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114TH SERVICE PROGRAM



Welcome and Introduction

Jim Ashmore

” Individualism vs. Collectivism Across Cultures”

Syed Zafar

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Adam Hems

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Anthony Stott

NEXT SERVICE – OCTOBER 11, 2009

As always, your directors Jim Ashmore, Ed Uthman, Anthony Stott, Bennie Matusek, and Nancy Fay welcome your feedback and *participation* in Church Services and Sunday school.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“Evolution makes biology make sense. And if you don't teach your students the evolutionary core of biology, you're making it harder for them.”

--Dr. Eugenie Scott

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I am proud to announce that the HCOF Bulletin is now entering its 7th year of publication. This bulletin has been produced continuously every month since September 2003 with the exception of September 2008, when Hurricane Ike knocked out electricity to over 93% of the Greater Houston Area.

– Anthony Stott, Editor-in-Chief

LECTURE: EVOLUTION OF CREATION- ISM

WHO: Eugenie Scott, Ph.D., National Center for Science Education

WHEN: Wednesday, September 30, 6:30 p.m.
WHERE: Houston Museum of Natural Science

COST: \$17.00 per person

From creationism to creation science to intelligent design to the present day “evidence against evolution” approach, antievolutionists have consistently changed their strategy in response to legal decisions. Evolution traditionally has been presented as weak or invalid science, and as incompatible with Christian faith. Currently, the teaching of antievolutionary ideas in science class is framed as having pedagogical value – yet there is little academic value in teaching as science ideas that are not scientific. These culture wars are too frequently brought into the classroom, hampering the science education of the next generation of Americans.

Dr. Eugenie Scott is the executive director of National Center for Science Education, a nonprofit that supports evolution in science education. She began her career as a physical anthropologist. She has been both a researcher and an activist in the creationism/evolution controversy for over twenty-five years. This March, Dr. Scott addressed the Texas Board of Education in Austin when they met to revise science standards. This lecture is sponsored by Darwin2009 Houston.

Following the program, Dr. Scott will sign copies of her books *Evolution vs. Creationism: An Introduction and Not in Our Classrooms: Why Intelligent Design is Wrong for Our Schools*.

(Many Thanks to Page Williams for this event notice!)

DARWIN 2009 HOUSTON

The Darwin 2009 Houston website can be found at <http://www.darwin2009houston.org>

Darwin2009 Houston supporters recognize the importance of science education and how science affects every life. Charles Darwin's scientific contributions were and remain critical to the continuing development of the biological sciences.

In recognition of the importance of Charles Darwin's writings, Darwin2009 Houston will offer and publicize events and resources about natural selection, evolution, and genetics during 2009 which marks the bicentennial of Darwin's birth and the sesquicentennial of the publication of *On The Origin of Species*.

The Houston Academy of Medicine-Texas Medical Center (HAM-TMC) Library is hosting this website to serve as a nexus of information for the Houston/Harris County area.

For a complete listing and description of events and lectures occurring in the Greater Houston Area, please visit:

<http://www.darwin2009houston.org/presenter.cfm>

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Financial Summary for September 2009 is not available at press time. In our spirit of transparency and openness, it will be available in next month's bulletin.

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ROTATING EVENTS CALENDAR

Information borrowed from the Houston Freethought Alliance Newsletter. If you would like a copy of their newsletter, please e-mail Editor-in-Chief Jim Knierien at Jimk@HAL-pc.org

Monday, Weekly | 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm | Freethought Forum | Starbucks at Louetta and Kuykendahl.

Tuesday, September 15 | 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm | Central Houston Atheist Meetup | Cafe Express at Woodway and Voss

Saturday, September 19 | 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm | Humanists of Houston (HOH) Main Monthly Gathering | at the

Bayland Community Center in Bayland Park, 6400 Bissonnet Street, Houston 77074

Sunday, September 20 | 10:30 am | Coffee Social | at Borders Books & Music in Meyerland Plaza (I-610 W Loop S at Beechnut)

Thursday, September 24 | 11:45 am - 1:00 pm | *Hungry Heathens* | Lunch and informal discussions at various restaurants for those who have time on a weekday | Contact Bob Finch at rdfinch211@comcast.net

Saturday, September 26 | 10:30 am - 12:00 noon | Religion, Ethics, and Society Club | At Dr Louis Daily's family house at 1506 North Boulevard | A moderated group discussion of Religion, Ethics, and Society.

Sunday, September 27 | 10:30 am - 12:00 noon | Ideas Club | At Dr Louis Daily's family house at 1506 North Boulevard.

Sunday, October 4 | 10:00 am - 12:00 noon | Coffee Social | at Borders Books & Music in Meyerland Plaza (I-610 W Loop S at Beechnut) |

Sunday, October 4 | 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm | West Houston Group Brunch | Randall's employee training room 11041 Westheimer Road at Wilcrest (S.E. corner)

Wednesday, October 7 | 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm | North Houston Atheist Meetup | Cafe Express at 5311 FM 1960 W |

Thursday, October 8 | 11:45 am - 1:00 pm | *Hungry Heathens* | Lunch and informal discussions at various restaurants for those who have time on a weekday | Contact Bob Finch at rdfinch211@comcast.net

Saturday, October 10 | 1:00 pm | Montgomery County Humanists Regular Meeting | Montgomery Co. Library in the Woodlands

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