

April, 2019 Newsletter of the Lake Superior Freethinkers

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First Sunday - Radisson Hotel

9:00 AM Social – 9:30 Breakfast - 10:00 Presentation

Free and open to the public.

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PROGRAM

Elizer Eugene Darris will speak on

Criminal Justice Reform



After being sentenced to life in prison as a juvenile, Elizer Darris fought to turn his life around. By studying law in prison and working with his state-appointed counsel, he got his life sentence reversed. Elizer became a business owner, consultant, educator, IT specialist and motivational speaker...He serves on the Board of Directors for Appetite for Change, a social justice and food advocacy nonprofit. Currently, he works as a Field Organizer with the American Civil Liberties Union of Minnesota (ACLU-MN).

Book announcement correction

Regarding George Erickson's new book "Unintended Consequences: The Lie That Killed Millions and Accelerated Climate Change": when the first paperback copies of the book mentioned in the original April newsletter arrived George's home, he was shocked to see that they had been printed in black and white instead of full color. Because of this, do not order paper copies from Amazon until this is corrected because color is essential for many of the images and some of the text. LSF members will be notified when color paperbacks are available.

You can still get the **free** PDF of the book by emailing tundracub@mediacombb.net or by downloading it from www.tundracub.com or <https://tinyurl.com/yas7x2ok>

Have you been saved?

(From a freethought email group - author unknown)

I was comfortably settled in my window seat as a long flight began, anticipating the rest that my well-deserved vacation would bring. As my seat mate approached, I was struck by the six-inch rhinestone cross that hung from her neck. She began piling books atop the seat tray, one of which was entitled, "How to Convert Atheists".

Soon, the dreaded question came. "Have you heard the good news?"

I enthusiastically answered, "I have! The Supreme Court has ruled that same-sex marriage is legal in all fifty states. The Catholic Church is losing members faster than you can say pedophile priests. Televangelists are being exposed for their fraudulent practices and extramarital affairs." Before she could respond, I pointed to her book, looked her directly in the eye, and stated unambiguously, "Don't even think about it."

I returned to my book and suddenly heard, "I will pray for you." To which I replied, "Knock yourself out, dear, just do it silently."

There once was
a time when all
people believed
in God and the
church ruled.
This time was
called "the Dark
Ages".
~ Richard Lederer

Trump's Attorney General Wants God's Moral Order Enforced by Government

Atty. Gen. William Barr rejects the separation of church and state, calls secularists "fanatics," and blames secularism for supposed "moral decline.

"The real danger to the nation is Barr's belief that the government's primary function should be defending and enforcing his god's edicts while ardently opposing any legislative branch effort to make secular laws according to the secular Constitution.

<https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2019/2/25/1837456/-Trump-s-attorney-general-wants-god-s-moral-order-enforced-by-government>



TN Lawmaker Says Taxpayer-Funded Abortions Illegally Promote “Secular Humanism”

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<https://friendlyatheist.patheos.com/2019/02/08/tn-lawmaker-says-taxpayer-funded-abortions-illegally-promote-secular-humanism>

Republican **State Rep. John Ragan** of Tennessee has filed a bill, **HB 1490**, that would prohibit any taxpayer money from subsidizing abortions... on the grounds that believing abortion is justifiable *amounts to an endorsement of secular humanism*. And that would violate church - state separation.

Ragan is also sponsoring a bill that would ban abortions after a fetal heartbeat is detected, and he also co-sponsored a resolution that would change the state’s Constitution to say our “liberties do not come from government, but from Almighty God.”



The only Universal Truths that all religions agree upon

Ohio Governor Takes Oath on Nine Bibles

Gov. Mike DeWine was sworn in with his hand on a stack of nine Bibles his son, Ohio Supreme Court Justice Pat DeWine, administered the oath. His wife Fran held all the Bibles, which represented each of their eight children. (From Freethought Today.)

The Freedom from Religion Foundation - FFRF - fights our battles and deserves our support. To become a member and receive their monthly magazine, Freethought Today, go to <https://ffrf.org/> and click on "members." GAE



Our Calendar

Happy Hour - first Thursday from 4 - 6 pm at Mexico Lindo in the Fitger's complex.

Host - Tom Patten + Gerry Filiatrault.

"LSF Social" (dinner and conversation) - third Wednesday at Pickwick from

Host - Sue Anderson.

Planning Committee - third Sunday from 10 am to 12 noon at Toasty's on Superior St.
Everyone is welcome. Chairman - Jan Resberg,