhnb-sacramento/events/calendar/>
- Recovery from Religion Sacramento, <https://www.meetup.com/RfR-Sacramento-CA/events/calendar/>
- Sacramento Skeptics events, <https://www.meetup.com/sacskeptics/events/calendar/>
- Compassionate Humanists of Roseville, <https://www.meetup.com/compassionate-humanists/events/calendar/>
- Sunday Assembly Sacramento events, <https://www.meetup.com/sunday-assembly-sacramento/events/calendar/>
- Central Valley Alliance of Atheists & Skeptics, <https://www.meetup.com/fresno-cvaas/events/calendar/>



You can help. Here's how.

Support Reason Center

Since Reason Center opened in July 2014, it has hosted hundreds of events and accrued twelve partner organizations. Its mission: to support a social and intellectual community for freethinkers, contribute to society through education and community service, advance the civic understanding and acceptance of freethinkers, and uphold the separation of religion and government. All good work.

But to continue, "RC" relies on support from members and donors. Please stand up for Reason Center, because it stands up for you. To join or donate, visit ReasonCenter.org.

Suggest a Meeting

Know a compelling speaker, have a great meeting idea? Tell the AOF Program Committee! Go to <http://www.aofonline.org/contact.html>, click "Program Committee" in the drop-down line, and enter your thoughtful suggestion. (Reasonable honorariums paid to speakers.)

Volunteer?

We suggest it meekly. See <http://www.aofonline.org/learn/committeedaes.html> for opportunities.

✧ ✧ **Secular Holidays** ✧ ✧

➤ **International Women's Day**

Sunday, March 8, 2026

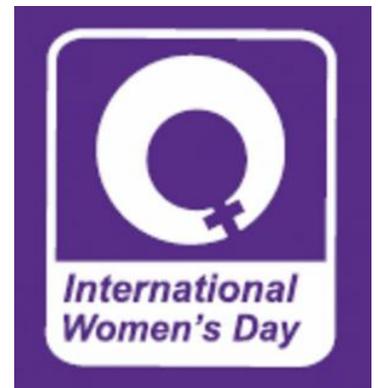
International Women's Day (IWD), an international celebration, honors the social, economic, and political achievements made by women everywhere.

This secular holiday dates back to the early 1900's, a time of turbulent growth in the industrialized world that saw growing demands for women to have the right to vote. Among other relevant historical events, it commemorates the "Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire", on March 25, 1911 in New York City, where over 140 women lost their lives.

Born from the socialist and labor movements, International Women's Day has grown to become a global day of recognition and celebration across developed and developing countries alike. Promoted by the United Nations since 1975, International Women's Day is, in the words of the UN, "a day when women are recognized for their achievements without regard to divisions, whether national, ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic or political. It is an occasion for looking back on past struggles and accomplishments, and more importantly, for looking ahead to the untapped potential and opportunities that await future generations of women."

For decades, IWD has increased in strength annually. Women's organizations and governments around the world have celebrated IWD annually on the 8th of March by holding large-scale events that honor women's progress and highlight areas where women's rights still need to be advanced.

IWD is an occasion that can be celebrated by all community groups that believe women's rights are human rights. Each year on March 8, hundreds of International Women's Day events occur all around the world. IWD events range from small random informal gatherings to large-scale highly organized events. All celebrate women's advancement and highlight the need for continued vigilance and action. The day is about honoring all women and their accomplishments, this can be done by taking part in a large organized activity or by simply honoring the women in one's life with flowers, a small gift, or even a thank you.



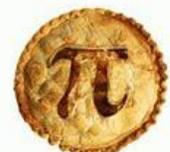
➤ **Pi Day**

Saturday, March 14, 2026

Pi, Greek letter (π), is of course the symbol for the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter. $\pi = 3.1415926535...$ (This is π to just ten decimal places; it is an irrational number, meaning the digits continue *infinitely* without repeating.) Math enthusiasts around the world celebrate Pi Day on March 14th, i.e. 3/14 in the American dating convention, since the first three digits of π are 3.14 (March 14 also happens to be Albert Einstein's birthday). "Pi Moment" occurs on that day just before 3:10 pm (more precisely, 15:9:26.5).

The San Francisco Exploratorium celebrated the first **Pi Day** in 1988, with staff and public marching around one of its circular spaces, and then consuming fruit pies. Since then, the museum has added pizza pies to its Pi Day menu. The founder of Pi Day, the "Prince of Pi," is Larry Shaw, now retired from the Exploratorium, but still helping with the celebrations. The Massachusetts Institute of Technology often mails out its acceptance letters to be delivered to prospective students on Pi Day.

Happy Pi Day



Being rational is hard.
Take the day off.

Celebrate Pi Day by doing anything to get students interested in mathematics. Teachers can organize many unique activities for students to generate interest. It is also used to inform students as well as the rest of the public about Pi, its history and applications. Pi Day parties in math and science classes are common, utilizing different types of pies, all the while teaching students about Pi.

➤ Freedom of Information Day Monday, March 16, 2026

[Freedom of Information \(FOI\) Day](#) is an annual event on March 16, the birthday of James Madison, widely regarded as the Father of the Constitution and a foremost advocate for openness in government.

On this day, the [American Library Association](#) presents the James Madison Award and the Eileen Cooke State & Local Madison Award to recognize those individuals or groups that have championed, protected, and promoted public access to government information and the public's right to know.

The **James Madison Award** – Named for President James Madison, the award was established in 1986 and is presented annually on the anniversary of his birth. That award is designed to celebrate an individual or group that has brought awareness to these issues at the national level.

The **Eileen Cooke State & Local Madison Award** – Named for Eileen Cooke, former director of the ALA's Washington Office, this award honors an extraordinary leader who has built local grassroots awareness of the importance of access to information. Cooke herself was a tireless advocate for the public's right to know and a mentor to many librarians and trustees.



➤ The Sunshine Week Monday, March 16 - Sunday, March 22, 2026

[Sunshine Week](#) includes Freedom of Information Day (March 16), the birthday of James Madison, and runs through that calendar week. Madison was the principal author of the US Constitution and the Bill of Rights which guarantee the rights of citizens. Therefore Sunshine Week stands as a national initiative to open discussions about the important or open government and the freedom of information.



Sunshine Week dates back to 2002 when the Florida Society of Newspaper Editors launched Sunshine Sunday in response to efforts by some Florida legislators to create new exemptions to the state's public records law. After Florida's initiation on this topic, other states followed its course. The American Society of Newspaper Editors launched Sunshine Week in March 2005. It has become an annual event.

Sunshine Week is not restricted to journalists. Anyone can be involved: students, teachers, bloggers, private citizens, public officials and non-profit groups. The only requirement is to engage in a public discussion either small or large about the importance of open government. A discussion can take many forms: a large public forum, a classroom discussion, an article or an editorial. The idea of participation is not about how much, but about actually being involved.

➤ Equinox (March) Saturday, March 21, 2026

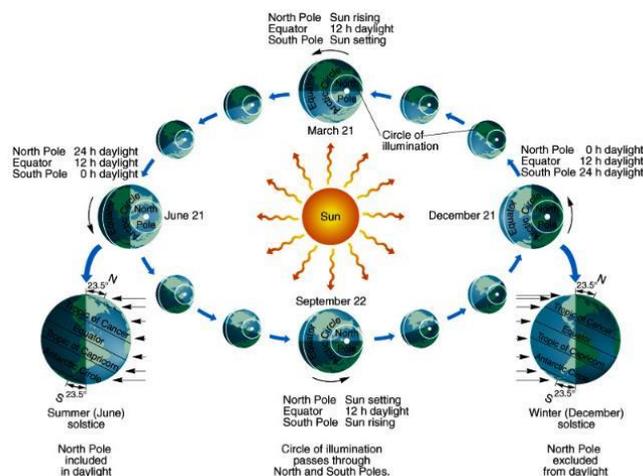
The **March Equinox** is one of two days in the calendar year when day and night hours are nearly equal; in the northern hemisphere, it is also the first day of spring (Gregorian calendar).

Annual seasons exist because of two planetary occurrences:

- 1) a 23.5° tilt of the earth's axis, which makes the earth rotate like a gyroscope, so it points continuously in a fixed direction-toward the area of space near the North Star;
- 2) the earth continuously revolves around the sun in an elliptical orbit-once every 365.25 of our solar days.

So for half of the year the Southern Hemisphere is more exposed to the sun than the Northern Hemisphere, and for the other half of the year the reverse is true. At noontime in the Northern Hemisphere the sun appears highest in the sky during summer and lowest in the sky during winter.

The Vernal (Spring) Equinox is almost exactly halfway between the winter and summer solstices, and in the sky the sun appears about midway between its highest and lowest points. It is one of the two times during the year when day and night are almost exactly 12 hours long, and very close to being equal to one another. The other day is the Autumnal Equinox, which usually falls on or near the first day of Autumn (September 22-23 northern hemisphere / March 20-21 southern) in the Gregorian calendar.



The First Day of Spring has been a time of celebration throughout recorded Western history. Most ancient Mediterranean Pagan religions had some sort of festival at or around the time of the Vernal Equinox. The celebrations were a way to rejoice in the rebirth of nature and to ritually act out this seasonal change, from the symbolic death of the earth in winter to its resurrection through the budding and blooming that came after the equinox. Many of these religions had stories of a man-god, born of a virgin, who was killed and reborn at this time each year, and this day was often connected to the worship of many fertility goddesses with such names as Ostara, Astarte, Eostre, Ishtar, and Ostra. The name for the modern Christian Easter holiday originated from these spring celebrations.

In every culture the Vernal Equinox signals the return of weather that favors our ability to grow agricultural crops, and for this reason we have associated it with the "rebirth" of our ability to perpetuate ourselves. It is understandable why we have chosen to celebrate such a momentous occasion, and why it has come to represent "rebirth" in a variety of contexts. For freethinkers the Vernal Equinox is a great time to celebrate the rebirth of Western art, philosophy, and culture with secular themes after centuries of religious domination. It is also a perfect day to celebrate the accomplishments of intellect, reason, and logic, and a time to renew connections to our intellectual past as well as renew promises to continue striving to enlighten and improve the human condition.

Another freethought holiday to celebrate around this time, and as an alternative to Easter, is the [Excitement of Life Week](#).

➤ **Atheist Coming Out Day** **Monday, March 23, 2026**

[Atheist Day](#) or [Atheist Coming-Out Day](#) is a relatively new global secular holiday declared in 2019 by the [Freedom From Religion Foundation](#) in partnership with the [Atheist Republic](#). In the words of the declaration:

"We atheists and atheist allies hereby declare that from now on, March 23rd is Atheist Day. We recognize the struggle of atheists to live authentic lives in many parts of the world. The struggle to openly affirm one's atheism. The fear of intolerant governments, mobs, and religious zealots.

"On March 23rd we shall take a stand for our right to be treated equal and for those of us in countries where atheists are persecuted and live under a threat of death. From every city in every country in the world we shall be one voice, a voice of reason."



The Impossible Fact

Palmstroem, old, an aimless rover,
Walking in the wrong direction
At a busy intersection
Is run over.

"How," he says, his life restoring
And with pluck his death ignoring,
"Can an accident like this
Ever happen? What's amiss?"

"Did the state administration
Fail in motor transportation?
Did police ignore the need
For reducing driving speed?"

"Isn't there a prohibition
Barring motorized transmission
Of the living to the dead?
Was the driver right who sped ... ?"

Tightly swathed in dampened tissues
He explores the legal issues,
And it soon is clear as air:
Cars were not permitted there!

And he comes to the conclusion:
His mishap was an illusion,
For, he reasons pointedly,
That which *must* not, *can* not be.

— Christian Morgenstern (translated by Max Knight)

Religion is dying

Sept 16, 2020 by James A. Haught of the [Freedom From Religion Foundation](#) (guest opinion) (reprinted)

Religion is fading more quickly in the United States than in any other nation, according to a forthcoming research book.

Religion's Sudden Decline: What's Causing It, and What Comes Next, by University of Michigan scholar Ronald Inglehart, is to be released in January by Oxford University Press. Writing in *Foreign Affairs* magazine (in an advance summary titled "Giving Up on God: The Global Decline of Religion") Inglehart says:

The most dramatic shift away from religion has taken place among the American public. From 1981 to 2007, the United States ranked as one of the world's more religious countries, with religiosity levels changing very little. Since then, the United States has shown the largest move away from religion of any country for which we have data.

A profound cultural transformation is in progress — mostly happening quietly out of sight, little-noticed in daily life. Old supernatural beliefs are vanishing among intelligent, educated, science-minded people, especially the young. Religion is shriveling into the realm of myth and fantasy. Here are some indicators:

- Almost two-thirds of teens who grow up in a church drop out of religion in their 20s, according to both Barna and LifeWay surveys.
- The number of Americans who say their religion is "none" began to explode in the 1990s — first to one-tenth of the population, then climbing relentlessly to one-fourth. Among those under 30, "Nones" are now more than one-third.
- American church membership has fallen 20 percent in the past two decades, according to Gallup research. Southern Baptists have dropped 2 million members since 2005.

Tall-steeple Protestant "mainline" denominations have suffered the worst. United Methodists have declined in numbers from 11 million in 1969 to below 7 million today — while America's population has almost doubled. Evangelical Lutherans have decreased from 5.3 million in 1987 to 3.4 million now. The Presbyterian Church USA had 3.2 million in 1982 but now is around 1.3 million. The Episcopal Church went from 3.4 million in the 1960s to 1.7 million now.

These highbrow mainline faiths with seminary-educated ministers once drew public respect. But religion is shifting to lowbrow, emotional worship that is less admired. One-fourth of the world's Christians now "speak in tongues," researchers say. Christianity is moving from prosperous Northern nations to the less-developed tropics.

Let's hope the Secular Age continues snowballing until supernatural religion is reduced to just an embarrassing fringe.



I THINK THE HOSPITAL MAY BE STARTING TO REALIZE THAT I'M NOT ACTUALLY A DOCTOR.



Not yet an AOF member? Please join us!

Atheists and Other Freethinkers is a 501(c)(3) non-profit association, FEIN 68-0325762, incorporated in 1993. Meetings are free and open to the public. AOF also hosts civic service projects, dinners, movies and parties! See what awaits you at www.aofonline.org.

AOF President: Prolific Pamela Rivera
Vice-president: Marvelous Mynga Futrell
Secretary: Rapid Ruth Rezos
Treasurer & Registrar: Kinetic Ken Nahigian
Event Coordinator: Pamela Rivera (again!)
Program chair: Super Susan McLean
Webmistress: Palpable Pat Kelley
Facebook page & Advisor: Keen Kaeleigh Pontif
Directors at large: Fran Evanisko, David Herbert, Roger Zabkie, Rick Tonsing

How to Contact AOF:

- Call 916-304-3796 (voicemail)
 - Or write to PO Box 15182, Sacramento, CA 95851-0182
- Or visit <http://www.aofonline.org/contact> to e-message us

How to Join AOF:

Visit <http://www.aofonline.org/join>, or come to a meeting. We have forms.

AOF's Facebook pages (two):

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1525411971087089/>
<https://www.facebook.com/Atheists-and-Other-Freethinkers-AOF-104763721971742>

AOF Mission Statement:

"The purpose of Atheists and Other Freethinkers (AOF) is to promote the civic understanding of atheism and the acceptance of atheists in our community. Through educational programs, projects, and publications, AOF will extend secular perspectives, including the separation of religion and government and the right to think and speak freely on these perspectives."

What is a Freethinker? One striving to form opinions of life, religion, politics and philosophy on the grounds of reason and experience, rather than tradition, authority or custom. He or she need not be an atheist, though in a religious society most atheists do tend to be freethinkers.

AOF supports a benign separation of Church and State as the best means to protect the liberty and intellectual commerce of citizens. "... to keep forever from these shores the ceaseless strife that has soaked the soil of Europe in blood for centuries" (James Madison, 1803).

Our vision: to be a venue where secular and unchurched citizens can socialize, dialog, develop friendships and enjoy shared company. AOF does not discriminate on such grounds as race, sexual orientation, age, gender, class, physical debility or (*cough*) religion. We welcome the fair-minded of all political persuasions and preferences. Be respectful, and you may join.

Donations to AOF are tax deductible, and the newsletter is free by email. Please share with sympathetic friends.

Your humble editor is Fran Evanisko.

Letters, submissions? We love them! See:

<http://www.aofonline.org/read/submission-guide.html>.